Workshop on Essential Abstractions in GCC

Introduction to Parallelization and Vectorization

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Outline

- Transformation for parallel and vector execution
- Data dependence

The Scope of this Tutorial

- What this tutorial does not address
  - Algorithms used for parallelization and vectorization
  - Code or data structures of the parallelization and vectorization pass of GCC
  - Machine level issues related to parallelization and vectorization
- What this tutorial addresses

Basics of Discovering Parallelism using GCC

Part 1

Transformations for Parallel and Vector Execution
### A Taxonomy of Parallel Computation

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### Essential Abstractions in GCC

- **SISD** (Single Instruction Single Data)
- **MPSD** (Multiple Programs Single Data)
- **SPMD** (Single Program Multiple Data)
- **SIMD** (Single Instruction Multiple Data)
- **MIMD** (Multiple Instruction Multiple Data)
- **MPMD** (Multiple Programs Multiple Data)

**Redundant computation for validation of intermediate steps**
Vectorization: SISD ⇒ SIMD

- Parallelism in executing operation on shorter operands (8-bit, 16-bit, 32-bit operands)
- Existing 32 or 64-bit arithmetic units used to perform multiple operations in parallel
  A 64 bit word ≡ a vector of $2 \times (32 \text{ bits})$, $4 \times (16 \text{ bits})$, or $8 \times (8 \text{ bits})$

Example 1

Vectorization (SISD ⇒ SIMD) : Yes
Parallelization (SISD ⇒ MIMD) : Yes

Original Code

```c
int A[N], B[N], i;
for (i=1; i<N; i++)
    A[i] = A[i] + B[i-1];
```

Observe reads and writes into a given location

A[0..N] B[0..N]

Iteration # 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 •••

Vectorized Code

```c
int A[N], B[N], i;
for (i=1; i<N; i+=4)
```

Observe reads and writes into a given location

A[0..N] B[0..N]

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Parallelized Code

```
int A[N], B[N], i;
foreach (i=1; i<N; )
    A[i] = A[i] + B[i-1];
```

When the same location is accessed across different iterations, the order of reads and writes must be preserved.

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Parallelization (SISD ⇒ MIMD) : Yes

Example 2

Vectorization (SISD ⇒ SIMD) : Yes
Parallelization (SISD ⇒ MIMD) : No

Original Code

```
int A[N], B[N], i;
for (i=0; i<N; i++)
```

When the same location is accessed across different iterations, the order of reads and writes must be preserved.

Example 2

Vectorization (SISD ⇒ SIMD) : Yes
Parallelization (SISD ⇒ MIMD) : No

Original Code

```
int A[N], B[N], i;
for (i=0; i<N; i++)
```

- Vector instruction is synchronized: All reads before writes in a given instruction
- Read-writes across multiple instructions executing in parallel may not be synchronized
**Example 2: The Moral of the Story**

Vectorization (SISD ⇒ SIMD): Yes  
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**Example 3**

Vectorization (SISD ⇒ SIMD): No  
Parallelization (SISD ⇒ MIMD): No

```
int A[N], B[N], i;
for (i=0; i<N; i++)
    A[i+1] = A[i] + B[i+1];
```

Observe reads and writes into a given location.

**Example 4**

Vectorization (SISD ⇒ SIMD): No  
Parallelization (SISD ⇒ MIMD): Yes

- This case is not possible
- Vectorization is a limited granularity parallelization
- If parallelization is possible then vectorization is trivially possible
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Data Dependence

Let statements $S_i$ and $S_j$ access memory location $m$ at time instants $t$ and $t + k$

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- Pseudo dependences may be eliminated by some transformations
- True dependence prohibits parallel execution of $S_i$ and $S_j$

Consider dependence between statements $S_i$ and $S_j$ in a loop

- **Loop independent dependence.** $t$ and $t + k$ occur in the same iteration of a loop
  - $S_i$ and $S_j$ must be executed sequentially
  - Different iterations of the loop can be parallelized
- **Loop carried dependence.** $t$ and $t + k$ occur in the different iterations of a loop
  - Within an iteration, $S_i$ and $S_j$ can be executed in parallel
  - Different iterations of the loop must be executed sequentially
- $S_i$ and $S_j$ may have both loop carried and loop independent dependences

**Dependence in Example 1**

- Program

```c
int A[N], B[N], i;
for (i=1; i<N; i++)
    A[i] = A[i] + B[i-1]; /* S1 */
```

- No loop carried dependence
  - Both vectorization and parallelization are possible

**Dependence in Example 2**

- Program

```c
int A[N], B[N], i;
for (i=0; i<N; i++)
    A[i] = A[i+1] + B[i]; /* S1 */
```

- Loop carried anti-dependence
  - Parallelization is not possible
  - Vectorization is possible since all reads are done before all writes
Dependence in Example 3

- Program

```c
int A[N], B[N], i;
for (i=0; i<N; i++)
    A[i+1] = A[i] + B[i+1]; /* S1 */
```

- Dependence graph

- Loop carried flow-dependence
  Neither parallelization not vectorization is possible

Iteration Vectors and Index Vectors: Example 1

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Loop carried dependence exists if
- there are two distinct iteration vectors such that
- the index vectors of LHS and RHS are identical

Conclusion: Dependence exists

Example 4: Dependence

- Program to swap arrays

```c
for (i=0; i<N; i++)
    { 
        T = A[i];   /* S1 */
        A[i] = B[i]; /* S2 */
        B[i] = T;   /* S3 */
    }
```

Loop independent anti dependence due to

```
A[i]
```

Conclusion: No dependence
Example 4: Dependence

Program to swap arrays

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for (i=0; i<N; i++)
{
    T = A[i];  /* S1 */
    A[i] = B[i];  /* S2 */
    B[i] = T;  /* S3 */
}
```

Loop independent anti dependence due to A[i]

Loop independent flow dependence due to T

Loop carried anti dependence due to T
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for (i=0; i<N; i++)
{
    T = A[i]; /* S1 */
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    B[i] = T; /* S3 */
}
```

Dependence Graph

Loop carried output dependence due to T

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Tutorial Problem for Discovering Dependence

Draw the dependence graph for the following program (Earlier program modified to swap 2-dimensional arrays)

```c
for (i=0; i<N; i++)
{
    for (j=0; j<N; j++)
    {
        T = A[i][j]; /* S1 */
        A[i][j] = B[i][j]; /* S2 */
        B[i][j] = T; /* S3 */
    }
}
```

Data Dependence Theorem

There exists a dependence from statement $S_1$ to statement $S_2$ in common nest of loops if and only if there exist two iteration vectors $i$ and $j$ for the nest, such that

1. $i < j$ or $i = j$ and there exists 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 access.
Anti Dependence and Vectorization

Read lexicographically precedes Write

```c
int A[N], B[N], C[N], i;
for (i=0; i<N; i++) {
    C[i] = A[i+2];
    A[i] = B[i];
}
```

```c
int A[N], B[N], C[N], i;
for (i=0; i<N; i=4) {
    C[i:i+3] = A[i+2:i+5];
    A[i:i+3] = B[i:i+3];
}
```

True Dependence and Vectorization

Write lexicographically precedes Read

```c
int A[N], B[N], C[N], i;
for (i=0; i<N; i++) {
    A[i+2] = C[i];
    B[i] = A[i];
}
```

```c
int A[N], i, temp;
for (i=0; i<N; i++) {
    temp = A[i+2];
    A[i] = temp;
}
```

Conjunction of Dependences and Vectorization

Anti Dependence and True Dependence

```c
int A[N], B[N], C[N], i;
for (i=0; i<N; i++) {
    C[i:i+3] = A[i+2:i+5];
    A[i:i+3] = B[i:i+3];
}
```

```c
int A[N], T[N], i;
for (i=0; i<N; i++) {
    T[i:i+3] = A[i+2:i+5];
    A[i:i+3] = T[i:i+3];
}
```
**Conjunction of Dependences and Vectorization**

**True Dependence and Anti Dependence**

```c
int A[N], B[N], i;
for (i=0; i<N; i++) {
    A[i] = B[i];
    B[i+2] = A[i+1];
}
```

```c
int A[N], B[N], i;
for (i=0; i<N; i++) {
    B[i+2] = A[i+1];
    A[i] = B[i];
}
```

**Cyclic Dependency and Vectorization**

**Cyclic True Dependence**

```c
int A[N], B[N], i;
for (i=0; i<N; i++) {
    B[i+2] = A[i+1];
    A[i] = B[i+1];
}
```

**Cyclic Anti Dependence**

```c
int A[N], B[N], i;
for (i=0; i<N; i++) {
    B[i] = A[i+1];
    A[i] = B[i+2];
}
```

Rescheduling of statements will not break the cyclic dependency - cannot vectorize.

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**Last but not the least . . .**

**Thank You!**