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Software Pipelining

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Software Pipelining

- Software pipelining is an IS technique that reorders the instructions in a loop.
 - Possibly moving instructions from one iteration to the previous or the next iteration.
 - Very large improvements in running time are possible.
- The first serious approach to software pipelining was presented by Aiken & Nicolau.
 - Aiken's 1988 Ph.D. thesis.
 - Impractical as it ignores resource hazards (focusing only on data-dependence constraints).
 - But sparked a large amount of follow-on research.

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Goal of SP

- Increase distance between dependent operations by moving destination operation to a later iteration

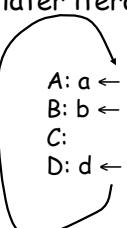
A: a ← ld [d]

*B: b ← a * a*

C: st [d], b

D: d ← d + 4

Assume all have latency of 2



A	B	C	D	
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Can we decrease the latency?

- Lets unroll

A: a ← ld [d]
 B: b ← a * a
 C: st [d], b
 D: d ← d + 4
 A1: a ← ld [d]
 B1: b ← a * a
 C1: st [d], b
 D1: d ← d + 4

A	B	C	D	A1	B1	C1	D1	
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Rename variables

```

A: a ← ld [d]
B: b ← a * a
C: st [d], b
D: d1 ← d + 4
A1: a1 ← ld [d1]
B1: b1 ← a1 * a1
C1: st [d1], b1
D1: d ← d1 + 4

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A	B	C	D	A1	B1	C1	D1	
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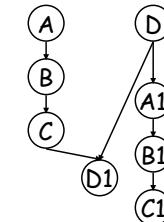
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Schedule

```

A: a ← ld [d]
B: b ← a * a
C: st [d], b
D: d1 ← d + 4
A1: a1 ← ld [d1]
B1: b1 ← a1 * a1
C1: st [d1], b1
D1: d ← d1 + 4

```



A	B	C	D1	
D	A1	B1	C1	

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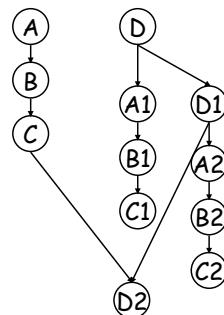
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Unroll Some More

```

A: a ← ld [d]
B: b ← a * a
C: st [d], b
D: d1 ← d + 4
A1: a1 ← ld [d1]
B1: b1 ← a1 * a1
C1: st [d1], b1
D1: d2 ← d1 + 4
A2: a2 ← ld [d2]
B2: b2 ← a2 * a2
C2: st [d2], b2
D2: d ← d2 + 4

```



A	B	C	D2	
D	A1	B1	C1	
	D1	A2	B2	C2

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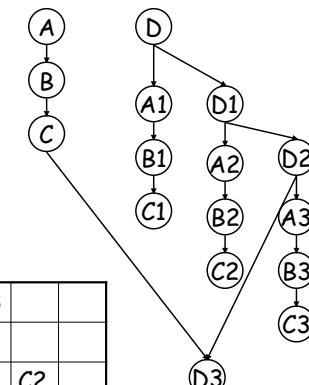
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B1: b1 ← a1 * a1
C1: st [d1], b1
D1: d2 ← d1 + 4
A2: a2 ← ld [d2]
B2: b2 ← a2 * a2
C2: st [d2], b2
D2: d ← d2 + 4

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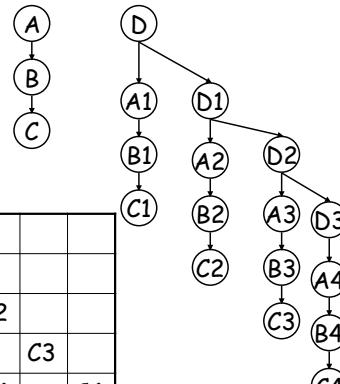


A	B	C	D3	
D	A1	B1	C1	
	D1	A2	B2	C2
	D2	A3	B3	C3

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One More Time

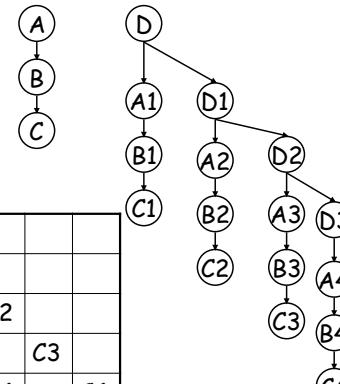


A	B	C	D4			
D	A1	B1	C1			
D1	A2	B2	C2			
D2	A3	B3	C3			
D3	A4	B4	C4			

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Can Rearrange



A	B	C	D4			
D	A1	B1	C1			
D1	A2	B2	C2			
D2	A3	B3	C3			
D3	A4	B4	C4			

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Rearrange

A: $a \leftarrow \text{ld}[d]$
 B: $b \leftarrow a * a$
 C: $\text{st}[d], b$
 D: $d1 \leftarrow d + 4$
 A1: $a1 \leftarrow \text{ld}[d1]$
 B1: $b1 \leftarrow a1 * a1$
 C1: $\text{st}[d1], b1$
 D1: $d2 \leftarrow d1 + 4$
 A2: $a2 \leftarrow \text{ld}[d2]$
 B2: $b2 \leftarrow a2 * a2$
 C2: $\text{st}[d2], b2$
 D2: $d \leftarrow d2 + 4$

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D2	A3	B3	C3			

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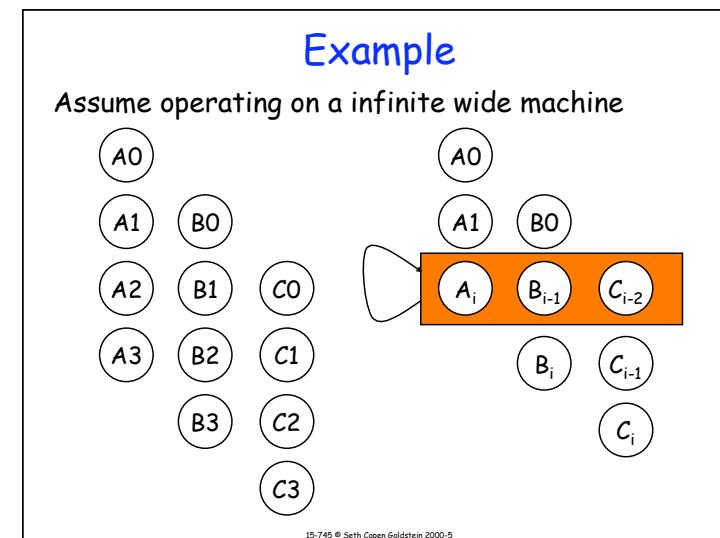
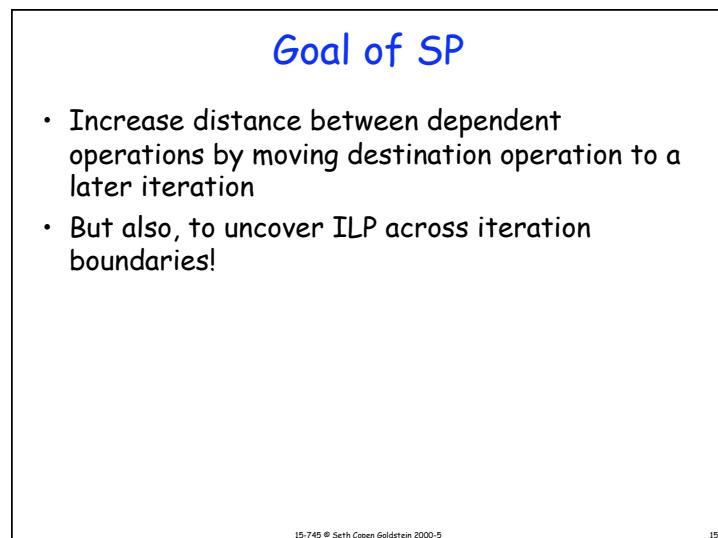
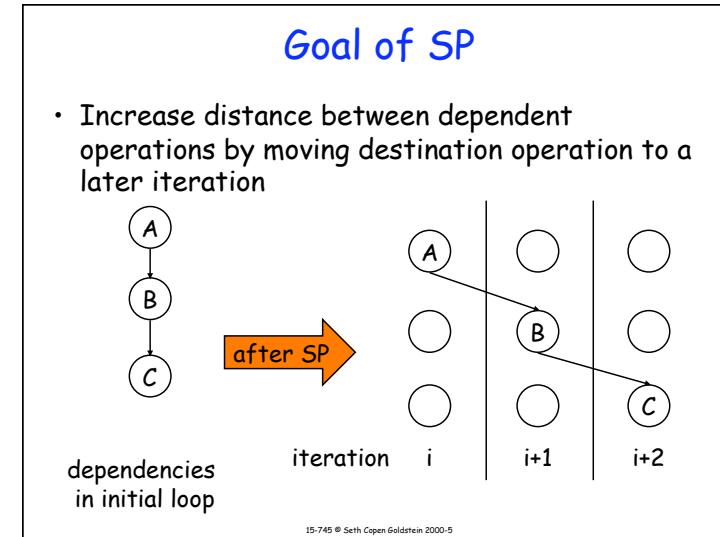
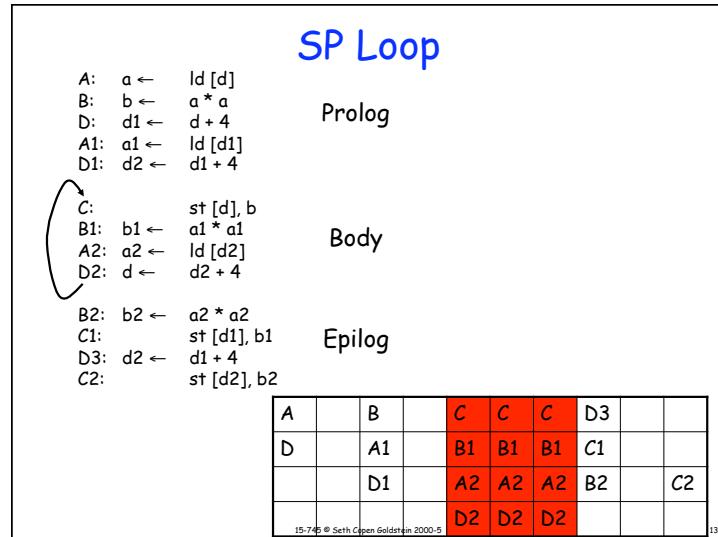
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D2	A3	B3	C3			

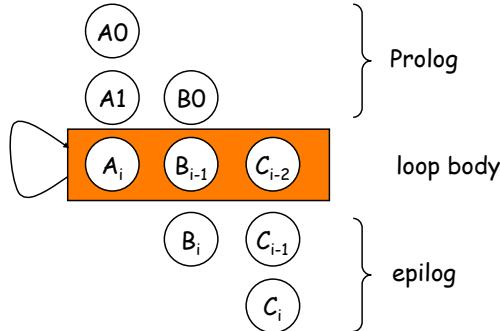
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Example

Assume operating on a infinite wide machine



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Dealing with exit conditions

```

for (i=0; i<N; i++)
{
    Ai
    Bi
    Ci
}
i=0
if (i >= N) goto done
A0
B0
if (i+1 == N) goto last
i=1
A1
if (i+2 == N) goto epilog
i=2
loop:
    Ai
    Bi-1
    Ci-2
    i++
    if (i < N) goto loop
epilog:
    Bi
    Ci-1
last:
    Ci
done:

```

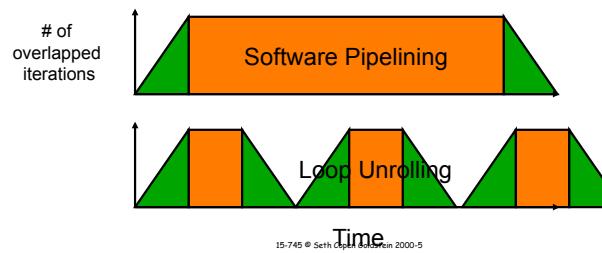
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Loop Unrolling V. SP

For SuperScalar or VLIW

- Loop Unrolling reduces loop overhead
- Software Pipelining reduces fill/drain
- Best is if you combine them



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Aiken/Nicolau Scheduling Step 1

Perform scalar replacement to eliminate memory references where possible.

```

for i:=1 to N do
    a := j ⊕ v[i-1]
    b := a ⊕ f
    c := e ⊕ j
    d := f ⊕ c
    e := b ⊕ d
    f := u[i]
    g: v[i] := b
    h: w[i] := d
    j := x[i]
for i:=1 to N do
    a := j ⊕ b
    b := a ⊕ f
    c := e ⊕ j
    d := f ⊕ c
    e := b ⊕ d
    f := u[i]
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```

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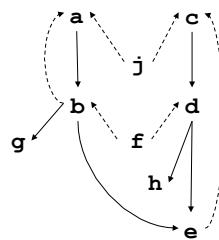
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Aiken/Nicolau Scheduling Step 2

Unroll the loop and compute the data-dependence graph (DDG).

DDG for rolled loop:

```
for i:=1 to N do
    a := j ⊕ b
    b := a ⊕ f
    c := e ⊕ j
    d := f ⊕ c
    e := b ⊕ d
    f := V[i]
    g: V[i] := b
    h: W[i] := d
    j := X[i]
```



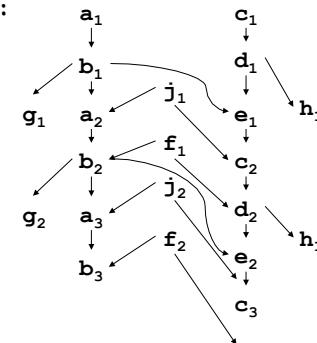
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Aiken/Nicolau Scheduling Step 2, cont'd

DDG for unrolled loop:

```
for i:=1 to N do
    a := j ⊕ b
    b := a ⊕ f
    c := e ⊕ j
    d := f ⊕ c
    e := b ⊕ d
    f := V[i]
    g: V[i] := b
    h: W[i] := d
    j := X[i]
```

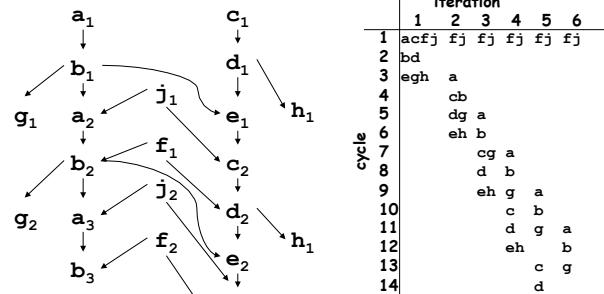


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Aiken/Nicolau Scheduling Step 3

Build a tableau of iteration number vs cycle time.



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Aiken/Nicolau Scheduling Step 3

basically, you're emulating a superscalar with infinite resources, infinite register renaming, always predicting the loop-back branch: thus, just pure data dependency

	iteration	1	2	3	4	5	6
cycle	acfj	fj	fj	fj	fj	fj	
1	bd						
2	egh	a					
3	cb						
4	dg	a					
5	eh	b					
6	cg	a					
7	d	b					
8	eh	g	a				
9	c	b					
10	d	g	a				
11	e	h	b				
12	f						
13	g						
14	h						
15	eh						

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Aiken/Nicolau Scheduling Step 4

Find repeating patterns of instructions.

	iteration					
cycle	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	acfj	fj	fj	fj	fj	fj
2	bd					
3	egh	a				
4		cb				
5		dg	a			
6		eh	b			
7		cg	a			
8		d	b			
9		eh	g	a		
10		c	b			
11		d	g	a		
12		eh	b			
13		c	g			
14		d				
15		eh				

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Aiken/Nicolau Scheduling Step 4

Find repeating patterns of instructions.

	iteration					
cycle	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	acfj	fj	fj	fj	fj	fj
2	bd					
3	egh	a				
4		cb				
5		dg	a			
6		eh	b			
7		cg	a			
8		d	b			
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10		c	b			
11		d	g	a		
12		eh	b			
13		c	g			
14		d				
15		eh				

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Aiken/Nicolau Scheduling Step 4

Find repeating patterns of instructions.

	iteration					
cycle	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	acfj	fj	fj	fj	fj	fj
2	bd					
3	egh	a				
4		cb				
5		dg	a			
6		eh	b			
7		cg	a			
8		d	b			
9		eh	g	a		
10		c	b			
11		d	g	a		
12		eh	b			
13		c	g			
14		d				
15		eh				

Go back and
relate slopes
to DDG

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Aiken/Nicolau Scheduling Step 5

"Coalesce" the slopes.

	iteration					
cycle	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	acfj	fj	fj	fj	fj	fj
2	bd					
3	egh	a				
4		cb				
5		dg	a			
6		eh	b			
7		cg	a			
8		d	b			
9		eh	g	a		
10		c	b			
11		d	g	a		
12		eh	b			
13		c	g			
14		d				
15		eh				

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Aiken/Nicolau Scheduling Step 6

Find the loop body and "reroll" the loop.

	iteration					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	acfj					
2	bd	fj				
3	egh	a				
4		cb fj				
5		dg a				
6	eh b	fj				
7		cg a				
8		d b				
9	eh g	fj				
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Aiken/Nicolau Scheduling Step 7

Generate code.

(Assume VLIW-like machine for this example. The instructions on each line should be issued in parallel.)

```

a1 := j0 ⊕ b0    c1 := e0 ⊕ j0    f1 := U[1]    j1 := X[1]
b1 := a1 ⊕ f0    c2 := U[2]    f2 := U[2]    j2 := X[2]
e1 := b1 ⊕ d1    V[1] := b1    W[1] := d1    a2 := j1 ⊕ b1
a2 := e1 ⊕ j1    b2 := a2 ⊕ f1    f3 := U[3]    j3 := X[3]
d2 := f1 ⊕ c2    V[2] := b2    a3 := j2 ⊕ b2
e2 := b2 ⊕ d2    W[2] := d2    b3 := a3 ⊕ f2    f4 := U[4]    j4 := X[4]
c3 := e2 ⊕ j2    V[3] := b3    a4 := j3 ⊕ b3    i := 3

L:
di := fi-1 ⊕ ci    bi+1 := ai ⊕ fi
ei := bi ⊕ di    V[i+1] := bi+1    fi+2 := U[I+2]    ji+2 := X[i+2]
ci+1 := ei ⊕ ji    ai+2 := ji+1 ⊕ bi+1    i := i+1
if i < N-2 goto L

dN-1 := fN-2 ⊕ cN-1    bN := aN ⊕ fN-1
eN-1 := bN-1 ⊕ dN-1    W[N-1] := dN-1    v[N] := bN
cN := eN-1 ⊕ jN-1
dN := fN-1 ⊕ cN
eN := bN ⊕ dN    w[N] := dN

```

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Aiken/Nicolau Scheduling Step 8

- Since several versions of a variable (e.g., j_i and j_{i+1}) might be live simultaneously, we need to add new temps and moves

```

a1 := j0 ⊕ b0    c1 := e0 ⊕ j0    f1 := U[1]    j1 := X[1]
b1 := a1 ⊕ f0    c2 := U[2]    f2 := U[2]    j2 := X[2]
e1 := b1 ⊕ d1    V[1] := b1    W[1] := d1    a2 := j1 ⊕ b1
c2 := e1 ⊕ j1    b2 := a2 ⊕ f1    f3 := U[3]    j3 := X[3]
d2 := f1 ⊕ c2    V[2] := b2    a3 := j2 ⊕ b2
e2 := b2 ⊕ d2    W[2] := d2    b3 := a3 ⊕ f2    f4 := U[4]    j4 := X[4]
c3 := e2 ⊕ j2    V[3] := b3    a4 := j3 ⊕ b3    i := 3

L:
di := fi-1 ⊕ ci    bi+1 := ai ⊕ fi
ei := bi ⊕ di    W[i+1] := bi+1    V[i+1] := bi+1    fi+2 := U[I+2]    ji+2 := X[i+2]
ci+1 := ei ⊕ ji    ai+2 := ji+1 ⊕ bi+1    i := i+1
if i < N-2 goto L

dN-1 := fN-2 ⊕ cN-1    bN := aN ⊕ fN-1
eN-1 := bN-1 ⊕ dN-1    W[N-1] := dN-1    v[N] := bN
cN := eN-1 ⊕ jN-1
dN := fN-1 ⊕ cN
eN := bN ⊕ dN    w[N] := dN

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a1 := j0 ⊕ b0    c1 := a0 ⊕ j0    f1 := U[1]    j1 := X[1]
b1 := a1 ⊕ f0    d1 := f0 ⊕ c1    f' := U[2]    j2 := X[2]
e1 := b1 ⊕ d1    V[1] := b1    W[1] := d1    a2 := j1 ⊕ b1
c2 := e1 ⊕ j1    b2 := a2 ⊕ f1    f' := U[3]    j' := X[3]
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e2 := b2 ⊕ d2    W[2] := d2    b3 := a3 ⊕ f'    f4 := U[4]    j4 := X[4]
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L:
d1 := f' ⊕ c1    b1+1 := a' ⊕ f'    b' := b; a' = a; f'' = f'; f' = f; j'' = j'; j' = j
e1 := b' ⊕ d1    W[i] := d1    V[i+1] := b1+1    f1+2 := U[i+2]    j1+2 := X[i+2]
c1+1 := e1 ⊕ j'    a1+2 := j' ⊕ b1+1    i := i+1    if i < N-2 goto L

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eN-1 := bN-1 ⊕ dN-1    W[N-1] := dN-1    v[N] := bN
cN := eN-1 ⊕ jN-1
dN := fN-1 + cN
eN := bN ⊕ dN    w[N] := dN

```

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Next Step in SP

- AN88 did not deal with resource constraints.
- Modulo Scheduling is a SP algorithm that does.
- It schedules the loop based on
 - resource constraints
 - precedence constraints
- Basically, it's list scheduling that takes into account resource conflicts from overlapping iterations

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Resource Constraints

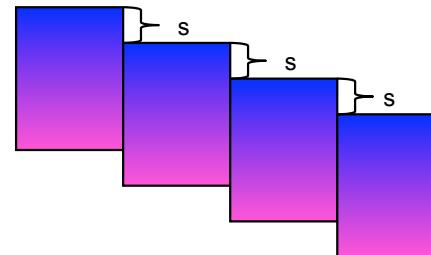
- Minimally indivisible sequences, i and j , can execute together if combined resources in a step do not exceed available resources.
- $R(i)$ is a resource configuration vector
 $R(i)$ is the number of units of resource i
- $r(i)$ is a resource usage vector s.t.
 $0 \leq r(i) \leq R(i)$
- Each node in G has an associated $r(i)$

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Software Pipelining Goal

- Find the same schedule for each iteration.
- Stagger by iteration initiation interval, s
- Goal: minimize s .

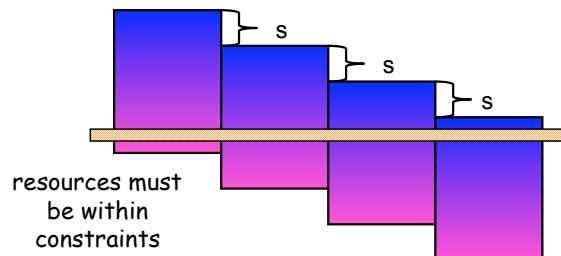


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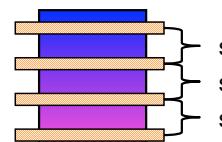


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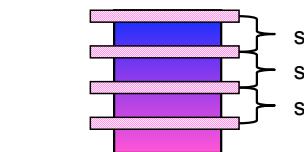


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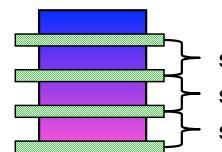


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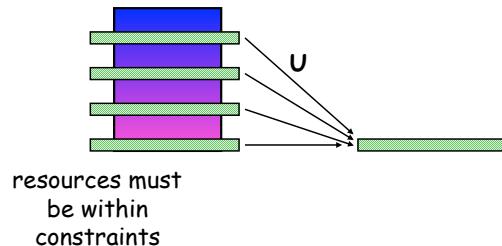


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Precedence Constraints

- Review: for acyclic scheduling, constraint is just the required delay between two ops u, v : $\langle d(u,v) \rangle$
- For an edge, $u \rightarrow v$, we must have $\sigma(v) - \sigma(u) \geq d(u,v)$

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Precedence Constraints

- Cyclic: constraint becomes a tuple: $\langle p, d \rangle$
 - p is the minimum iteration delay (or the loop carried dependence distance)
 - d is the delay
- For an edge, $u \rightarrow v$, we must have $\sigma(v) - \sigma(u) \geq d(u,v) - s * p(u,v)$
- $p \geq 0$
- If data dependence is
 - within an iteration, $p=0$
 - loop-carried across p iter boundaries, $p>0$

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Iterative Approach

- Finding minimum S that satisfies the constraints is NP-Complete.
- Heuristic:
 - Find lower and upper bounds for S
 - foreach s from lower to upper bound?
 - Schedule graph.
 - If succeed, done
 - Otherwise try again (with next higher s)
- Thus: "Iterative Modulo Scheduling" Rau, et.al.

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Iterative Approach

- Heuristic:
 - Find lower and upper bounds for S
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- So the key difference:
 - AN88 does not assume S when scheduling
 - IMS must assume an S for each scheduling attempt to understand resource conflicts

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Lower Bounds

- Resource Constraints: S_R (also called II_{res})
maximum over all resources of # of uses divided by # available... rounded up or down?
- Precedence Constraints: S_E (also called II_{rec})
max over all cycles: $d(c)/p(c)$

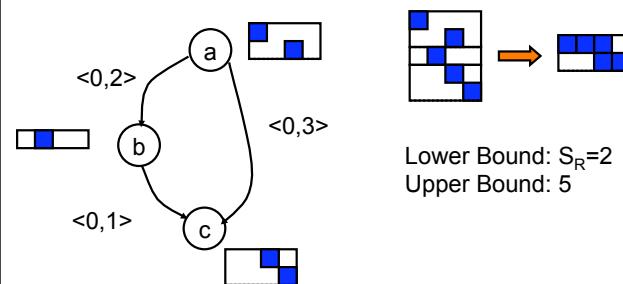
In practice, one is easy, other is hard.

Tim's secret approach: just use S_R as lower bound, then do binary search for best S

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Acyclic Example



Lower Bound: $S_R=2$
Upper Bound: 5

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Lower Bound on s

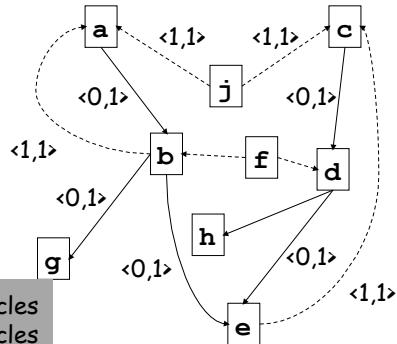
- Assume 1 ALU and 1 MU
- Assume latency Op or load is 1 cycle

```
for i:=1 to N do
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    b := a ⊕ f
    c := e ⊕ j
    d := f ⊕ c
    e := b ⊕ d
    f := u[i]
    g: v[i] := b
    h: w[i] := d
    j := x[i]
```

Resources => 5 cycles
Dependencies => 3 cycles

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Scheduling data structures

To schedule for initiation interval s :

- Create a resource table with s rows and R columns
- Create a vector, σ , of length N for n instructions in the loop
 - $\sigma[n] =$ the time at which n is scheduled, or NONE
- Prioritize instructions by some heuristic
 - critical path (or cycle)
 - resource critical

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Scheduling algorithm

- Pick an instruction, n
- Calculate earliest time due to dependence constraints
For all $x=\text{pred}(n)$,
 $\text{earliest} = \max(\text{earliest}, \sigma(x)+d(x,n)-s\cdot p(x,n))$
- try and schedule n from earliest to $(\text{earliest}+s-1)$
s.t. resource constraints are obeyed.
 - possible twist: deschedule a conflicting node to make way for n , maybe randomly, like sim anneal
- If we fail, then this schedule is faulty
(i.e. give up on this s)

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Scheduling algorithm - cont.

- We now schedule n at earliest, I.e., $\sigma(n) = \text{earliest}$
- Fix up schedule
 - Successors, x , of n must be scheduled s.t.
 $\sigma(x) \geq \sigma(n)+d(n,x)-s\cdot p(n,x)$, otherwise they are removed (descheduled) and put back on worklist.
- repeat this **some** number of times until either
 - succeed, then register allocate
 - fail, then increase s

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Simplest Example

```
for () {
    a = b+c
    b = a*a
    c = a*194
}
```

Resources: 1 1

What is IIres?
What is IIrec?

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Try II = 2

Modulo Resource Table:

0	1	1
1		

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earliest a: $\sigma(c) + \text{delay}(c) - 2 = 2+1-2 = 1$

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earliest b?
scheduled b?
what next?

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Lesson: lower bound may not be achievable

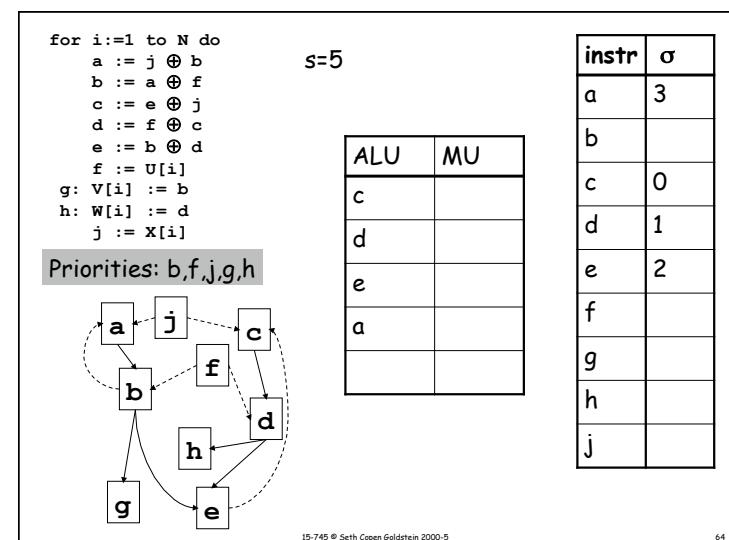
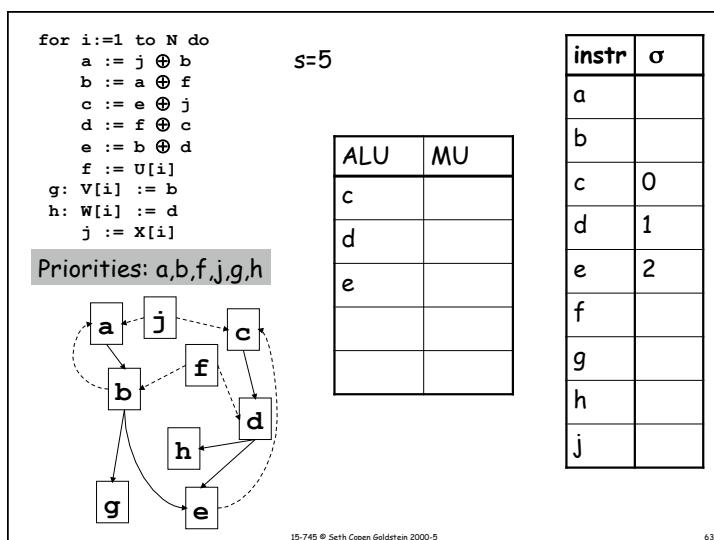
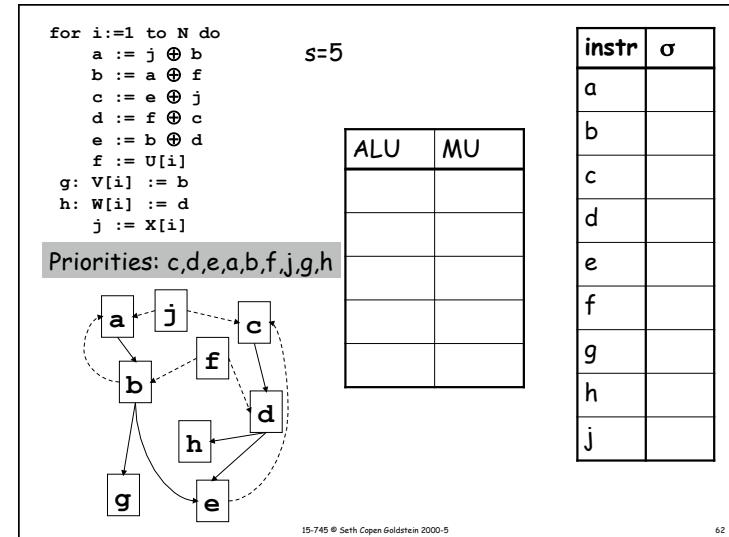
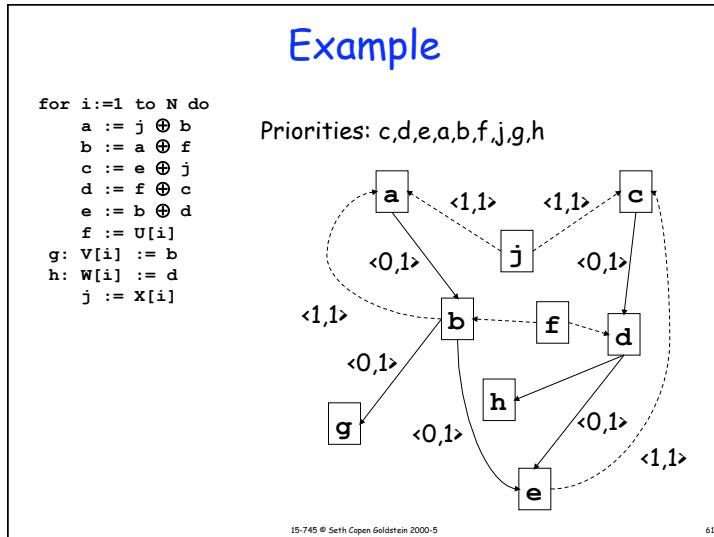
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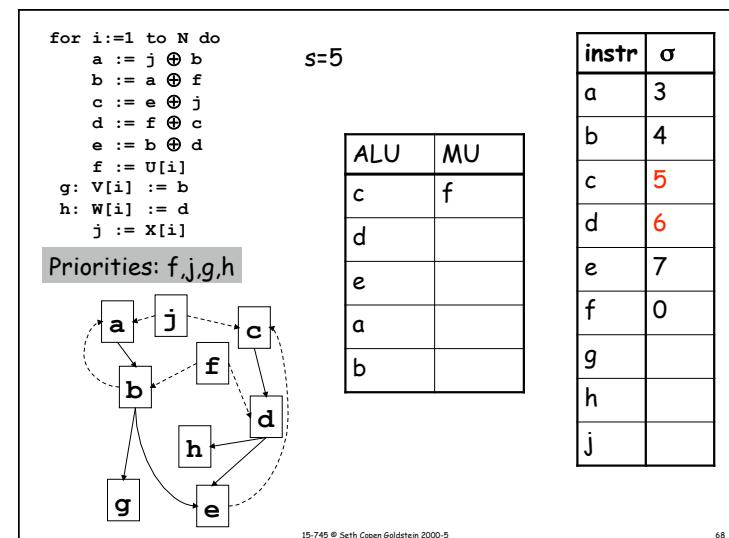
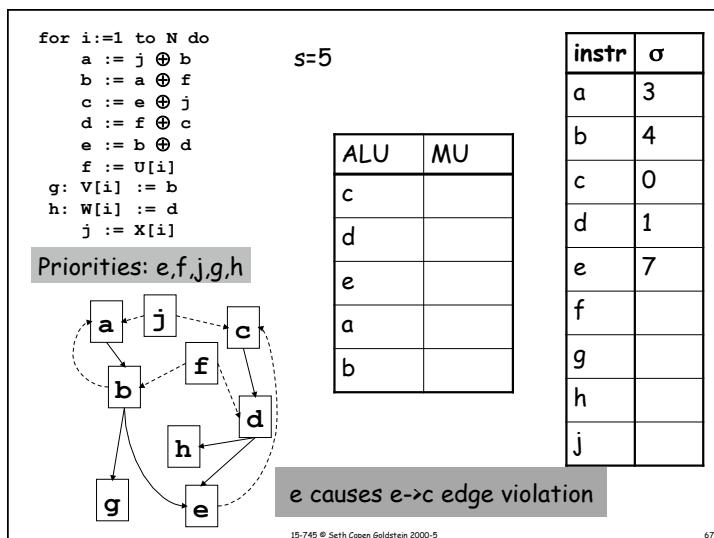
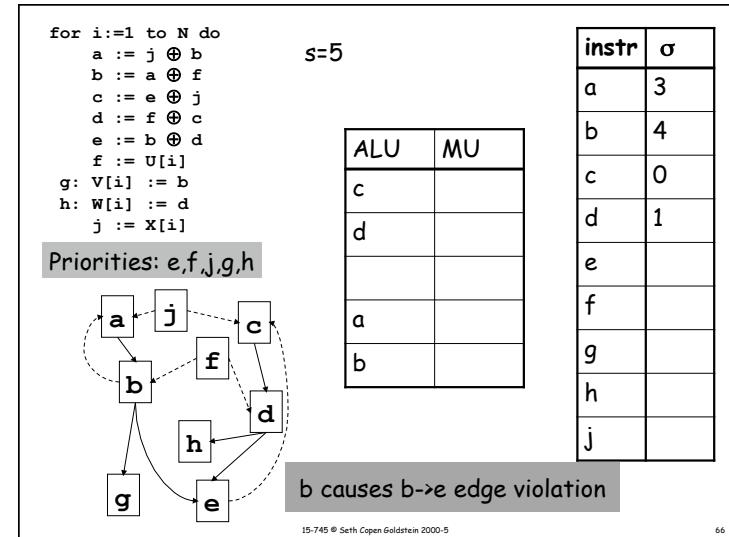
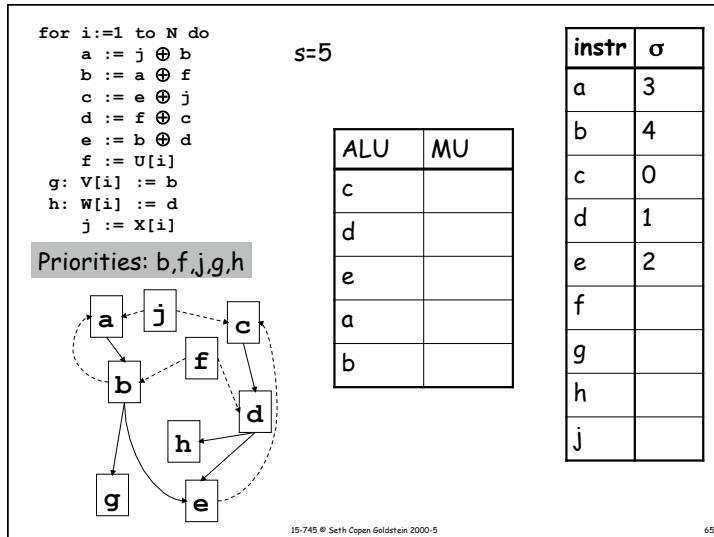
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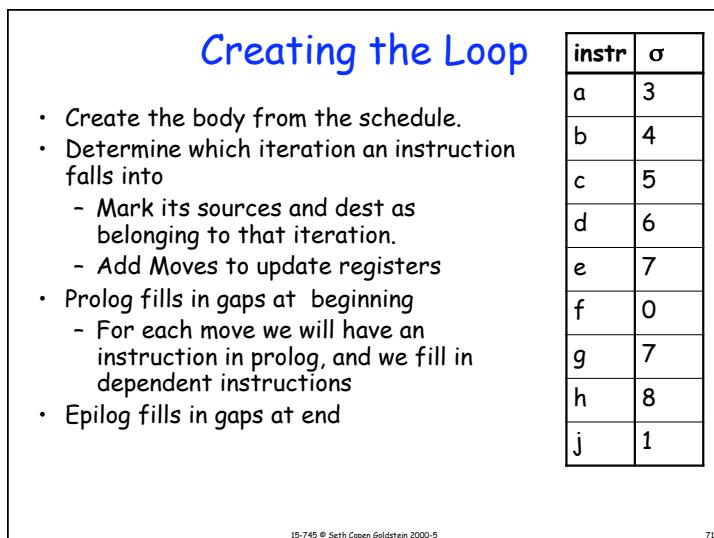
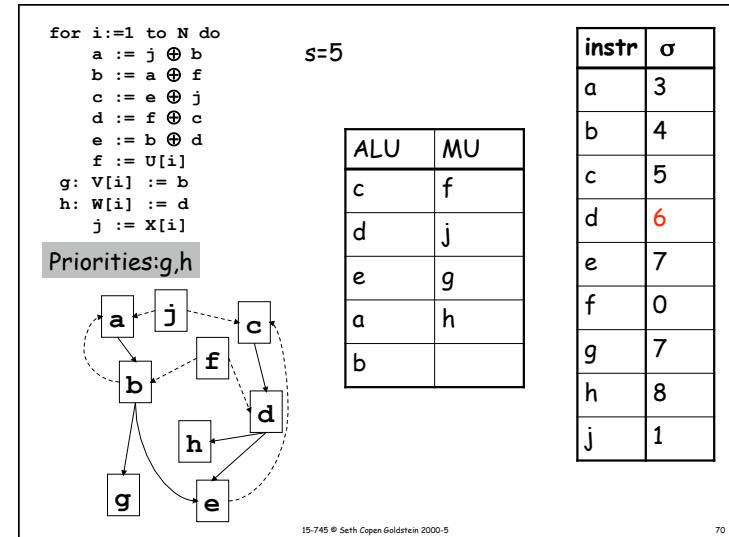
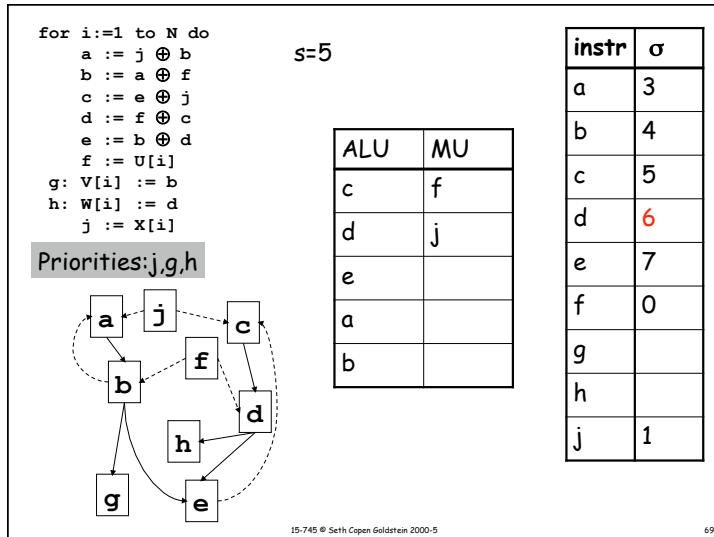
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    j := x[i]
```

Priorities: ?

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```

f0 = U[0];
j0 = X[0];

FOR i = 0 to N
  f1 := U[i+1]
  j1 := X[i+1]
  nop
  a := j0 ? b
  b := a ? f0
  c := e ? j0
  d := f0 ? c
  e := b ? d
  g: V[i] := b
  h: W[i] := d
  f0 = f1
  j0 = j1

```

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Conditionals

- What about internal control structure, I.e., conditionals
- Three approaches
 - Schedule both sides and use conditional moves
 - Schedule each side, then make the body of the conditional a macro op with appropriate resource vector
 - Trace schedule the loop

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What to take away

- Dependence analysis is very important
- Software pipelining is cool
- Registers are a key resource

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