

Array SSA Form and its use in Program Analysis and

Transformation

History of Programming Languages



Array SSA Form and Related Work

	Control Flow	•	Renaming + Static Single Assignments
Classical Data Flow	Х		
Scalar SSA	Х		Х
Array Dependence		Х	
Array Data Flow	Limited	Х	
Array SSA	X	X	X



Advantages of Array SSA Form

Renaming + Element-level use-def information

- Increases analysis and reordering potential for programs with array, structure and pointer variables
 - Value analysis, parallelism, code motion
- Enables speculative execution
 - Executing more than specified, and selecting the right value
- Enables element-level optimizations
 - Executing less than specified using element-level liveness



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Example Program (Control Flow Graph)





Traditional Scalar SSA Form





Making Φ functions executable in Scalar SSA Form through @ variables (vector timestamps)





Scalar SSA form does not work for Arrays



Scalar SSA does not support preserving definitions

Scalar SSA Φ functions do not support *element-level merge*



Array SSA Form --- Definition $\boldsymbol{\varphi}$

Definition Φ = *data merge* of array element modified in current def with array elements of previous def





@ variables for Arrays



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Array SSA form:
QX_1[*] := ()
QX_2[*] := ()
for i := ... do
   X_1[1:n] := ...
   @X_1[1:n] := (i)
   X_{2}[k] := ...
   @X_2[k] := (i)
end for
X_3 := \Phi(X_2, @X_2, X_1, @X_1)
@X_3 := max(@X_2, @X_1)
... := X_3[j]
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Lattice Values in Constant Propagation using Scalar SSA form

SET $(\top) = \{ \}$ $L(k_1) = 99$ SET(99) = { 99 } $k_1 := 99$ if (false) then 100 $\mathbf{k}_2 := \ldots$ 99 end if $L(k_2) = \top$ $k_3 := \phi(k_2, k_1)$ $| L(k_2)$ $\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{k}_3) = \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{k}_1) \mid \mathbf{k}_1$ SET(\perp) = Universal set of 99 constants ICE =99 13

Extending the Lattice for Array Values

Lattice value for array variable = finite list of **constant** index-value pairs

Lattice element represents a *set* of indexvalue pairs as shown below

It is always safe to approximate a lattice element by a lower value

→ Lattice height can be bounded as a compiler parameter



 $\mathcal{L}(A) = \langle (i_1, e_1), (i_2, e_2), \dots \rangle$ $\Rightarrow \quad \text{SET}(\mathcal{L}(A)) = \{ (i_1, e_1), (i_2, e_2), \dots \} \cup (\mathcal{U}_{ind}^A - \{i_1, i_2, \dots\}) \times \mathcal{U}_{elem}^A$



Use Partial Array SSA Form (w/o @ variables) for Analysis

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Original code:
X := ...
if (...) then
X[k] := ...
endif
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Partial Array SSA form:

X_0 := ...

if (...) then

X_1[k] := ...

X_2 := d\phi(X_1, X_0)

endif

X_3 := m\phi(X_2, X_0)
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Definition ϕ $x_{2}[j] =$ if (j == k) then X₁[j] else $X_0[j]$ endif Merge **\phi** $X_{3}[j] = X_{2}[j] \text{ or } X_{0}[j]$



Conditional Constant Propagation using Array SSA form (Example)

i := 5	L(i) = 5
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if (i = 5) then	L(i=5) = TRUE
k := 3	L(k) = 3
$X_{1}[k] := 99$	$L(X_1) = \langle (3, 99) \rangle$
$X_2 := d\phi (X_1, X_0)$	$L(X_2) = \langle (3, 99) \rangle$
endif	
$X_3 := m\phi(X_2, X_0)$	$L(X_3) = \langle (3, 99) \rangle$
$X_4[i] := 101$	$L(X_4) = \langle (5, 101) \rangle$
$X_5 := d\phi (X_4, X_3)$	$L(X_5) = \langle (3, 99), (5, 101) \rangle$
$y := X_{5}[k]$	$L(X_5[k]) = 99$
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Summary of Constant Propagation using Array SSA form

- Algorithm performs constant propagation through array elements.
- Execution time of algorithm is *linear* in size of Array SSA form.
- Algorithm propagates constants for arrays only when array element has *constant index and constant value*. (SAS 2000 paper shows how to propagate constants through symbolic indices, by determining equality & inequality of index expressions.)



Constants Propagation with Symbolic Index Values (Sneak Preview)

Let V_i , V_j , V_k be value numbers for i, j, kand assume $V_i = V_i$ and $V_i \neq V_k$

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$$\mathcal{L}(X_{0}) = < \dots (V_{i}, 43) (V_{k}, 12) \dots >$$

$$X_{1}[j] := 100$$

$$X_{2} := \phi(X_{1}, X_{0})$$

$$\dots := X_{2}[j]$$

$$\mathcal{L}(X_{2}) = \text{INSERT}(\mathcal{L}(X_{0}), (V_{j}, 100))$$

$$= < \dots (V_{i}, 100) (V_{k}, 12) \dots >$$



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Compile-time vs. Run-time usage of Array SSA form

Compile-time usage

- Use Partial Array SSA form with merge φ and definition φ functions
- Compile-time space is linearly proportional to scalar SSA space
- No overhead incurred at run-time

Run-time usage

- Use Full Array SSA form with merge φ's, definition φ's and @ variables
- Overhead depends on which @ variables and \$\phi\$ functions are made manifest at run-time



Loop Parallelization using Array SSA form

Input

- Loop with no loop-carried true dependence (no recurrence)
- Can have arbitrary loop-carried anti and output dependences (storage-related dependences)
- Output
 - Parallelized execution and finalization loops based on Array SSA form



Example Loop in Array SSA Form

X₀[*] := ... do i := ... $X_1 := \phi(X_0, X_4)$ if (\ldots) then X₂[f(i)] := **rhs(i)** $X_3 := \phi(X_2, X_1)$ end if $X_4 := \phi(X_3, X_1)$ end do $X_5 := \phi(X_4, X_0)$ Initial Array SSA form

 $X_0[*] := ...$ do i := ... if (...) then $X_2[f(i)] := rhs(i)$ end if end do $X_5 := \phi(X_2, X_0)$

Simplified

(Assumes no read of X in original loop)





Simplified Version with @ variables inserted







Parallelization using Array SSA Form

Step 1: Array SSA form naturally partitions a loop into *execution* and *finalization* phases:







Iteration Parallelism

Step 2: Use *array expansion* to parallelize both loops (degree of expansion can be contracted to degree of parallelism exploited)

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Execution [iteration space]
                               Finalization [data space]
QX_2[*,*] := -1
doall i := ...
                               doall j := 1, m
  if (. . .) then
                                 imax := max(@X_2[j,1:n])
    X_2[f(i),i] := rhs(i)
                                 if (imax != -1) then
    @X<sub>2</sub>[f(i),i] := i
                                    X_4[j] := X_2[j,imax]
  endif
                                 else
enddo
                                    X_4[j] := X_0[j]
                                 endif
```



enddo

Rasterization Example (Array SSA Renaming performed on display buffer)



Rasterization Example

Time in Seconds

No. of Polygons	Serial	$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Parallel} \\ \mathbf{P} = 1 \end{aligned}$	$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{Parallel} \\ \mathbf{P} = 4 \end{array}$	Speedup
10,000	3.6	3.8	1.4	2.6
50,000	17.1	17.4	4.8	3.6
100,000	34.5	34.0	9.1	3.8

Execution times measured on a Digital AlphaServer 4100 SMP with 400 MHz Alpha 21164 processors



Region Parallelism

do i = ...
 x(...) =
enddo
do i = ...
 if ... then
 x(i) = t + ...
 t = x(i)
 endif
enddo





Region Parallelism

```
do i = \dots
 x1(...) =
  @x1(...) = i
enddo
do i = ...
  if ... then
    x2(i) = t + ...
    t = x2(i)
    @x2(i) = i
  endif
enddo
x3 = \phi(x2, 0x2, x1, 0x1, x0)
```



Many Possible Factorings





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Heap Arrays for analysis of Java programs

Model accesses to field x as accesses to a 1-D Heap Array

GETFIELD p.x -> read of x[p]

PUTFIELD q.x -> write of x[q]

Model accesses to 1-D Java array as accesses to a 2-D Heap Array for array type

e.g., consider arrays of type double[]

ALOAD of a[i] -> read of double [a, i]

ASTORE of a[i] -> write of double [a, i]

Leverages type system for disambiguation

Distinct heap arrays for distinct fields and distinct array types

Use single heap array for weakly typed languages





Extended Array SSA example

introduce "Heap" array x for each field x



Definitely Same / Definitely Different Relations among Value Numbers

- Assign each scalar s a value number V(s)
 - Global Value Numbering
- Definitely Same (DS)
 - if V(x) = V(y), x and y have the same value wherever both are defined
- Definitely Different (DD): construct "equivalence classes" of value numbers that must be distinct
 - pointers from different allocation sites
 - "pre-existing" objects
 - "uniformly-generated" index values
- Equivalence class approach to computing DS and DD is more efficient than points-to graphs



Intraprocedural Load Elimination --- Example

Original Program

- p := new Z
- q := new Z
- r := p
- p.x ≔ ...
- q.x := ...
- ... := **r.x**



- Transformed Program
 - p ∶= new Z
- q ∶= new Z
- r := p
- T1 := ...
- **p.x** ≔ **T1** q.x ≔ ...
 - ... := T1





Index Propagation Example

compute L(H) = {set of value numbers v s.t H[v] is available}

Extended Array SSA representation

p ≔ new Z	
q := new Z	
r := n	
Z.x ₁ [p] :=	
Z.x ₂ = dq (Z.x	0.Z.X1)
Z.x ₃ [q] ≔	
Z.x ₄ = dq (Z.x	2.Z.X3)
= Z.x₄ [r]	
Z.x ₅ = uq (Z.x	3,2.34)

Dataflow Solution

DD (p,q) = true DS (p,r) = true $L(Z,x_0) = \{ \}$ $L(Z,x_1) = \{ V(p) \}$ $L(Z,x_2) = \{ V(p) \}$ $L(Z,x_3) = \{ V(p) \}$ $L(Z,x_4) = \{ V(p) \} V(q) \}$


Fraction of Dynamic Memory Operations eliminated





Reduction in running time on 166MHz PowerPC, AIX 4.3, 1GB







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Other Topics Discussed in Papers

- Data flow equations for array constant propagation
- Optimization of Φ functions and @ variables
- Parallelization with Speculative Execution
- Parallelism across Regions
- Modeling Structures as Arrays



Other SSA-related work that I've been involved in

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Conclusions

Array SSA form is an intermediate form that integrates

- Control flow analysis
- Index analysis
- Renaming
- Increases reordering potential
- Enables speculative execution
- Enables element-level optimizations



Future Work

- Study of legal ϕ and @ transformations
- Extend scope of other optimizations to array elements
- Program slicing w.r.t. array elements
- Extend framework to perform deeper analysis of pointer structures
- Extend constant propagation algorithm to type propagation in strongly-typed OO languages
- Use in analysis and transformation of parallel X10 and Habanero-Java programs (Habanero project)
- Use in optimization of array accesses in C and Fortran programs (PACE project)



Habanero Project Overview (habanero.rice.edu)

Parallel Applications

(Seismic analysis, Medical imaging, Finite Element Methods, ...)



Habanero Static Parallelizing & Optimizing Compiler



Habanero Team Pictures











Platform Aware Compilation Environment project (PACE), April 2009 – October 2013

04/08/2009

DARPA awards \$16 million to Rice University to improve compilers

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), as part of its Architecture Aware Compiler Environment Program, has awarded Rice University \$16 million to develop a new set of tools that can improve the performance of virtually any application running on any microprocessor. ...



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PACE System – the Big Picture

