

# CSE211: Compiler Design

Oct. 25, 2021

- **Topic: SSA**

- SSA analysis
- converting back from SSA

- **Questions:**

- *What are the benefits of SSA?*

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7 3:                                     ; preds = %1
8  %4 = tail call i32 @_Z14first_functionv(), !dbg !19
9  call void @llvm.dbg.value(metadata i32 %4, metadata !14, metadata
10 br label %7, !dbg !21
11
12 5:                                     ; preds = %1
13 %6 = tail call i32 @_Z15second_functionv(), !dbg !22
14 call void @llvm.dbg.value(metadata i32 %6, metadata !14, metadata
15 br label %7
16
17 7:                                     ; preds = %5, %3
18 %8 = phi i32 [ %4, %3 ], [ %6, %5 ], !dbg !24
19 call void @llvm.dbg.value(metadata i32 %8, metadata !14, metadata
20 ret i32 %8, !dbg !25
21 }
```

# Announcements

- Remote lecture today
  - Feeling better but testing positive 😞
  - Going to retest on Wednesday night and I'll let you know
- Remote office hours tomorrow
- Homework 2 is out
  - Please have a partner by the end of day tomorrow
  - Due Nov. 2

# Announcements

- Homework 2 is out
  - Everyone should have a partner by now. Please let me know ASAP if not!
  - Please get started soon so that you have time to ask for help if needed

# Announcements

- Midterm
  - According to the schedule it was going to be released today. But we're a little bit behind.
  - I'll release it on Friday (Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>) and it will be due the next Friday (Nov. 4).
  - Rules:
    - Open book, open internet, open notes.
    - Do not discuss the test with any other student while it is out.
    - Do not google (or otherwise search) for exact questions. It is fine to search for concepts.
    - Do not post questions to others on the internet (e.g. through discord or reddit)
    - Any question should be asked as a private post on Piazza. If it's a clarification that needs to be made to the whole class, I will do it in a public Piazza thread

# Announcements

- Midterm
  - Designed to take about 2 hours (not including studying)
  - Students report taking longer because they study while taking the test.
  - Students also report taking longer because they double check their answers and make the test nicely formatted.
  - Please look over the test as soon as it is released so that you roughly know how long it will take you.
- LATE MIDTERMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

# Announcements

- Mark your attendance for today after you watch the recording (or if you are attending live)
  - Please try to keep on top of this.
  - We have more attendance put in, please let us know within 1 week if there are any issues

Review SSA

# Intermediate representations

- What have we seen so far?
  - 3 address code
  - AST
  - data-dependency graphs
  - control flow graphs
- At a high-level:
  - 3 address code is good for **data-flow** reasoning
  - control flow graphs are good for... **control flow** reasoning

*What we want: an IR that can reasonably capture both control and data flow*



# Static Single-Assignment Form (SSA)

- Every variable is defined and written to *once*
  - We have seen this in local value numbering!
- Control flow is captured using  $\phi$  instructions

# $\phi$ instructions

- Example: how to convert this code into SSA?

```
int x;
```

```
if (<some_condition>) {  
    x = 5;  
}
```

```
else {  
    x = 7;  
}
```

```
print(x)
```

# $\phi$ instructions

- Example: how to convert this code into SSA?

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Start with numbering

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# $\phi$ instructions

- Example: how to convert this code into SSA?

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int x;
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if (<some_condition>) {  
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Start with numbering

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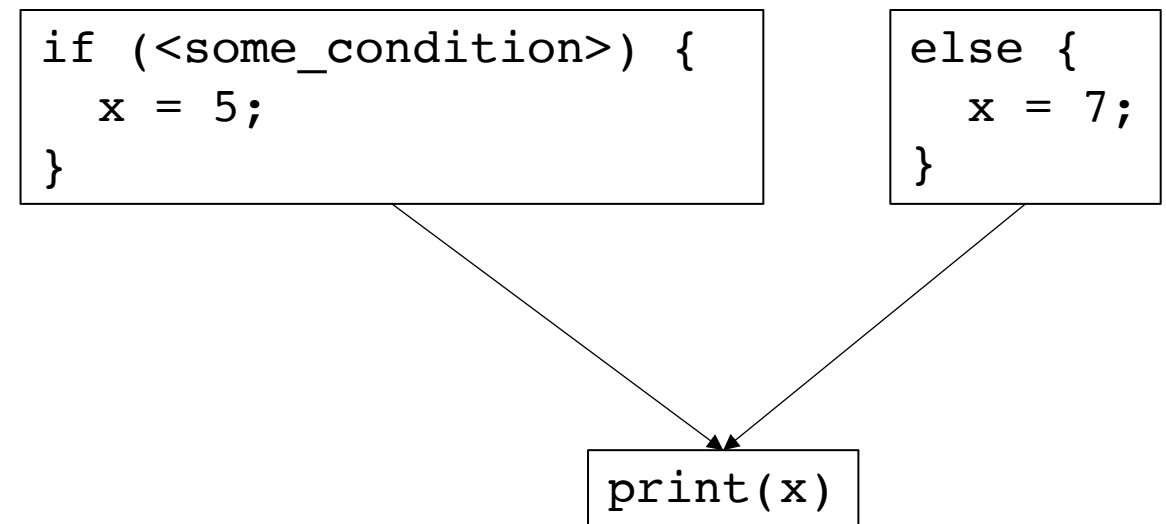
What here?

# $\phi$ instructions

- Example: how to convert this code into SSA?

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}  
  
print(x)
```

let's make a CFG

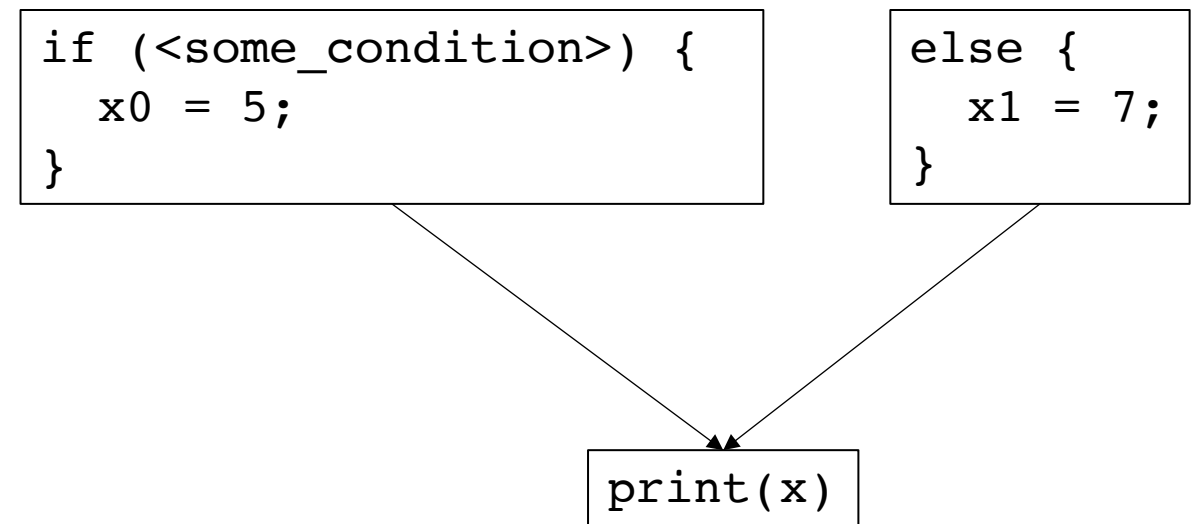


# $\phi$ instructions

- Example: how to convert this code into SSA?

```
int x;  
  
if (<some_condition>) {  
    x0 = 5;  
}  
  
else {  
    x1 = 7;  
}  
  
print(x)
```

number the variables

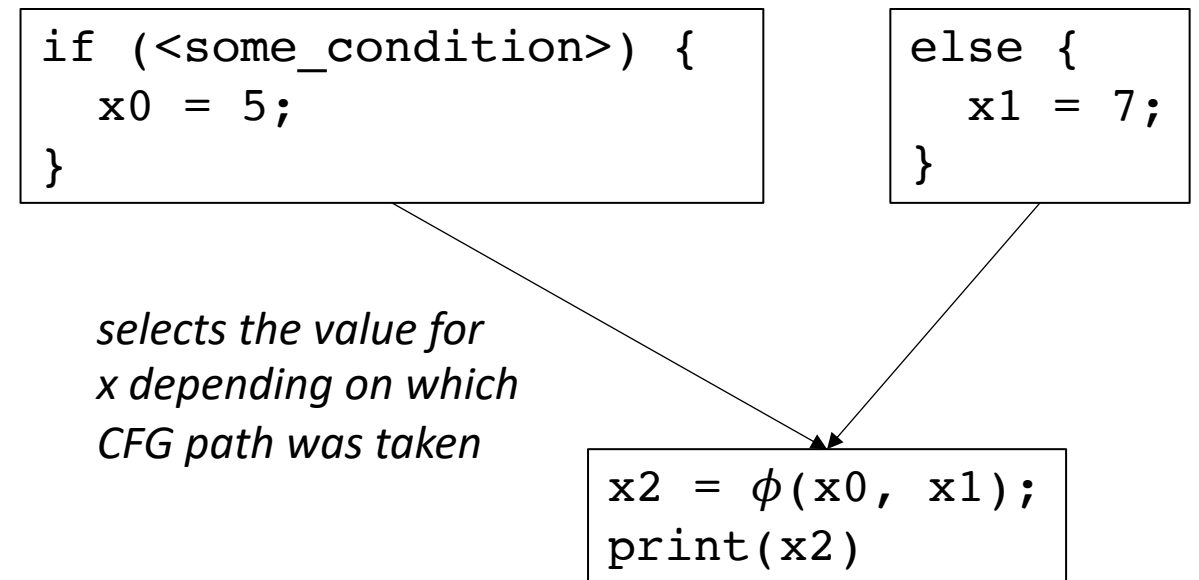


# $\phi$ instructions

- Example: how to convert this code into SSA?

```
int x;  
  
if (<some_condition>) {  
    x0 = 5;  
}  
  
else {  
    x1 = 7;  
}  
  
x2 =  $\phi$ (x0, x1);  
print(x2)
```

number the variables





# Conversion into SSA

Different algorithms depending on how many  $\phi$  instructions

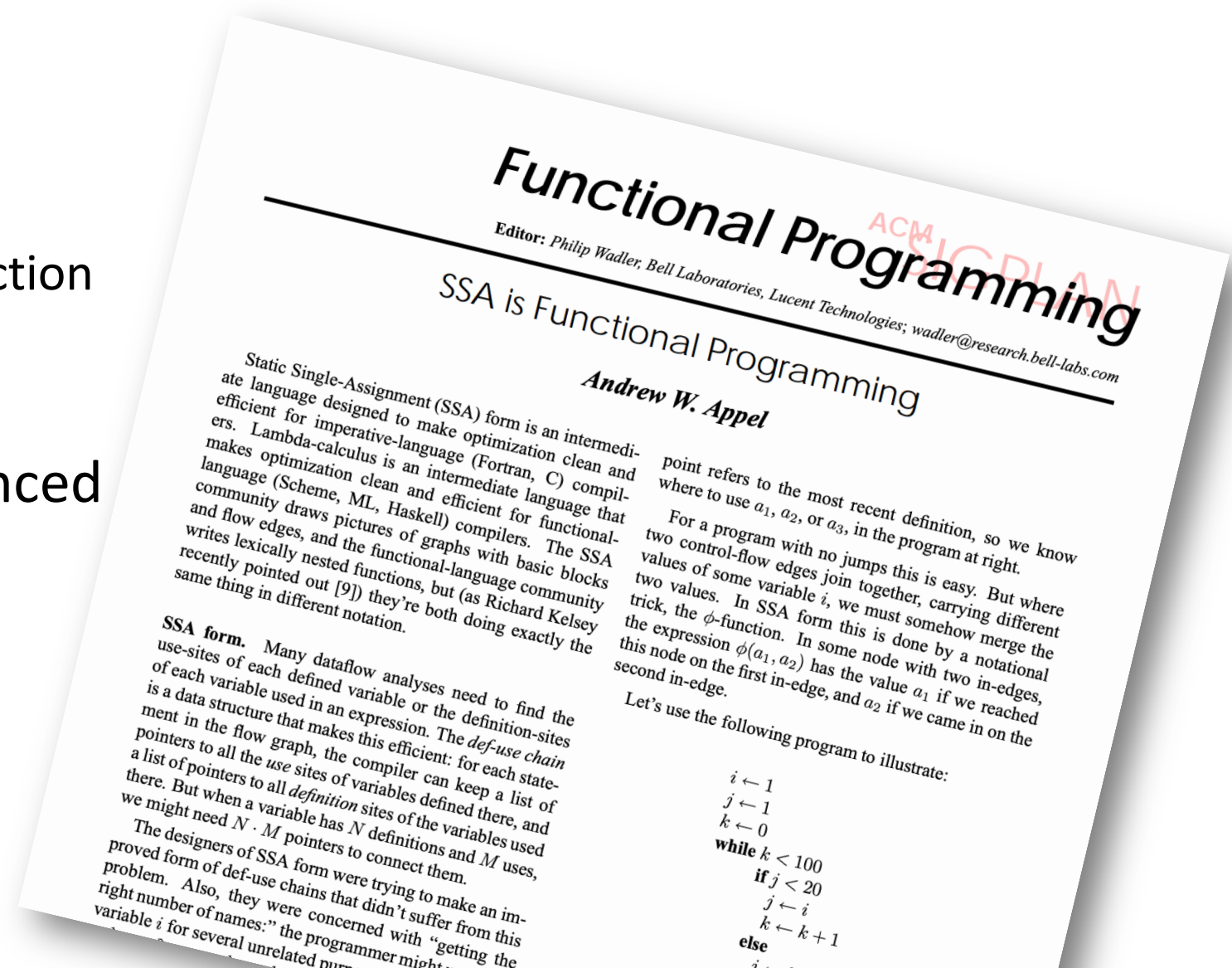
The fewer  $\phi$  instructions, the more efficient analysis will be

Two phases:

- inserting  $\phi$  instructions
- variable naming

# A note on SSA variants:

- “Really Crude Approach”:
  - Just like our example:
  - Every block has a  $\phi$  instruction for every variable
- This approach was referenced in a later paper as “Maximal SSA”



# Maximal SSA

*Straightforward:*

- For each variable, for each basic block: insert a  $\phi$  instruction with placeholders for arguments
- local numbering for each variable using a global counter
- instantiate  $\phi$  arguments

# Maximal SSA

## Example

```
x = 1;
y = 2;

if (<condition>) {
    x = y;
}

else {
    x = 6;
    y = 100;
}

print(x)
```

Insert  $\phi$  with argument placeholders

```
x = 1;
y = 2;

if (<condition>) {
    x =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    y =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    x = y;
}

else {
    x =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    y =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    x = 6;
    y = 100;
}

x =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
y =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
print(x)
```

Rename variables  
iterate through basic  
blocks with a global  
counter

```
x0 = 1;
y1 = 2;

if (<condition>) {
    x3 =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    y4 =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    x5 = y4;
}

else {
    x6 =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    y7 =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    x8 = 6;
    y9 = 100;
}

x10 =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
y11 =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
print(x10)
```

fill in  $\phi$  arguments  
by considering CFG

```
x0 = 1;
y1 = 2;

if (<condition>) {
    x3 =  $\phi(x0)$ ;
    y4 =  $\phi(y1)$ ;
    x5 = y4;
}

else {
    x6 =  $\phi(x0)$ ;
    y7 =  $\phi(y1)$ ;
    x8 = 6;
    y9 = 100;
}

x10 =  $\phi(x5, x8)$ ;
y11 =  $\phi(y4, y9)$ ;
print(x10)
```

# A note on SSA variants:

- EAC book describes a different “Maximal SSA”
  - Insert  $\phi$  instruction at every join node
  - Naming becomes more difficult

## Appel Maximal SSA

```
x0 = 1;
y1 = 2;

if (<condition>) {
    x3 =  $\phi(x0)$ ;
    y4 =  $\phi(y1)$ ;
    x5 = y4;
}

else {
    x6 =  $\phi(x0)$ ;
    y7 =  $\phi(y1)$ ;
    x8 = 6;
    y9 = 100;
}

x10 =  $\phi(x5, x8)$ ;
y11 =  $\phi(y4, y9)$ ;
print(x10)
```

## EAC Maximal SSA

```
x0 = 1;
y1 = 2;

if (...) {
    x5 = y1;
}

else {
    x8 = 6;
    y9 = 100;
}

x10 =  $\phi(x5, x8)$ ;
y11 =  $\phi(y1, y9)$ ;
print(x10)
```

# More efficient translation?

## Example

```
x = 1;
y = 2;

if (...) {
    x = y;
}

else {
    x = 6;
    y = 100;
}

print(x)
```

## maximal SSA

```
x0 = 1;
y1 = 2;

if (...) {
    x3 =  $\phi$ (x0);
    y4 =  $\phi$ (y1);
    x5 = y4;
}

else {
    x6 =  $\phi$ (x0);
    y7 =  $\phi$ (y1);
    x8 = 6;
    y9 = 100;
}

x10 =  $\phi$ (x5, x8);
y11 =  $\phi$ (y4, y9);
print(x10)
```

## Hand Optimized SSA

```
x0 = 1;
y1 = 2;

if (...) {
    x5 = y1;
}

else {
    x8 = 6;
    y9 = 100;
}

x10 =  $\phi$ (x5, x8);
y11 =  $\phi$ (y1, y9);
print(x10)
```

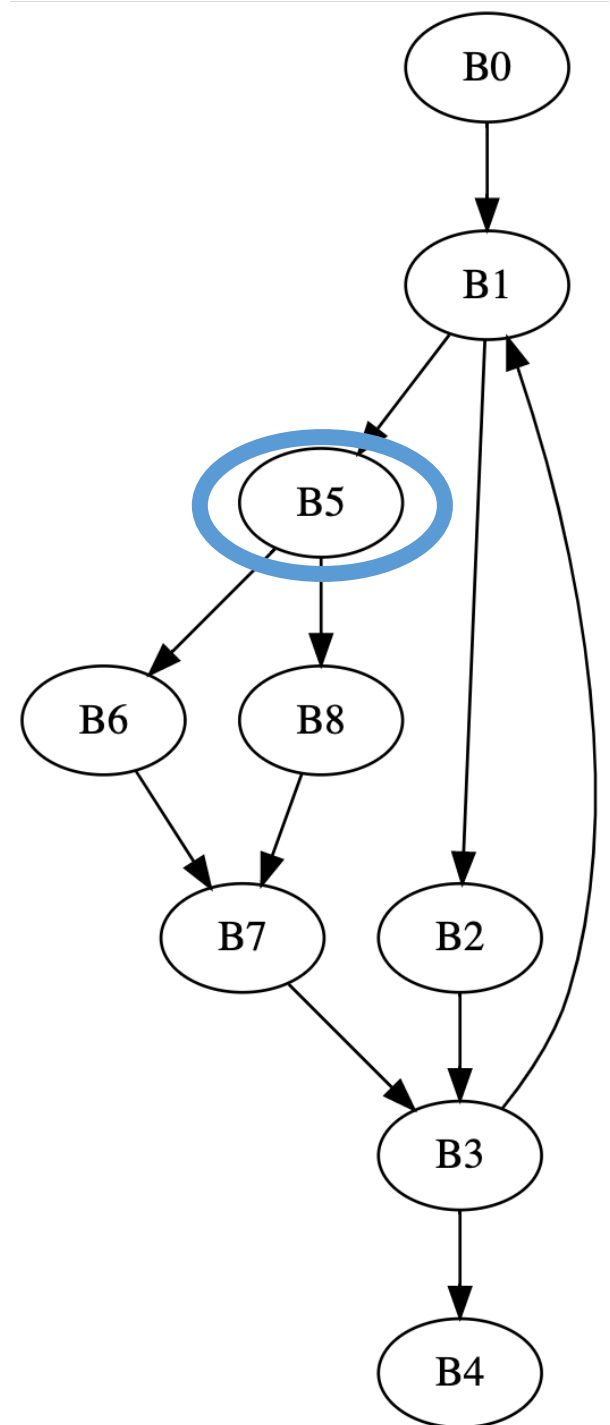
# A note on SSA variants:

- EAC book describes:
  - Minimal SSA
  - Pruned SSA
  - **Semipruned SSA: We will discuss this one**

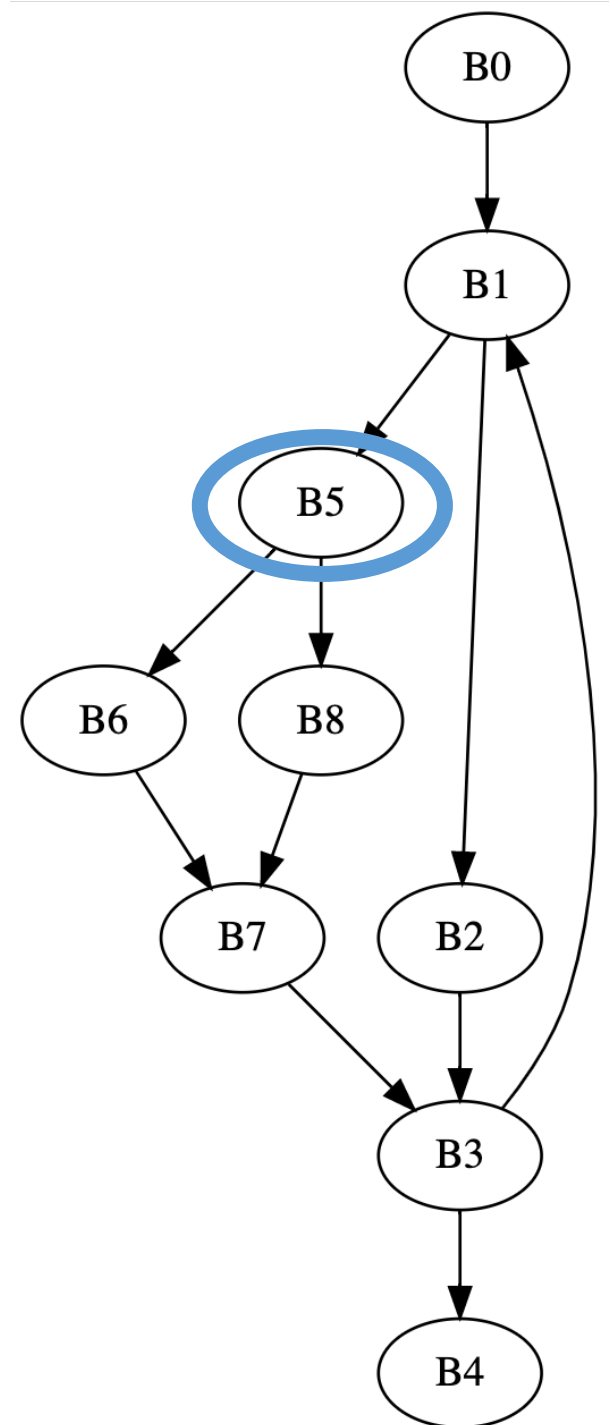
Dominance frontier



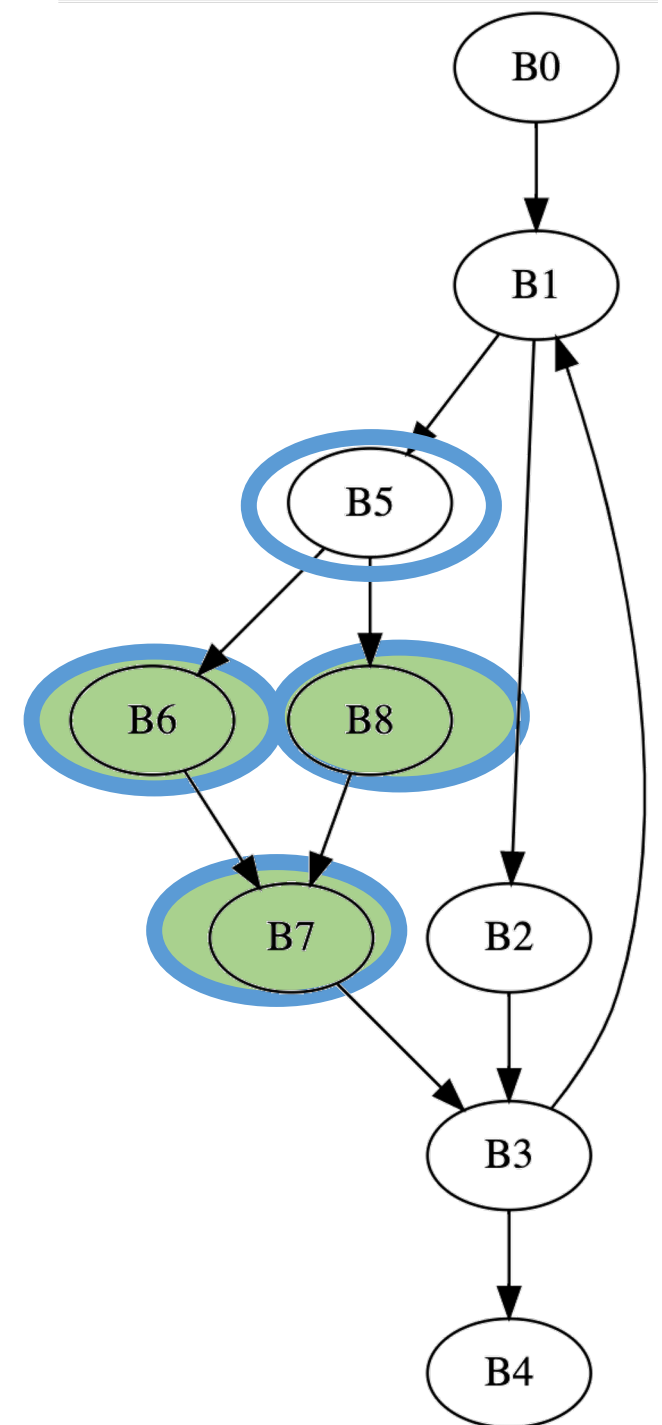
Node	Dominators
B0	
B1	B0,
B2	B0, B1,
B3	B0, B1,
B4	B0, B1, B3,
B5	B0, B1,
B6	B0, B1, B5,
B7	B0, B1, B5,
B8	B0, B1, B5,



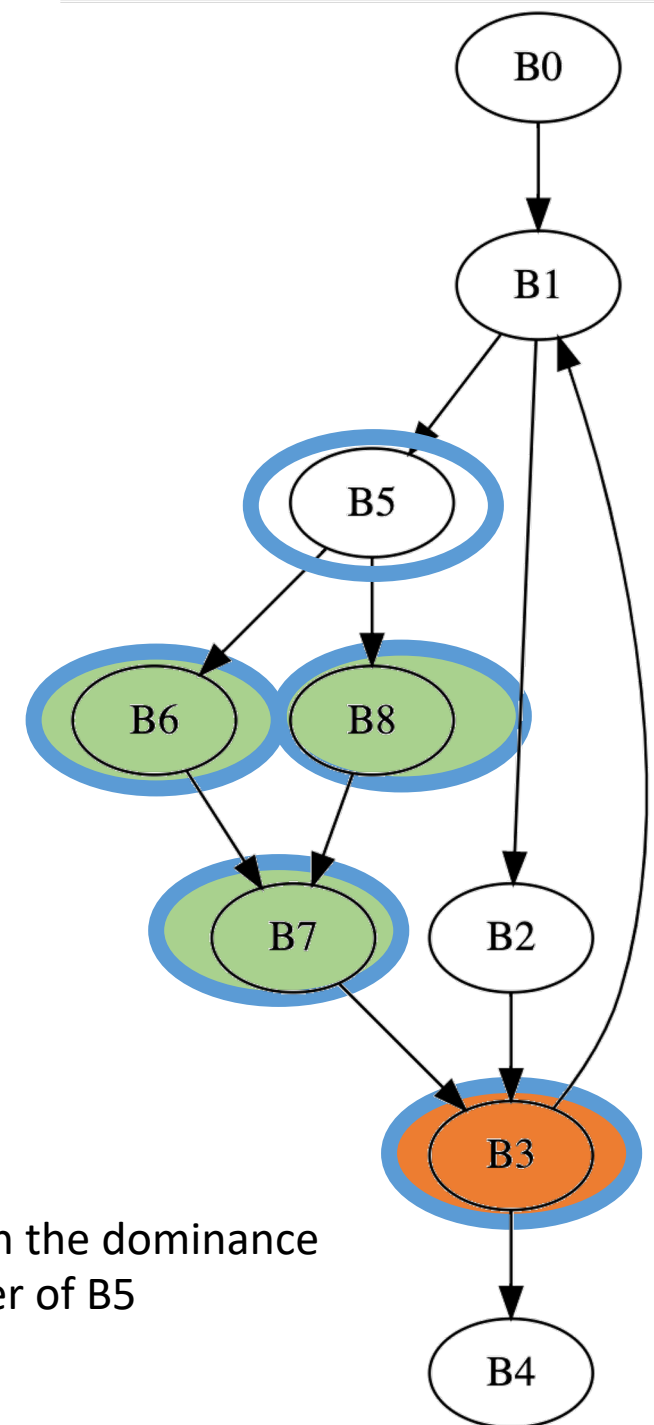
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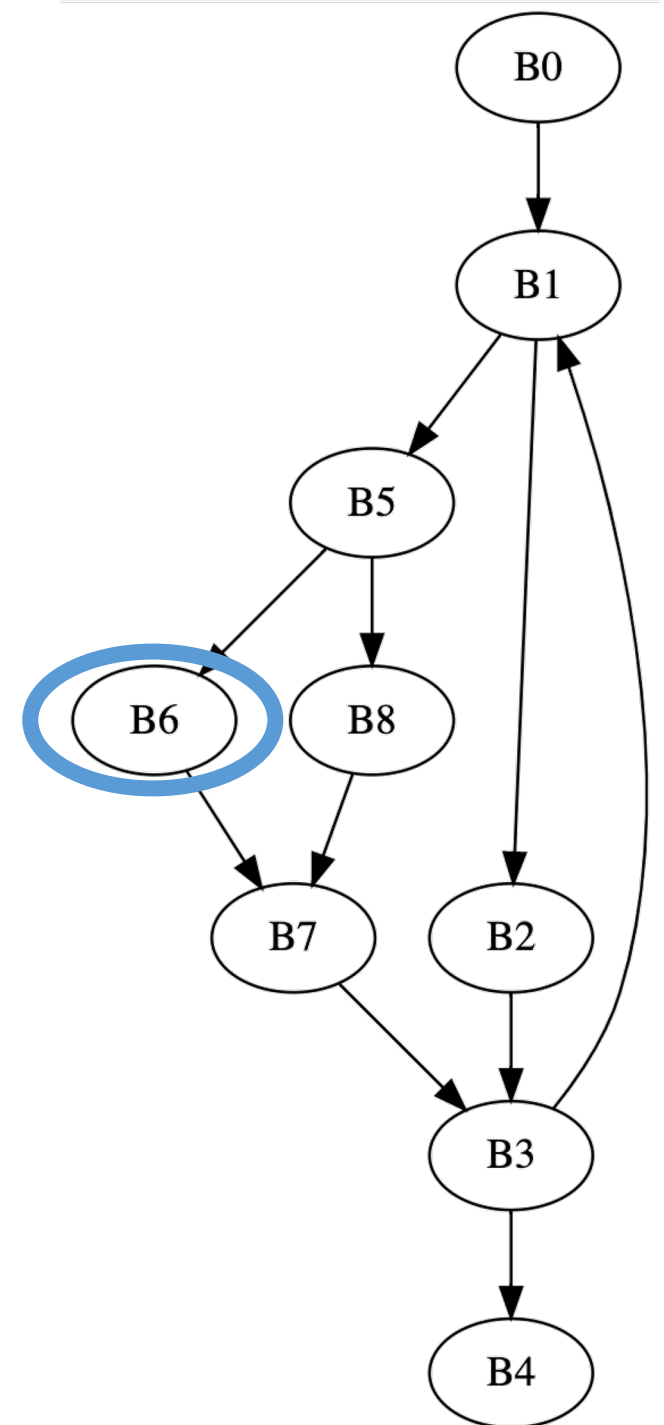


Node	Dominators
B0	
B1	B0,
B2	B0, B1,
B3	B0, B1,
B4	B0, B1, B3,
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B6	B0, B1, B5,
B7	B0, B1, B5,
B8	B0, B1, B5,

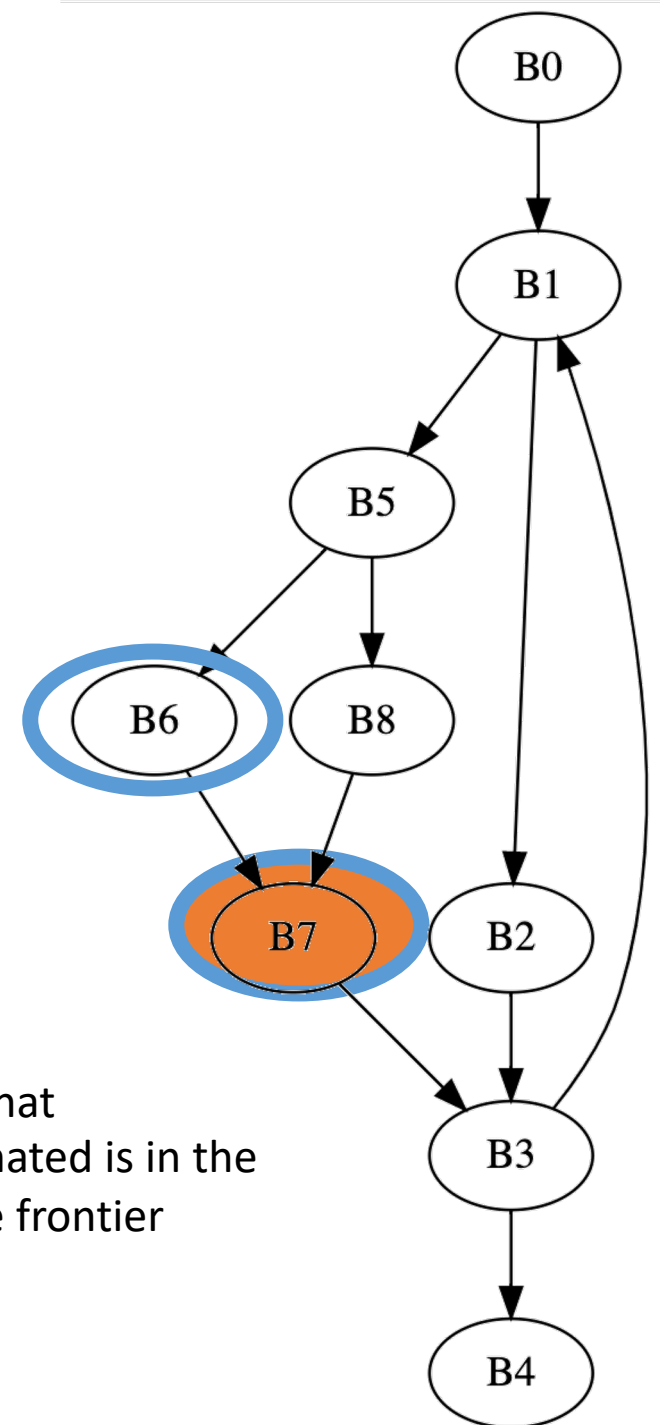


B3 is in the dominance frontier of B5

Node	Dominators
B0	
B1	B0,
B2	B0, B1,
B3	B0, B1,
B4	B0, B1, B3,
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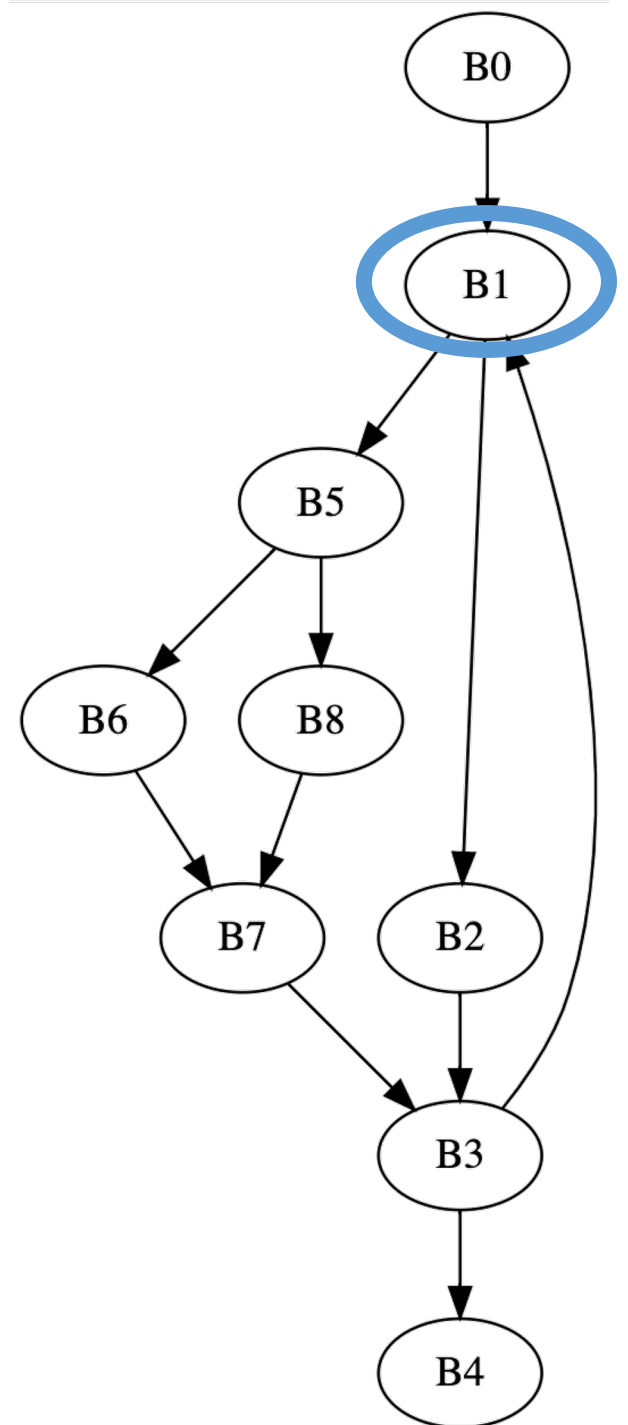


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B0	
B1	B0,
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B3	B0, B1,
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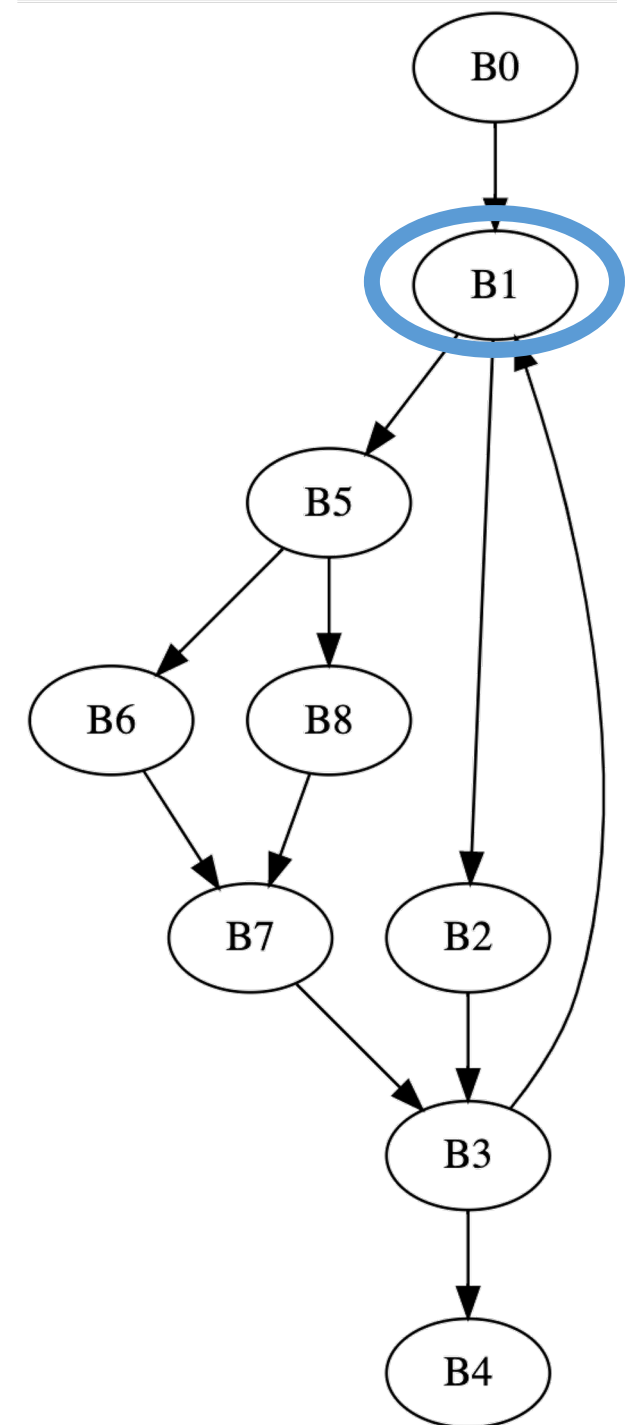


Any child that isn't dominated is in the dominance frontier

Node	Dominators
B0	
B1	B0,
B2	B0, B1,
B3	B0, B1,
B4	B0, B1, B3,
B5	B0, B1,
B6	B0, B1, B5,
B7	B0, B1, B5,
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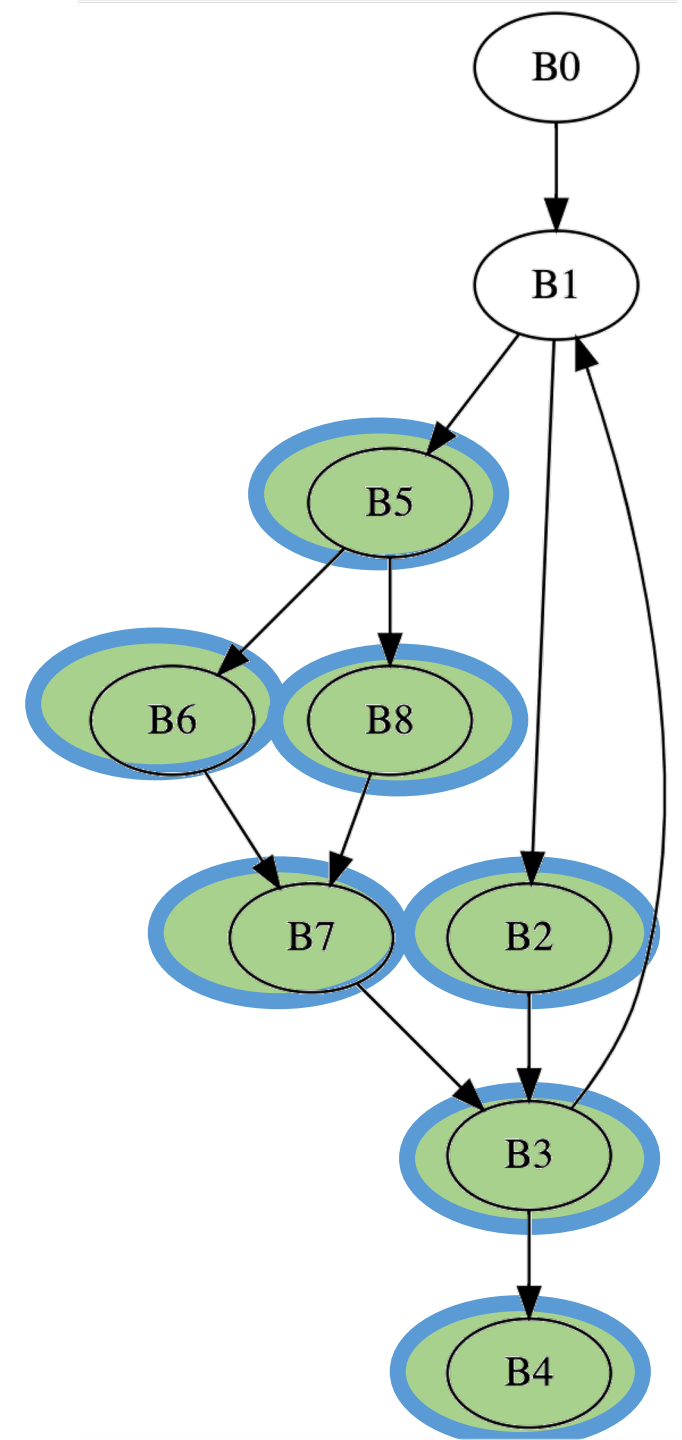


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B0	
<b>B1</b>	B0,
B2	B0, <b>B1</b> ,
B3	B0, <b>B1</b> ,
B4	B0, <b>B1</b> , B3,
B5	B0, <b>B1</b> ,
B6	B0, <b>B1</b> , B5,
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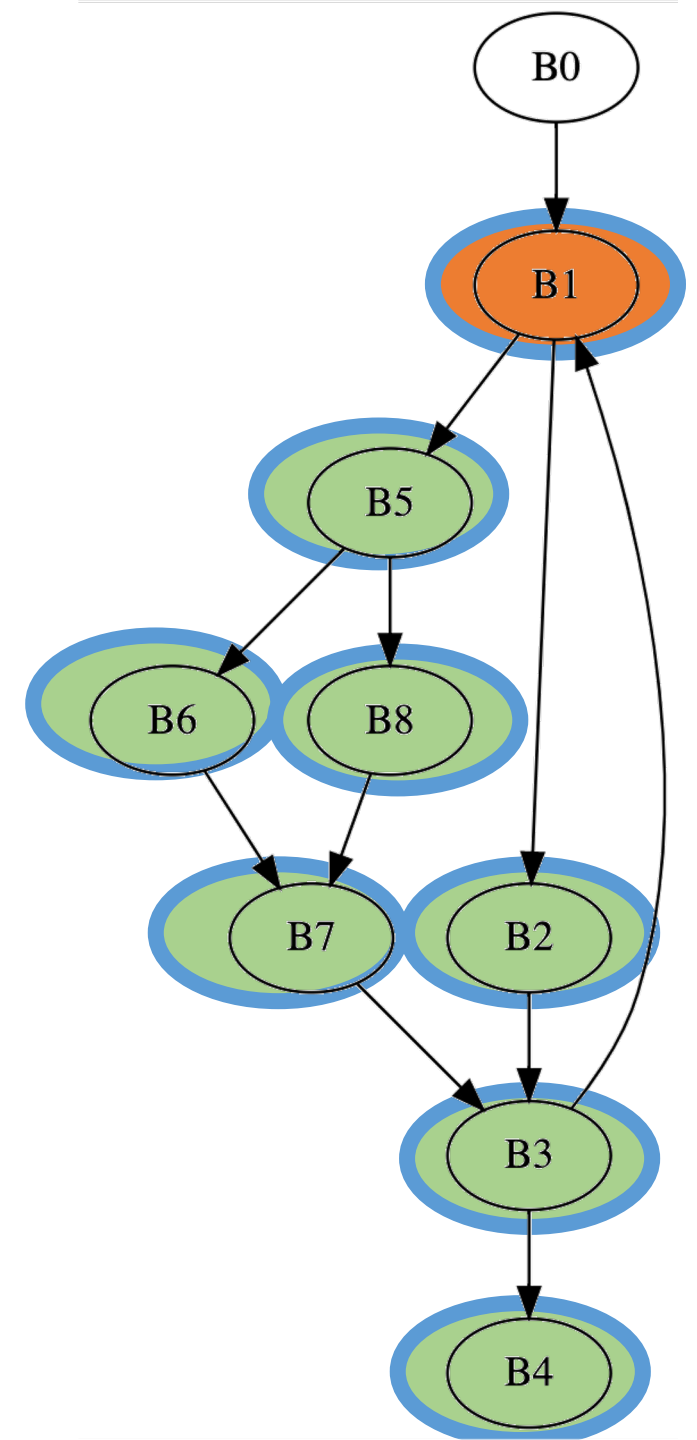




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B3	B0, <b>B1</b> ,
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B5	B0, <b>B1</b> ,
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B0: i = ...;

B1: a = ...;
    c = ...;
    br ... B2, B5;

B2: b = ...;
    c = ...;
    d = ...;

B3: y = ...;
    z = ...;
    i = ...;
    br ... B1, B4;

B4: return;

```

```

B5: a = ...;
    d = ...;
    br ... B6, B8;

B6: d = ...;

B7: b = ...;

B8: c = ...;
    br B7;

```

Node	Dominator Frontier
B0	{}
B1	B1
B2	B3
B3	B1
B4	{}
B5	B3
B6	B7
B7	B3
B8	B7

Var	a	b	c	d	i
Blocks	B1,B5	B2,B7	B1,B2,B8	B2,B5,B6	B0,B3

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Var	a
Blocks	B1,B5

for each variable  $v$ :  
for each block  $b$  that writes to  $v$ :  
 $\phi$  is needed in the DF of  $b$

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    d = ...;

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    z = ...;
    i = ...;
    br ... B1, B4;

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B2: b = ...;
    c = ...;
    d = ...;

B3: y = ...;
    z = ...;
    i = ...;
    br ... B1, B4;

B4: return;

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    z = ...;
    i = ...;
    br ... B1, B4;

B4: return;

```

```

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B4	{}
<b>B5</b>	<b>B3</b>
B6	B7
B7	B3
B8	B7

Var	a
Blocks	B1, <b>B5</b>

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    c = ...;
    d = ...;

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    y = ...;
    z = ...;
    i = ...;
    br ... B1, B4;

```

```

B5: a = ...;
    d = ...;
    br ... B6, B8;

B6: d = ...;

B7: b = ...;

B8: c = ...;
    br B7;

```

```
B4: return;
```

Var	a
Blocks	B1, B5

for each block b:  
 $\phi$  is needed in the DF of b

Node	Dominator Frontier
B0	{}
B1	B1
B2	B3
B3	B1
B4	{}
B5	B3
B6	B7
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    c = ...;
    d = ...;

B3: a =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    y = ...;
    z = ...;
    i = ...;
    br ... B1, B4;

B4: return;

```

```

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B7: b = ...;

B8: c = ...;
    br B7;

```

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B1	B1
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B3	B1
B4	{}
B5	B3
B6	B7
B7	B3
B8	B7

Var	a
Blocks	B1,B5

We've now added new definitions of 'a'!

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    c = ...;
    d = ...;

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    y = ...;
    z = ...;
    i = ...;
    br ... B1, B4;

B4: return;

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Var	a
Blocks	B1,B5,B1,B3

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    y = ...;
    z = ...;
    i = ...;
    br ... B1, B4;

B4: return;

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```

Node	Dominator Frontier
B0	{}
B1	B1
B2	B3
<b>B3</b>	<b>B1</b>
B4	{}
B5	B3
B6	B7
B7	B3
B8	B7

Var	a
Blocks	B1, B5, <b>B3</b>

We've now added new definitions of 'a'!

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B1:  $a = \phi(\dots);$   
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 $c = \dots;$   
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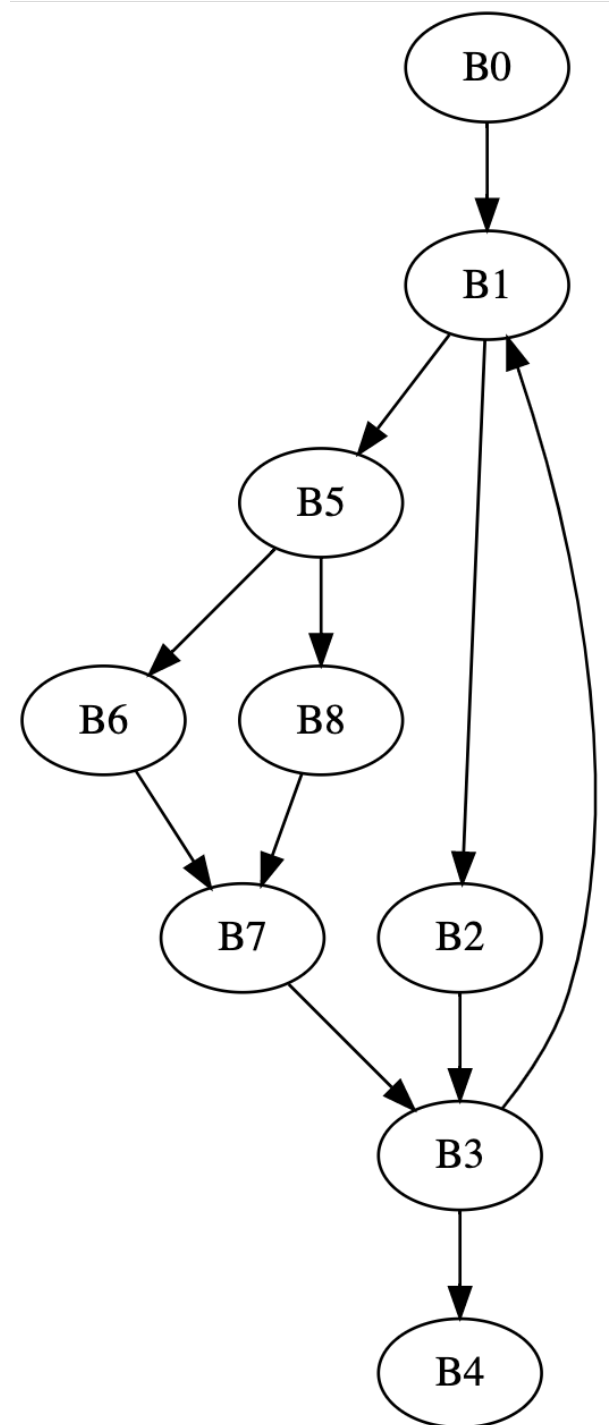
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B7:  $d = \phi(\dots);$   
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 $b = \dots;$

B8:  $c = \dots;$   
**br** B7;



```
B0: i0 = ...;

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    c2 =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    d3 =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    i4 =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    a5 = ...;
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B2: b7 = ...;
    c8 = ...;
    d9 = ...;

B3: a10 =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    b11 =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    c12 =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    d13 =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    y14 = ...;
    z15 = ...;
    i16 = ...;
    br ... B1, B4;
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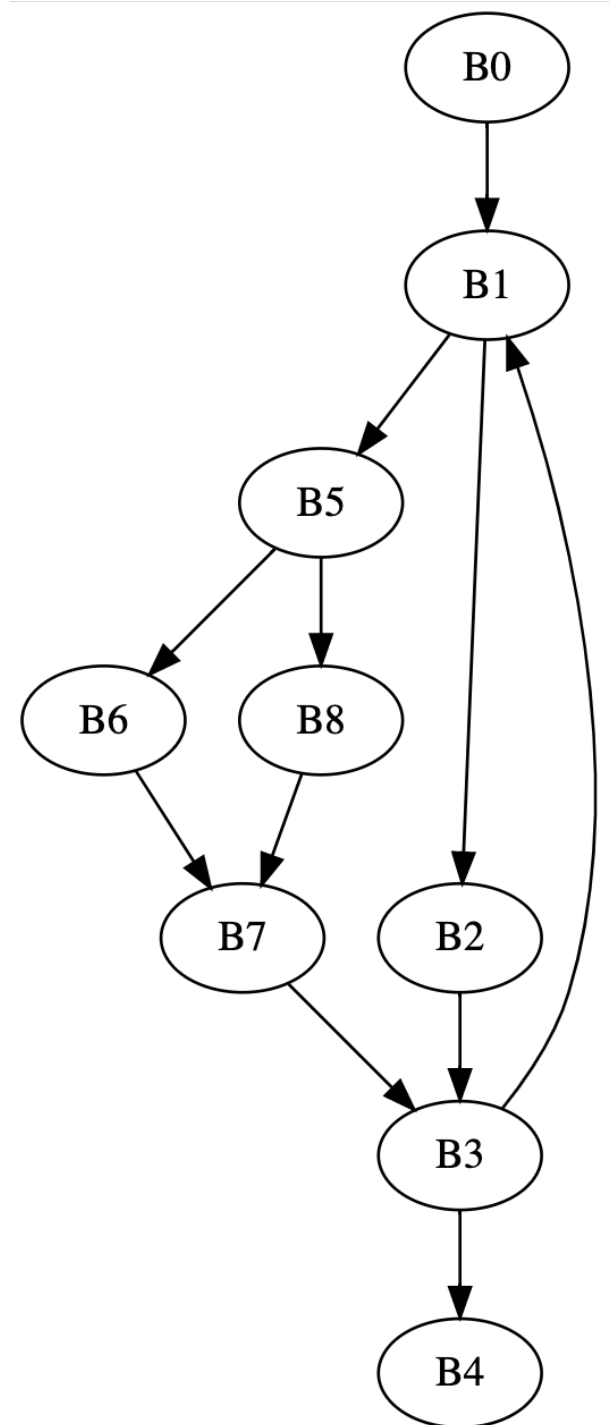
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    d18 = ...;
    br ... B6, B8;

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    c21 =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    b22 = ...;

B8: c23 = ...;
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```



# CSE211: Compiler Design

Oct. 25, 2021

- **Topic: SSA**

- SSA analysis
- converting back from SSA

- **Questions:**

- *What are the benefits of SSA?*

```
0
7 3:                                     ; preds = %1
8  %4 = tail call i32 @_Z14first_functionv(), !dbg !19
9  call void @llvm.dbg.value(metadata i32 %4, metadata !14, metadata
10 br label %7, !dbg !21
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12 5:                                     ; preds = %1
13 %6 = tail call i32 @_Z15second_functionv(), !dbg !22
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15 br label %7
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17 7:                                     ; preds = %5, %3
18 %8 = phi i32 [ %4, %3 ], [ %6, %5 ], !dbg !24
19 call void @llvm.dbg.value(metadata i32 %8, metadata !14, metadata
20 ret i32 %8, !dbg !25
21 }
```

# Optimizations using SSA

# Constant Propagation

- Perform certain operations at compile time if the values are known
- Flow the information of known values throughout the program



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```

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What about across basic blocks?

```
x = 42;  
z = 5;  
if (<some condition> {  
    y = 5;  
}  
else {  
    y = z;  
}  
w = y;
```

# To do this, we're going to use a lattice

- An object in abstract algebra
- Unique to each analysis you want to implement
  - Kind of like the flow function

# A simple lattice

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**For constant propagation:**

take the symbols to be integers

Simple meet operations for integers:

if  $c_i \neq c_j$ :

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else:

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# Constant propagation

- Map each SSA variable  $x$  to a lattice value:
  - $\text{Value}(x) = \top$  if the analysis has not made a judgment
  - $\text{Value}(x) = c_i$  if the analysis found that variable  $x$  holds value  $c_i$
  - $\text{Value}(x) = \perp$  if the analysis has found that the value cannot be known



# Constant propagation algorithm

Initially:

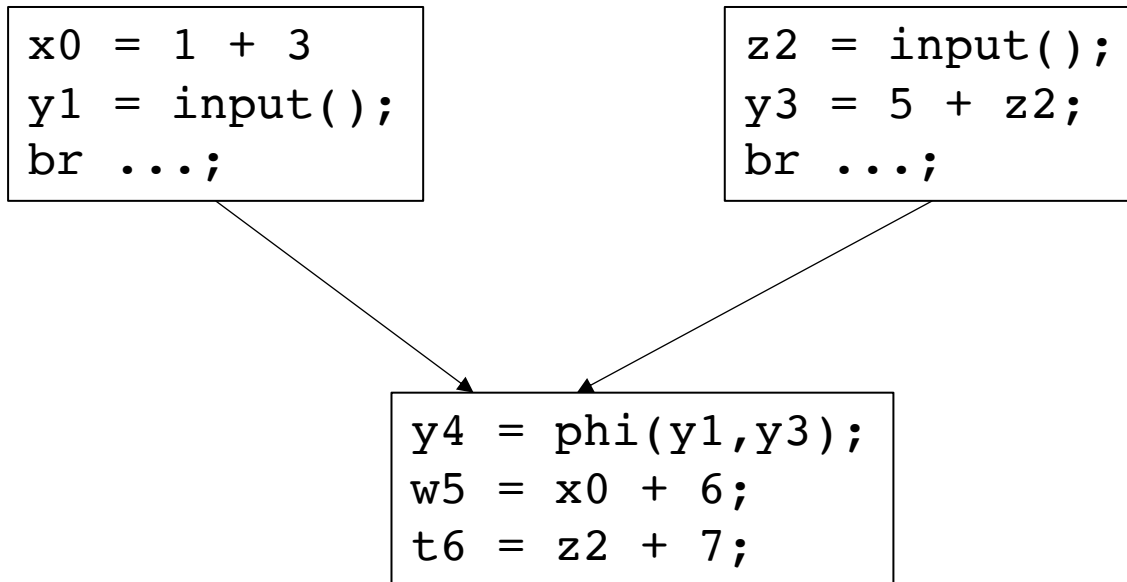
Assign each SSA variable a value  $c$  based on its expression:

- a constant  $c_i$  if the value can be known
- $\perp$  if the value comes from an argument or input
- $T$  otherwise, e.g. if the value comes from a  $\phi$  node

Then, create a “uses” map

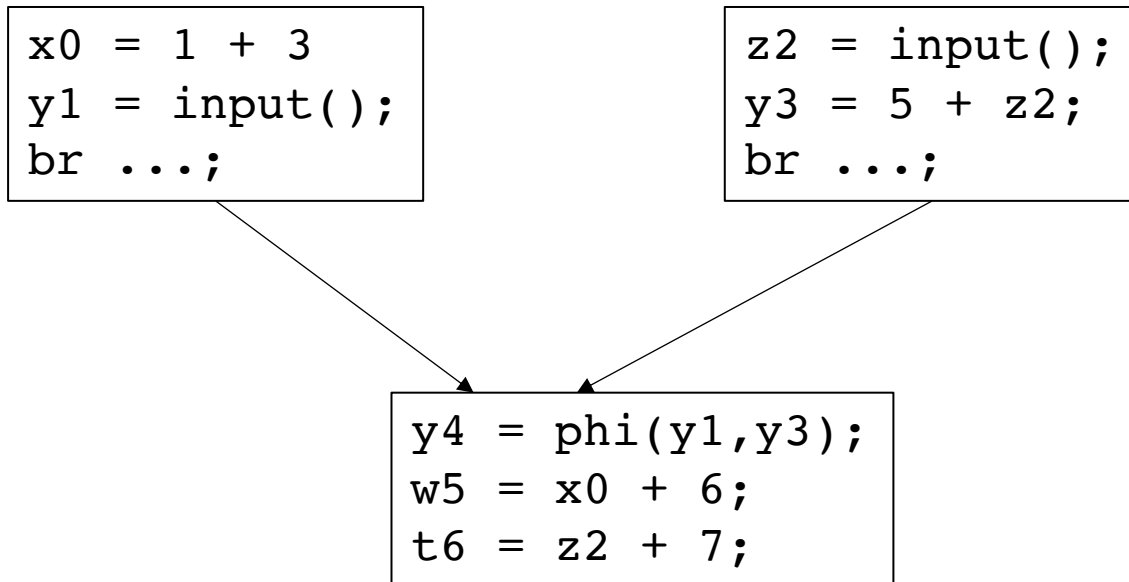
*This can be done in a single pass*

# Example:



```
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}
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# Constant propagation algorithm

worklist based algorithm:

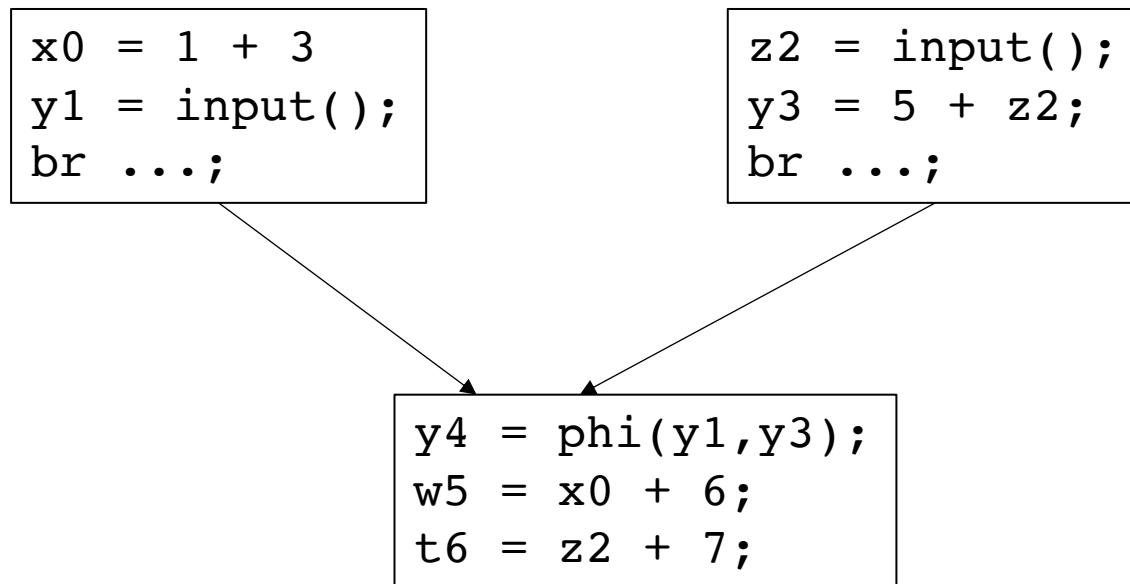
All variables **NOT** assigned to T get put on a worklist

iterate through the worklist:

For every item  $n$  in the worklist, we can look up the uses of  $n$

evaluate each use  $m$  over the lattice

# Example:



Worklist: [ x0 , y1 , z2 ]

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**Example:**  $m = n * x$

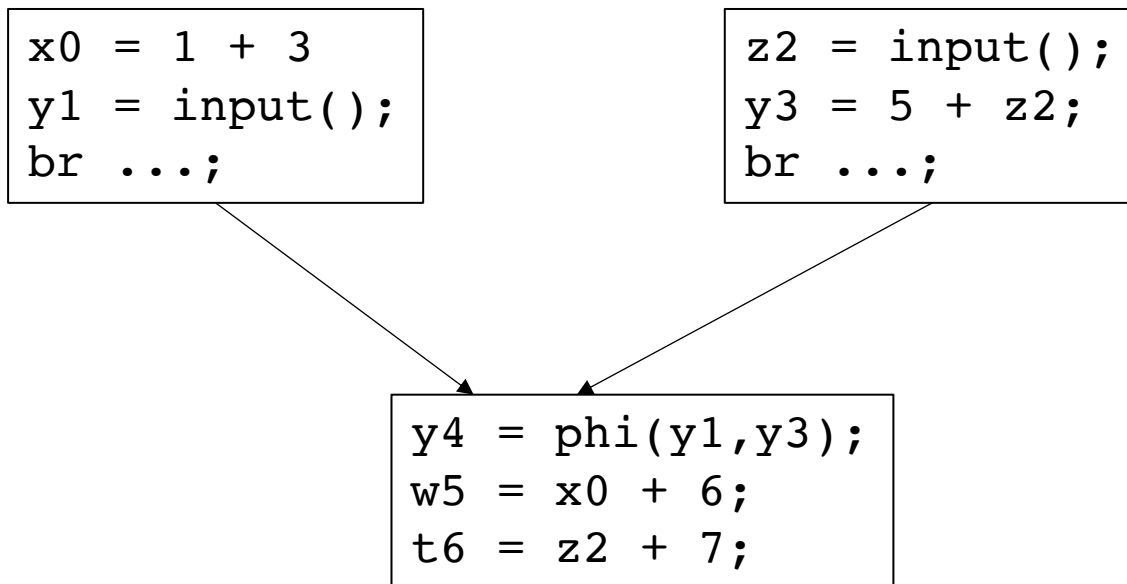
**if** (Value( $n$ ) has a value and Value( $x$ ) has a value)

Value( $m$ ) = **evaluate**(Value( $n$ ), Value( $x$ ));

Add  $m$  to the worklist if Value( $m$ ) has changed;

break;

# Example:

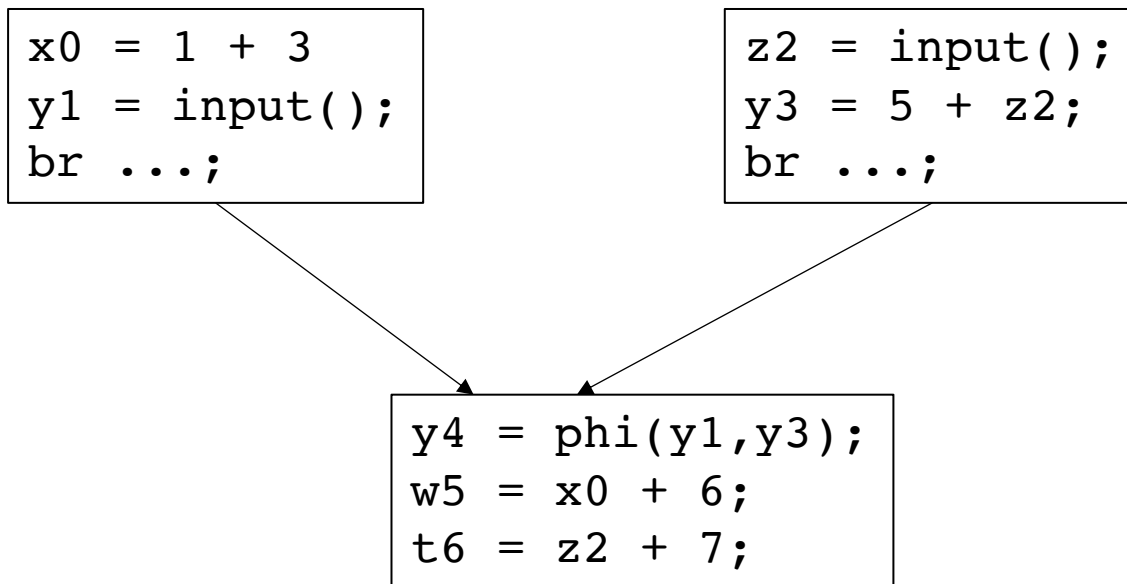


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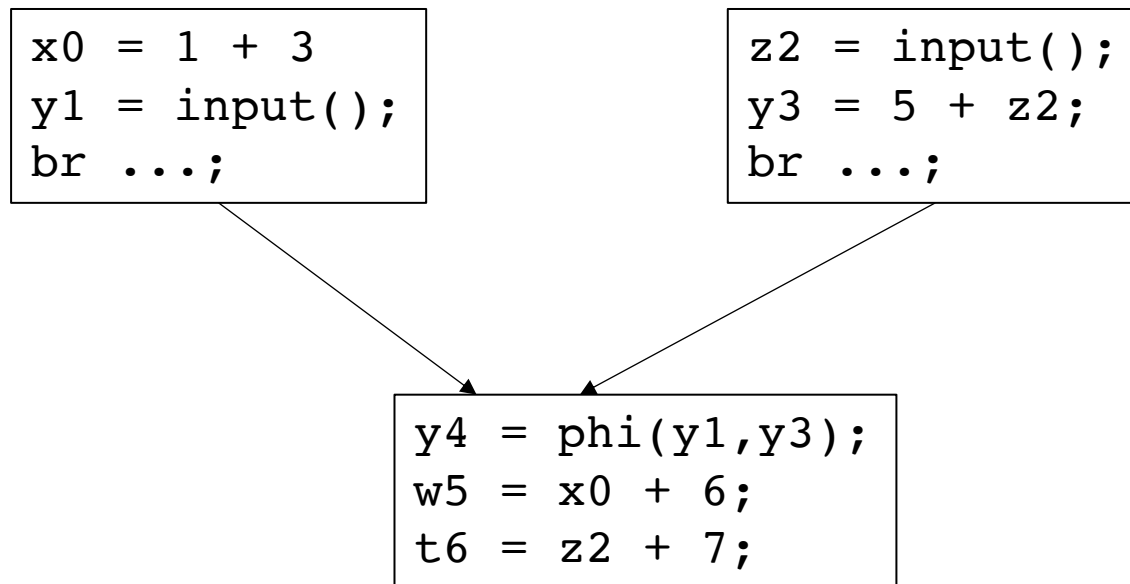
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# Example:



Worklist: [y1, z2, w5]

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for each item in the worklist, evaluate all of its uses  $m$  over the lattice (unique to each optimization)

**Example:**  $m = n * x$

*// Next case*

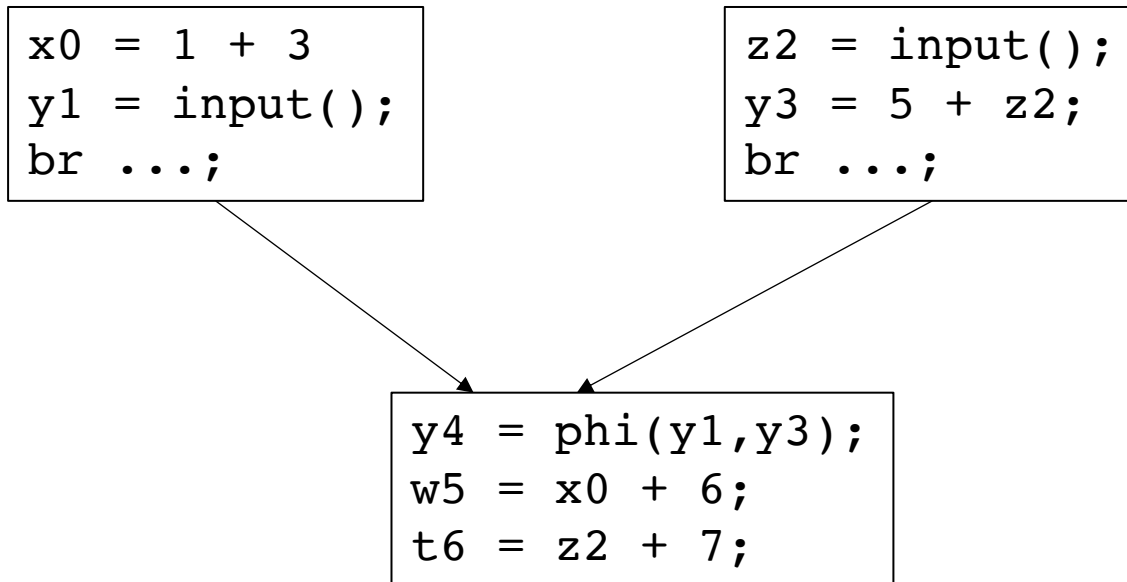
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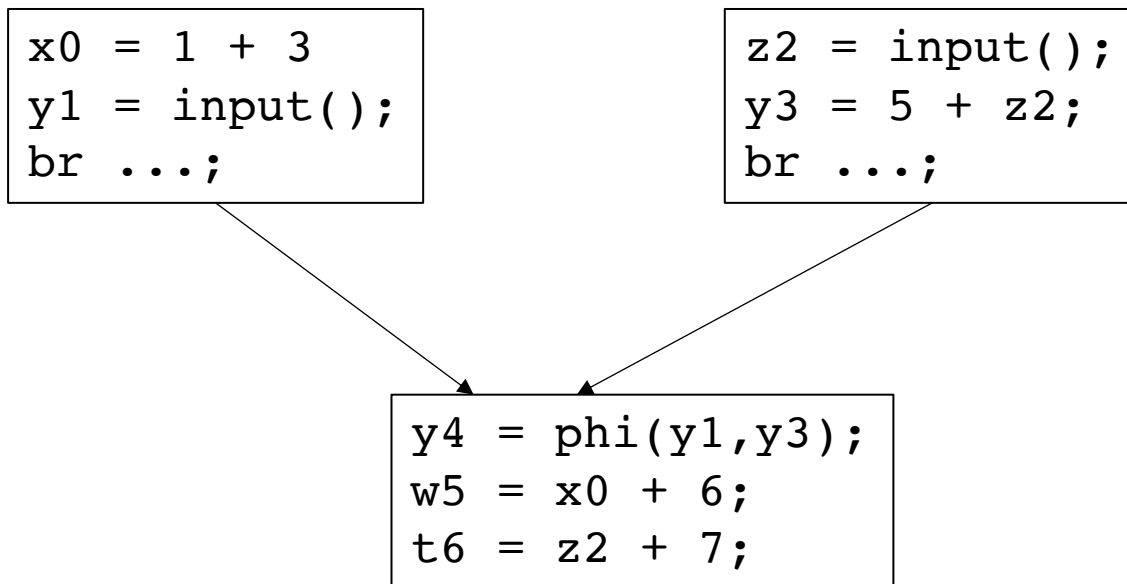


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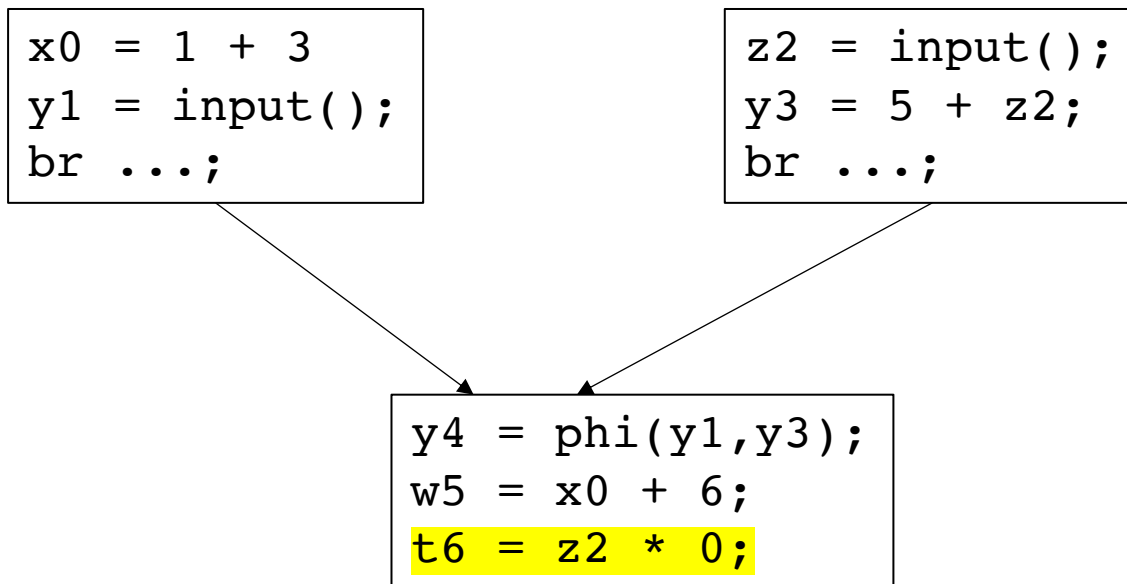
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break;

*Can we optimize this for special cases?*

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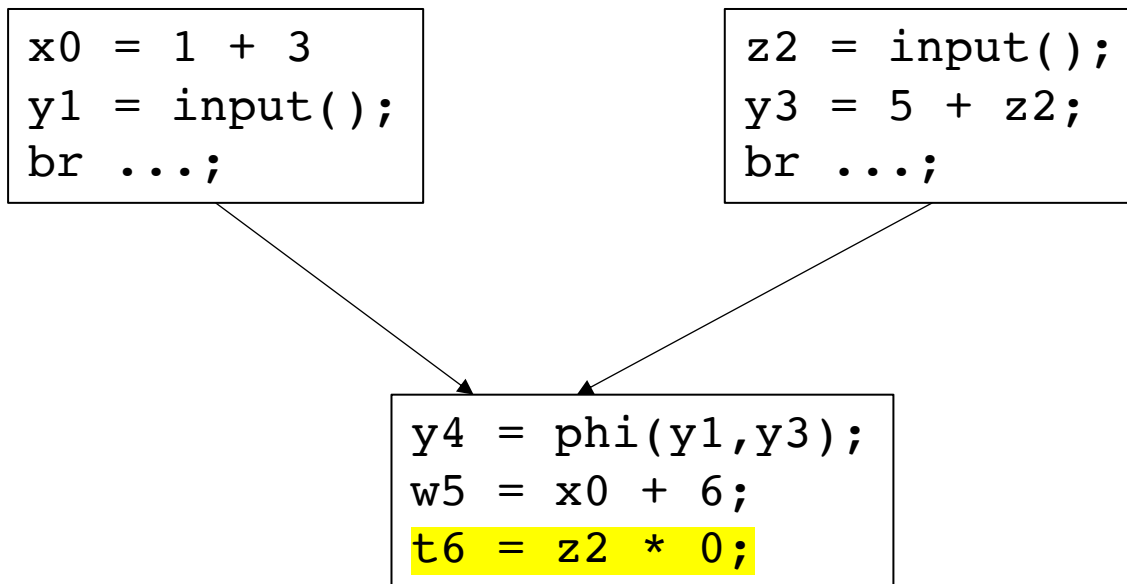


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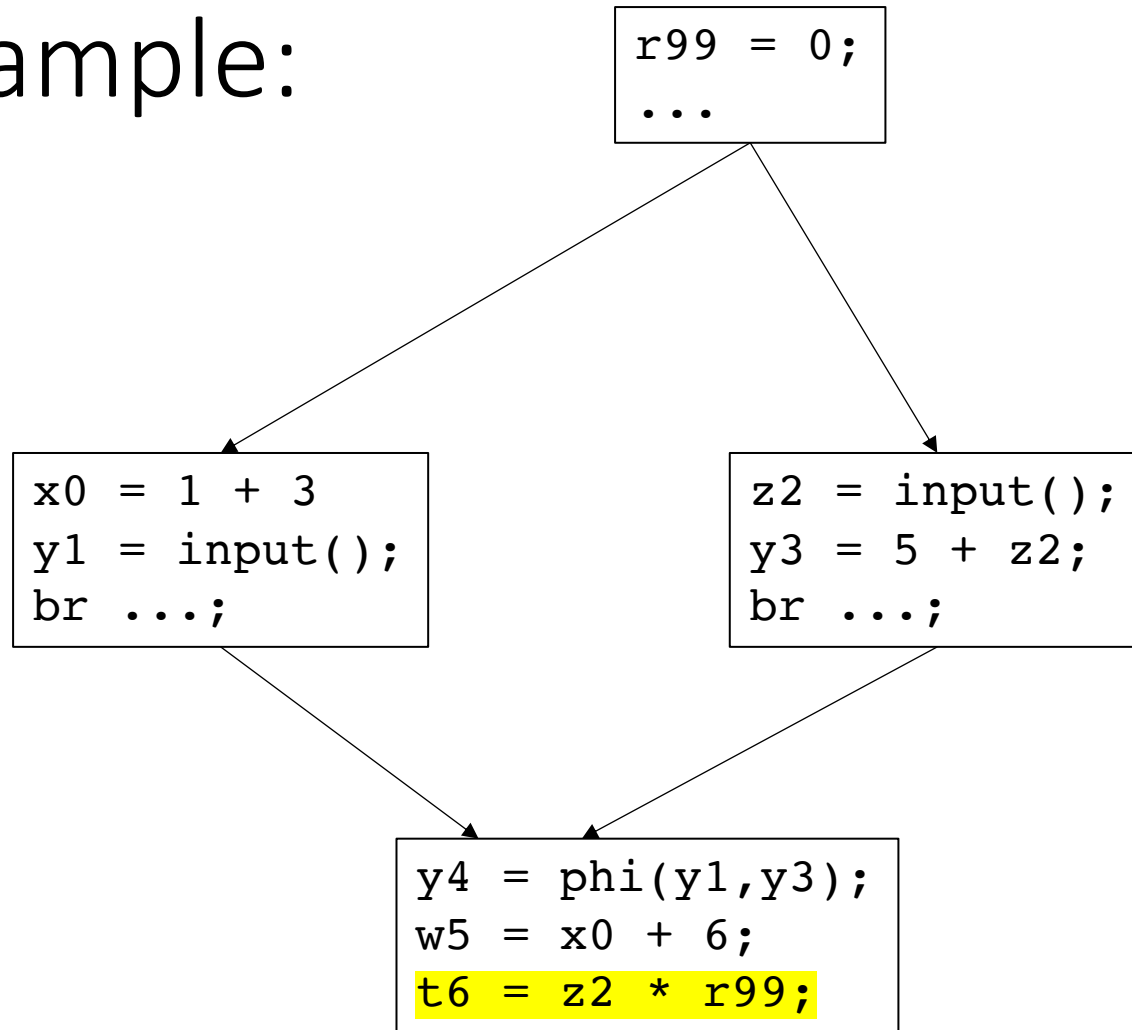
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}
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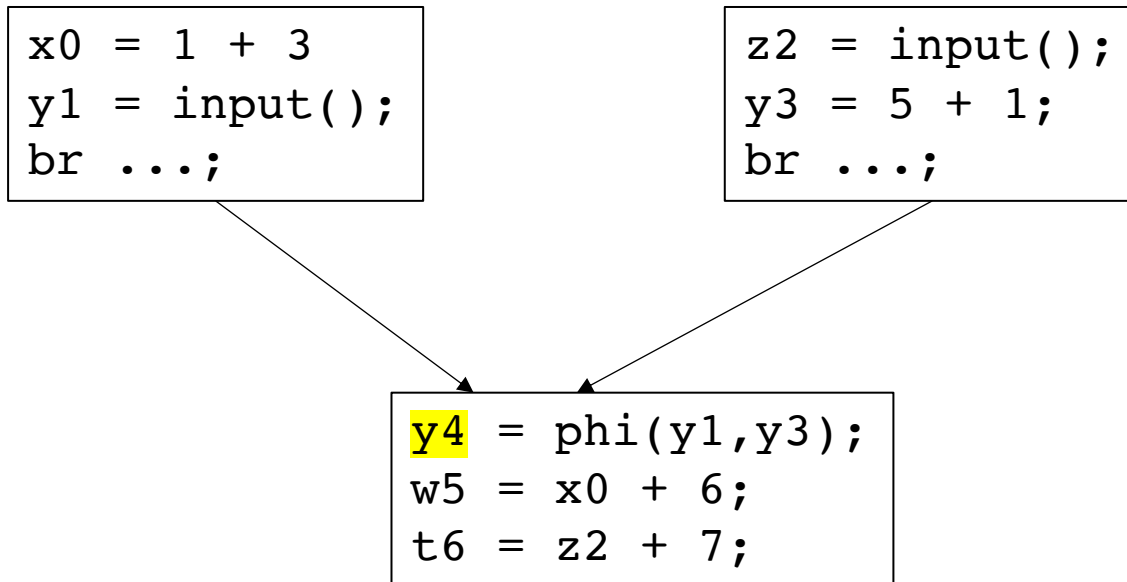
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The elephant in the room

...

# Example:



Worklist: [ x0, y1, y3 ]

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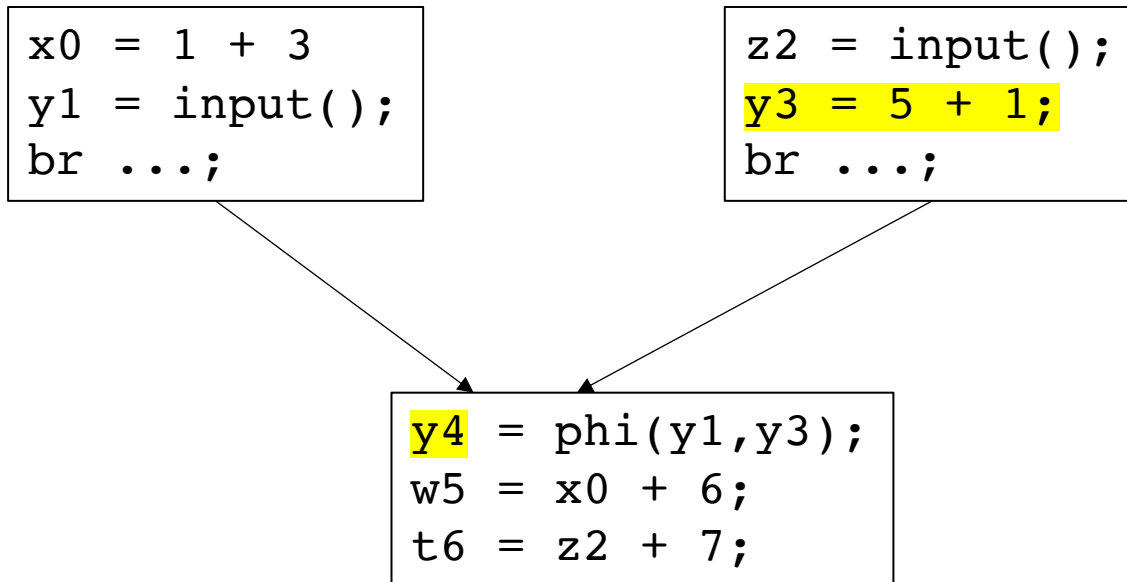
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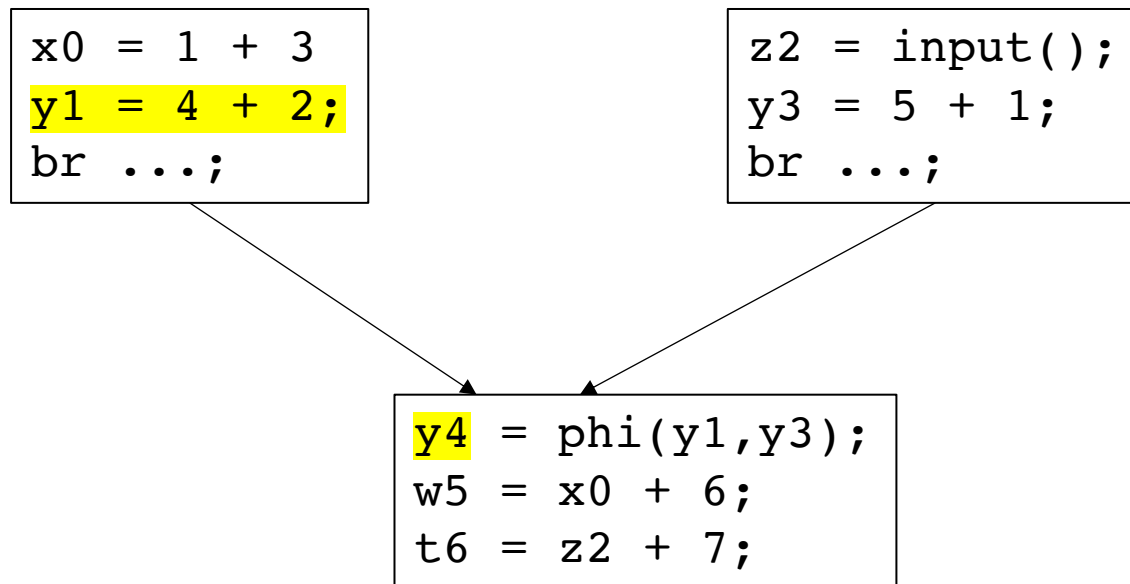


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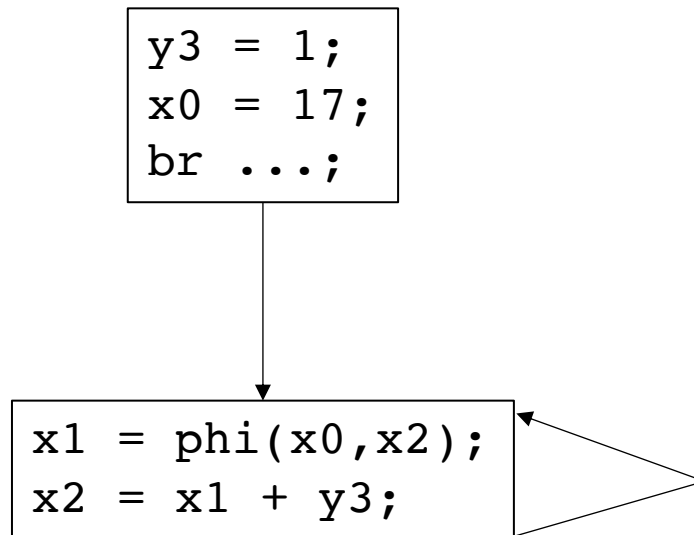
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Issue here:  
potentially assigning  
a value that might  
not hold

# Example loop:



Values

y3:

x0:

x1:

x2:

Uses

y3:

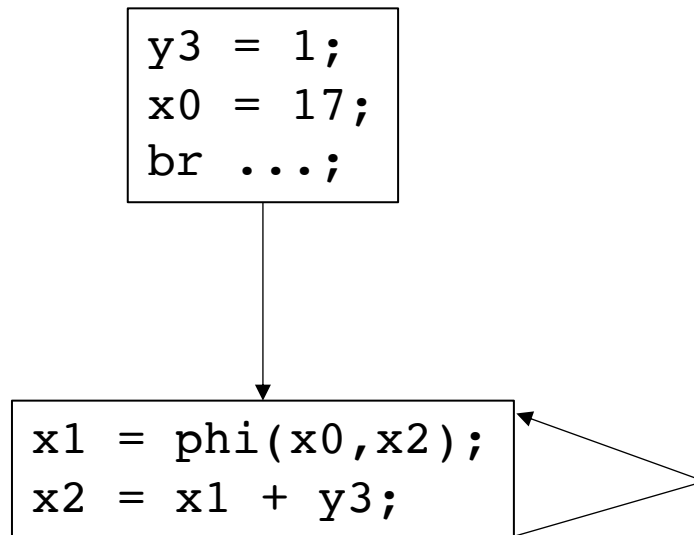
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x2: T

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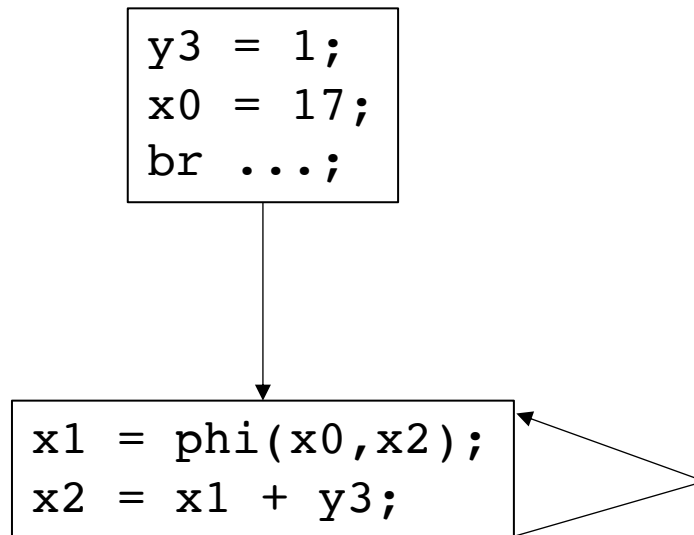
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Uses

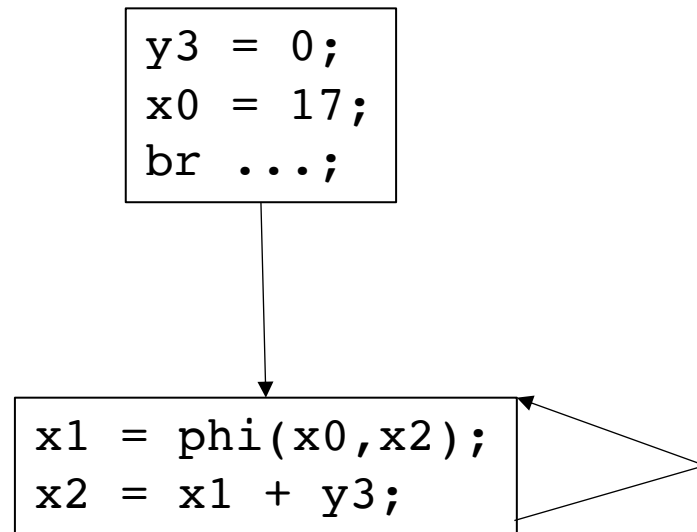
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# Example loop:



***optimistic analysis:*** Assume unknowns will be the target value for the optimization. Correct later.

*Implementation:* Assign unknowns to TOP

***pessimistic analysis:*** Assume unknowns will NOT be the target value for the optimization.

*Implementation:* Assign unknowns to BOTTOM

*Pros/cons?*

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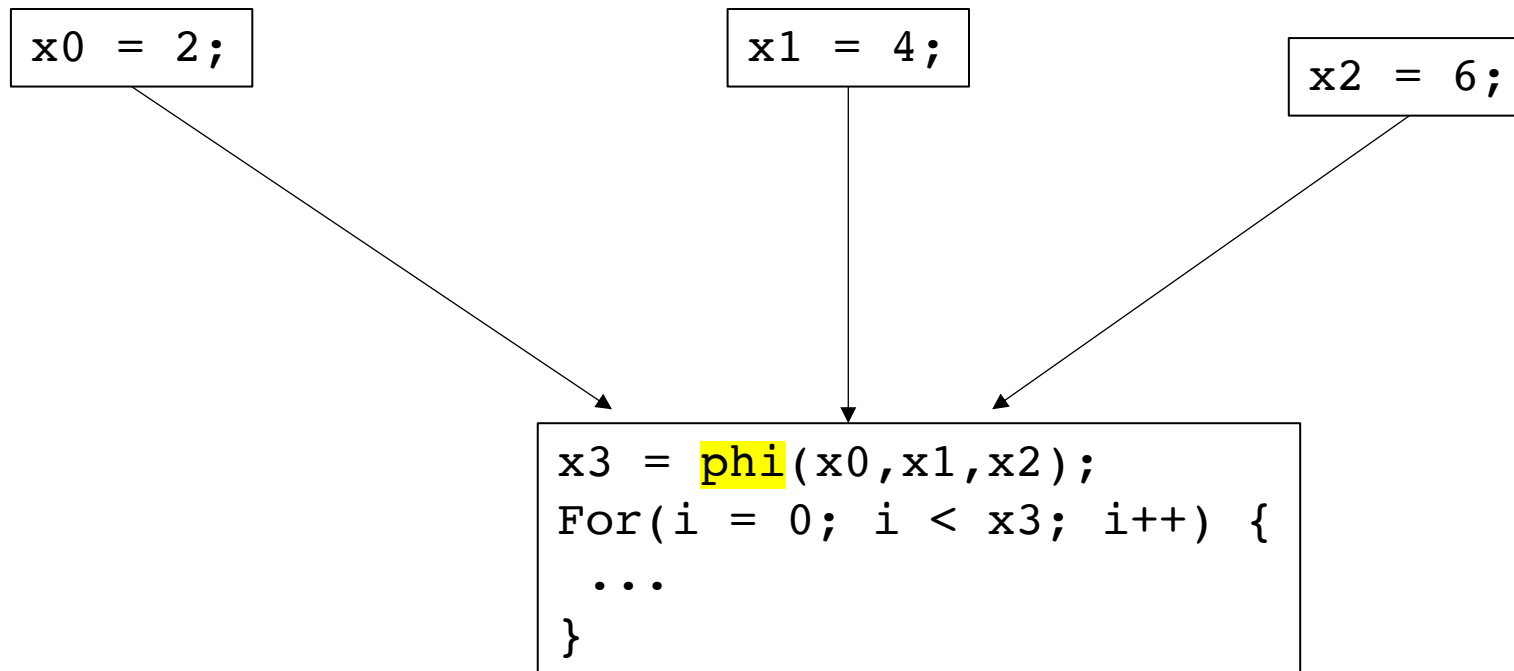
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$$c_i \wedge c_j = \text{GCD}(c_i, c_j)$$

# Another lattice

- Given loop code:
  - Is it possible to unroll the loop N times?



# Another lattice

- Value ranges

*Track if  $i$  are guaranteed to be between 0 and 1024.*

*Meet operator takes a union of possible values, ranges.*

Values:

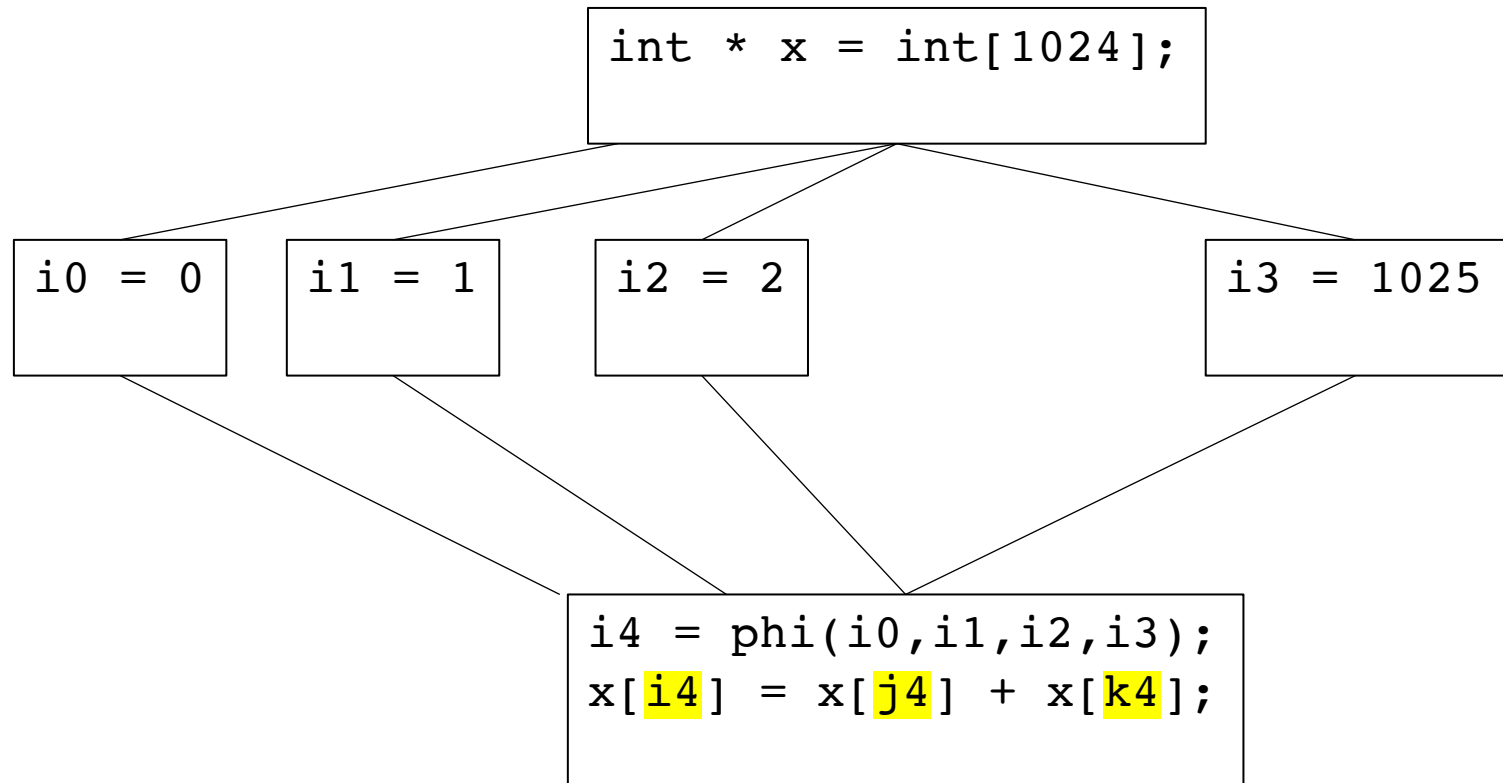
$i_0$ : [0]

$i_1$ : [1]

$i_2$ : [2]

$i_3$ : [1024]

$i_4$ : [[0-2], 1025]



Converting out of SSA



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B0: i0 = ...;

B1: a0 =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    b1 =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    c2 =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    d3 =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    i4 =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    a5 = ...;
    c6 = ...;
    br ... B2, B5;

B2: b7 = ...;
    c8 = ...;
    d9 = ...;

B3: a10 =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    b11 =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    c12 =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    d13 =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    y14 = ...;
    z15 = ...;
    i16 = ...;
    br ... B1, B4;

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B4: return

B5: a17 = ...;
    d18 = ...;
    br ... B6, B8;

B6: d19 = ...;

B7: d20 =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    c21 =  $\phi(\dots)$ ;
    b22 = ...;

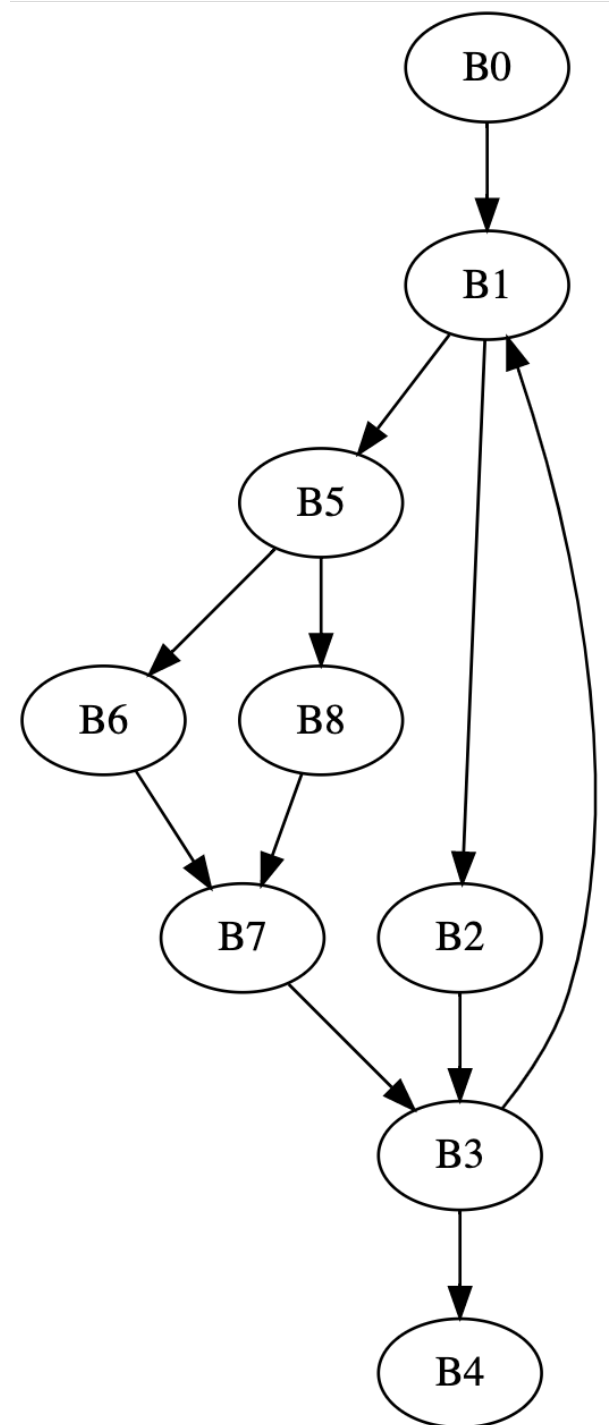
B8: c23 = ...;
    br B7;

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Two approaches:

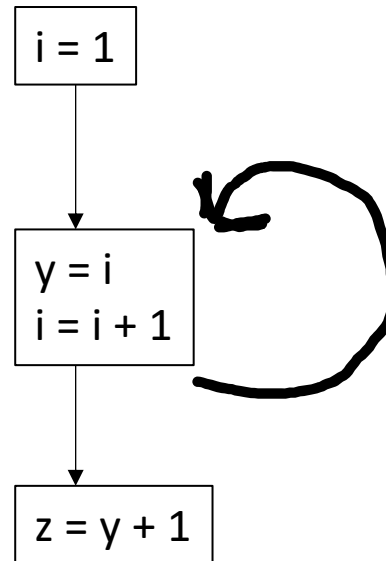
1. path tracking and conditionals
2. early assignment

*Example using i in B1*

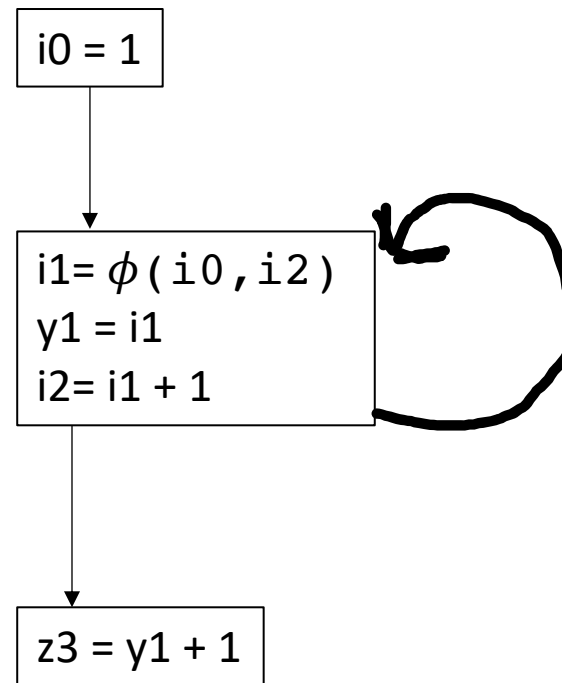


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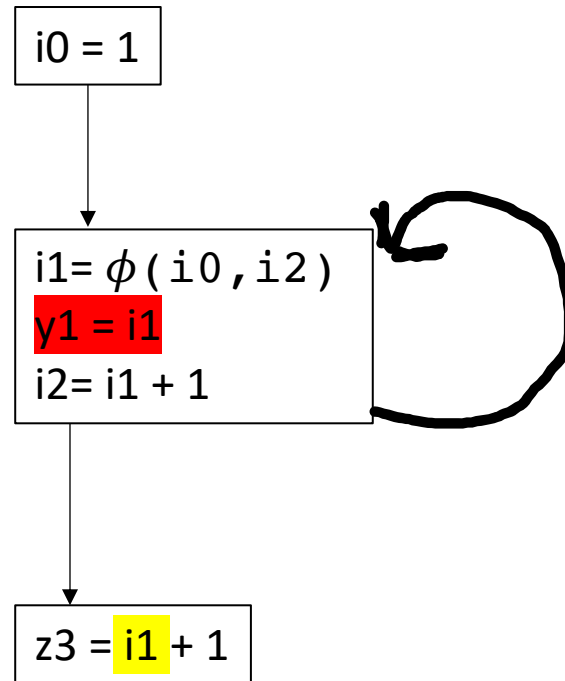
An issue with early assignment algorithm



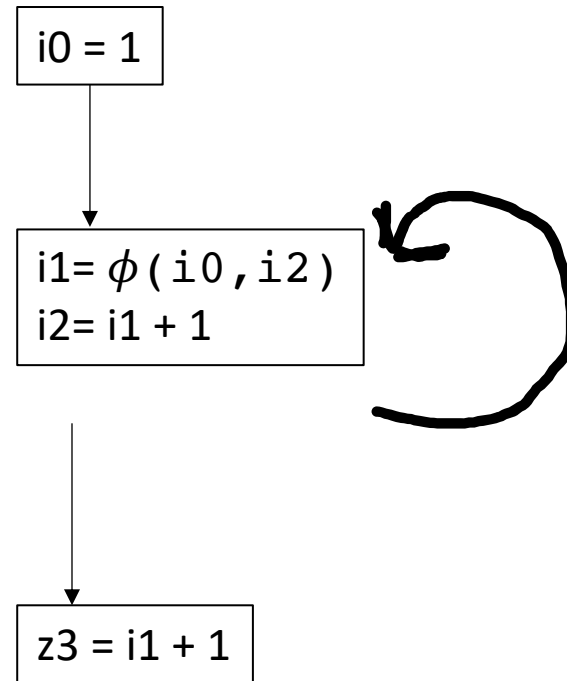
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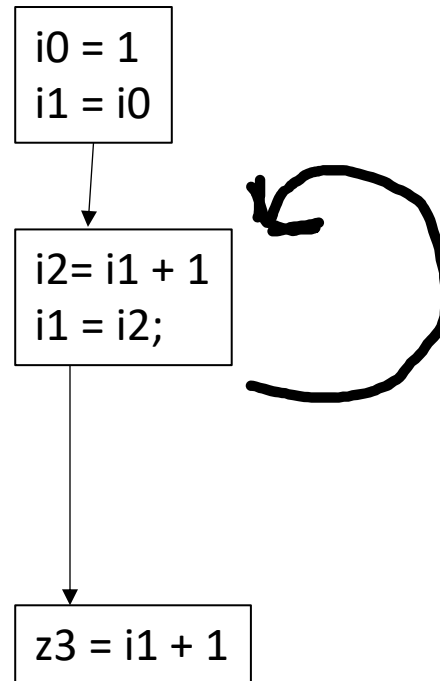
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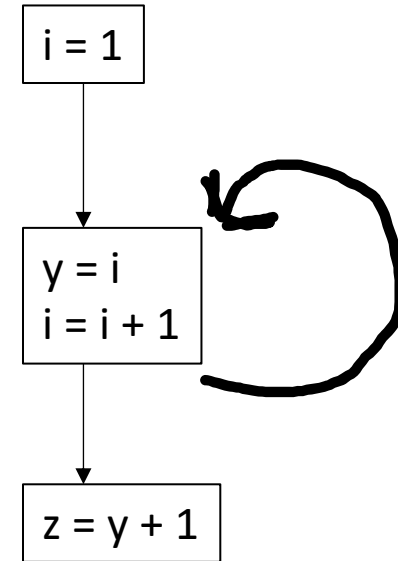
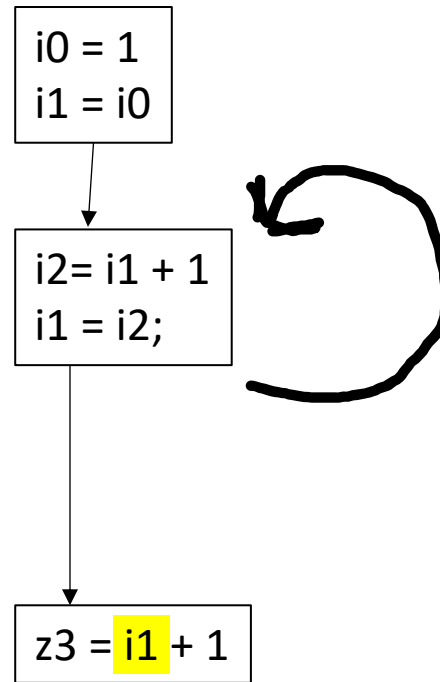
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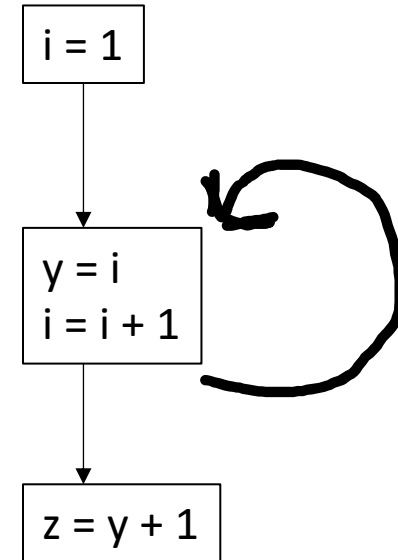
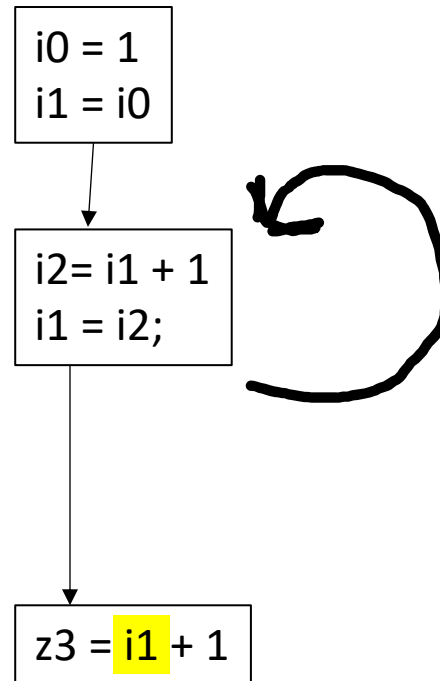


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*Known as the lost-copy problem  
there are algorithms for handling this (see book)*



*Similar problem called the Swap problem*



# Hopefully see you in person on Thursday!

- Starting Module 3: DSLs and Parallelism
- Office hours tomorrow