Loop Transformations

Announcements

- PA2 due Friday
- Midterm is Wednesday next week, in class, one week from today

Today

- Recall stencil computations
- Intro to loop transformations
- Data dependencies between loop iterations

Stencil Computation

Stencil Computations

- Used to solve partial differential equations, in graphics, and cellular automata
- Computations operate over some mesh or grid
- Computation is modifying the value of something over time or as part of a relaxation to find steady state
- Each computation has some nearest neighbor(s) data dependence pattern
- The coefficients multiplied by neighbor can be constant or variable

1D data, 1D time Stencil Computation version 1 <demo in class>

```
// assume A[0,i] initialized to some values
for (t=1; t<(T+1); t++) {
  for (i=1; i<(N-1); i++) {
    A[t,i] = 1/3 * (A[t-1,i-1] + A[t-1,i] + A[t-1,i+1];
  }
}
```

1D Stencil Computation (take 2)

1D data, 2D time Stencil Computation, version 2 <demo in class>

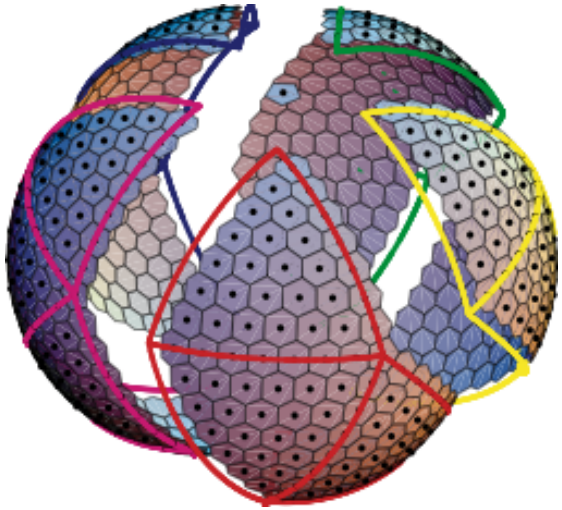
```
// assume A[i] initialized to some values
for (t=0; t<T; t++) {
  for (i=1; i<(N-1); i++) {
    A[i] = 1/3 * (A[i-1] + A[i] + A[i+1];
  }
}
```

Analysis

- Are version 1 and version 2 computing the same thing?
- What is the operational intensity of version 1 versus version 2?
- What parallelism is there in version 1 versus version 2?
- Where is the data reuse in version 1 versus version 2?

Jacobi in SWM code (Stencil Computation with Explicit Weights)

Source: David Randall's research group

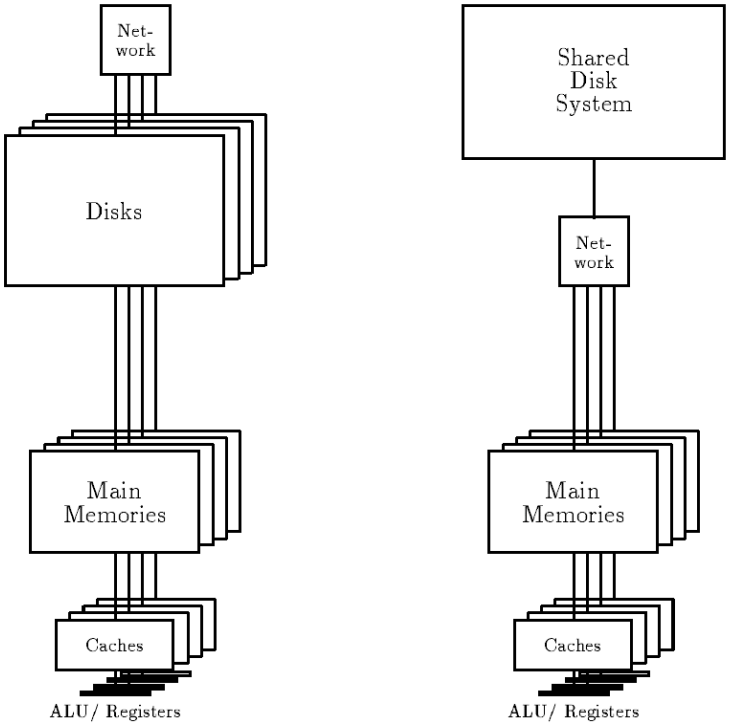


```
DO j = 2,jm-1
    DO i = 2,im-1
       x2(i,j) = area_inv(i,j)* &
                        ((x1(i+1,j  )-x1(i,j))*laplacian_wghts(1,i,j)+ &
                         (x1(i+1,j+1)-x1(i,j))*laplacian_wghts(2,i,j)+ &
                         (x1(i  ,j+1)-x1(i,j))*laplacian_wghts(3,i,j)+ &
                         (x1(i-1,j  )-x1(i,j))*laplacian_wghts(4,i,j)+ &
                         (x1(i-1,j-1)-x1(i,j))*laplacian_wghts(5,i,j)+ &
                         (x1(i  ,j-1)-x1(i,j))*laplacian_wghts(6,i,j))
    ENDDO
 ENDDO
```

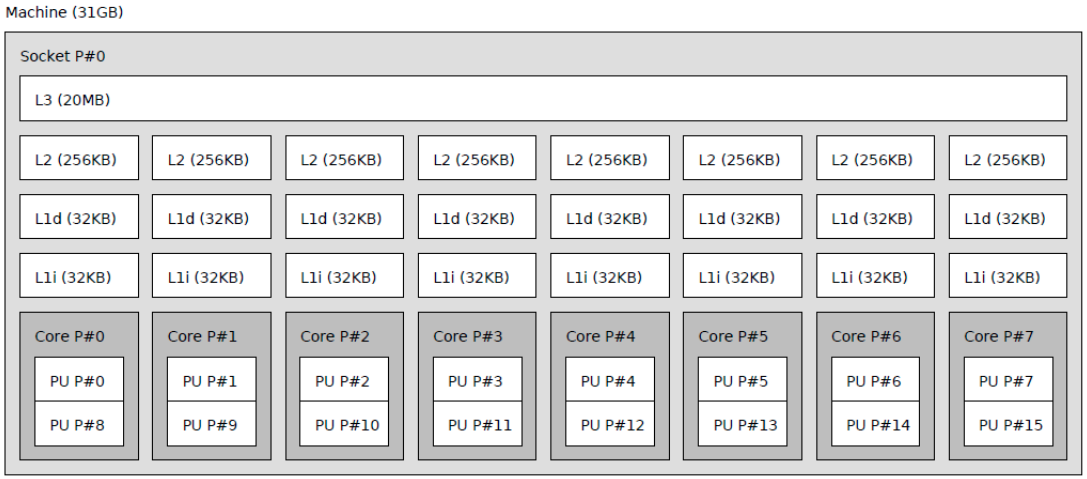
The Problem: Mapping programs to architectures

Goal: keep each core as busy as possible

Challenge: improve data locality (reuse data while in cache) and leverage parallelism



*From "**Modeling Parallel Computers as Memory Hierarchies**" by B. Alpern and L. Carter and J. Ferrante, 1993.*



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Loop Transformations

Used to improve data locality and expose parallelism

Compiler requirements

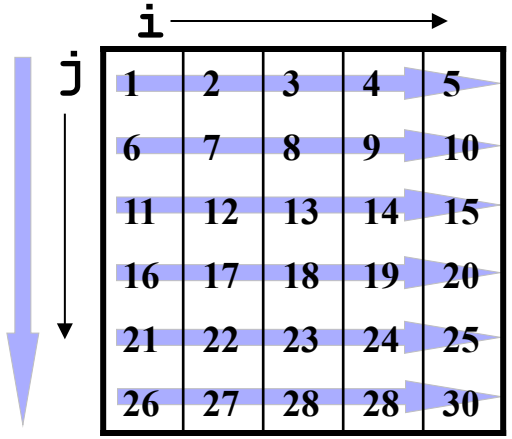
- Determine which loop transformations in which order are legal (aka satisfy the dependencies)
- Determine which loop transformations in which order are going to improve performance

Loop permutation as a case study in the next set of slides

Loop Permutation for Improved Locality

Sample code: Assume Fortran's Column Major Order array layout

```
do j = 1,6                    do i = 1,5
  do i = 1,5                    do j = 1,6
    A(j,i) = A(j,i)+1             A(j,i) = A(j,i)+1
  enddo                         enddo
enddo                         enddo
```



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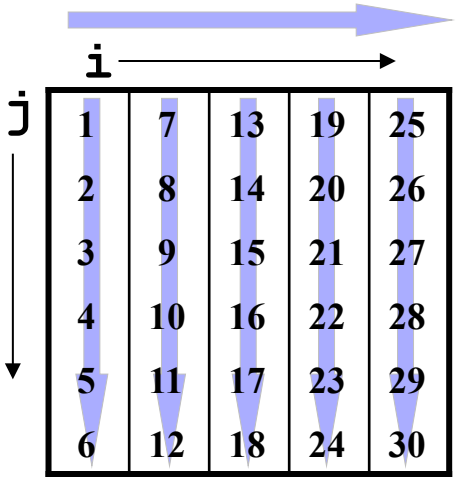

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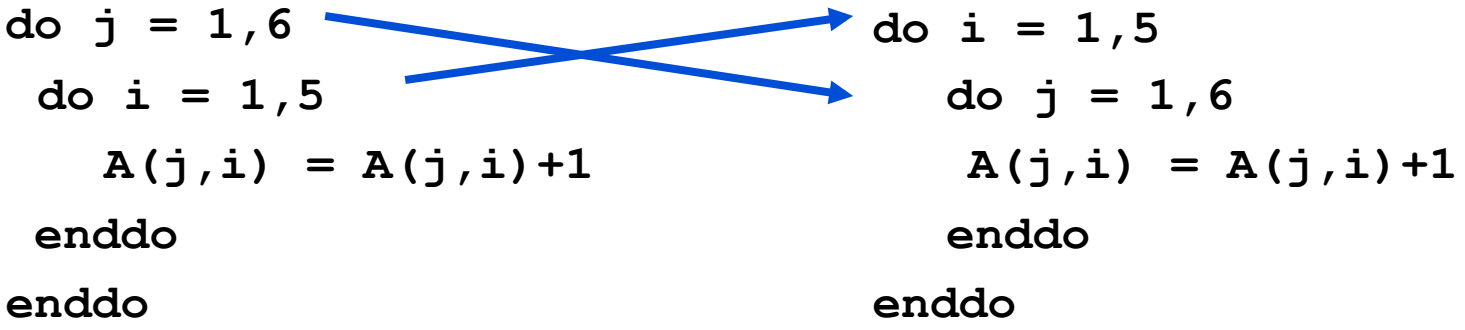
Loop Permutation Legality

Sample code



Why is this legal?

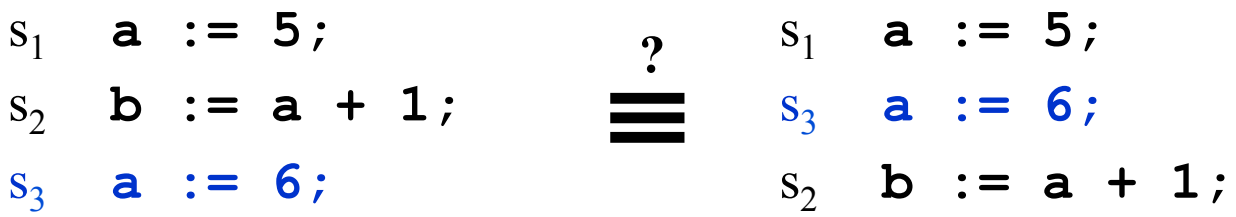
- No loop-carried dependences, so we can arbitrarily change order of iteration execution
- Does the loop always have to have NO inter-iteration dependences for loop permutation to be legal?

Data Dependences

Recall

- A data dependence defines ordering relationship two between statements
- In executing statements, data dependences must be respected to preserve correctness

Example



Dependences and Loops

Loop-independent dependences

```
do i = 1,100
   A(i) = B(i)+1
   C(i) = A(i)*2
enddo
```

Dependences within the same loop iteration

Loop-carried dependences

```
do i = 1,100
   A(i) = B(i)+1
   C(i) = A(i-1)*2
enddo
```

Dependences that cross loop iterations

Data Dependence Terminology

We say statement s_2 depends on s_1

- **True (flow) dependence**: s_1 writes memory that s_2 later reads
- **Anti-dependence**: s_1 reads memory that s_2 later writes
- **Output dependences**: s_1 writes memory that s_2 later writes
- **Input dependences**: s_1 reads memory that s_2 later reads

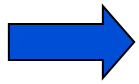
Notation: $s_1 \ \delta \ s_2$

- s_1 is called the **source** of the dependence
- s_2 is called the **sink** or **target**
- s_1 must be executed before s_2

Yet Another Loop Permutation Example

Consider another example

```
do i = 1,n
   do j = 1,n
      C(i,j) = C(i+1,j-1)
    enddo
enddo
```



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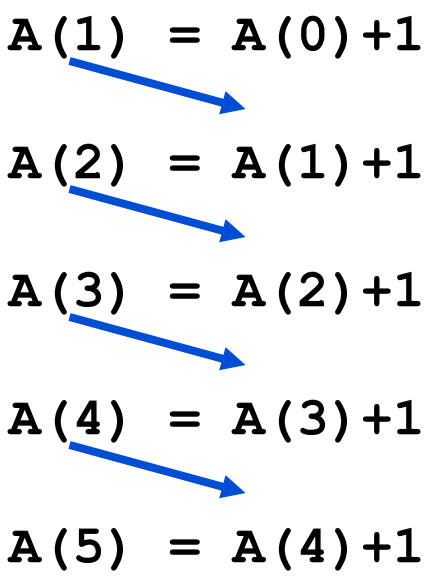
Data Dependences and Loops

How do we identify dependences in loops?

```
do i = 1,5
   A(i) = A(i-1)+1
enddo
```



Simple view

- Imagine that all loops are fully unrolled
- Examine data dependences as before

Problems

- Impractical and often impossible
- Lose loop structure

Iteration Spaces

Idea

– Explicitly represent the iterations of a loop nest

Example

```
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  do j = 1,5
     A(i,j) = A(i-1,j-1)+1
  enddo
enddo
```
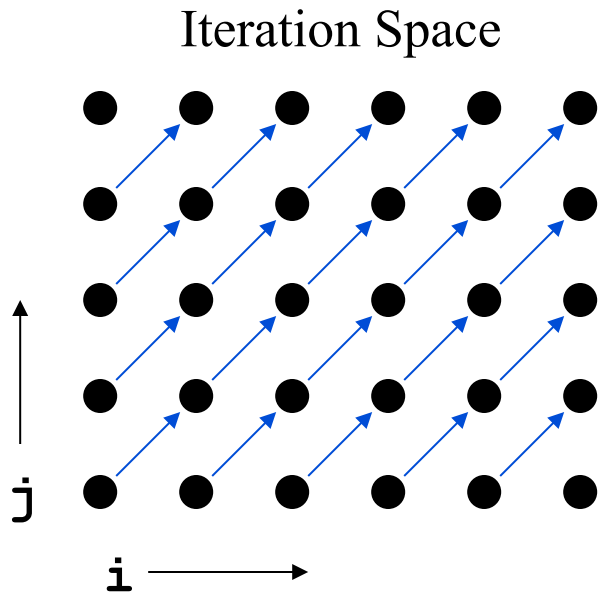



Iteration Space

– A set of tuples that represents the iterations of a loop

– Can visualize the dependences in an iteration space

Distance Vectors

Idea

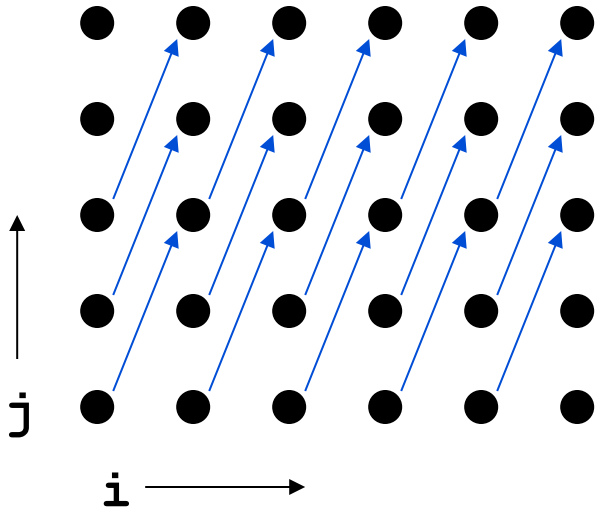
- Concisely describe dependence relationships between iterations of an iteration space
- For each dimension of an iteration space, the distance is the number of iterations between accesses to the same memory location

Definition

- $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{i}^T - \mathbf{i}^S$

Example

```
do i = 1,6
   do j = 1,5
      A(i,j) = A(i-1,j-2)+1
   enddo
enddo
```



outer loop

Distance Vector: (1,2)

inner loop

Distance Vectors and Loop Transformations

Idea

– Any transformation we perform on the loop must respect the dependences

Example

```
do i = 2,7
  do j = 3,7
    A(i,j) = A(i-1,j-2)+1
  enddo
enddo
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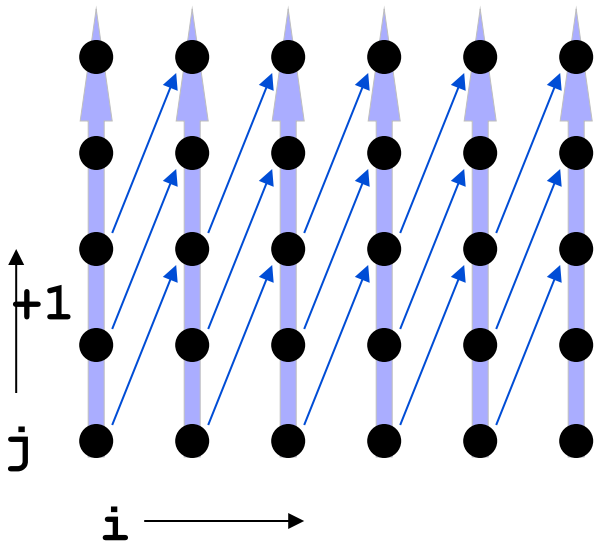

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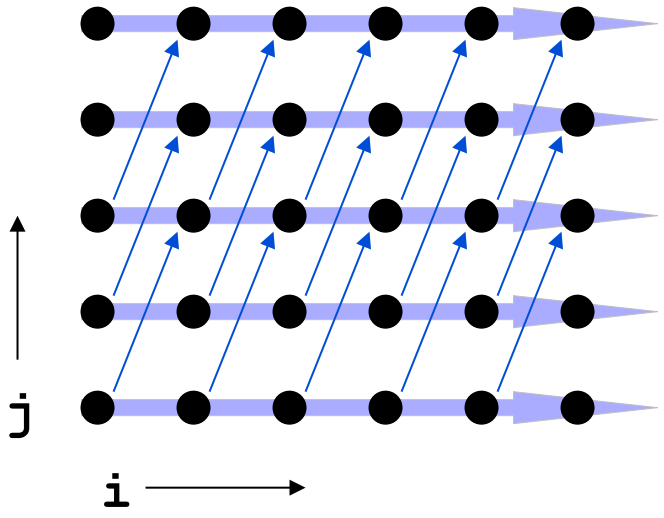


Can we permute the `i` and `j` loops?

– Yes

Distance Vectors: Legality

Definition

- A dependence vector, *v*, is **lexicographically nonnegative** when the left-most entry in *v* is positive or all elements of *v* are zero
  Yes: (0,0,0), (0,1), (0,2,-2)
  No: (-1), (0,-2), (0,-1,1)

- A dependence vector is **legal** when it is lexicographically nonnegative (assuming that indices increase as we iterate)

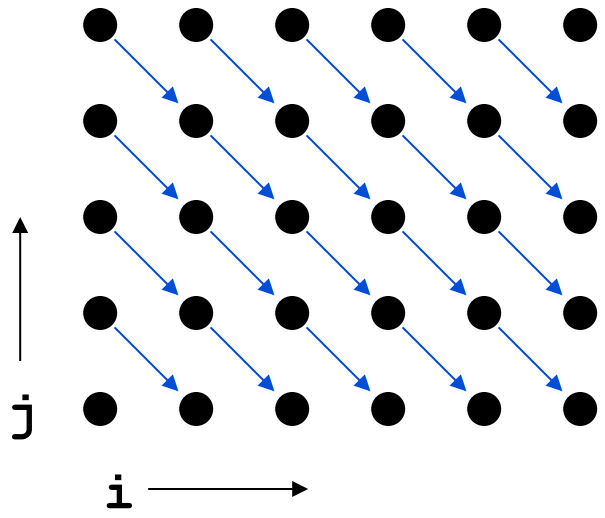
Why are lexicographically negative distance vectors illegal?

What are legal direction vectors?

Example where permutation is not legal

Sample code

```
do i = 1,6
  do j = 1,5
     A(i,j) = A(i-1,j+1)+1
  enddo
enddo
```



Kind of dependence: Flow

Distance vector: $(1, -1)$

Exercise

Sample code

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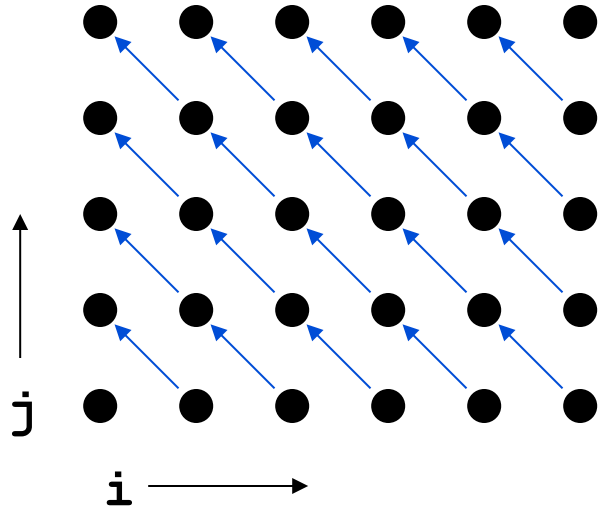

Kind of dependence: Anti

Distance vector: (1, -1)

Loop-Carried Dependences

Definition

- A dependence $D=(d_1,...d_n)$ is **carried** at loop level i if d_i is the first nonzero element of D

Example

```
do i = 1,6
   do j = 1,6
      A(i,j) = B(i-1,j)+1
      B(i,j) = A(i,j-1)*2
   enddo
enddo
```

Distance vectors: (0,1) for accesses to **A**
(1,0) for accesses to **B**

Loop-carried dependences

- The j loop carries dependence due to **A**
- The i loop carries dependence due to **B**

Direction Vector

Definition

- A direction vector serves the same purpose as a distance vector when less precision is required or available
- Element *i* of a direction vector is <, >, or = based on whether the source of the dependence precedes, follows or is in the same iteration as the target in loop *i*

Example

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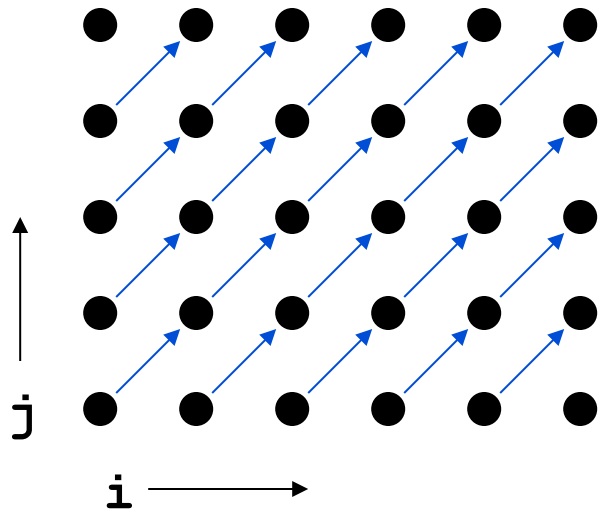

Direction vector: (<,<)

Distance vector: (1,1)

Legality of Loop Permutation

Case analysis of the direction vectors

(=,=)

The dependence is loop independent, so it is unaffected by permutation

(=,<)

The dependence is carried by the j loop.

After permutation the dependence will be (<,=), so the dependence will still be carried by the j loop, so the dependence relations do not change.

(<,=)

The dependence is carried by the i loop.

After permutation the dependence will be (=,<), so the dependence will still be carried by the i loop, so the dependence relations do not change.

Legality of Loop Interchange (cont)

Case analysis of the direction vectors (cont.)

(<,<)

The dependence distance is positive in both dimensions.

After permutation it will still be positive in both dimensions, so the dependence relations do not change.

(<,>)

The dependence is carried by the outer loop.

After interchange the dependence will be (>,<), which changes the dependences and results in an illegal direction vector, so interchange is illegal.

(>,*) (=,>)

Such direction vectors are not possible for the original loop.

Loop Interchange Example

Consider the (<,>) case

```
do i = 1,n
   do j = 1,n
      C(i,j) = C(i+1,j-1)
    enddo
enddo
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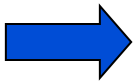

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Concepts

Stencil Computations

- PDEs, graphics, and cellular automata
- Memory-bandwidth bound
- Lots of parallelism

Loop Transformations

- Memory layout for Fortran and C
- Loop permutation and when it is applicable
- Data dependences including distance vectors, loop carried dependences, and direction vectors

Next Time

Study for the midterm

- Do example problems from slides.
- Do example problems from previous midterms and finals. Ask if you cannot determine what problems are relevant for our class so far.

Lecture

- Midterm review

Next Time

Reading

- Advanced Compiler Optimizations for Supercomputers by Padua and Wolfe

Lecture

- Parallelization and Performance Optimization of Applications