

# 15-745 Lecture 6

## Data Dependence in Loops

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# Common loop optimizations

- Hoisting of loop-invariant computations
  - 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

Requires understanding data dependencies

# Why Dependence Analysis

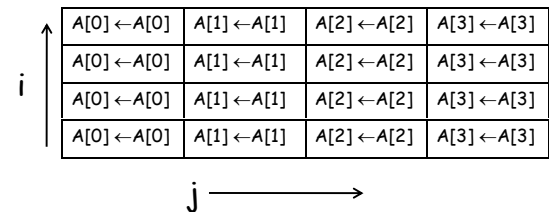
- Goal is to find best schedule:
  - Improve memory locality
  - Increase parallelism
  - Decrease scheduling stalls
- Before we schedule we need to know possible legal schedules and impact of schedule on performance

# Example to improve locality

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for i=0 to N
  for j=0 to M
    A[j] = f(A[j]);
```

Is there a better schedule?

Iteration space



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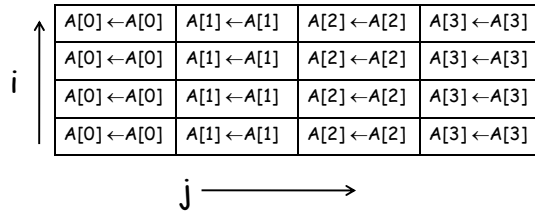
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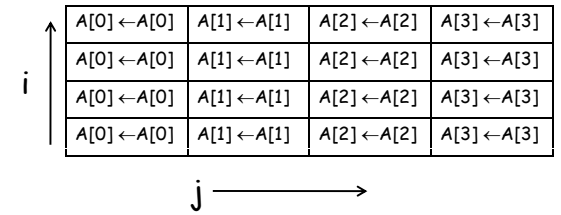
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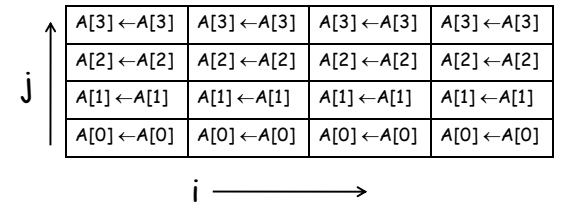
# Transformed iteration space

```
for i=0 to N
  for j=0 to M
    A[j] = f(A[j]);
```

Old Iteration space



New Iteration space



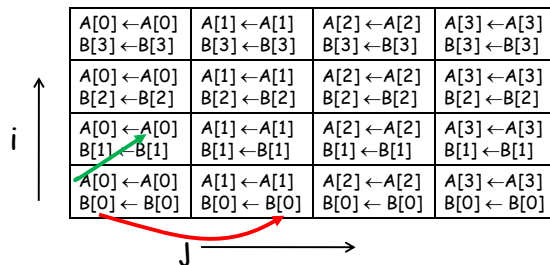
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    A[j] = f(A[j]);
```

# What about ...

```
for i=0 to N
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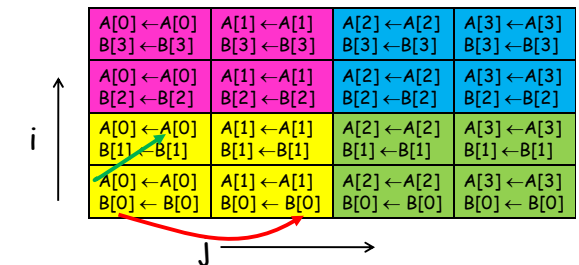
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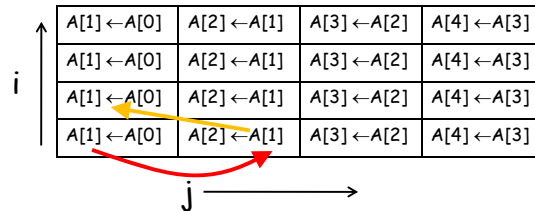
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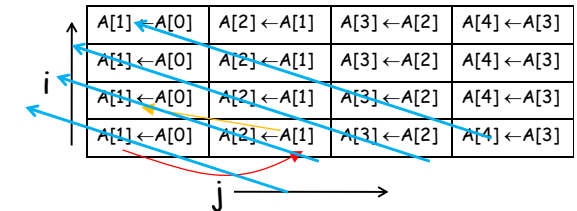
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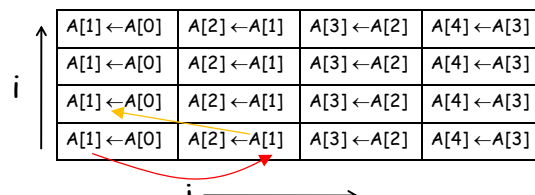


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## So, how do we know when/how?

When should we transform a loop?  
 What transforms are legal?  
 How should we transform the loop.

Dependence information helps with all three questions.

In short,

- Determine all dependence information
- Use dependence information to analyze loop
- Guide transformations using dependence info

• Key is:

Any transformation\* that preserves every dependence in a program preserves the meaning of the program

## 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

## Defining Dependencies

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

```

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S4) d=b;
S5) b=5+e;
    
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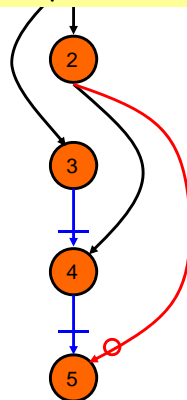
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These are scalar dependencies. The same idea holds for memory accesses.

source	type	target	due to
S1	$\delta^f$	S2	a
S1	$\delta^f$	S3	a
S2	$\delta^f$	S4	b
S3	$\delta^a$	S4	d
S4	$\delta^a$	S5	b
S2	$\delta^o$	S5	b



What can we do with this information?  
 What are anti- and flow- called "false" dependences?

## Data Dependence in Loops

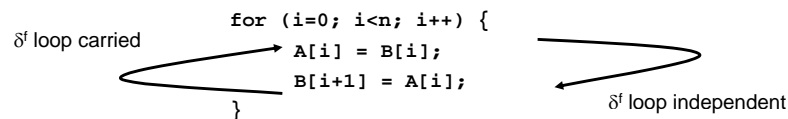
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- Dependence information is annotated with iteration information.
- If dependence is across iterations it is **loop carried** otherwise **loop independent**.

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## Data Dependence

- There is a data dependence from statement  $S_1$  to statement  $S_2$  ( $S_2$  depends on  $S_1$ ) if:
  1. Both statements access the same memory location and at least one of them stores onto it, and
  2. There is a feasible run-time execution path from  $S_1$  to  $S_2$
- We need to characterize the dependence information in terms of the loop iterations involved in the dependence, so we need a way to talk about iterations of a loop.
  - Iteration vector: a label for a loop iteration using the induction variables.
  - Iteration space: the set of all possible iteration vectors for a loop
  - Lexicographic order: The order of the iterations

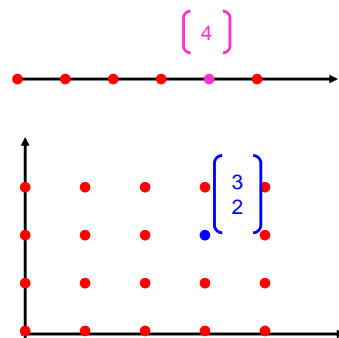
## Iteration Space

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++) {
    ...
  }
  
```



## Iteration Vectors

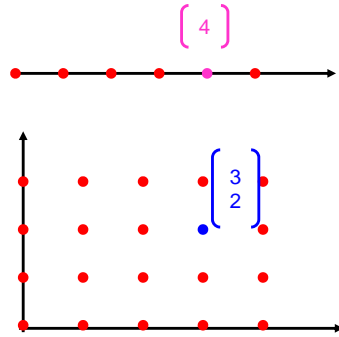
- Need to consider the nesting level of a loop
- Nesting level of a loop is equal to one more than the number of loops that enclose it.
- Given a nest of  $n$  loops, the iteration vector  $i$  of a particular iteration of the innermost loop is a vector of integers that contains the iteration numbers for each of the loops in order of nesting level.
- Thus, the iteration vector is:  $\{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n\}$  where  $i_k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq n$  represents the iteration number for the loop at nesting level  $k$

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```



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# Ordering of Iteration Vectors

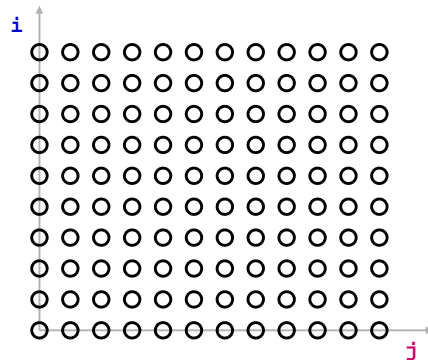
- Dan ordering for iteration vectors
- Use an intuitive, **lexicographic order**
- Iteration  $i$  precedes iteration  $j$ , denoted  $i < j$ , iff:

1.  $i[1:n-1] < j[1:n-1]$ , or
2.  $i[1:k-1] = j[1:k-1]$  and  $i_k < j_k$

$$\begin{bmatrix} i_1 \\ i_2 \\ \dots \\ i_k \\ \dots \\ i_n \end{bmatrix} < \begin{bmatrix} j_1 \\ j_2 \\ \dots \\ j_k \\ \dots \\ j_n \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example Iteration Space

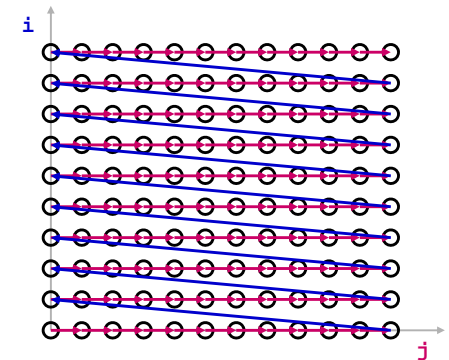
```
for i = 0 to N-1
    for j = 0 to N-1
        A[i][j] = B[j][i];
```



- each position represents an iteration

# Visitation Order in Iteration Space

```
for i = 0 to N-1
    for j = 0 to N-1
        A[i][j] = B[j][i];
```



- Note: **iteration space is not data space**

## Formal Def of Loop Dependence

- There exists a dependence from statements  $S_1$  to statement  $S_2$  in a common nest of loops iff there exist two iteration vectors  $i$  and  $j$  for the nest, st.
  - (1) (a)  $i < j$  or
    - (b)  $i = j$  and there is a path from  $S_1$  to  $S_2$  in the body of the loop,
  - (2) statement  $S_1$  accesses memory location  $M$  on iteration  $i$  and statement  $S_2$  accesses location  $M$  on iteration  $j$ , and
  - (3) one of these accesses is a write.
- 1a: Loop carried and 1b: Loop independent
- $S_1$  is source of dependence,  $S_2$  is sink or target of dep

## Dependence Distance

- Using iteration vectors and def of dependence we can determine the distance of a dependence:
- In n-deep loop nest if
  - $S_1$  is source in iteration  $i$
  - $S_2$  is sink in iteration  $j$
- Distance of dependence is represented with a **distance vector:  $D$** 
  - Vector of length  $n$ , where
  - $d_k = j_k - i_k$

## Distance Vector

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

```
A[0] = B[0];
B[1] = A[0];
A[1] = B[1];
B[2] = A[1];
A[2] = B[2];
B[3] = A[2];
⋮
```

}  $i=0$

}  $i=1$

}  $i=2$

Distance vector is the difference between the target and source iterations.

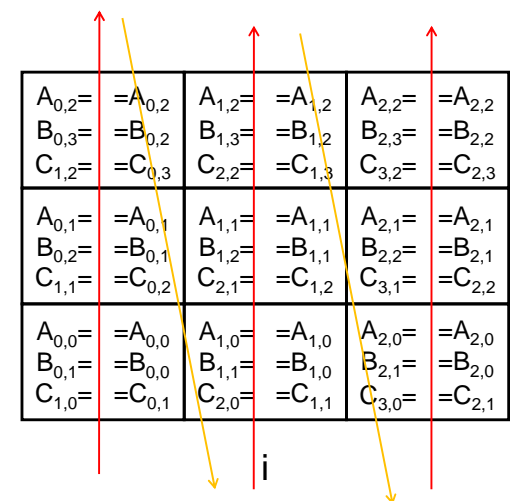
$$d = I_t - I_s$$

Exactly the distance of the dependence, i.e.,

$$I_s + d = I_t$$

## Example of Distance Vectors

```
for (i=0; i<n; i++)
    for (j=0; j<m; j++){
        A[i,j] = ;
        B[i,j+1] = ;
        C[i+1,j] = ;
    }
```



## Example of Distance Vectors

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  for (j=0; j<m; j++){
    A[i,j] = ;
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      = C[i,j+1] ;
  }

```

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A yields:  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$     B yields:  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$     C yields:  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

## Direction Vectors

- Less precise than distance vectors, but often good enough
- In n-deep loop nest if
  - S1 is source in iteration i
  - S2 is sink in iteration j
- Distance vector: F - Vector of length n, where
  - $f_k = j_k - i_k$
- Direction vector also vector of length n, where

$$- d_k = \begin{cases} "<" & \text{if } f_k > 0, \text{ or } j_k < i_k \\ "=" & \text{if } f_k = 0, \text{ or } j_k = i_k \\ ">" & \text{if } f_k < 0, \text{ or } j_k > i_k \end{cases}$$

## Example of Direction Vectors

```

for (i=0; i<n; i++)
  for (j=0; j<m; j++){
    A[i,j] = ;
      = A[i,j];
    B[i,j+1] = ;
      = B[i,j];
    C[i+1,j] = ;
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  }

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## Direction Vectors

Example:

```

DO I = 1, N
  DO J = 1, M
    DO K = 1, L
      S1      A(I+1, J, K-1) = A(I, J, K) + 10
    ENDDO
  ENDDO
ENDDO

```

- S<sub>1</sub> has a true dependence on itself.
- Distance Vector: (1, 0, -1)
- Direction Vector: (<, =, >)



## Note on vectors

- A dependence cannot exist if it has a direction vector whose leftmost non "=" component is not "<" as this would imply that the sink of the dependence occurs before the source.
- Likewise, the first non-zero distance in a distance vector must be positive.

## The Key

- Any reordering transformation that preserves every dependence in a program preserves the meaning of the program
- A reordering transformation may change order of execution but does not add or remove statements.

## Finding Data Dependences

## Main Theme

- Determining whether dependencies exist between two subscripted references to the same array in a loop nest
- Several tests to detect these dependencies

## The General Problem

```
DO i1 = L1, U1
  DO i2 = L2, U2
    ...
    DO in = Ln, Un
      S1    A(f1(i1, ..., in), ..., fm(i1, ..., in)) = ...
      S2    ... = A(g1(i1, ..., in), ..., gm(i1, ..., in))
    ENDDO
  ...
ENDDO
ENDDO
```

A dependence exists from S<sub>1</sub> to S<sub>2</sub> if:

- There exist  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that
  - $\alpha < \beta$  (control flow requirement)
  - $f_i(\alpha) = g_i(\beta)$  for all  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$  (common access requirement)

## Basics: Conservative Testing

- Consider only linear subscript expressions
- Finding integer solutions to system of linear Diophantine Equations is NP-Complete
- Most common approximation is **Conservative Testing**, i.e., See if you can assert "No dependence exists between two subscripted references of the same array"
- Never incorrect, may be less than optimal

## Basics: Indices and Subscripts

Index: Index variable for some loop surrounding a pair of references

Subscript: A PAIR of subscript positions in a pair of array references

For Example:

```
A(I, j) = A(I, k) + C
<I, I> is the first subscript
<j, k> is the second subscript
```

## Basics: Complexity

A subscript is said to be

- ZIV if it contains no index zero index variable
- SIV if it contains only one index single index variable
- MIV if it contains more than one index multiple index variable

For Example:

```
A(5, I+1, j) = A(1, I, k) + C
First subscript is ZIV
Second subscript is SIV
Third subscript is MIV
```

## Basics: Separability

- A subscript is separable if its indices do not occur in other subscripts
- If two different subscripts contain the same index they are coupled

For Example:

$$A(I+1, j) = A(k, j) + C$$

Both subscripts are separable

$$A(I, j, j) = A(I, j, k) + C$$

Second and third subscripts are coupled

## Basics: Coupled Subscript Groups

- Why are they important?  
Coupling can cause imprecision in dependence testing

```
DO I = 1, 100
S1  A(I+1, I) = B(I) + C
S2  D(I) = A(I, I) * E
ENDDO
```

## Dependence Testing: Overview

- Partition subscripts of a pair of array references into separable and coupled groups
- Classify each subscript as ZIV, SIV or MIV
  - Reason for classification is to reduce complexity of the tests.
- For each separable subscript apply single subscript test. Continue until prove independence.
- Deal with coupled groups
- If independent, done
- Otherwise, merge all direction vectors computed in the previous steps into a single set of direction vectors

## Step 1: Subscript Partitioning

- Partitions the subscripts into separable and minimal coupled groups
- Notations
  - //  $S$  is a set of  $m$  subscript pairs  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m$  each enclosed in  $n$  loops with indexes  $I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n$ , which is to be partitioned into separable or minimal coupled groups.
  - //  $P$  is an output variable, containing the set of partitions
  - //  $n_p$  is the number of partitions

## Subscript Partitioning Algorithm

```
procedure partition(S,P, np)
  np = m;
  for i := 1 to m do Pi = {Si};
  for i := 1 to n do begin
    k := <none>
    for each remaining partition Pj do
      if there exists s ∈ Pj such that s contains Ii then
        if k = < none > then k = j;
        else begin Pk = Pk ∪ Pj; discard Pj; np = np - 1; end
    end
  end
end partition
```

## Step 2: Classify as ZIV/SIV/MIV

- Easy step
- Just count the number of different indices in a subscript

## Step 3: Applying Single Subscript Tests

- ZIV Test
- SIV Test
  - Strong SIV Test
  - Weak SIV Test
    - Weak-zero SIV
    - Weak Crossing SIV
- SIV Tests in Complex Iteration Spaces

## ZIV Test

```
DO j = 1, 100
S      A(e1) = A(e2) + B(j)
ENDDO
```

e1,e2 are constants or loop invariant symbols

If (e1-e2) != 0 No Dependence exists

## Strong SIV Test

- Strong SIV subscripts are of the form

$$\langle ai + c_1, ai + c_2 \rangle$$

- For example the following are strong SIV subscripts

$$\langle i+1, i \rangle$$

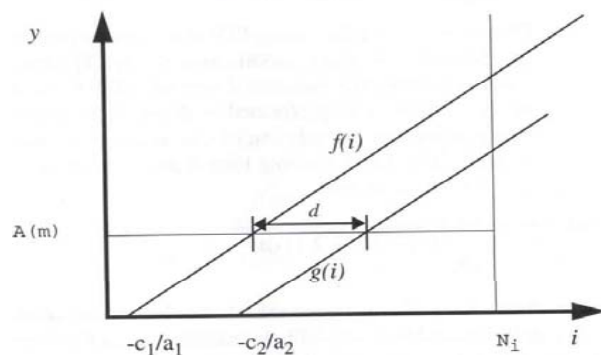
$$\langle 4i+2, 4i+4 \rangle$$

## Strong SIV Test Example

```
DO k = 1, 100
  DO j = 1, 100
S1      A(j+1,k) = ...
S2      ... = A(j,k) + 32
        ENDDO
    ENDDO
```

## Strong SIV Test

Geometric View of Strong SIV Tests



$$d = i' - i = \frac{c_1 - c_2}{a}$$

Dependence exists if  $|d| \leq U - L$

## Weak SIV Tests

- Weak SIV subscripts are of the form

$$\langle a_1 i + c_1, a_2 j + c_2 \rangle$$

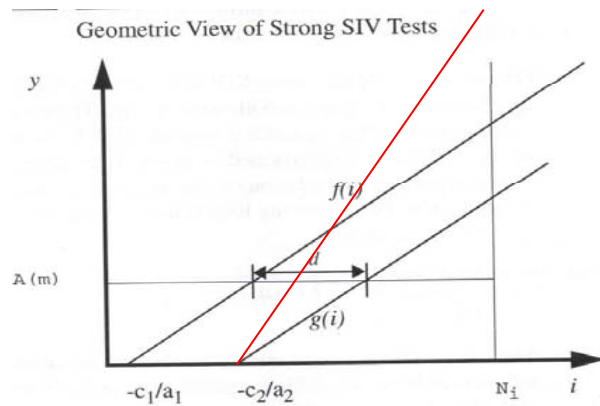
- For example the following are weak SIV subscripts

$$\langle i+1, 5 \rangle$$

$$\langle 2i+1, i+5 \rangle$$

$$\langle 2i+1, -2i \rangle$$

## Geometric view of weak SIV

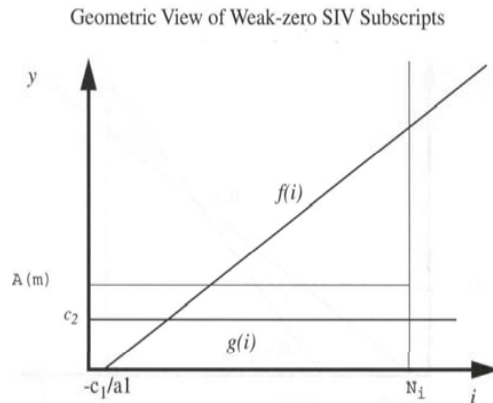


## Weak-zero SIV Test

- Special case of Weak SIV where one of the coefficients of the index is zero
- The test consists merely of checking whether the solution is an integer and is within loop bounds

$$i = \frac{c_2 - c_1}{a_1}$$

## Weak-zero SIV Test



## Weak-zero SIV & Loop Peeling

```

DO i = 1, N
S1   Y(i, N) = Y(1, N) + Y(N, N)
ENDDO
    
```

Can be loop peeled to...

```

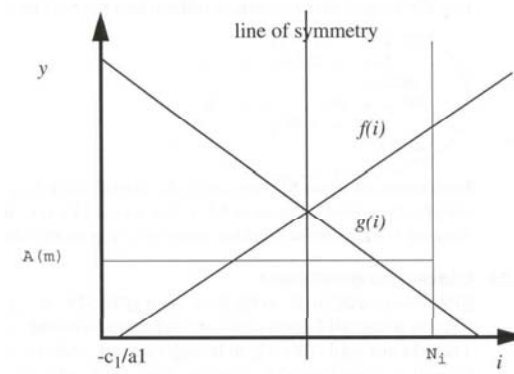
Y(1, N) = Y(1, N) + Y(N, N)
DO i = 2, N-1
S1   Y(i, N) = Y(1, N) + Y(N, N)
ENDDO
Y(N, N) = Y(1, N) + Y(N, N)
    
```

## Weak-crossing SIV Test

- Special case of Weak SIV where the coefficients of the index are equal in magnitude but opposite in sign
- The test consists merely of checking whether the solution index
  - is 1. within loop bounds and is
  2. either an integer or has a non-integer part equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$

## Weak-crossing SIV Test

Geometric View of Weak-crossing SIV Subscripts



## Weak-crossing SIV & Loop Splitting

```
DO i = 1, N
S1  A(i) = A(N-i+1) + C
ENDDO
```

This loop can be split into...

```
DO i = 1, (N+1)/2
  A(i) = A(N-i+1) + C
ENDDO
DO i = (N+1)/2 + 1, N
  A(i) = A(N-i+1) + C
ENDDO
```

## Complex Iteration Spaces

- Till now we have applied the tests only to rectangular iteration spaces
- These tests can also be extended to apply to triangular or trapezoidal loops
  - Triangular: One of the loop bounds is a function of at least one other loop index
  - Trapezoidal: Both the loop bounds are functions of at least one other loop index

## Next Time...

- Complex iteration spaces
- MIV Tests
- Tests in Coupled groups
- Merging direction vectors