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Control flow analysis
Natural loops
Classical Loop Optimizations
Dependencies

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### Loops are Key

- · Loops are extremely important
  - the "90-10" rule
- Loop optimization involves
  - understanding control-flow structure
  - Understanding data-dependence information
  - sensitivity to side-effecting operations
  - extra care in some transformations such as register spilling

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### Common loop optimizations

- Hoisting of loop-invariant computations
- Scalar opts,
  DF analysis,
  Control flow analysis
- pre-compute before entering the loop
  Elimination of induction variables
  - change p=i\*w+b to p=b,p+=w, when w,b invariant
- · Loop unrolling
  - to improve scheduling of the loop body
- Software pipelining
  - To improve scheduling of the loop body
- · Loop permutation
  - to improve cache memory performance

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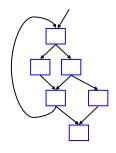
### Finding Loops

- To optimize loops, we need to find them!
- Could use source language loop information in the abstract syntax tree...
- · BUT:
  - There are multiple source loop constructs: for, while, do-while, even goto in C
  - Want IR to support different languages
  - Ideally, we want a single concept of a loop so all have same analysis, same optimizations
  - <u>Solution</u>: dismantle source-level constructs, then re-find loops from fundamentals

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- To optimize loops, we need to find them!
- · Specifically:
  - loop-header node(s)
    - nodes in a loop that have immediate predecessors not in the loop
  - back edge(s)
    - control-flow edges to previously executed nodes
  - all nodes in the loop body



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#### Dominators

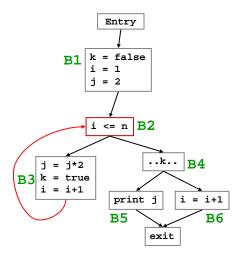
- · a dom b
  - node a dominates b if every possible execution path from entry to b includes a
- a sdom b
  - a strictly dominates b if a dom b and a != b
- · a idom b
  - a immediately dominates b if a sdom b, AND there is no c such that a sdom c and c sdom b

### Control-flow analysis

- Many languages have goto and other complex control, so loops can be hard to find in general
- Determining the control structure of a program is called control-flow analysis
- Based on the notion of dominators

### Back edges and loop headers

- A control-flow edge from node B3 to B2 is a back edge if B2 dom B3
- Furthermore, in that case node B2 is a loop header



### Natural loop

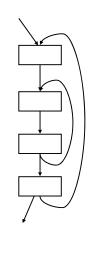
- · Consider a back edge from node n to node h
- The natural loop of  $n\rightarrow h$  is the set of nodes L such that for all  $x\in L$ :
  - h dom x and
  - there is a path from x to n not containing h

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### Examples

Simple example:

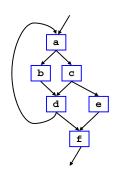
(often it's more complicated, since a FOR loop found in the source code might need an if/then guard)



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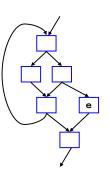
### Examples

Try this:



### Examples

```
for (..) {
  if {
    ...
  } else {
    ...
    if (x) {
       e;
       break;
    )
  }
}
```



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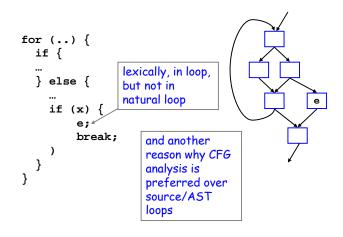
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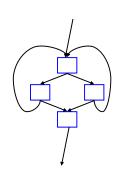
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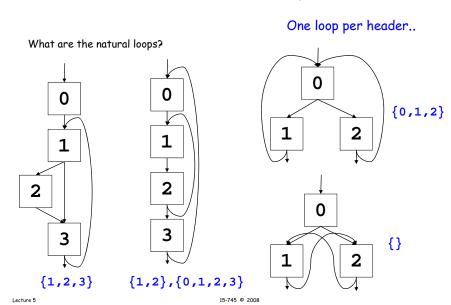
• Yes, it can happen in C



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### Natural Loops



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### Nested Loops

- Unless two natural loops have the same header, they are either disjoint or nested within each other
- If A and B are loops (sets of blocks) with headers a and b such that  $a \neq b$  and  $b \in A$ 
  - B ⊂ A
  - loop B is nested within A
  - B is the *inner loop*
- · Can compute the loop-nest tree

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### Reducible Flow Graphs

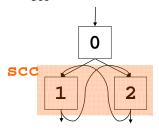
There is a special class of flow graphs, called reducible flow graphs, for which several code-optimizations are especially easy to perform.

In reducible flow graphs loops are unambiguously defined and dominators can be efficiently computed.

### General Loops

- A more general looping structure is a strongly connected component of the control flow graph
  - subgraph <N<sub>scc</sub>,E<sub>scc</sub>> such that

every block in  $N_{scc}$  is reachable from every other node using only edges in  $E_{scc}$ 



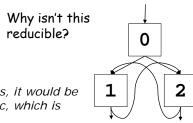
Not very useful definition of a loop

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### Reducible flow graphs

Definition: A flow graph G is reducible iff we can partition the edges into two disjoint groups, forward edges and back edges, with the following two properties.

- 1. The forward edges form an acyclic graph in which every node can be reached from the initial node of G.
- 2. The back edges consist only of edges whose heads dominate their tails.



This flow graph has no back edges. Thus, it would be reducible if the entire graph were acyclic, which is not the case.

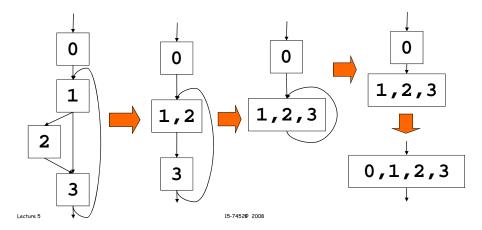
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#### Alternative definition

 Definition: A flow graph G is reducible if we can repeatedly collapse (reduce) together blocks (x,y) where x is the only predecessor of y (ignoring self loops) until we are left with a single node



### Properties of Reducible Flow Graphs

- In a reducible flow graph,
   all loops are natural loops
- Can use DFS to find loops
- · Many analyses are more efficient
  - polynomial versus exponential

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#### Good News

- Most flow graphs are reducible
- · Languages can prohibit irreducibility
  - goto free C
  - Java
- Programmers usually don't use such constructs even if they're available
  - >90% of old Fortran code reducible

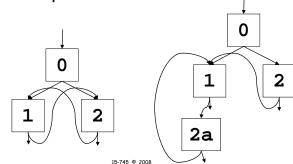
### Dealing with Irreducibility

· Don't

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- Can split nodes and duplicate code to get reducible graph
  - possible exponential blowup

· Other techniques...



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### Loop optimizations: Hoisting of loop-invariant computations

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### Loop-invariant computations

· Be careful:

```
t = expr;
for () {
    s = t * 2;
    t = loop_invariant_expr;
    x = t + 2;
    ...
}
```

• Even though t's two reaching expressions are each invariant, s is not invariant...

### Loop-invariant computations

A definition

$$t = x \text{ op } y$$

in a loop is (conservatively) loop-invariant if

- x and y are constants, or
- all reaching definitions of x and y are outside the loop, or
- only one definition reaches x (or y), and that definition is loop-invariant
  - · so keep marking iteratively

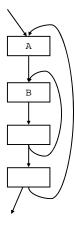
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### Hoisting

- In order to "hoist" a loop-invariant computation out of a loop, we need a place to put it
- We could copy it to all immediate predecessors (except along the back-edge) of the loop header...
- ...But we can avoid code duplication by inserting a new block, called the pre-header

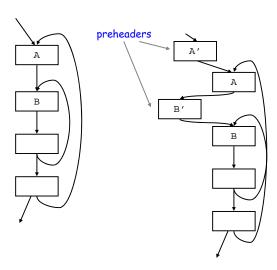
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### Hoisting



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### Hoisting



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### Hoisting conditions

For a loop-invariant definition

$$d: t = x \text{ op } y$$

- · we can hoist d into the loop's pre-header only if
  - 1. d's block dominates all loop exits at which t is liveout, and
  - 2. d is only the only definition of t in the loop, and
  - 3. t is not live-out of the pre-header

### We need to be careful...

All hoisting conditions must be satisfied!

```
L0:

t = 0

L1:

i = i + 1

t = a * b

M[i] = t

if i<N goto L1

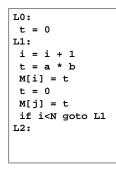
L2:

x = t
```

OK

goto L1 L2: x = t	i =	-	b	L2
x = t	_	.0 111		
	х =	= t		

violates 1,3



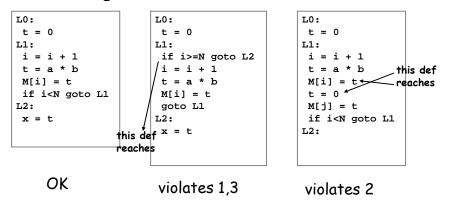
violates 2

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#### We need to be careful...

All hoisting conditions must be satisfied!



Loop optimizations: Induction-variable Strength reduction

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### The basic idea of IVE

- · Suppose we have a loop variable
  - i initially 0; each iteration i = i + 1
- and a variable that linearly depends on it:

$$x = i * c1 + c2$$

- · In such cases, we can try to
  - initialize  $x = i_0 * c1 + c2$  (execute once)
  - increment x by c1 each iteration

### Simple Example of IVE

$$i <- 0$$
H:

$$if i >= n \text{ goto exit}$$

$$j <- i * 4$$

$$k <- j + a$$

$$M[k] <- 0$$

$$i <- i + 1$$

$$goto H$$

Clearly, j & k do not need to be computer anew each time since they are related to i and i changes linearly.

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### Simple Example of IVE

But, then we don't even need j (or j')

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### Simple Example of IVE

Do we need i?

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### Simple Example of IVE

#### Rewrite comparison

But, a+(n\*4) is loop invariant

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### Simple Example of IVE

#### Invariant code motion on a+(n\*4)

now, we do copy propagation and eliminate k

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### Simple Example of IVE

#### Copy propagation

#### Voilal

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### Simple Example of IVE

#### Compare original and result of IVE

```
i <- 0
H:
    if i >= n goto exit
    j <- i * 4
    k <- j + a
    M[k] <- 0
    i <- i + 1
    goto H</pre>
```

```
k' <- a
  n' <- a + (n * 4)
H:
  if k' >= n' goto exit
  M[k'] <- 0
  k' <- k' + 4
  goto H</pre>
```

#### Voilal

### What we did

- identified induction variables (i,j,k)
- strength reduction (changed \* into +)
- dead-code elimination (j <- j')</li>
- useless-variable elimination (j' <- j' + 4)</li>
   (This can also be done with ADCE)
- loop invariant identification & code-motion
- · almost useless-variable elimination (i)
- copy propagation

#### Is it faster?

- On some hardware, adds are much faster than multiplies
- · Furthermore, one fewer value is computed,
  - thus potentially saving a register
  - and decreasing the possibility of spilling

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### Loop preparation

- Before attempting IVE, it is best to first perform:
  - constant propagation & constant folding
  - copy propagation
  - loop-invariant hoisting

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# How to do it, step 1

- First, find the basic IVs
  - scan loop body for defs of the form

$$x = x + c$$
 or  $x = x - c$   
where c is loop-invariant

- record these basic IVs as

$$x = (x, 1, c)$$

- this represents the IV: x = x \* 1 + c

### Representing IVs

Characterize all induction variables by:

(base-variable, offset, multiple)

- where the offset and multiple are loopinvariant
- IOW, after an induction variable is defined it equals:

offset + multiple \* base-variable

### How to do it, step 2

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· Scan for derived IVs of the form

$$k = i * c1 + c2$$

- where i is a basic IV,
   this is the only def of k in the loop, and
   c1 and c2 are loop invariant
- We say k is in the family of i
- Record as k = (i, c1, c2)

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### How to do it, step 3

- Iterate, looking for derived IVs of the form
   k = i \* c1 + c2
  - where IV j = (i, a, b), and
  - this is the only def of k in the loop, and
  - there is no def of i between the def of j and the def of k
  - c1 and c2 are loop invariant
- Record as k = (i, a\*c1, b\*c1+c2)

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### Finding the IVs

- Maintain three tables: basic & maybe & other
- Find basic Ivs:

Scan stmts. If var  $\notin$  maybe, and of proper form, put into basic. Otherwise, put var in other and remove from maybe.

- Find compound Ivs:
  - If var defined more than once, put into other
  - For all stmts of proper form that use a basic IV

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### Simple Example of IVE

```
i <- 0
H:

if i >= n goto exit
    j <- i * 4
    k <- j + a
    M[k] <- 0
    i <- i + 1
    goto H

i: (i, 1, 1) i.e., i = 1 + 1 * i
    j: (i, 0, 4) i.e., j = 0 + 4 * i
    k: (i, a, 4) i.e., k = a + 4 * i</pre>
```

So, j & k are in family of i

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### How to do it, step 4

- This is the strength reduction step
- For an induction variable k = (i, c1, c2)
  - initialize k = i \* c1 + c2 in the preheader
  - replace K's def in the loop by

- make sure to do this after i's def

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### How to do it, step 5

- This is the comparison rewriting step
- For an induction variable  $k = (i, a_k, b_k)$ 
  - If k used only in definition and comparison
  - There exists another variable, j, in the same class and is not "useless" and  $j=(i,a_j,b_j)$
- Rewrite k < n as  $j < (b_i/b_k)(n-a_k)+a_i$
- Note: since they are in same class:

$$(j-a_j)/b_j = (k-a_k)/b_k$$

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### Is it faster? (2)

- On some hardware, adds are much faster than multiplies
- But...not always a win!
  - Constant multiplies might otherwise be reduced to shifts/adds that result in even better code than IVE
  - Scaling of addresses (i\*4) might come for free on your processor's address modes
- So maybe: only convert i\*c1+c2 when c1 is loop invariant but not a constant

#### Notes

- Are the c1, c2 constant, or just invariant?
  - if constant, then you can keep folding them:
     they're always a constant even for derived IVs
  - otherwise, they can be expressions of loopinvariant variables
- But if constant, can find IVs of the type
   x = i/b
   and know that it's legal, if b evenly divides the stride...

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### Common loop optimizations

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Requires understanding data dependencies

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### Dependencies in Loops

- Loop independent data dependence occurs between accesses in the same loop iteration.
- Loop-carried data dependence occurs between accesses across different loop iterations.
- There is data dependence between access a at iteration i-k and access b at iteration i when:
  - a and b access the same memory location
  - There is a path from a to b
  - Either a or b is a write

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55) b=5+e;

### Defining Dependencies

• Flow Dependence  $W \rightarrow R \quad \delta^f$  } true • Anti-Dependence  $R \rightarrow W \quad \delta^a$  • Output Dependence  $W \rightarrow W \quad \delta^o$ 

```
S1) a=0;
S2) b=a;
S3) c=a+d+e;
S4) d=b;
S5) b=5+e;
```

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### Example Dependencies

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S1) a=0; S2) b=a; S3) c=a+d+e; S4) d=b;

These are scalar dependencies. The same idea holds for memory accesses.

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;	source	<u>type</u>	target	due to	2
	S1	$\delta^{\text{f}}$	S2	а	
	S1	$\delta^{\text{f}}$	S3	а	3 )
	S2	$\delta^{\text{f}}$	S4	b	I/
	<b>S</b> 3	$\delta^{\text{a}}$	<b>S</b> 4	d	
	<b>S</b> 4	$\delta^{a}$	S5	b	
	S2	$\delta^{\rm o}$	S5	b	±0/
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What can we do with this information? What are anti- and flow- called "false" dependences?

### Data Dependence in Loops

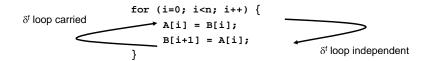
- Dependence can flow across iterations of the loop.
- Dependence information is annotated with iteration information.
- If dependence is across iterations it is loop carried otherwise loop independent.

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

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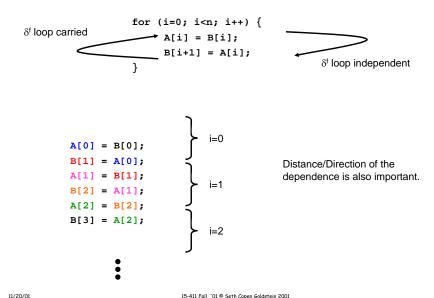
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### Unroll Loop to Find Dependencies



### **Iteration Space**

Every iteration generates a point in an n-dimensional space, where n is the depth of the loop nest.

```
for (i=0; i<n; i++) {

•••
}

for (i=0; i<n; i++)

for (j=0; j<4; j++) {

•••
}
```

#### Distance Vector

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### Example of Distance Vectors

```
for (i=0; i<n; i++)
                                        A_{0.2} = = A_{0.2}
                                                        A_{1.2} = A_{1.2}
                                                                         A_{2,2} = A_{2,2}
   for (j=0; j<m; j++){
                                              =B_{0.2}
                                                        B_{1.3} = = B_{1.2}
                                                                        B_{2.3} = = B_{2.2}
        A[i,j] =
                                                        C_{2,2} = = C_{1,3}
              = A[i,j];
                                              =A_{0,1}
                                                        A_{11} = A_{1.1}
        B[i,j+1] = ;
                                                        B_{1,2} = = B_{1,1}
              = B[i,j];
                                                        C_{2,1} = = C_{1,2}
        C[i+1,j] = ;
                                        A_{0.0} = A_{0.0}
                                                        A_{1.0} = A_{1.0}
              = C[i,j+1];
                                              =B_{0,0}
                                                        B_{1,1} = = B_{1,0}
   }
                                                        C_{2.0} = = C_{1.1}
                                                                         C_{30} = = C_{21}
```

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## Data Dependences

Loop carried: between two statements instances in two different iterations of a loop.

Loop independent: between two statements

instances in the same loop iteration.

Lexically forward: the source comes before the target. Lexically backward: otherwise.

The right-hand side of an assignment is considered to precede the left-hand side.

### Example of Distance Vectors

```
for (i=0; i<n; i++)
                                       A_{0.2} = A_{0.2}
                                                      A_{12} = A_{12}
   for (j=0; j<m; j++){
                                                      B_{13} = = B_{12}
                                                                      B_{23} = = B_{22}
       A[i,j] =
                                                      C_{2,2} = = C_{1,3}
              = A[i,j];
                                                       A_{11} = A_{11}
                                                                       A_{21} = A_{21}
       B[i,j+1] =
                                             -B<sub>0,1</sub>
              = B[i,j];
       C[i+1,j] = ;
                                                      A_{1.0} = A_{1.0}
             = C[i,j+1];
                                             =B_{0.0}
                                                      B_{1,1} = B_{1,0}
                                                      C_{2,0} = C_{1,1}
                                                                       C_{3.0} = = C_{2}
                                B yields:
                                                         C yields:
```

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### Review of Linear Algebra Lexicographic Order

Two n-vectors **a** and **b** are equal, **a** = **b**, if  $a_i = b_i$ ,  $1 \le i \le n$ .

We say that a is less than b, a<b, if  $a_i < b_i$ ,  $1 \le i \le n$ .

We say that **a** is lexicographically less than **b**, at level **j**, **a**  $\ll_j$  **b**, if  $a_i = b_i$ ,  $1 \le i < j$  and  $a_j < b_j$ .

We say that a is lexicographically less than b, a « b, if there is a j,  $1 \le j \le n$ , such that a « b.

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# Lexicographic Order Example of vectors

Consider the vectors **a** and **b** below:

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We say that **a** is lexicographically less than **b** at level 3,  $\mathbf{a} \prec_3 \mathbf{b}$ , or simply that  $\mathbf{a} \prec \mathbf{b}$ . Both **a** and **b** are lexicographically positive because  $\mathbf{0} \prec \mathbf{a}$ , and  $\mathbf{0} \prec \mathbf{b}$ .

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### Data Dependence in Loops

#### An Example

Find the dependence relations due to the array X in the program below:

- $(S_1)$  for i = 2 to 9 do
- $(S_2) X[i] = Y[i] + Z[i]$
- $(S_3)$  A[i] = X[i-1] + 1
- $(S_4)$  end for

#### Solution

To find the data dependence relations in a simple loop, we can unroll the loop and see which statement instances depend on which others:

	i = 2	i = 3	i = 4
(s2)	X[2]=Y[2]+Z[2]	X[3] = Y[3] + Z[3]	X[4] = Y[4] + Z[4]
(s3)	A[2]=X[1]+1	A[3] = X[2] + 1	A[4] = X[3] + 1

### Properties of Lexicographic Order

Let  $n \ge 1$ , and i, j, k denote arbitrary vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ 

- 1 For each u in  $1 \le u \le n$ , the relation  $w_u$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is irreflexive and transitive.
- 2 The n relations « are pairwise disjoint: i « j and i « j imply that u = v.
- 3 If  $i \neq j$ , there is a unique integer u such that  $1 \leq u \leq n$  and exactly one of the following two conditions holds:

4  $i \ll_u j$  and  $j \ll_v k$  together imply that  $i \ll_w k$ , where  $w = \min(u,v)$ .

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### Data Dependence in Loops

$$(S_1)$$
 for  $i = 2$  to  $9$  do  $(S_2)$   $X[i] = Y[i] + Z[i]$   $(S_3)$   $A[i] = X[i-1] + 1$   $(S_4)$  end for



Data dependence graph for statements in a loop (1,3) := iteration distance is 1, latency is 3.

	i = 2	i = 3	i = 4
(s2)	X[2] = Y[2] + Z[2]	X[3]=Y[3]+Z[3]	X[4]=Y[4]+Z[4]
(s3)	A[2] = X[1] + 1	A[3]=X[2]+1	A[4]=X[3]+1

There is a loop-carried, lexically forward, flow dependence from  $S_2$  to  $S_3$ .