

Dead Iteration Elimination

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We are not monsters

No iterations were harmed during the making of this presentation!

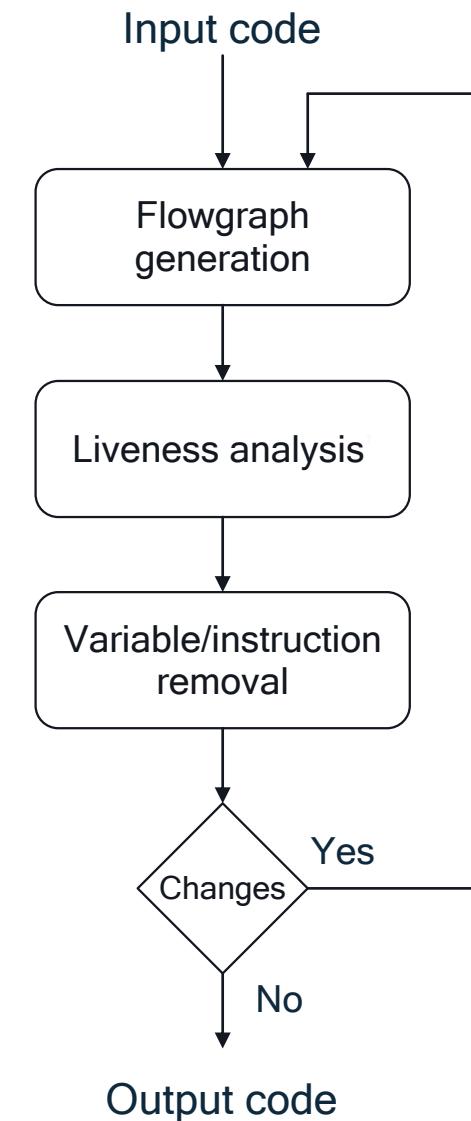
Prior Art

- **Dead Code Elimination (DCE)**

- Elimination of code either never executed or producing never used data



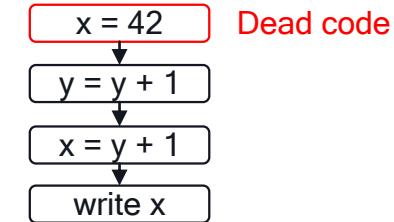
- Exploit SSA form and data-flow analysis information [\[Cytron et al. TOPLAS 91\]](#)
- Simple analysis of the uses of values and reachability of instructions
- Iterative elimination until stability
- **Target complete removal of instructions**
 - Avoid allocating memory for unused variables
 - May ultimately remove full functions
 - **No consideration of loop iteration spaces and removal of dead iterations**



Introduction

- **Prior art: Dead Code Elimination (DCE)**

- Classical optimization present in all compilers
- Identification and elimination of code not contributing to output data
- Increase performance and reduce executable size
- Target complete removal of instructions



- **Our Approach: Dead Iteration Elimination (DIE)**

- Identification and elimination of loop iterations not contributing to output data
- Relevant to graph compilers compiling applications built from standard “bricks”
 - Operator composition
 - Inactivation of iterations due to, e.g., specialization/sparsification/subsampling
- Complementary to DCE

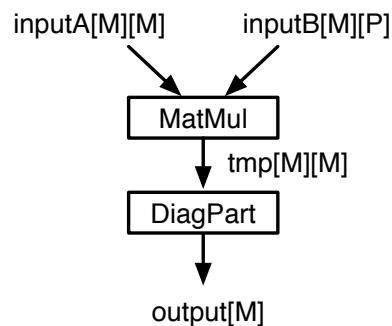
A code snippet showing a for-loop. The loop condition `1 ≤ i ≤ 10` is highlighted with a red border and labeled "Dead iterations" in red text to its right. An arrow points from this label to the loop condition. The code is as follows:

```
for (i = 0; i <= 10; i++) {  
    x[i] = f(i);  
}  
write(x[0]);
```

Application Scenarios 1/4

Iteration-level dead code elimination

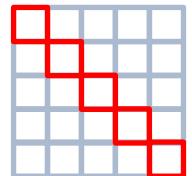
- Remove iterations not contributing to the output (because of operator fusion, or bad programming)
- Example: MatMul-DiagPart subgraph filtering diagonal elements after a matrix multiplication



```
// MatMul operator
for (i = 0; i < M; i++) {
    for (j = 0; j < M; j++) {
        tmp[i][j] = 0.;
        for (k = 0; k < P; k++) {
            tmp[i][j] += inputA[i][k] * inputB[k][j];
        }
    }
}
// DiagPart operator
for (i = 0; i < M; i++) {
    output[i] = tmp[i][i];
}
```



```
// Fused MatMul-DiagPart operator after DIE
for (i = 0; i < M; i++) {
    temp[i][i] = 0.;
    for (k = 0; k < P; k++) {
        temp[i][i] += inputA[i][k] * inputB[k][i];
    }
}
for (i = 0; i < M; i++) {
    output[i] = temp[i][i];
}
```



Computation not necessary to the diagonal output has been filtered out

- Reduce the need for specialized custom operators in AI/DL frameworks

Application Scenarios 2/4

Tile-specialized code generation

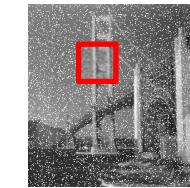
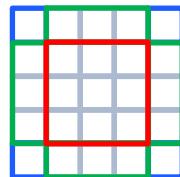
- Given a set of output tiles and a general code, generate the code computing only that set of output tiles
- Example: general mean filter specialized to a given tile

```
for (i = 0; i < height; i++) {  
    for (j = 0; j < width; j++) {  
        if ((i == 0) && (j == 0)) { // Case 1: top left corner  
            output[i][j] = (input[i][j] + input[i][j+1] + input[i+1][j] + input[i+1][j+1]) / 4;  
        }  
        if ((i == 0) && (j > 0) && (j < width - 1)) { // Case 2: top row except corners  
            output[i][j] = (input[i][j-1] + input[i][j] + input[i][j+1] + input[i+1][j-1] + input[i+1][j] + input[i+1][j+1]) / 6;  
        }  
        if ((i == 0) && (j == width - 1)) { // Case 3: top right corner  
            output[i][j] = (input[i][j-1] + input[i][j] + input[i+1][j-1] + input[i+1][j]) / 4;  
        }  
        if ((i > 0) && (i < height - 1) && (j == 0)) { // Case 4: left column except corners  
            output[i][j] = (input[i-1][j] + input[i-1][j+1] + input[i][j] + input[i][j+1] + input[i+1][j] + input[i+1][j+1]) / 6;  
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            output[i][j] = (input[i-1][j-1] + input[i-1][j] + input[i-1][j+1] +  
                            input[i][j-1] + input[i][j] + input[i][j+1] +  
                            input[i+1][j-1] + input[i+1][j] + input[i+1][j+1]) / 9;  
        }  
        if ((i > 0) && (i < height - 1) && (j == width - 1)) { // Case 6: right column except corners  
            output[i][j] = (input[i-1][j-1] + input[i-1][j] + input[i][j-1] + input[i][j] + input[i+1][j-1] + input[i+1][j]) / 6;  
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        }  
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            output[i][j] = (input[i-1][j-1] + input[i-1][j] + input[i][j-1] + input[i][j]) / 4;  
        }  
    }  
}
```



```
for (i = 64; i < 128; i++) {  
    for (j = 64; j < 128; j++) {  
        output[i][j] = (input[i-1][j-1] + input[i-1][j] + input[i-1][j+1] +  
                        input[i][j-1] + input[i][j] + input[i][j+1] +  
                        input[i+1][j-1] + input[i+1][j] + input[i+1][j+1]) / 9;  
    }  
}
```

Code specialized to the desired tile output[64..127][67..127] only



Application Scenarios 3/4

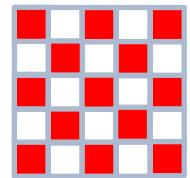
Sparsification/subsampling

- Given a dense operator and a structured sparsity information, generate the code producing only the desired data
- Example: checkerboard subsampling

```
// Roberts Edge Detection Filter
for (i = 0; i < height - 3; i++) {
    for (j = 0; j < width - 3; j++) {
        output[i+1][j+2] = abs(tmp1[i+1][j+2] - tmp1[i+2][j+1]) +
                            abs(tmp1[i+2][j+2] - tmp1[i+1][j+1]);
    }
}
```



```
for (i = 0; i < height - 3; i++) {
    for (j = 0; j < width - 3; j++) {
        if ((i + j - 3) % 2 == 0) {
            output[i+1][j+2] = abs(tmp1[i+1][j+2] - tmp1[i+2][j+1]) +
                                abs(tmp1[i+2][j+2] - tmp1[i+1][j+1]);
        }
    }
}
```



Code updated to compute only the desired data
(here, checkerboard-style: $\text{output}[d1][d2]$ with $(d1+d2)\%2 == 0$)

Application Scenarios 4/4

Compiler warning

- Compiler warns the user that some iterations are (missing or) not contributing to the data space
- Example: out of bound access that SOTA static checkers (e.g., cppchecker or Clang's scan-build) fail to find

```
void init(size_t size, int vector[size]) {
    for (size_t i = 0; i < size; i++) {
        vector[i + 1] = 0;
    }
}
```



```
for (size_t i = 0; i < size; i++) {
    ^
out.c:4:3: iteration "i <- size" leads to out of bound access of vector[i + 1]
```

Non-trivial out of bound access has been detected at compilation time

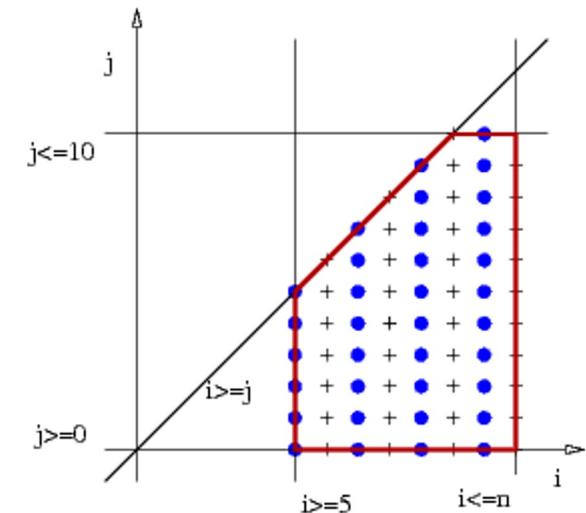
Problem Statement

- Problem: programs may include statement iterations not contributing to the desired output
 - Graph compilers
 - Excess computation may be introduced by operator sequences (e.g., when some output of a given operator is not used)
 - Iteration domains of basic operators may be reduced due to specialization, sparsification, subsampling
 - General compilers
 - Parameters may remove some computation or output while corresponding computation (partly) remain
 - Bugs may be present in the code
- Relevance: applications to optimization and productivity
 - For computational graph compilers
 - Enable automatic removal of excess computation not contributing to the final output, reduce the need for custom operators
 - Enable automatic specialization, sparsification and subsampling of (sequences of) operators, including custom operators
 - For general compilers
 - Complement dead-code elimination with dead iteration elimination
 - Extend static analysis ability to detect potential bugs, e.g., out of bound memory accesses

Solution: Polyhedral Model Background

- Models the execution of loop nests in a vector space
 - Loop iterations and data accesses are integer-valued points within a polyhedron
 - Analyses and transformations rely on high-level math libraries
 - E.g., our algorithm relies on fusion, intersection, projection, image, preimage of polyhedra
 - Algorithms exist for many analyses and tasks
 - E.g., our algorithm relies on exact iteration-wise data dependence analysis
 - Code or compiler IR can be generated from the polyhedral representation
- A vast majority of Neural Net layers can be efficiently modeled using the polyhedral model [\[TACO 2019\]](#)
 - But the technology has a broader application domain (including radar, image & signal processing, physics simulations)

```
n = f();  
for (i = 5; i <= n; i += 2) {  
    A[i][i] = A[i][i] / B[i];  
    for (j = 0; j <= i; j++) {  
        if (j <= 10) {  
            ... A[i + 2*j + n][i + 3] ...  
        }  
    }  
}
```

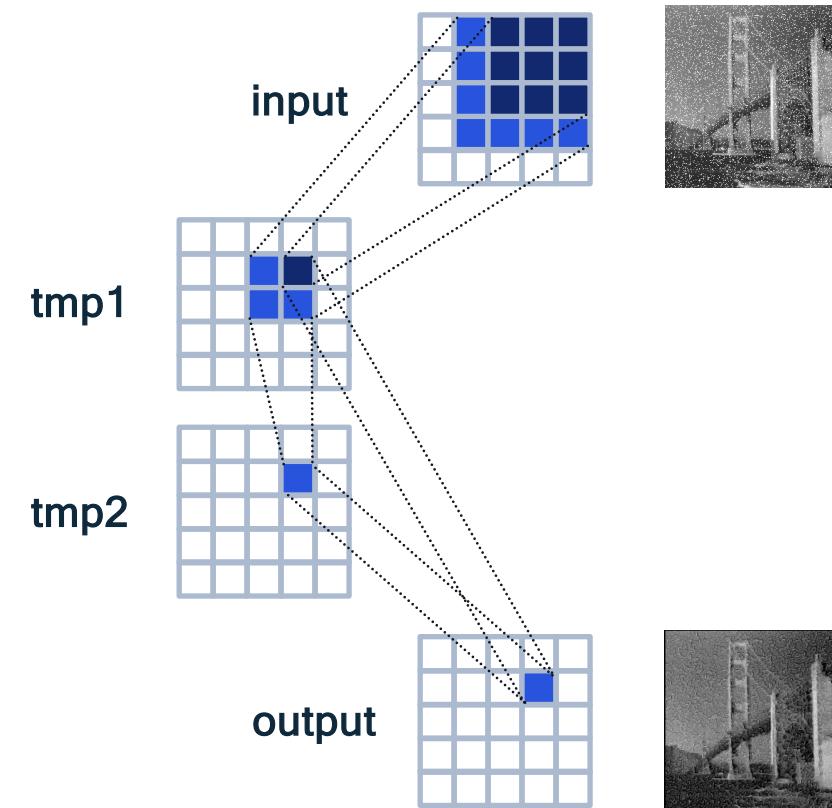


$$\{i, j \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \mid \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, 5 \leq i \leq n; 0 \leq j \leq i; i = 2k + 1\}$$

Solution: Introductive Example

- Mean-Roberts Sharpening
 - 3-stage image processing pipeline
- To produce a given part of the final image, which data and computations are required?

```
// Mean Filter
for (i = 1; i < height - 1; i++) {
    for (j = 1; j < width - 1; j++) {
        tmp1[i][j] = (input[i-1][j-1] + input[i-1][j] + input[i-1][j+1] +
                       input[i][j-1] + input[i][j] + input[i][j+1] +
                       input[i+1][j-1] + input[i+1][j] + input[i+1][j+1]) / 9;
    }
}
// Roberts Edge Detection Filter
for (i = 0; i < height - 3; i++) {
    for (j = 0; j < width - 3; j++) {
        tmp2[i+1][j+2] = abs(tmp1[i+1][j+2] - tmp1[i+2][j+1]) +
                          abs(tmp1[i+2][j+2] - tmp1[i+1][j+1]);
    }
}
// Additive
for (i = 1; i < height - 2; i++) {
    for (j = 2; j < width - 1; j++) {
        output[i][j] = tmp1[i][j] - 1 * tmp2[i][j];
    }
}
```



Solution: Key Points

1. Support for desired output data specification

- Enable specialization/sparsification/subsampling specification

2. Iteration-level dead code analysis

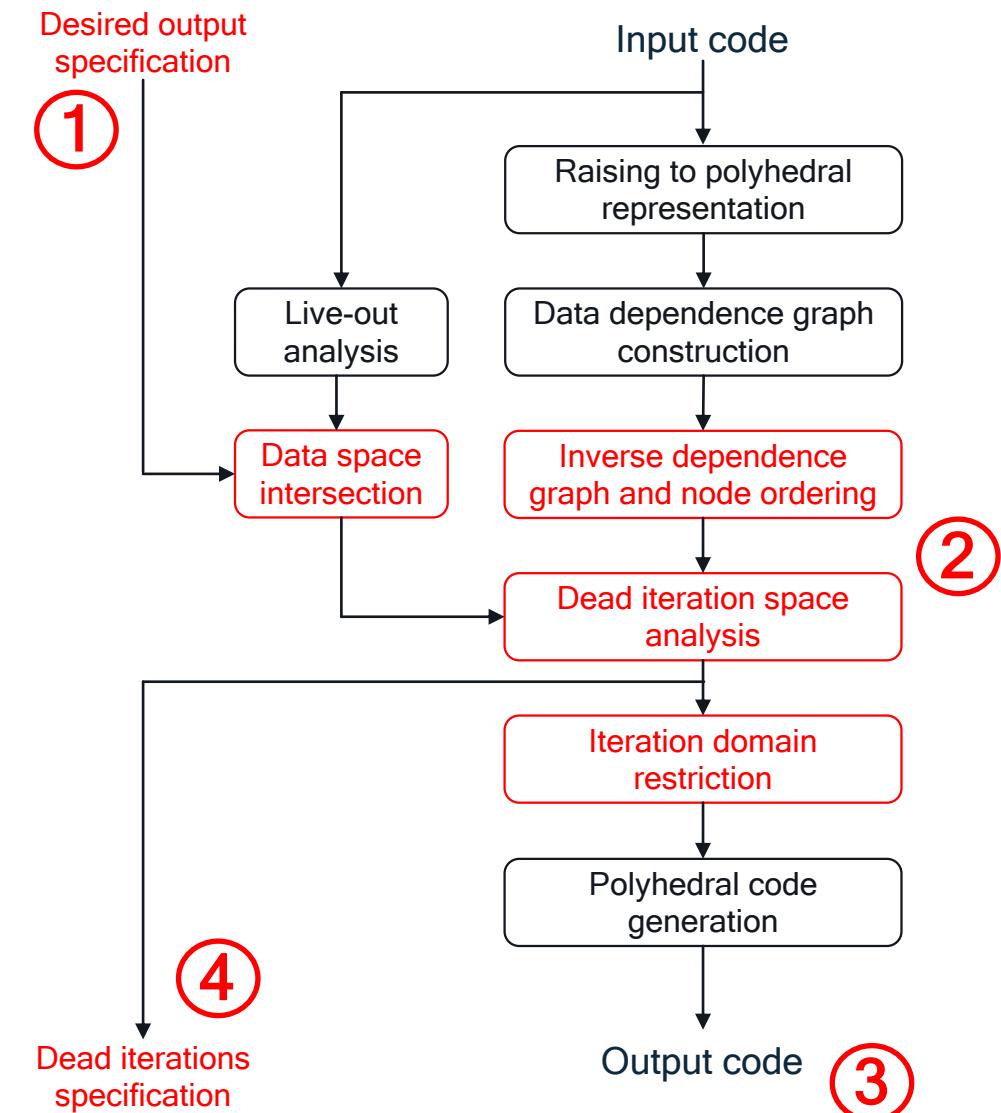
- Innovative polyhedral analysis dedicated to required data-space analysis and their mapping to statement iteration domains

3. Generation of output code cleared from dead iterations

- Exploit polyhedral code generation on restricted iteration domains

4. Support for dead iteration space output

- Enable programmer feedback, e.g., compiler warnings



Solution: Dead Iteration Space Analysis

Principle: back-propagate data shape constraints through operations on these shapes and update iteration domains accordingly

1. Build the inverted data dependence graph (inverted edges), including:
 - A new entry vertex with edges to every vertex writing the output tensors
 - A new exit vertex with edges from every vertex reading the input tensors
 - Nodes involved within a dependence cycle merged into a supernode

2. For each vertex v , initialize $R_{v,t}$ the required data space for the tensor t :
 - Entry vertex: $R_{\text{entry},t} = \text{required data space of each output tensor } t$
 - Other vertices: empty spaces

3. For each vertex v according to a topological ordering of the nodes

 $(v \text{ has iteration domain } D_v \text{ writes tensor } w \text{ with function } f_w \text{, and reads tensors } r_i \text{ with function } f_{r_i})$
 - a. Vertex potential contribution space for the written tensor w : $P_{v,w} = \bigcup_{i \in \text{predecessor}(v)} R_{i,w}$
 - b. Vertex contributing space for the written tensor w : $C_{v,w} = \text{Preimage}(P_{v,w}, f_w) \cap D_v$
 - c. Required data spaces for v : $\{R_{v,ri} = \text{Image}(C_{v,w}, f_{r_i})\}$
 - d. Dead iteration space for v : $\text{Dead}_v = D_v - C_{v,w}$

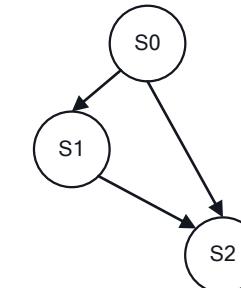
4. For each vertex v , restrict the iteration domain:
 - $D_v = D_v - \text{Dead}_v$

```
// Mean Filter
for (i = 1; i < height - 1; i++) {
  for (j = 1; j < width - 1; j++) {
    S0: tmp1[i][j] = (input[i-1][j-1] + input[i-1][j] + input[i-1][j+1] +
                        input[i][j-1] + input[i][j] + input[i][j+1] +
                        input[i+1][j-1] + input[i+1][j] + input[i+1][j+1]) / 9;
  }
}

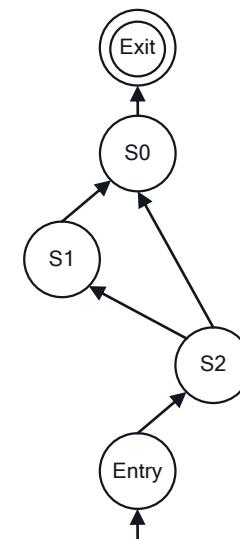
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  }
}

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for (i = 1; i < height - 2; i++) {
  for (j = 2; j < width - 1; j++) {
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  }
}
```

Data-Dependence Graph



Inverted Dependence Graph With Entry/Exit Nodes

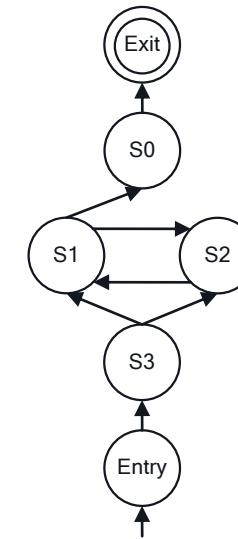


Required data space: $\text{output}[LB0..UB0][LB1..UB1]$
 $R_{\text{entry},\text{output}} = \{(d0,d1) \mid LB0 \leq d0 \leq UB0, LB1 \leq d1 \leq UB1\}$

Cycle Handling

- Time constrained (production compiler)
 - Use “lightweight” (complexity) set operations such as image/preimage/union/subtract
 - Only visit node once!
- Locate the strongly connected components
 - Over-approximate by requiring the node’s full iteration domain to be visited!
- Simple but very effective accuracy improvement
 - Don’t approximate self dependency cycle with distance zero
 - E.g., reduction $X += A[i]$, or more generally $X = f(X, \dots)$

```
for (i = 0; i <= 10; i++) {  
    tmp1[i] = input[i]; // S0  
}  
for (i = 5; i <= 10; i++) {  
    tmp2[i] = tmp1[i] + tmp3[i - 5]; // S1  
    tmp3[i - 4] += tmp2[i - 2]; // S2  
}  
for (i = 0; i <= 10; i++) {  
    output[i] = tmp2[i] + tmp3[i]; // S3  
}
```



Example:

- In this case with a dependence cycle, only the ordering $\text{Entry} \rightarrow S3 \rightarrow S2 \rightarrow S1 \rightarrow S0 \rightarrow \text{Exit}$ is valid, not $\text{Entry} \rightarrow S3 \rightarrow S1 \rightarrow S2 \rightarrow S0 \rightarrow \text{Exit}$ (because there is no edge to propagate information coming from S2 to S0).

Polyhedral Art

Sven Verdoolaege proposed a variant of the algorithm

- Implemented in PPCG and leveraged by Polly (LLVM) and AlphaZ

Fixed point algorithm starting from the live-out set:

1. Apply reversed dependence map

Stop if no additional iterations have been added

2. Union w/ the previous iteration set

3. Widening using affine hull

4. Intersect w/ the Scop domain

Differences w/ Sven's Algorithm

Matmul w/ triangular output

Widening for dependency cycle handling

Most implementation of Sven's algorithm use affine hull as widening operation:

- Rather expensive to compute
- Too coarse? (at Scop level)

Our algorithm:

- Lighter; one traversal of the inverted dependance graph, one node at a time (not full scop)
- Dependence cycles are approximated (apart for self dependency)

```
for (i = 0; i < M; i++)  
    for (j = 0; j < M; j++) {  
        tmp[i][j] = 0.;  
        for (k = 0; k < P; k++)  
            tmp[i][j] += inputA[i][k] * inputB[k][j];  
    }  
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    }  
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        output[i][j] = tmp[i][j];
```

Summary

- Extracts the **iteration** and **data domains** required given an output data specification
 - For each node of the computation graph
- Applicable to a wide variety of program
 - Static Control Parts
 - + black box operations where the iteration domain and access function are approximated
- Many application scenarios
 - Code analysis and feedback/warning generation
 - Remove dead iterations from existing code base (e.g., due to fusion, composition, etc)
 - Generate code tailored to computing a subset of an original output space (tilingspecialization, etc)

Application Scenarios 1/2

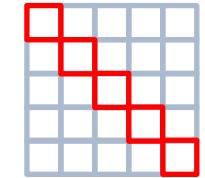
• Iteration-level dead code elimination

- Remove the iterations not contributing to the output (because of operator fusion, or bad programming)
- Example: filtering out diagonal elements after a matrix multiplication

```
for (i = 0; i < M; i++) { // Matrix multiplication kernel
    for (j = 0; j < M; j++) {
        temp[i][j] = 0.;
        for (k = 0; k < P; k++) {
            temp[i][j] += inputA[i][k] * inputB[k][j];
        }
    }
    for (i = 0; i < M; i++) { // Filtering of diagonal elements
        output[i] = temp[i][i];
    }
}
```



```
// NOTE: additional analysis may entirely remove temp array
for (i = 0; i < M; i++) {
    temp[i][i] = 0.;
    for (k = 0; k < P; k++) {
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    }
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}
```



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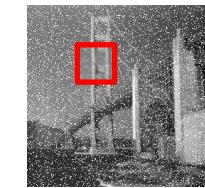
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        }
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            output[i][j] = (input[i][j-1] + input[i][j] + input[i][j+1] + input[i+1][j-1] + input[i+1][j] + input[i+1][j+1]) / 6;
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        if ((i == height - 1) && (j == 0)) { // Case 7: bottom left corner
            output[i][j] = (input[i-1][j] + input[i-1][j+1] + input[i][j] + input[i][j+1]) / 4;
        }
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}
```



Code has been specialized to the desired tile only

Application Scenarios 2/2

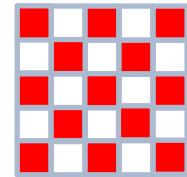
- **Sparsification/subsampling**

- Given a dense operator and a structured sparsity information, generate the code producing only the desired data
- Example: checkerboard subsampling

```
// Roberts Edge Detection Filter
for (i = 0; i < height - 3; i++) {
    for (j = 0; j < width - 3; j++) {
        output[i+1][j+2] = abs(tmp1[i+1][j+2] - tmp1[i+2][j+1]) +
                            abs(tmp1[i+2][j+2] - tmp1[i+1][j+1]);
    }
}
```



```
// NOTE: additional analysis may output on subsampled matrix
for (i = 0; i < height - 3; i++) {
    for (j = 0; j < width - 3; j++) {
        if ((i + j - 3) % 2 == 0) {
            output[i+1][j+2] = abs(tmp1[i+1][j+2] - tmp1[i+2][j+1]) +
                                abs(tmp1[i+2][j+2] - tmp1[i+1][j+1]);
        }
    }
}
```



Code updated to compute only the desired data (here, checkerboard-style)

- **Compiler warning**

- Compiler warns the user that some iterations are (missing or) not contributing to the data space
- Example: out of bound access that advanced static checkers (e.g., cppchecker or Clang's scan-build) are failing to find

```
void init(size_t size, int vector[size]) {
    for (size_t i = 0; i < size; i++) {
        vector[i + 1] = 0;
    }
}
```

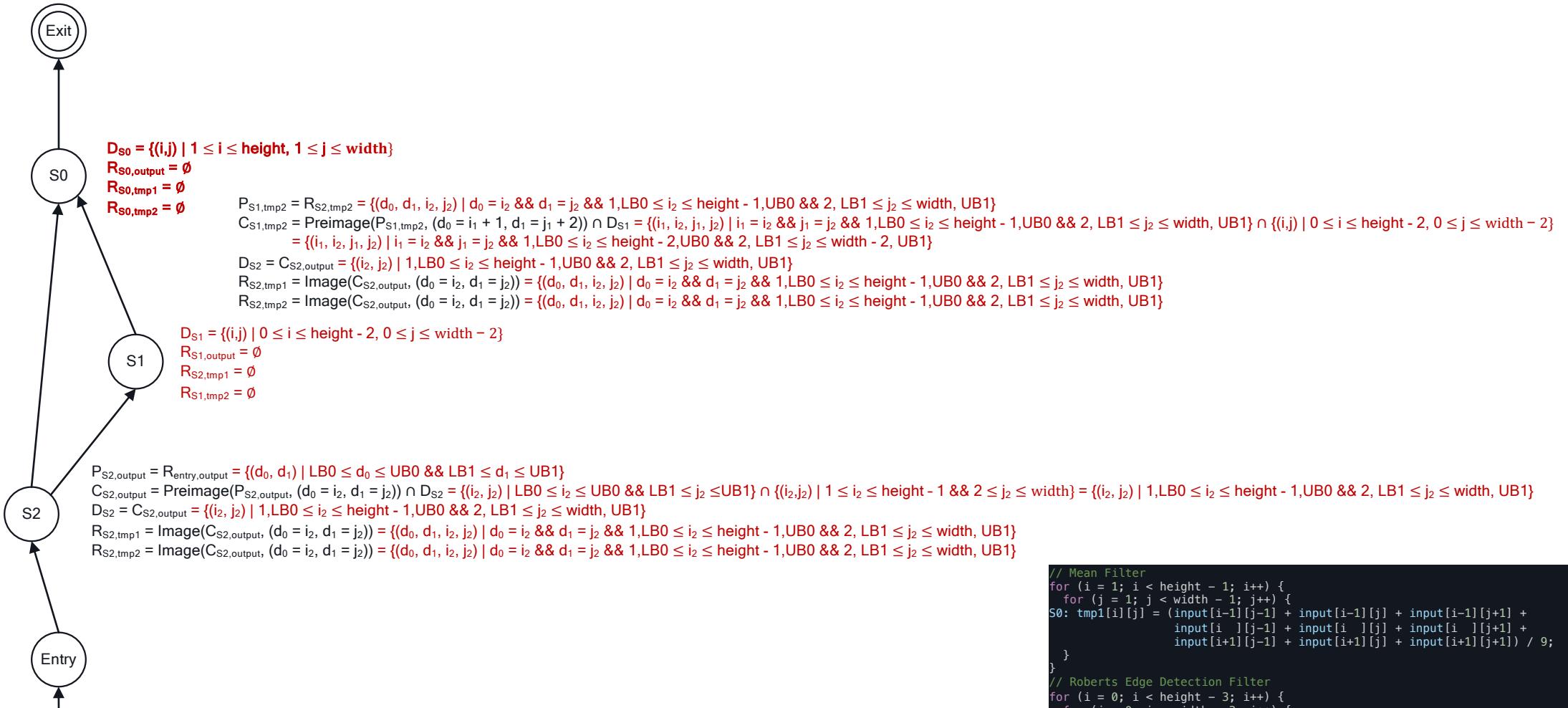


```
for (size_t i = 0; i < size; i++) {
    ^
out.c:4:3: iteration "i <- size" leads to out of bound access of vector[i + 1]
```

Non-trivial out of bound access has been detected at compilation time

DIE General Algorithm

Inverted Dependence Graph
With Entry/Exit Nodes



```

// Mean Filter
for (i = 1; i < height - 1; i++) {
    for (j = 1; j < width - 1; j++) {
        S0: tmp1[i][j] = (input[i-1][j-1] + input[i-1][j] + input[i-1][j+1] +
                           input[i][j-1] + input[i][j] + input[i][j+1] +
                           input[i+1][j-1] + input[i+1][j] + input[i+1][j+1]) / 9;
    }
}
// Roberts Edge Detection Filter
for (i = 0; i < height - 3; i++) {
    for (j = 0; j < width - 3; j++) {
        S1: tmp2[i+1][j+2] = abs(tmp1[i+1][j+2] - tmp1[i+2][j+1]) +
                              abs(tmp1[i+2][j+2] - tmp1[i+1][j+1]);
    }
}
// Additive
for (i = 1; i < height - 2; i++) {
    for (j = 2; j < width - 1; j++) {
        S2: output[i][j] = tmp1[i][j] - 1 * tmp2[i][j];
    }
}
  
```

Problem Statement

Remove statement iterations not contributing to a computation output

- **Provide analyses and removal techniques to identify and eliminate non-useful statement iterations from a program**
 - Input is a computational kernel or function code
 - Output is the identification of non-useful statement iterations and/or a semantically equivalent code cleared from those iterations
- **Definitions**
 - Statement iterations:
 - Subset of the executions of a statement enclosed within an iterative loop
 - Contributing statement iterations are those writing to a memory location which is part of the output
 - Computation output:
 - Live-out data space of a computational kernel or a function as analyzed by a compiler
 - Or, output-data space (e.g., output tile, sparsified/subsampled output) as specified by the user
- **Application domain**
 - Ideal application domain is known as “static control codes”
 - Loop bounds and conditionals are affine expressions of outer loop counters and constant parameters
 - Tensor access functions are affine expressions of outer loop counters and constant parameters
 - Not respecting the above conditions is not blocking but may limit non-contributing statement iteration removal
 - Typical target codes are AI/DL operators or scientific computation kernels