Workshop on Essential Abstractions in GCC

GDFA: Generic Data Flow Analyser for GCC

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Outline

- Motivation
- Common abstractions in data flow analysis
- Implementing data flow analysis using *gdfa*
- Design and Implementation of *gdfa*

Motivation behind gdfa

- Specification Vs. implementation
- Orthogonality of specification of data flow analysis and the process of performing data flow analysis
- Practical significance of generalizations
- Ease of extending data flow analysers

Part 2

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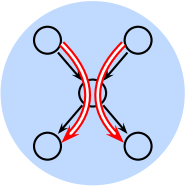

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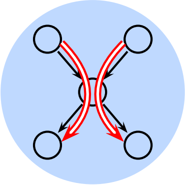

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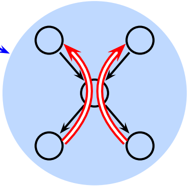

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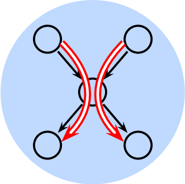

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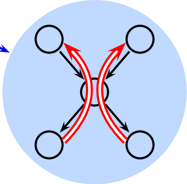

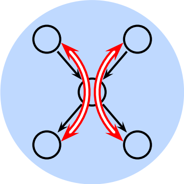

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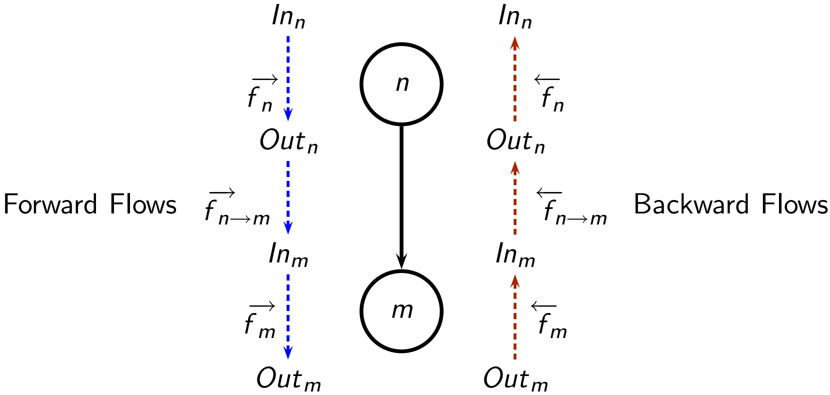

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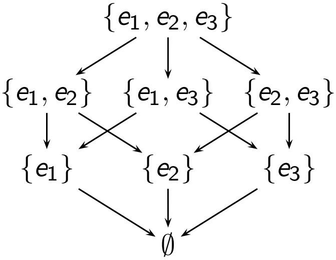	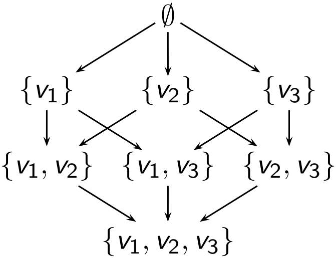
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Common Form of Flow Functions

$$f_n(X) \quad = \quad (X - \mathrm{Kill}_n(X)) \cup \mathrm{Gen}_n(X)$$

- For General Data Flow Frameworks

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{Gen}_n(X) &= \mathit{ConstGen}_n \cup \mathit{DepGen}_n(X) \\ \mathrm{Kill}_n(X) &= \mathit{ConstKill}_n \cup \mathit{DepKill}_n(X) \end{aligned}$$

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Defining Flow Functions for Bit Vector Frameworks

- Live variables analysis

	Entity	Manipulation	Exposition
$ConstGen_n$	Variable	Use	Upwards
$ConstKill_n$	Variable	Modification	Anywhere

- Available expressions analysis

	Entity	Manipulation	Exposition
Gen_n	Expression	Use	Downwards
Kill_n	Expression	Modification	Anywhere

Part 3

Implementing Data Flow Analysis using gdfa

Implementing Available Expressions Analysis

1. Specifying available expressions analysis
2. Implementing the entry function of available expressions analysis pass
3. Registering the available expressions analysis pass
   - 3.1 Declaring the pass
   - 3.2 Registering the pass
   - 3.3 Positioning the pass

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     stop_flow_along_edge,            /* backward_edge_flow */
     forward_gen_kill_node_flow,      /* forward_node_flow  */
     stop_flow_along_node             /* backward_node_flow */
};
```

Step 2: Implementing Available Expressions Analysis Pass

```
pfbv_dfi ** AV_pfbv_dfi = NULL;

static unsigned int
gimple_pfbv_ave_dfa(void)
{

        AV_pfbv_dfi = gdfa_driver(gdfa_ave);

        return 0;
}
```

Step 3.1: Declaring the Available Expressions Analysis Pass

```
struct gimple_opt_pass pass_gimple_pfbv_ave_dfa =
{
 { GIMPLE_PASS,
  "gdfa_ave",                /* name */
  NULL,                      /* gate */
  gimple_pfbv_ave_dfa,       /* execute */
  NULL,                      /* sub */
  NULL,                      /* next */
  0,                         /* static_pass_number */
  0,                         /* tv_id */
  0,                         /* properties_required */
  0,                         /* properties_provided */
  0,                         /* properties_destroyed */
  0,                         /* todo_flags_start */
  0,                         /* todo_flags_finish */
  0                          /* letter */
 }
};
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Step 3.2: Registering the Available Expressions Analysis Pass

In file file `tree-pass.h`

```
extern struct gimple_opt_pass pass_gimple_pfbv_ave_dfa;
```

Step 3.3: Positioning the Pass

In function `init_optimization_passes` in file `passes.c`.

```
  NEXT_PASS (pass_build_cfg);
/* Intraprocedural dfa passes begin */
  NEXT_PASS (pass_init_gimple_pfbvdfa);
  NEXT_PASS (pass_gimple_pfbv_ave_dfa);
```

Enabling gdfa and Examining Data Flow Values

- Enabling gdfa pass
  `gcc -S -fdump-tree-all -fgdfa`
- Enabling gdfa dump
  `gcc -S -fdump-tree-all -fgdfa-details`
- Dump file name extension for available expressions analysis
  `.gdfa_ave`

Specifying Live Variables Analysis

- Entity should be `entity_var`
- $\top$, BI_{Start} and BI_{End} should be `ZEROS`
- Direction should be `BACKWARD`
- Confluence should be `UNION`
- Exposition should be `up_exp`
- Forward edge flow should be `stop_flow_along_edge`
- Forward node flow should be `stop_flow_along_node`
- Backward edge flow should be `identity_backward_edge_flow`
- Backward node flow should be `backward_gen_kill_node_flow`

Part 4

gdfa: Design and Implementation

Specification Data Structure

```
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{
   entity_name              entity;
   initial_value            top_value_spec;
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   dfi_to_be_preserved         preserved_dfi;
   dfvalue (*forward_edge_flow)(basic_block src, basic_block dest);
   dfvalue (*backward_edge_flow)(basic_block src, basic_block dest);
   dfvalue (*forward_node_flow)(basic_block bb);
   dfvalue (*backward_node_flow)(basic_block bb);
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Specification Primitives

Enumerated Type	Possible Values
entity_name	entity_expr, entity_var, entity_defn
initial_value	ONES, ZEROS
traversal_direction	FORWARD, BACKWARD, BIDIRECTIONAL
meet_operation	UNION, INTERSECTION
entity_manipulation	entity_use, entity_mod
entity_occurrence	up_exp, down_exp, any_where
dfi_to_be_preserved	all, global_only, no_value

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`identity_forward_edge_flow(src, dest)`	`CURRENT_OUT(src)`
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identity_backward_node_flow(bb)	CURRENT_OUT(bb)
stop_flow_along_node(bb)	top_value
forward_gen_kill_node_flow(bb)	CURRENT_GEN(bb) ∪ (CURRENT_IN(bb) - CURRENT_KILL(bb))
backward_gen_kill_node_flow(bb)	CURRENT_GEN(bb) ∪ (CURRENT_OUT(bb) - CURRENT_KILL(bb))

The Generic Driver for Global Data Flow Analysis

```
pfbv_dfi ** gdfa_driver(struct gimple_pfbv_dfa_spec dfa_spec)
{   if (find_entity_size(dfa_spec) == 0) return NULL;
    initialize_special_values(dfa_spec);
    create_dfi_space();
    traversal_order = dfa_spec.traversal_order;
    confluence = dfa_spec.confluence;

    local_dfa(dfa_spec);

    forward_edge_flow = dfa_spec.forward_edge_flow;
    backward_edge_flow = dfa_spec.backward_edge_flow;
    forward_node_flow = dfa_spec.forward_node_flow;
    backward_node_flow = dfa_spec.backward_node_flow;
    perform_pfbvdfa();

    preserve_dfi(dfa_spec.preserved_dfi);
    return current_pfbv_dfi;
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The Generic Driver for Local Data Flow Analysis

- Traverse statements in a basic block in appropriate order

Exposition	Direction
`up_exp`	backward
`down_exp`	forward
`any_where`	don't care

- Solve the recurrence

$$\begin{aligned}\texttt{accumulated\_entities} &= (\texttt{accumulated\_entities} \\ &\quad - \texttt{remove\_entities}) \\ &\quad \cup \texttt{add\_entities}\end{aligned}$$

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Future Work

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