

# What's in a Name?

OR

The Value of Renaming for Parallelism Detection and  
Storage Allocation

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# Introduction

- Renaming : Introduction of an assignment to a new temporary variable in terms of given variable.
- Used to increase potential parallelism.
- Approaches studied yet.
- Removal of storage related dependencies.
- Anti-dependencies and Output-dependencies.

# Eliminating Storage Related Dependencies

- Renaming uses Single Assignment Rule.
- Single Assignment Rule : Every variable defined exactly once.
- How to Rename?
- In a basic block, rename all definitions and uses of a variable except the final one.
- Guaranteed removal of all storage related dependencies.

# Renaming with Basic Block

X = ...  
= X

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Original Program

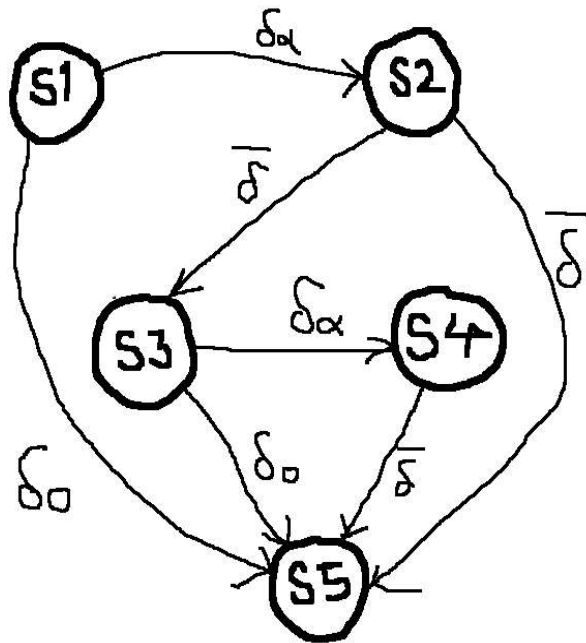
X1 = ...  
= X1

X2 = ...  
= X2

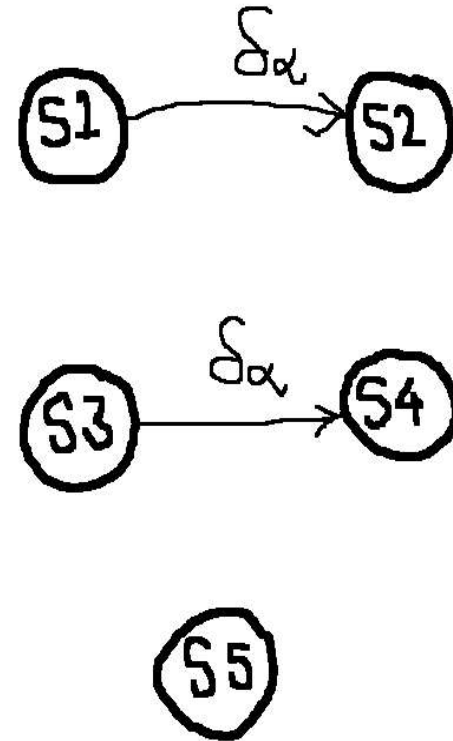
X = ...

Renamed Program

# Data flow diagrams



Original Dependency



After Renaming

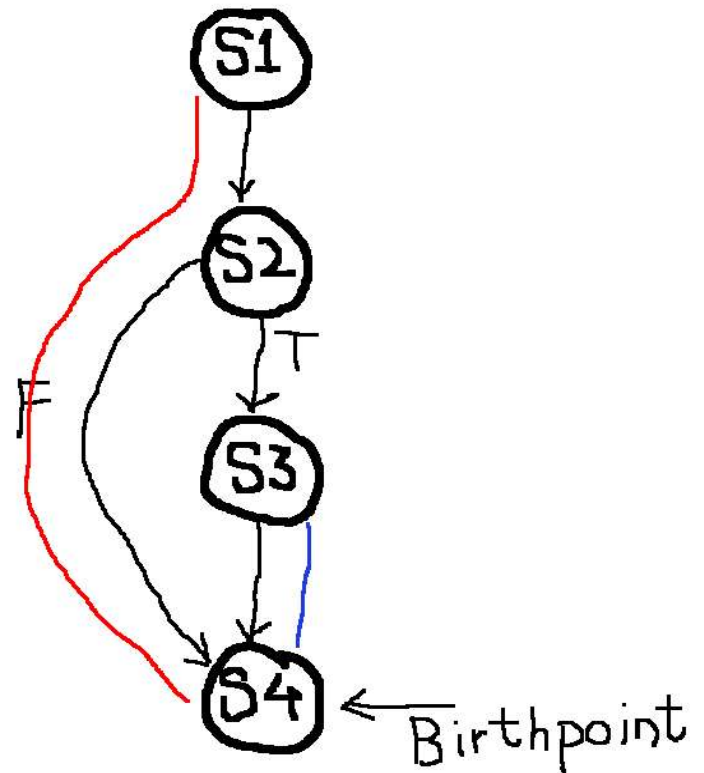
# Eliminating Storage Related Dependencies (Contd.)

- Output-dependencies : Every variable defined only once.
- Anti-dependencies : Proof by contradiction.
  - Assume anti-dependency on variable X.
  - This implies that a use of X is before a definition.
  - However, the use above must be preceded by some definition.
  - Contradiction : Two definitions!

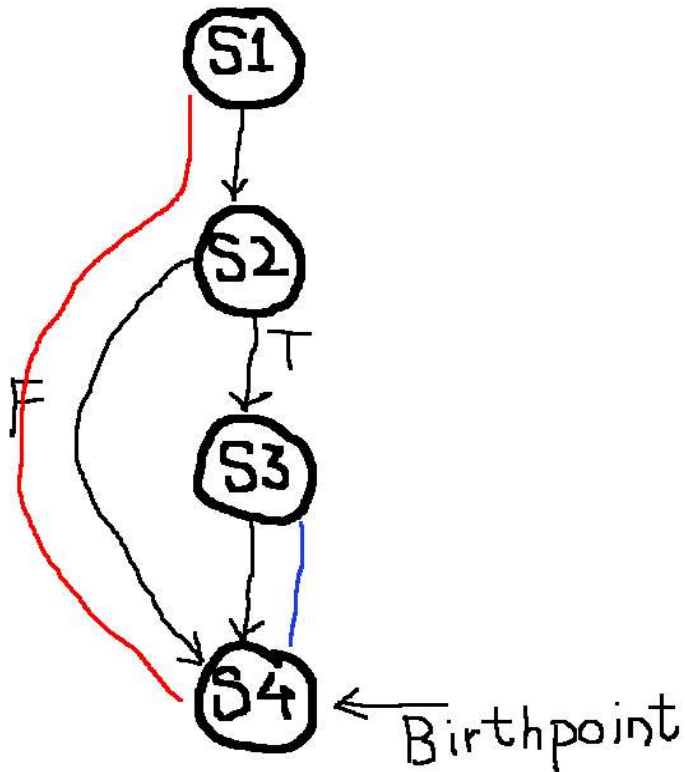
# Renaming with If-Else construct

Join Birthpoint : Exists for a variable in the CFG where multiple definitions meet for the first time.

S1:  $X = C + D$   
S2:  $\text{if } (P)$   
S3:  $\text{then } X = A + B$   
S4:  $Q = X$



# Renaming with If-Else construct (Contd.)



$X1 = C + D$

if ( P )

then  $X2 = A + B$

$X = X2$

else

$X = X1$

Birthpoint (X)

$Q = X$



# Renaming with Loops

For the purpose of renaming, loops can be thought of being divided into two types:

1. Bound not known at compile time.
2. Bound known at compile time.

Problem : Each definition and subsequent use of a variable within a loop requires a new name for each iteration.

# Bound not known at compile time

Solution : Dynamic memory allocation.

DO while p

$X = X + A[i]$

ENDDO

Original

DO while p

$NEW X = X + A[i]$

ENDDO

Renamed

# Bound known at compile time

Scalar Expansion : Scalar X is changed into an array sufficiently large to hold all the values assigned to X in the original program

DO i = 1 to 100		DO i = 1 to 100
X = 0	S1	X0 [i] = 0
if ( p ) then X = 1	S2	if ( p ) then X1 [i] = 1
	S3	else X1 [i] = X0 [i]
Z [i] = X	S4	Z [i] = X1 [i]
C [i] = A [i + 1]	S5	C [i] = A1 [i + 1]
A [i] = B [i]	S6	A2 [i] = B [i]
ENDDO		ENDDO
	S7	A [*] = A2 [*]

# Storage Allocation with Renaming

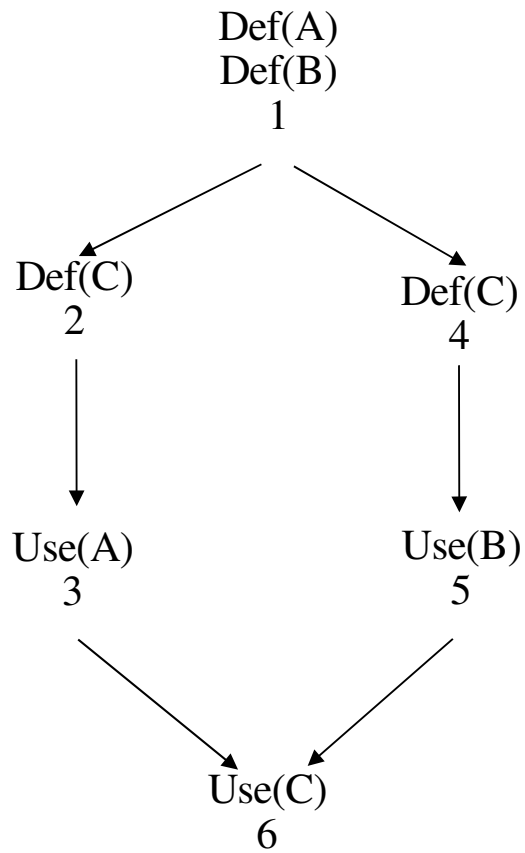
- Main problem with Renaming : storage allocation for newly created variables.
- MAXLIVE : Max number of simultaneously live variables.
- MINCOLORS : Min number of storage locations needed.
- $\text{MAXLIVE} = \text{Lower\_Bound} ( \text{MINCOLORS} )$
- Using Renaming :  $\text{MAXLIVE} = \text{MINCOLORS}$

# Storage Allocation with Renaming (contd.)

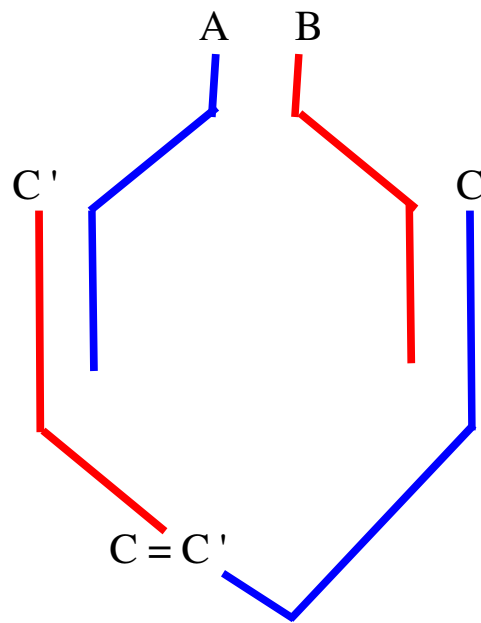
- Live Range of a variable  $V$  : set of nodes in the CFG where  $V$  is live.
- Conflict : variables  $V$  and  $W$  conflicts if at the definition point of  $V$ ,  $W$  is live.
- Coloring conflict : occurs between variables  $V$  and  $W$  if they conflict and both have been assigned same color.

# Storage Allocation Algorithm

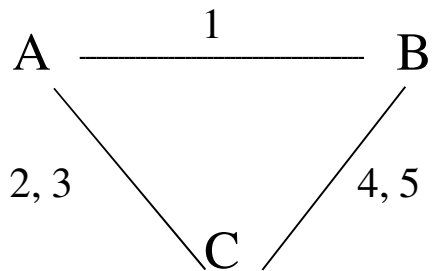
- Order all the definitions in the CFG in topological order, ignoring back edges.
- Start coloring the live ranges in order of their earliest definition point, using at most MAXLIVE colors.
- Continue this process until a coloring conflict occurs.
- Whenever a coloring conflict occurs between  $V$  and  $W$  at the definition of  $V$ , rename the segment of the live range of  $V$  from the point of conflict to the next birthpoint of  $V$  by  $V'$ .



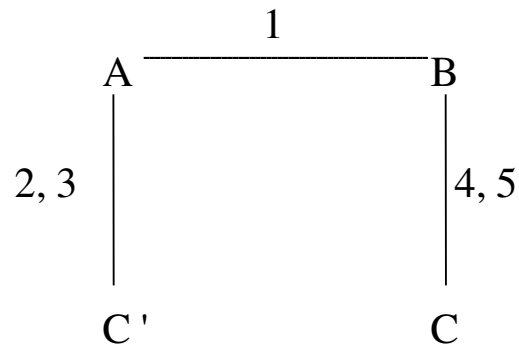
Before Renaming



Colored Live Ranges



Conflict Graph



Conflict Graph after Renaming

# Conclusion

- Renaming guarantees elimination of all storage related dependencies.
- Increase in the degree of parallelism.
- Storage Allocation algorithm described needs atmost MAXLIVE extra storage locations.
- No previous Renaming approach has placed a limit on the amount of extra storage required.



Thank you