- There are huge amounts of source code which is sequential.
- Using OpenMP is semi-automatic
- For the last 50 years or so, there has been a quest for automatically parallelizing sequential programs.
- An approach to parallelize source code
 - First try a parallelizing compiler and see what happens
 - If it fails then look for compiler feedback and see if you can modify the source
 - If not useful, try OpenMP
 - If not useful, parallelize manually

- Does the parallel program produce the same output?
- Invalid if data-races are created, obviously.
- When a for-loop is parallelized, the iterations are run in an unpredictable order.
- Note: changing the iteration order can cause numerical problems
- Note above applies also to sequential programs.

- Easiest case: loops with matrix computations and with known loop bounds and array indexes that are linear functions of the loop variables
- We will be more precise shortly
- Very complicated case: code with dynamically allocated data structures with many pointers
- It would be very hard to automatically parallelize Lab 0
- This lecture focuses on matrix computations

- In the course EDAN75 Optimizing Compilers you can learn about inner loop parallelization which is used e.g. for automatic SIMD vectorization and software pipelining.
- Here the focus instead is on automatic parallelization for multicores, i.e. outer loop parallelization.
- The foundations for inner and outer loop parallelization are similar, since they both rely on data dependence analysis.

- A true dependence:
 - S1: x = a + b;
 - S2: y = x + 1;
- It is written $S_1 \delta^t S_2$.
- S_1 must execute before S_2 in any transformed program.

Data Dependences at Different Levels

- Data dependences can be at several different levels:
 - Instructions
 - Statements
 - Loop iterations
 - Functions
 - Threads
- Parallelizing compilers usually find parallelism between different loop iterations of a loop.
- If the compiler can determine that there are no dependences between loop iterations then it can either:
 - Produce parallel machine code, or
 - Produce source code with OpenMP #pragma parallel for directives.
- If there are dependences, it may still be possible to execute the loop in parallel since perhaps the loop iterations are not totally ordered.

Total vs Partial Order and Loop Iterations

- Integers are totally ordered since we can determine which of a and b is greater if $a \neq b$.
- Consider a directed acyclic graph. In topological sorting you can process any node *u* if all predecessors of *u* already have been processed.
- Obviously, we should not execute a loop iteration before its input data has been computed.
- In executing a loop in parallel we perform a topological sort of the loop iterations.
- Conceptually, topological sorting is the major work in parallelization.
- No topological search is performed during compilation or runtime to determine which iterations can be executed, though.
- Instead, new loops are *computed* (i.e. created) by the compiler.
- If the iterations are a total order no parallelization can be done

- 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 dependences create partial orderings among all iterations, which parallelizing compilers exploit by ordering iterations to improve performance.
- Input dependences can give a hint to the compiler that some data will be used so it can try to keep it in the cache (by reordering iterations in a suitable way).

• In the loop

for (i = 3; i < 100; i += 1)
$$a[i] = a[i-3] + x;$$

- 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.

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 be 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

$$egin{array}{rcl} I_2 &\geq & p_{20}+p_{21}I_1 \ p_{20} &\leq & I_2-p_{21}I_1 \ p_{20} &\leq & -p_{21}I_1+I_2 \end{array}$$

• The lower bound for I_3 is

$$\begin{array}{rcl} I_3 & \geq & p_{30} + p_{31}I_1 + p_{32}I_2 \\ p_{30} & \leq & I_3 - p_{31}I_1 - p_{32}I_2 \\ p_{30} & \leq & -p_{31}I_1 - p_{32}I_2 + I_3 \end{array}$$

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

Loop Bounds on Matrix Form

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

• Similarly, the upper bounds are represented as IQ \leq q₀.

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

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

Example Non-Perfect Loop Nest

- 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 slide.

• Result of loop distribution.

- The index vector $I = (I_1, I_2, ..., I_m)$ is a vector with 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 Vectorising Compilers.
- There is no dependence between the iterations in this test.

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for (i=0; i<n; i++)
    a[i*n] = a[i*n] + b[i];</pre>
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• In the loop

scanf("%d", &x);

• Some compilers do runtime testing to take care of S_1 but it may cause too much overhead if many variables must be checked.

- 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[IA + a₀], where

• $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \\ a_0 = (a_{10}, a_{20}, \dots, a_{n0}).$

• We will refer to A and a₀ as the **coefficient matrix** and the **constant term**, respectively.

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

$$\begin{split} \mathsf{A} &= \left(\begin{array}{cc} 2 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{array} \right) \ \text{and} \ \mathsf{a}_0 &= (-1, -3). \\ \mathsf{B} &= \left(\begin{array}{cc} -3 & -1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{array} \right) \ \text{and} \ \mathsf{b}_0 &= (1, 7). \end{split}$$

- 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 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:

$$(i;j) \left(\begin{array}{c} A \\ -B \end{array} \right) = b_0 - a_0.$$

• We solve the system of linear Diophantine equations above using a method presented shortly.

- Let \prec_{ℓ} be a relation in \mathbb{Z}^m such that $i \prec j$ 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 of a loop nest follows the lexicographic order.
- Assume that (i; j) is a solution 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.
- Examples:
 - d = (1, 2) is uniform required for parallelization.
 - $d = (1, t_2)$ is nonuniform loop cannot be parallelized.
- All unique *d* are put in a matrix as rows but row order does not matter since it is really just a set of all *d*

Loop Independent and Loop Carried Dependences

- A loop independent dependence is a dependence such that d = j i = (0, ..., 0).
- A loop independent dependence does not prevent concurrent execution of different iterations of 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 $d=j-i,~d_1=0,d_2=0,...,d_{l-1}=0,$ and $d_l>0.$
- Only a loop carried dependence has a level, and it is only the loop at that level which needs to be executed sequentially.

The GCD Test

- Recall that a Diophantine equation ax + by = c has a solution only if gcd(a, b) divides c
- The GCD test was invented at Texas Instruments and first described 1973.
- Consider the loop

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

$$a_1i_1 - a_2i_2 = c_2 - c_1$$

has no solutions.

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

- 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 elimination used by the Fourier-Motzkin Test.

- An integer square matrix A is unimodular if its determinant $det(A) = \pm 1$.
- 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*.

- To perform an elementary row operation on a matrix A, we can premultiply 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

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

• The elementary matrices are all unimodular.

3×3 Reversal Matrices

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

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3×3 Interchange Matrices

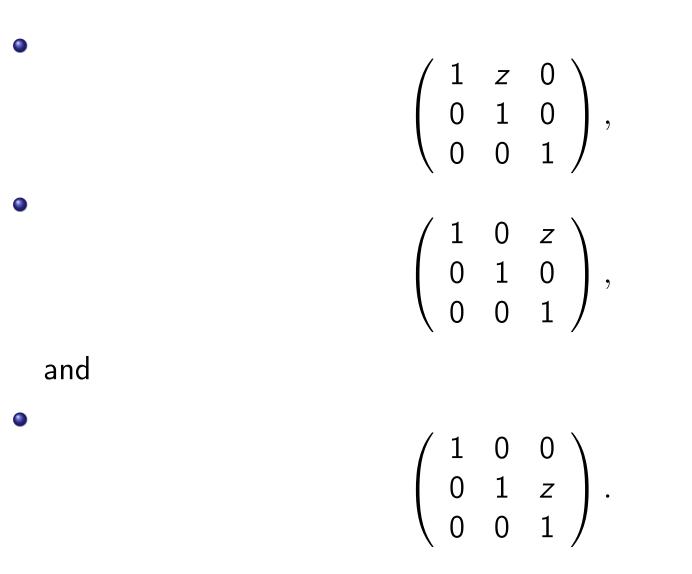
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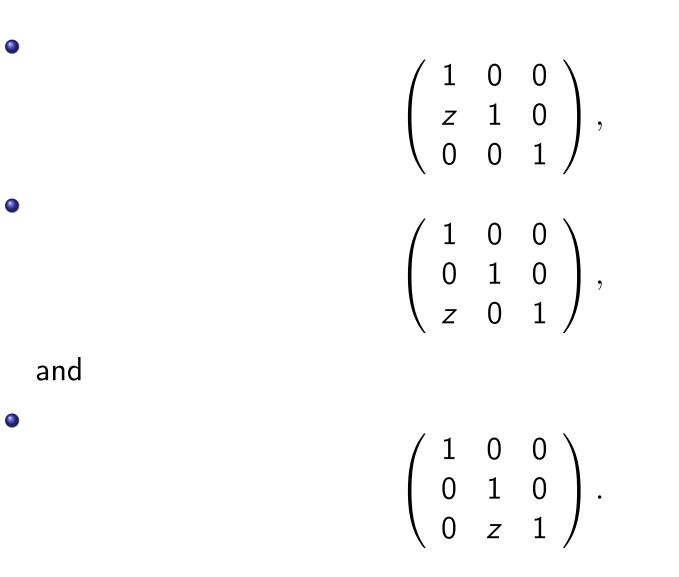
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 $\left(\begin{array}{rrrr} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}\right),$ $\left(\begin{array}{rrrr} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array}\right),$ and $\left(\begin{array}{rrrr} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right).$

3×3 Upper Skewing Matrices



3×3 Lower Skewing Matrices



Echelon Matrices

- Let *I_i* denote the column number of the first nonzero element of matrix row *i*.
- 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 $1 \le i \le \rho$, each element in column I_i below row *i* is zero, and

•
$$l_1 < l_2 < ... < l_{\rho}$$
.

• Which of the following is not an echelon matrix?

Echelon Reduction

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

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function echelon reduce(A)
                 U \leftarrow I_m
                 \mathsf{S} \leftarrow \mathsf{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 > 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:

$$\mathsf{A} = \left(egin{array}{ccc} 2 & 2 \ -3 & 1 \ 3 & 1 \ -4 & -2 \end{array}
ight).$$

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

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

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

- $j = 1, i_0 = 1, i = 4$. 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:

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

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:

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

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

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

• 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:

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

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

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

• Now the first $_{ij}$ has become zero and i is decremented.

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

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

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

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

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

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

• Interchanging rows 2 and 1 results in:

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

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

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

• Interchanging rows 4 and 3 results in:

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

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Example Echelon Reduction

 j = 2, i₀ = 2, i = 3. We now wish to eliminate s₃₂. σ ← 0 and z ← 0. Nothing is subtracted from row 2 but rows 3 and 2 are interchanged:

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

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:

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

Recall from previous slides in this lecture

• A =
$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and a₀ = (-1, -3).
B = $\begin{pmatrix} -3 & -1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and b₀ = (1, 7).

• We want to find integer solutions to:

$$(i;j)\left(\begin{array}{c}A\\-B\end{array}\right)=b_0-a_0.$$

• But better if we can prove none exist!

Solving a dependence equation

- Two references for the same variable: a matrix with n dimensions
- m/2 for-loops m loop index variables (i,j,k etc for each reference)
- That is: the loop index variables $i_1, i_2, ..., i_{m/2}$

$$xA = c$$

- x is an $1 \times m$ integer matrix
- A is an $m \times n$ integer matrix
- c is an $1 \times n$ integer matrix
- We find U and S such that UA = S.
- Then try to solve tS = c
- If there is solution, then: c = tS = tUA.
- So x = tU

• Consider xA = c with

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

- Firstly we use echelon reduction to find the matrices U and S.
- Then we solve tS = c

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

We find that $t = (2, -1, t_3, t_4)$, where t_3 and t_4 are arbitrary integers.

• We then find x:

$$x = tU = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & t_3 & t_4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix} =$$

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

- Suppose we find an integer solution x to xA = c.
- The next question is if the solution is within the loop bounds.
- Unfortunately, the problem of solving a linear integer inequality is NP-complete.
- Instead the compiler looks for a rational solution and only if no rational solution within the loop bounds exists, it ignores that pair of array references.

- In 1827 Fourier published a method for solving linear inequalities in the real case.
- This is sometimes called Fourier-Motzkin elimination
- Utpal Banerjee, a leading compiler researcher at Intel has written a very good book series about parallelization calls it Fourier's method of elimination.

- An interesting question is how frequently Fourier 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 there is no integer solution.
 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.
- It is easiest to understand Fourier elimination if we first look at an example.

Fourier Elimination

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

• We will first eliminate x₂ from the system, and then check whether the remaining inequalities can be satisfied. To eliminate x₂, we start out with sorting the rows with respect to the coefficients of x₂:

Fourier Elimination

- 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 :

• 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:

$$b_2(x_1) \leq x_2 \leq B_2(x_1)$$

where

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

Fourier Elimination

• 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):

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

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

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -\frac{29}{22}x_1 &\leq & -\frac{49}{22} \\ -\frac{17}{33}x_1 &\leq & \frac{53}{33} \\ -2x_1 &< & -3 \end{array}$$

• We can now repeat parts of the procedure above:

• We find that

$$b_1() = \max(49/29, 3/2) = 49/29$$

 $B_1() = 53/17$

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 .

Fourier Elimination

procedure fourier motzkin elimination (x, A, c) $r \leftarrow m, \quad s \leftarrow n, \quad \mathsf{T} \leftarrow \mathsf{A}, \quad \mathsf{q} \leftarrow \mathsf{c}$ while (1) { $n_1 \leftarrow$ number of inqualities with positive t_{ri} $n_2 \leftarrow n_1$ + number of inqualities 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 $(j = 1; i \le n_2; j \leftarrow j + 1)$ $t_{ij} \leftarrow t_{ij}/t_{rj}$ for $(j = 1; i \leq n_2; j \leftarrow j + 1)$ $q_i \leftarrow q_j / t_{rj}$ if $(n_2 > n_1)$ $b_r(x_1, x_2, ..., x_{r-1}) = \max_{n_1+1 \le j \le n_2} \left(-\sum_{i=1}^{r-1} t_{ij} x_i + q_i \right)$ else $b_r \leftarrow -\infty$ if $(n_1 > 0)$ $j_r(x_1, x_2, ..., x_{r-1}) = \min_{n_1+1 < j < n_2} \left(-\sum_{i=1}^{r-1} t_{ij} x_i + q_i \right)$ else $B_r \leftarrow \infty$ if (r = 1)return make solution()

Fourier Elimination

/* 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 $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_m)$, 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: $\sum_{i}^{r-1}(t_{ik}-t_{il})x_i \leq q_k-q_j$ for $1\leq k\leq n_1, n_1+1\leq j\leq n_2$ $\sum_{i}^{r-1} t_{ij} x_i \leq q_j$ 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 $1 \leq j \leq s$

} end

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

• 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:

$$(i;j) \left(\begin{array}{c} A \\ -B \end{array} \right) = b_0 - a_0,$$

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

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

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

The Fourier-Motzkin Test

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

$$x = (i;j) \begin{pmatrix} A \\ -B \end{pmatrix} = b_0 - a_0.$$

• We find x from:

$$\mathsf{x} = (\mathsf{i};\mathsf{j}) = \mathsf{tU}$$

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

 $i = tU_1$ $j = tU_2$

• These should be used in the loop bounds constraints.

The Fourier Motzkin Test

• Recall the original loop bounds are:

$$\left. \begin{array}{ccc} p_0 & \leq & IP \\ & IQ & \leq & q_0 \end{array} \right\}$$

• The solution vector t must satisfy:

$$\left.\begin{array}{cccc} p_0 &\leq & tU_1\mathsf{P} & & \\ & & tU_1\mathsf{Q} &\leq & q_0 \\ p_0 &\leq & tU_2\mathsf{P} & & \\ & & tU_2\mathsf{Q} &\leq & q_0 \end{array}\right\}$$

- 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.

- When we have performed data dependence analysis of all pairs of references to the same arrays, we have a **dependence matrix**, denoted D.
- Some rows will be due to some array and other rows due to some other arrays.
- It's the dependence matrix that determines which transformations we can do.
- As mentioned, in the optimizing compilers course inner loop transformations are studied for SIMD vectorization and software pipelining.
- We will look at outer loop parallelization.

- A unimodular transformation is a loop transformation completely expressed as a unimodular matrix U.
- A loop nest L is changed to a new loop nest L_U with loop index variables:

$$\begin{split} \mathsf{K} &= \mathsf{IU} \\ \mathsf{I} &= \mathsf{KU}^{-1} \end{split}$$

- The same iterations are executed but in a different order.
- A new iteration order might make parallel execution possible.
- Before generating code for the new loop, the loop bounds for K must be computed from the original bounds:

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

• With

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We use Fourier elimination also to find the loop bounds from

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \mathsf{p}_0 & \leq & \mathsf{K}\mathsf{U}^{-1}\mathsf{P} & & \\ & & \mathsf{K}\mathsf{U}^{-1}\mathsf{Q} & \leq & \mathsf{q}_0 \end{array} \right\}$$

- The bounds are found starting with k_1 , k_2 etc.
- This is the reason why we want to have an invertible transformation matrix.

- All array references are rewritten to use the new index variables.
- Conceptually we could calculate, at the beginning of each loop iteration, ${\sf I}={\sf K}{\sf U}^{-1}$

and then use this vector I in the original references, on the form: $x[IA + a_0]$

- We don't do that of course and instead replace each reference with $x[KU^{-1}A + a_0]$
- Here $KU^{-1}A + a_0$ can be calculated at compile-time.

- The set of all vectors of dependence distances is represented by the **distance matrix** D.
- We are free to swap the rows of D since it really is a set of dependences.
- Unimodular transformations require that all dependences are uniform, i.e. with known constants.
- Consider a uniform dependence vector d = j i.
- With index variables K = I U we have $d_U = jU iU = dU$.
- $\bullet\,$ Therefore, given a dependence matrix D and a unimodular transformation U, the dependences in the new loop L_U become:

$$D_U = DU$$

- The sign, **lexicographically**, of a vector is the sign of the first nonzero element.
- A distance vector can never be lexicographically negative since it would mean that some iteration would depend on a future iteration.
- Therefore no row in the new distance matrix $\mathsf{D}_{\mathsf{U}}=\mathsf{D}\mathsf{U}$ may be lexicographically negative.
- If we would discover a lexicographically negative row in D_U, that loop transformation is invalid, such as the second row of the following D_U:

$$D_U = \left(\begin{array}{rrr} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{array}\right)$$

- By outer loops is meant all loops starting with the outermost loop.
- While we always can find a unimodular matrix through which we can parallelize the inner loops, this is not the case for outer loops.
- To parallelize the inner loops, we need to assure that all loop carried dependences are carried at the outermost loop.
- In other words, the leftmost column of the distance matrix D_U simply should consist only of positive numbers!
- For outer loop parallelization, D_{U} instead should have leading zero columns.

- A column of a matrix is linearly independent if it cannot be expressed as a linear combination of the other columns.
- The rank of a matrix is the number of linearly independent columns.
- For instance, an identity matrix I_m with *m* columns has rank $(I_m) = m$.
- Any unimodular $m \times m$ -matrix U has rank(U) = m.
- A matrix with zero columns must have a rank less than the number of columns.
- So, since $D_U = DU$, if D_U should have a rank less than *m*, it must be D which contributes with that.

Outer Loop Parallelization Example

• Assume we have the distance matrix **D** defined as:

$$\mathsf{D} = \left(\begin{array}{rrr} 6 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

- With this distance matrix, only the innermost loop can be executed in parallel.
- \bullet We want a D_U with positive rows and zero columns to the left.
- For example:

$$\mathsf{D}_{\mathsf{U}} = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & ? & ? \\ 0 & ? & ? \\ 0 & ? & ? \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 6 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \mathsf{U}$$

• If rank(D) = 3 then such a U cannot exist.

Steps towards Finding U

• We start with transposing D:

$$\mathsf{D}^{\mathsf{t}} = \left(egin{array}{cccc} 6 & 0 & 1 \ 4 & 1 & 0 \ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{array}
ight)$$

- Using the Echelon reduction algorithm, we compute:
 - a unimodular matrix V
 - an echelon matrix S
- Such that $VD^t = S$, e.g.

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \end{array}\right) \mathsf{D}^{\mathsf{t}} = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right)$$

More Steps towards Finding U

• We have
$$VD^{t} = S$$
:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

• Assume we wish to find n = 1 parallel outer loops.

- Then we find an $m \times (n+1)$ matrix A such that DA has *n* zero columns and then a column with elements greater than zero.
- This A will be used to find U.
- How can we find A?
- Multiplying the last row of V with the columns of D^t produces the zero row in S.
- Thus, the first column of A should be the last row of V, i.e.

$$\mathsf{DA} = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 6 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & ? \\ -1 & ? \\ -1 & ? \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & ? \\ 0 & ? \\ 0 & ? \end{array}\right)$$

• Finding the last column of A is easy. Denote it u.

$$\mathsf{DA} = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 6 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & u_1 \\ -1 & u_2 \\ -1 & u_3 \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & \ge 1 \\ 0 & \ge 1 \\ 0 & \ge 1 \end{array}\right)$$

• Multiplying each row of D with u should produce a positive number:

• We find u to be e.g. u = (1, 1, 0).

$$\mathsf{A} = \left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

• Given a matrix A, using a variant of the algorithm for echelon reduction, we can find a unimodular matrix U such that A = UT

• i.e.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = UT = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Computing L_U

• With this loop transformation matrix U, we get the following new dependence matrix D_U : $D_U = DU$

• i.e.

$$\mathsf{D}_{\mathsf{U}} = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 10 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) = \mathsf{D}{\mathsf{U}} = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 6 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{ccc} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

- The compiler does not actually need to compute D_U but it is a nice internal check to verify no row is lexicographically negative.
- The new loop L_U is constructed as explained before:
- A loop nest L is changed to a new loop nest L_U with loop index variables:

$\mathsf{K} = \mathsf{IU}$

- New array references and new loop bounds must be computed.
- We have already seen both of these two, but repeat them for convenience on the next two slides.

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- Using linear algebra it is sometimes possible to automatically parallelize for-loops
- Optimizing compilers rewrite loops with while or gotos to for-loops when possible
- All these transformations can be expressed in a matrix which is then used to generate a new loop (this belongs to the category of elegant computer science).