- Introduction to Data Dependence Analysis
- The GCD Test
- The Fourier-Motzkin Test

• There are **data dependencies** in the following code:

S1: x = a + b; S2: y = x + 1; S3: x = b * c;

- The value written to x in S_1 is read in S_2 .
- This is called a **true dependence** and is written $S_1\delta^t S_2$.
- In a true data dependence between two statements both statements access the same memory location, and the first statements writes a value which the other statements reads.

Data Dependencies at Different Levels

- Data dependencies can be at several different levels, including:
 - Instructions
 - Statements
 - Loop iterations
 - Functions
 - Threads
- In this course we will use dependencies at the instruction and loop levels.
- Parallelizing compilers usually find parallelism between different loop iterations of a loop.
- Instruction scheduling finds parallelism between different instructions in a basic block or loop iterations close to each other.

Different Types of Data Dependencies

- When we write "instruction" below our sentence is also valid for the other levels (statement, loop etc).
- Below instruction I_1 always executes before instruction I_2 .
- Recall, in a **true dependence**, written $I_1 \delta^t I_2$, I_1 produces a value consumed by I_2 .
- In an **anti dependence**, written $I_1 \delta^a I_2$, I_1 reads a memory location later overwritten by I_2 .
- In an **output dependence**, written $I_1\delta^o I_2$, I_1 writes a memory location later overwritten by I_2 .
- In an **input dependence**, written $I_1 \delta^i I_2$, both I_1 and I_2 read the same memory location.
- The first three types of dependencies create partial orderings among all instructions, which parallelizing compilers should exploit by ordering instructions to improve performance.

• Let us classify all dependencies in the code:

S1: x = a + b;S2: y = x + 1;

- S3: x = b * c;
- The is a true dependence from S1 to S2 due to x.
- The is an anti dependence from S2 to S3 due to x.
- The is an output dependence from S1 to S3 due to x.
- The is an input dependence from S1 to S3 due to b.

• In the loop

- There is a true dependence from iteration i to iteration i + 3.
- Iteration i = 3 writes to a_3 which is read in iteration i = 6.
- A loop level true dependence means one iteration writes to a memory location which a later reads.
- Typically this means one iteration I writes to an array element a_x which a **later** iteration reads.

Perfect Loop Nests

- A perfect loop nest L is a nest of m nested for loops $L_1, L_2, ..., L_m$ such that the body of $L_i, i < m$, consists of L_{i+1} and the body of L_m consists of a sequence of assignment statements.
- For $1 < r \leq m p_r$ and q_r are linear functions of $I_1, ..., I_{r-1}$.

for
$$(l_1 = p_1; l_1 \le q_1; l_1 + = 1)$$
 {
for $(l_2 = p_2; l_2 \le q_2; l_2 + = 1)$ {
i
for $(l_m = p_m; l_m \le q_m; l_m + = 1)$ {
 $h(l_1, l_2, ..., l_m);$
}
}

- All assignments, **except** to the loop index variables are in the innermost loop.
- There may any number of assignment statements in the innermost loop.

Loop Bounds

- The lower bound for I_1 is $p_{10} \leq I_1$.
- The lower bound for I_2 is

$$\begin{array}{lll} l_2 & \geq & p_{20} + p_{21} l_1 \\ p_{20} & \leq & l_2 - p_{21} l_1 \\ p_{20} & \leq & -p_{21} l_1 + l_2 \end{array} \tag{1}$$

• The lower bound for I_3 is

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
l_{3} & \geq & p_{30} + p_{31}l_{1} + p_{32}l_{2} \\
p_{30} & \leq & l_{3} - p_{31}l_{1} - p_{32}l_{2} \\
p_{30} & \leq & -p_{31}l_{1} - p_{32}l_{2} + l_{3}
\end{array}$$
(2)

and so forth. We represent this on matrix form as $p_0 \leq IP$, or... see next page.

Loop Bounds on Matrix Form

•
$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -p_{21} & -p_{31} & \dots & -p_{m1} \\ 0 & 1 & -p_{32} & \dots & -p_{m2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & -p_{m3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and $\mathbf{p}_0 = (p_{10}, p_{20}, \dots, p_{m0}).$

• Similarly, the upper bounds are represented as $IQ \leq q_0$.

• The loop bounds, thus, are represented by the system:

$$\left. \begin{array}{ccc} \mathsf{p}_0 &\leq & \mathsf{IP} & & \\ & & \mathsf{IQ} &\leq & \mathsf{q}_0 \end{array} \right\}$$

- The assignment to c_{ij} before the innermost loop makes it a non-perfect loop nest.
- Sometimes non-perfect loop nest can be split up, or **distributed**, into perfect loop nests.
- See next slides.

• Result of loop distribution.

- The index vector $\mathbf{I} = (I_1, I_2, ..., I_m)$ is the vector of index variables.
- The index values of **L** are the values of $(I_1, I_2, ..., I_m)$.
- The index space of **L** is the subspace of Z^m consisting of all the index values.
- An **affine array reference** is an array reference in which all subscripts are linear functions of the loop index variables.

- Data dependence analysis is normally restricted to affine array references.
- In practice, however, subscripts often contain symbolic constants as shown below which is test s171 in the C version of the Argonne Test Suite for Vectorizing Compilers.
- There is no dependence between the iterations in this test.

Problematic Non-Affine Index Functions Problems

• In the loop

```
scanf("%d", &x);
```

for	(i = 3; i	< 100; i += 1) {
S1:	a[i]	= a[x] + 1;
S2:	b[i]	= b[c[i-1]] + 2;
S3:	d[i]	= d[i * i] + 3;
}		

- Few compilers, if any, attempt to determine whether the code above has data dependencies.
- While S_3 is not difficult, almost all parallelizing compilers focus on index expressions which are linear functions of the loop variables.
- Some compilers try to do runtime dependence testing.

- Let X be an *n*-dimensional array. Then an affine reference has the form:
- $X[a_{11}i_1 + a_{21}i_2...a_{m1}i_m + a_{01}]...[a_{1n}i_1 + a_{2n}i_2...a_{mn}i_m + a_{0n}]$
- This is conveniently represented as a matrix and a vector $X[\mathbf{IA} + \mathbf{a_0}]$, where

• $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{a}_{0} = (a_{10}, a_{20}, \dots, a_{n0}).$

• We will refer to **A** and **a**₀ as the **coefficient matrix** and the **constant term**, respectively.

The Data Dependence Equation

- For two references $X[IA + a_0]$ and $X[IB + b_0]$ to refer to the same array element there must be two index values, **i** and **j** such that $iA + a_0 = jB + b_0$ which we can write as $iA jB = b_0 a_0$.
- This system of Diophantine's equations has *n* (the dimension of the array *X*) scalar equations and 2*m* variables, where *m* is the nesting depth of the loop.
- It can also be written in the following form:

$$(\mathbf{i};\mathbf{j})\begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{A}\\-\mathbf{B}\end{pmatrix}=\mathbf{b}_0-\mathbf{a}_0.$$
 (3)

• We solve the system of linear Diophantine equations in (3) using a method presented shortly.

• The above loop nest hast the following two array reference representations:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{a}_0 = (-1, -3).$$
$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{b}_0 = (1, 7).$$

- Let \prec_{ℓ} be a relation in \mathbb{Z}^m such that $\mathbf{i} \prec \mathbf{j}$ if $i_1 = j_1$, $i_2 = j_2$, ..., $i_{l-1} = j_{l-1}$, and $i_l < j_l$.
- For example: $(1, 3, 4) \prec_3 (1, 3, 9)$.
- The lexicographic order ≺ in Z^m is the union of all the relations ≺_ℓ:
 i ≺ j iff i ≺_ℓ j for some ℓ in 1 ≤ ℓ ≤ m.
- The sequential execution of the iterations a loop nest follows the lexicographic order.
- Assume that (i; j) is a solution to (3), and that i ≺ j. Then d = j − i is the dependence distance of the dependence.

- If a dependence distance **d** is a constant vector then the dependence is said to be uniform.
- The dependence distance $\mathbf{d} = (1, 2)$ is uniform, while the dependence distance $\mathbf{d} = (1, t_2)$ is nonuniform.
- Uniform distance vectors are *very* desirable since loops with only uniform distance vectors can be optimized with unimodular transformations.
- For this, the set of all distance vectors d_i of a loop nest L are arranged in a matrix with n rows and m columns where n is the number of dependencies in L and m is the number of index variables in L.
- Note that a zero distance between references within the same statement does not cause a dependence, e.g. a[i] = a[i] + x.

Loop Independent and Loop Carried Dependencies

- A loop independent dependence is a dependence such that $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{j} \mathbf{i} = (0, ..., 0).$
- A loop independent dependence does not prevent concurrent execution of different iterations a loop. Rather, it constrains the scheduling of instructions in the loop body.
- A loop carried dependence is a dependence which is not loop independent, or, in other words, the dependence is between two different iterations of a loop nest.
- A dependence has level ℓ if in $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{j} \mathbf{i}$, $\mathbf{d}_1 = 0, \mathbf{d}_2 = 0, ..., \mathbf{d}_{l-1} = 0$, and $\mathbf{d}_l > 0$.
- Only a loop carried dependence has a level.

The GCD Test

- The GCD test was first described 1973.
- Consider the loop

• To prove independence, we must show that the Diophantine's equation

$$a_1i_1 - a_2i_2 = c_2 - c_1 \tag{4}$$

has no solutions.

• We compute the gcd of a_1 and a_2 and check whether it divides $c_2 - c_1$, and if it does not, there is no solution and we have proved independence, otherwise we must use another test.

- There are two weaknesses of the GCD test:
 - It does not exploit knowledge about the loop bounds.
 - Most often the gcd is one.
- The first weakness means the GCD Test might be unable to prove independence despite the solution to (4) actually lies outside the index space of the loop.
- The second weakness means dependence cannot be disproved.

- The GCD Test can be extended to cover nested loops and multidimensional arrays.
- The solution is then a vector and it usually contains unknowns.
- The Fourier-Motzkin Test described shortly takes the solution vector from this GCD Test and checks whether the solution lies within the loop bounds.
- Next we will look at unimodular matrices and Fourier-Motzkin elimination used by the Fourier-Motzkin Test.

- An integer square matrix **A** is unimodular if its determinant $det(\mathbf{A}) = \pm 1$.
- If **A** and **B** are unimodular, then A^{-1} exists and is itself unimodular, and $A \times B$ is unimodular.
- \mathcal{I} is the $m \times m$ identity matrix.

• The operations

- reversal: multiply a row by -1,
- *interchange*: interchange two rows, and
- *skewing*: add an integer multiple of one row to another row,

are called the elementary row operations. With each elementary row operation, there is a corresponding *elementary matrix*.

3×3 reversal matrices

٢

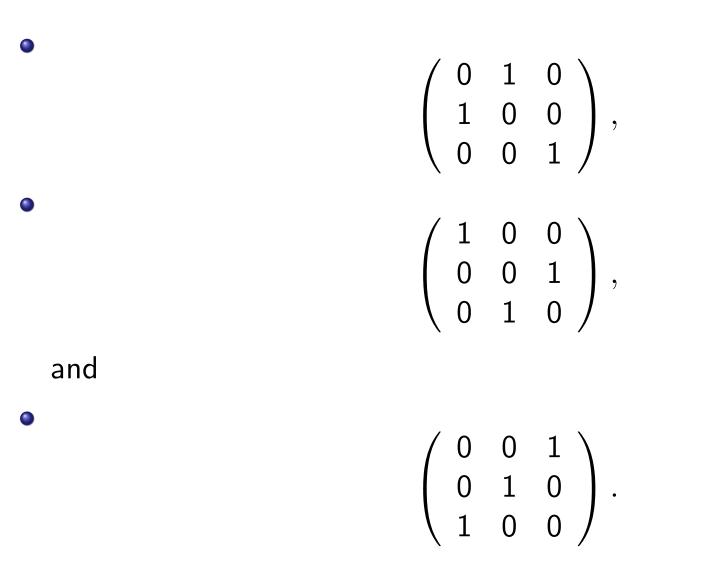
۲

٢

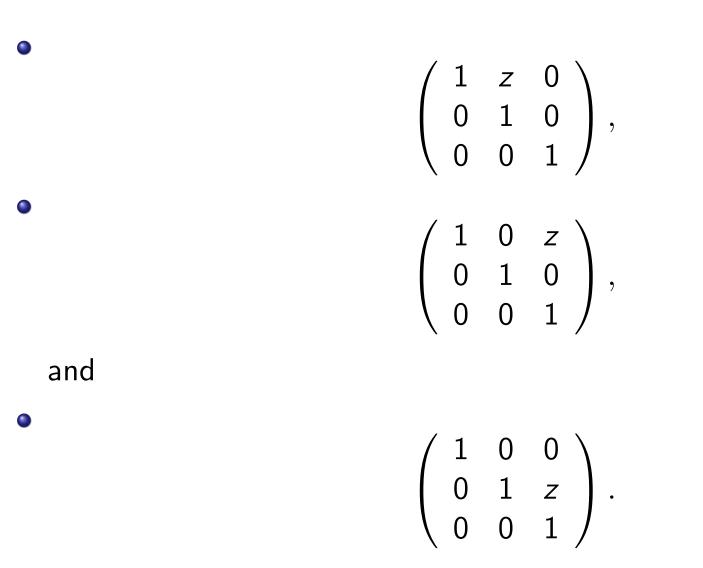
and

 $\left(egin{array}{ccc} -1 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 1 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}
ight),$ $\left(egin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & -1 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}
ight),$ $\left(\begin{array}{rrrr} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{array}\right).$

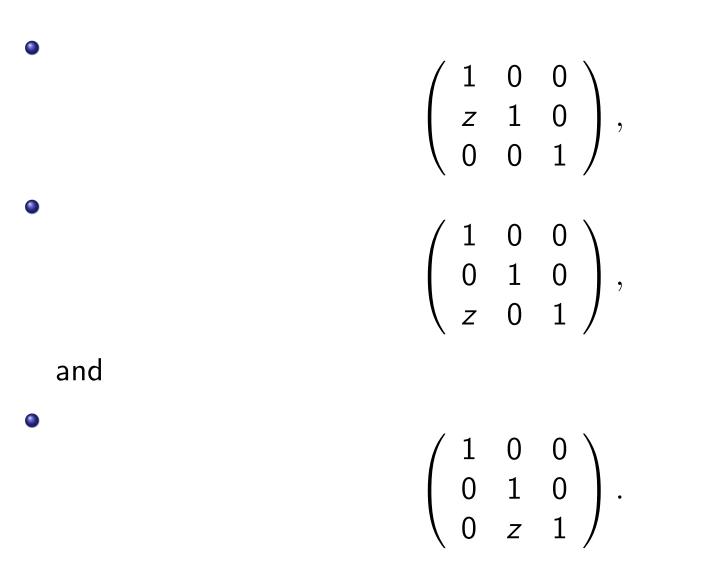
3×3 interchange matrices



3×3 upper skewing matrices



3×3 lower skewing matrices



- To perform an elementary row operation on a matrix **A**, we can pre-multiply it with the corresponding elementary matrix.
- Assume we wish to interchange rows 1 and 3 in a 3 × 3 matrix A. The resulting matrix is formed by

$$\left(\begin{array}{rrrr} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right) \times \mathbf{A}.$$

• The elementary matrices are all unimodular.

- Let I_{ρ} denote the column number of the first nonzero element of a matrix row.
- A given $m \times n$ matrix **A**, is an *echelon matrix* if the following are satisfied for some integer ρ in $0 \le \rho \le m$:
 - rows 1 through ρ are nonzero rows,
 - rows $\rho + 1$ through *m* are zero rows,
 - for $1 \le i \le \rho + 1$, each element in column I_i below row i is zero, and

•
$$l_1 < l_2 < ... < l_{\rho}$$
.

• The following are examples of echelon matrices:

Echelon Reduction

- Given an m × n matrix A, Echelon reduction finds two matrices U and S such that U × A = S, where U is unimodular and S is echelon.
- U remains unimodular since we only apply elementary row operations.

```
function echelon_reduce(A)
                 U \leftarrow I_m
                 S \leftarrow A
                 i_0 \leftarrow 0
                 for (j \leftarrow 1; j < n; j \leftarrow j + 1) {
                          if (there is a nonzero s_{ii} with i_0 < i \le m) {
                                   i_0 \leftarrow i_0 + 1
                                  i = m
                                  while (i \ge i_0 + 1) {
                                           while (s_{ii} \neq 0) {
                                                    \sigma \leftarrow sign(s_{(i-1)i} \times s_{ii})
                                                    z \leftarrow \lfloor |s_{(i-1)i}| / |s_{ii}| \rfloor
                                                    subtract \sigma z (row i) from (row i - 1) in (U; S)
                                                    interchange rows i and i - 1 in (U; S)
                                        i \leftarrow i - 1
                          }
        return U and S
end
```

Example Echelon Reduction

• We will now show how one can echelon reduce the following matrix:

$$f A = egin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \ -3 & 1 \ 3 & 1 \ -4 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

• We start with with $\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I_4}$ and $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}$ which we write as:

$$(\mathbf{U};\mathbf{S}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 2 & & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & | & -3 & & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 3 & & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & -4 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

• Then we will eliminate the nonzero elements in **S** starting with $s_{41}, s_{31}, s_{21}, s_{42}$ and so on.

- $\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{i_0} = \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{4}$. We always wish to eliminate s_{ij} , which currently means s_{41} .
- $\sigma \leftarrow -1$ and $z \leftarrow 0$. Nothing is subtracted from row 3.
- Then rows 3 and 4 are interchanged in (**U**; **S**), resulting in:

$$(\mathbf{U};\mathbf{S}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & | & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & | & -4 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Example Echelon Reduction

• We continue the inner while loop and find that $\sigma \leftarrow -1$ and $z \leftarrow 1$. Then $-1 \times$ row 4 is subtracted from row 3, resulting in:

$$(\mathbf{U};\mathbf{S}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

• Then rows 3 and 4 are interchanged, resulting in:

$$(\mathbf{U};\mathbf{S}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Example Echelon Reduction

• s_{41} is still zero, and the inner while loop is continued and $\sigma \leftarrow -1$ and $z \leftarrow 3$. Then $-3 \times$ row 4 is subtracted from row 3:

$$(\mathbf{U};\mathbf{S}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 3 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

• Then rows 3 and 4 are interchanged, resulting in:

$$(\mathbf{U};\mathbf{S}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 3 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

• Now the first *ij* has become zero and *i* is decremented.

• $\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{i_0} = \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{3}$. We now wish to eliminate s_{31} . $\sigma \leftarrow +1$ and $z \leftarrow 3$. Then $3 \times$ row 3 is subtracted from row 2:

$$(\mathbf{U};\mathbf{S}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & -3 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 3 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

• Then rows 2 and 3 are interchanged, resulting in:

$$(\mathbf{U};\mathbf{S}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & -3 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 3 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

• $\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{i_0} = \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{2}$. We now wish to eliminate s_{21} . $\sigma \leftarrow -1$ and $z \leftarrow 2$. Then $-2 \times$ row 2 is subtracted from row 1:

$$(\mathbf{U};\mathbf{S}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & -3 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 3 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

• Interchanging rows 2 and 1 results in:

$$(\mathbf{U};\mathbf{S}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & | & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 & | & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & -3 & | & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 3 & | & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

• $\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{i_0} = \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{4}$. We now wish to eliminate s_{42} . $\sigma \leftarrow -1$ and $z \leftarrow 2$. $-2 \times$ row 4 is subtracted from row 3:

$$(\mathbf{U};\mathbf{S}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & | & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 & | & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 3 & | & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 3 & | & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

• Interchanging rows 4 and 3 results in:

$$(\mathbf{U};\mathbf{S}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & | & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 & | & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 3 & | & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 3 & | & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Example Echelon Reduction

• $\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{i_0} = \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{3}$. We now wish to eliminate s_{32} . $\sigma \leftarrow 0$ and $z \leftarrow 0$. Nothing is subtracted from row 2 but rows 3 and 2 are interchanged:

$$(\mathbf{U};\mathbf{S}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & | & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 3 & | & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 & | & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 3 & | & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

At this point **S** is an echelon matrix and the algorithm stops (the outer while loop since $i = i_0$). As will turn out to be convenient later, we prefer positive values of s_{11} and therefore multiply with -1 finally resulting in:

$$(\mathbf{U}; \mathbf{S}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 3 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 3 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Let $a_1, a_2, ..., a_m$ denote a list of integers, not all zero,
- **U** an $m \times m$ unimodular matrix,
- $\mathbf{S} = (s_{11}, 0, ...0)^T$ an $m \times 1$ echelon matrix, such that $\mathbf{UA} = \mathbf{S}$ where **A** is the $m \times 1$ matrix $(a_1, a_2, ..., a_m)^T$,
- then $gcd(a_1, a_2, ..., a_m) = |s_{11}|$.

Nested loop and one dimensional array 1(2)

- Data dependence testing in the simplest form with a single for loop and a one-dimensional array can be based on checking the GCD of the coefficients of the references.
- It is possible to use the GCD test for multidimensional arrays and multiple nested for-loops.
- With one-dimensional arrays and multiple nested for-loops, we get an equation of the form:

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \ldots + a_mx_m = c.$$

It is trivial to solve this when m = 1. Simply check if a_1 divides c.

• We will use Echelon reduction to rewrite the general case so that it can be solved trivially.

Nested loop and one dimensional array 2(2)

• We write the equation on matrix form:

$$\mathbf{x}\mathbf{A} = c \tag{5}$$

- By echelon reducing **A** such that UA = S and choosing a positive s_{11} .
- Recall $s_{11} = g = gcd(a_1, a_2, ..., a_m)$.
- The linear diophantine equation xA = c has a solution iff the gcd g of its coefficients divides c. When a solution exists, the set of all solutions is given by

$$\mathbf{x} = (c/g, t_2, t_3, ..., t_m)\mathbf{U}$$
 (6)

where t_i are arbitrary integers and **U** is any $m \times m$ unimodular matrix such that $\mathbf{UA} = (g, 0, ..., 0)^T$.

Nested loop and multidimensional array

- To do data dependence analysis for multidimensional arrays we need to consider the general case of a system of *n* linear diophantine equations in *m* variables.
- We have m/2 nested loops and n array dimensions.
- m/2 variables for each reference i.e. m = 2 in a[2*i+3] = a[4*i+5]

$$\mathbf{x}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{c} \tag{7}$$

Here **x** (again) is an $1 \times m$ integer matrix, **A** is an $m \times n$ integer matrix, and **c** is an $1 \times n$ integer matrix.

- (7) is easy to solve if **A** is an echelon matrix.
- With echelon reduction we find **U** and **S** such that UA = S.
- Then we will check if there is an integer solution to tS = c instead.

Theorem

- Let **A** be a given $m \times n$ integer matrix and **c** a given integer n vector.
- Let U denote an m × m integer matrix and S an m × n integer echelon matrix, such that UA = S.

The system of equations

$$xA = c$$

has a solution iff there exists an integer m-vector \mathbf{t} such that $\mathbf{tS} = \mathbf{c}$. When a solution exists, the set of all solutions is given by the formula

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{t}\mathbf{U}$$

where \mathbf{t} is the integer vector which satisfies $\mathbf{tS} = \mathbf{c}$.

(8)

(9)

Proof.

• An integer *m*-vector $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{tU}$ will be a solution to (8) iff

$$\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{t}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{t}\mathbf{S} \tag{10}$$

- If there is no such integer vector ${\bf t}$ such that ${\bf tS}={\bf c},$ then there is no integer solution to .
- If there is such a **t**, then all solutions have the form $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{t}\mathbf{U}$, where **t** is integral and $\mathbf{t}\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{c}$.

Linear Diophantine Equations

 To illustrate how equations of the form xA = c can be solved using the techniques introduced above, let us solve

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \\ -4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (11)

- Firstly we use echelon reduction to find the matrices **U** and **S**.
- Then we formulate the equation $\mathbf{tS} = \mathbf{c}$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} t_1 & t_2 & t_3 & t_4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (12)

It is trivially solved and we find that $\mathbf{t} = (2, -1, t_3, t_4)$, where t_3 and t_4 are arbitrary integers.

• We then find **x**:

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{t}\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & t_3 & t_4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = (13)$$

$$(t_3, t_4, 2t_3 + 5t_4 - 7, 2t_3 + 3t_4 - 5)$$
 (14)

- Suppose we find, during data dependence analysis, an integer vector **x** which is a solution to .
- Then what we can conclude is that there exist index variables such that the two array references being tested can reference the same memory location.
- If no solution can be found then we know there is no dependence. If there is a solution, then there may be a dependence.
- If the solution **x** represents index variables which are out of the loop bounds, then **x** does not prove that a data dependence exists. So, we need also solve a linear inequality when the solution **x** exists.
- An additional constraint is, of course, that the solution is integer. Unfortunately, the problem of solving a linear integer inequality is NP-complete.

- In 1827 Fourier published a method for solving linear inequalities in the real case. This method is known as Fourier-Motzkin elimination and is used in compilers as an approximation.
- If Fourier-Motzkin elimination finds that there is no real solution, then there certainly is no integer either. But if there is a real solution, there may or may not be an integer solution.
- Fourier-Motzkin elimination is regarded as a time-consuming algorithm and to apply it so perhaps thousands of data dependence tests may make the compiler too slow. Therefore, it is used as a backup tests when other faster tests fail to prove independence.

- An interesting question is how frequently Fourier-Motzkin elimination finds a real solution when there is no integer solution. Some special cases can be exploited.
- For instance, if a variable x_i must satisfy 2.2 ≤ x_i ≤ 2.8 then it is easy to see that no integer solution can exist. Otherwise, if we find eg that 2.2 ≤ x_i ≤ 4.8 then we may try the two cases of setting x_i = 3 and x_i = 4, and see if there still is a real solution. Is easiest to understand Fourier-Motzkin elimination if we first look at an example.

• Assume we wish to solve the following system linear inequalities.

• We will first eliminate x_2 from the system, and then check whether the remaining inequalities can be satisfied. To eliminate x_2 , we start out with sorting the rows with respect to the coefficients of x_2 :

Jonas Skeppstedt (js@cs.lth.se)

(16)

- First we want to have rows with positive coefficients of x_2 , then negative, and lastly zero coefficients.
- Next we divide each row by its coefficient (if it is nonzero) of x_2 :

Of course, the \leq becomes \geq when dividing with a negative coefficient. We can now rearrange the system to isolate x_2 :

(18)

(17)

• At this point, we make a record of the minimum and maximum values that x_2 can have, expressed as functions of x_1 . We have:

$$b_2(x_1) \le x_2 \le B_2(x_1)$$
 (19)

where

$$\begin{array}{rcl} b_2(x_1) &=& \frac{2}{11}x_1 \\ B_2(x_1) &=& \min(\frac{3}{2}x_1 - \frac{5}{2}, -\frac{1}{3}x_1 + \frac{4}{3}) \end{array}$$
(20)

• To eliminate x₂ from the system, we simply combine the inequalities which had positive coefficients of x₂ with those which had negative coefficients (ie, one with positive coefficient is combined with one with negative coefficient):

$$\frac{\frac{2}{11}x_1}{\frac{2}{11}x_1} - \frac{3}{11} \leq \frac{3}{2}x_1 - \frac{5}{2} \leq -\frac{1}{3}x_1 + \frac{4}{3}$$
(21)

• These are simplified and the inequality with the zero coefficient of x₂ is brought back:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -\frac{29}{22}x_{1} & \leq & -\frac{49}{22} \\ -\frac{17}{33}x_{1} & \leq & \frac{53}{33} \\ -2x_{1} & < & -3 \end{array}$$

(22)

• We can now repeat parts of the procedure above:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_{1} & \leq & \frac{53}{17} \\ x_{1} & \geq & \frac{49}{29} \\ x_{1} & \geq & \frac{3}{2} \end{array}$$
(23)

• We find that

$$egin{array}{rll} b_1() &=& \max(49/29,3/2) = 49/29 \ B_1() &=& 53/17 \end{array}$$

The solution to the system is $\frac{49}{29} \le x_1 \le \frac{53}{17}$ and $b_2(x_1) \le B_2(x_1)$ for each value of x_1 .

procedure fourier_motzkin_elimination (x, A, c) $r \leftarrow m, \quad s \leftarrow n, \quad \mathbf{T} \leftarrow \mathbf{A}, \quad \mathbf{q} \leftarrow \mathbf{c}$ while (1) { $n_1 \leftarrow$ number of inequalities with positive t_{ri} $n_2 \leftarrow n_1$ + number of inequalities with negative t_{ri} Sort the inequalities so that the n_1 with $t_{ri} > 0$ come first, then the $n_2 - n_1$ with $t_{ri} < 0$ come next, and the ones with $t_{ri} = 0$ come last. for $(i = 1; i < r - 1; i \leftarrow i + 1)$ for $(j = 1; i < n_2; j \leftarrow j + 1)$ $t_{ii} \leftarrow t_{ii}/t_{ri}$ for $(j = 1; i \leq n_2; j \leftarrow j + 1)$ $q_i \leftarrow q_j / t_{rj}$ if $(n_2 > n_1)$ $b_r(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{r-1}) = \max_{n_1+1 \le j \le n_2} \left(-\sum_{i=1}^{r-1} t_{ij} x_i + q_i \right)$ else $b_r \leftarrow -\infty$ if $(n_1 > 0)$ $j_r(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{r-1}) = \min_{n_1+1 < j < n_2} \left(-\sum_{i=1}^{r-1} t_{ij} x_i + q_i \right)$ else $B_r \leftarrow \infty$ if (r = 1)**return** *make_solution()*

/* We will now eliminate x_r . */ $s' \leftarrow s - n_2 + n_1(n_2 - n_1)$ if (s' = 0) { /* We have not discovered any inconsistency and */ /* we have no more inequalities to check. */ /* The system has a solution. */ The solution set consists of all real vectors (x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_m) , where $x_{r-1}, x_{r-2}, \dots, x_1$ are chosen arbitrarily, and $x_m, x_{m-1}, \ldots, x_r$ must satisfy $b_i(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}) < x_i < B_i(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1})$ for r < i < m. return solution set. /* There are now s' inequalities in r-1 variables. */ The new system of inequalities is made of two parts: $\sum_{i=1}^{r-1} (t_{ik} - t_{il}) x_i \leq q_k - q_j$ for $1 \leq k \leq n_1, n_1 + 1 \leq j \leq n_2$ $\sum_{i=1}^{r-1} t_{ij} x_i \leq q_i$ for $n_2 + 1 \leq j \leq s$ and becomes by setting $r = r \leftarrow 1$ and $s \leftarrow s'$: $\sum_{i=1}^{r} t_{ii} x_i \leq q_i$ for $1 \leq j \leq s$



function make_solution () /* We have come to the last variable x_1 . */ if $(b_1 > B_1$ or (there is a $q_j < 0$ for $n_2 + 1 \le j \le s$)) return there is no solution The solution set consists of all real vectors $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_m)$, such that $b_i(x_1, x_2, ..., x_m) \le x_i \le B_i(x_1, x_2, ..., x_m)$ for $1 \le i \le m$. return solution set.

end

Summary, Step 1: GCD Test

• In the case of a loop nest of height *m* and an *n*-dimensional array, we use the matrix representation of the references $iA + a_0 = jB + b_0$, or equivalently:

$$(\mathbf{i};\mathbf{j})\begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{A}\\-\mathbf{B}\end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{b_0} - \mathbf{a_0},\tag{25}$$

where the **A** and **B** have *m* rows and *n* columns.

 We find a 2m × 2m unimodular matrix U and a 2m × n echelon matrix S such that

$$\mathbf{U}\left(\begin{array}{c}\mathbf{A}\\-\mathbf{B}\end{array}\right) = \mathbf{S}.$$
 (26)

- If there is a 2m vector **t** which satisfies $\mathbf{tS} = \mathbf{b_0} \mathbf{a_0}$ then the GCD test cannot exclude dependence, and if so...
- ..., the computed **t** will be input to the Fourier-Motzkin Test.

Summary, Step 2: Fourier-Motzkin Test 1(2)

- If the GCD Test found a solution vector \mathbf{t} to $\mathbf{tS} = \mathbf{c}$, these solutions will be tested to see if they are within the loop bounds.
- Recall we wrote

$$\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{i}; \mathbf{j}) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} \\ -\mathbf{B} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{b}_0 - \mathbf{a}_0.$$
 (27)

• We find **x** from:

$$\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{i}; \mathbf{j}) = \mathbf{t}\mathbf{U} \tag{28}$$

• With U_1 being the left half of U and U_2 the right half we have:

$$i = tU_1$$
(29)
$$j = tU_2$$
(30)

• These should be inserted to loop bounds constraints.

Summary, Step 2: Fourier-Motzkin Test 2(2)

• Recall the original loop bounds are:

$$\left. \begin{array}{ccc} \mathsf{p}_0 &\leq & \mathsf{IP} & & \\ & & \mathsf{IQ} &\leq & \mathsf{q}_0 \end{array} \right\}$$

• The solution vector **t** must satisfy:

- If there is no integer solution to this system, there is no dependence.
- Recall, however, the system is solved with real or rational numbers so the Fourier-Motzkin Test may fail to exclude independence.