

Static Program Analysis

Program Dependence Graph

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Advanced Lecture (9 CP)

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Scale

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(3)     u = ((p_ab[PB] & 0x0f) << 8) + p_ab[PA];
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(6)     for (idx=0;idx<7;idx++) {
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(9)         switch(e_puf[idx]) {
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(12)       e_puf[idx] = '\0'; }
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Program Slicing (Weiser '79)

- A program slice contains only those statements that potentially influence the execution of a given statement
- Irrelevant statements are removed (replaced by skip)
- Slicing criterion $C = (n, V)$
- Reduced program S is a **slice** if
 - it is a valid program
 - whenever P halts for a given input, S also halts for that input and computes the same values for the variables in V whenever the statement n is executed

Program Slicing

Original program

```
(1) read(n);  
(2) i = 1;  
(3) sum = 0;  
(4) prod = 1;  
(5) while (i <= n) {  
(6)   sum = sum + i;  
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(8)   i++;  
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Slice for (10, {sum})

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Semantics of Slicing

- Slicing does not necessarily preserve program semantics
- **May remove non-termination**
 - Slice may no longer contain infinite loops
- Slice terminates while original program doesn't
- Non-standard semantics can be found that are preserved under program slicing [Danicic et al '07]

Slicing in the PDG

- Program representation called **Program Dependence Graph**
- **Slicing** becomes a **reachability problem**
- Linear to the number of statements (nodes)
- However, **not** necessarily **executable** slices
(Extensions to make them executable again available)
- Slice: statements that (in-)directly affect slicing criterion
- PDG **defined** of CFG: nodes are the same
- Edges: **Data** and **Control Dependence** (vs. control flow)

Control Dependence

- One statement directly controls the execution of another
- In structured programs equivalent to “indentation level”
 - (1) while (i <= n) {
 - (2) sum = sum + i;
 - (3) prod = prod * i;
 - (4) i++;
 - (5) }
 - (6) write(sum);
- Statements in the while body are control dependent on the while predicate. The write is no longer dependent on the predicate.

Control Dependence Formally

- Standard definition in terms of post-dominance
- A node x in the CFG is **post-dominated** by node y if all paths from x to n_e pass through y
- A node y is **control dependent** on node x ($x \rightarrow_{cd} y$) if
 - \exists path p from x to y in the CFG, such that y post-dominates every node in p (except for x), and
 - x is not post-dominated by y
- Extends intuitive notion to unstructured control flow
- **Immediate post-dominator** does **not** post-dominate any other post-dominator
- Induces a tree structure

Computing Post-Dominators

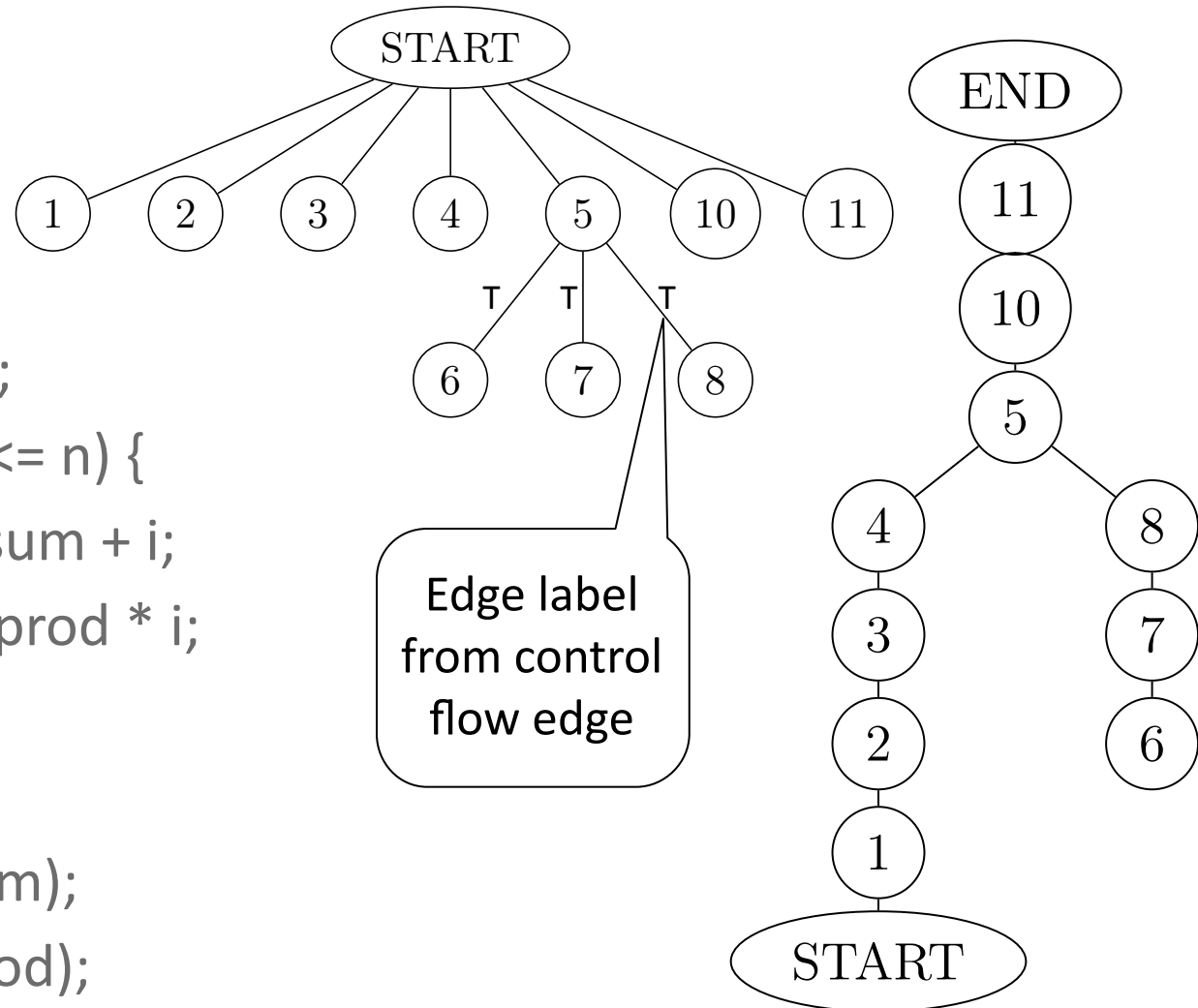
- Several ways to compute post-dominators efficiently
- One way: using the following recursive equations
- maximal fixed point yields post-dominator relation
- Initialization: $\text{pdom}(\text{end}) = \{\text{end}\};$
 $\forall n \in N \setminus \{\text{end}\} : \text{pdom}(n) = N$
- Iteration: $\forall n \in N \setminus \{\text{end}\}: \text{pdom}(n) = \{n\} \cup \left(\bigcap_{n \rightarrow_{\text{cf}} s} \text{pdom}(s) \right)$
- Alternative: Lengauer-Tarjan '79 algorithm for post-dominator tree (better worst-case complexity, but high constants)

Computing Control Dependence

- Algorithm by Ferrante et al. '87
- For every edge $x \rightarrow_{cf} y$ where x is not postdominated by y , one moves upwards from y in the post-dominator tree. Every node z visited before x 's parent is control dependent on x .
- The control dependence edge $x \rightarrow_{cd} z$ is labeled with $v(x, y)$, (label of the control flow edge)
- Synthetic edge is only used for computing post-dominators and control dependence, ignored for all other analyses

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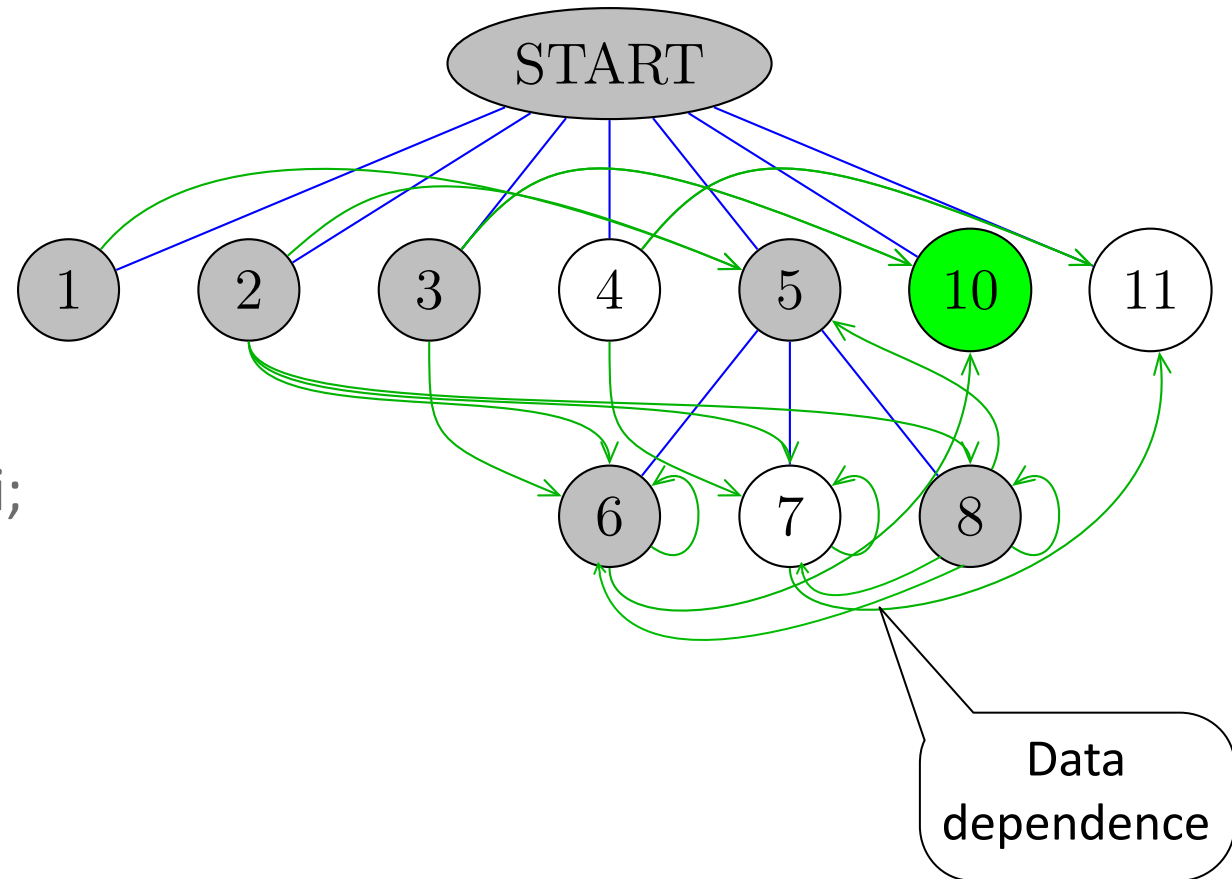


Data Dependence

- Known from **optimizing compilers**
- For slicing only “flow dependence” is relevant
- Called **data dependence** in the sequel
- $x \rightarrow_{dd} y$ means that a node x computes a value that may be used at node y in some feasible execution
- A node y is data dependent on node x ($x \rightarrow_{dd} y$) if
 - there exists a variable v with $v \in \text{Def}(x)$ and $v \in \text{Use}(y)$,
 - and \exists path P in the CFG from x to y where the definition of v in x is not definitively killed (i.e. x is a reaching definition of y .)

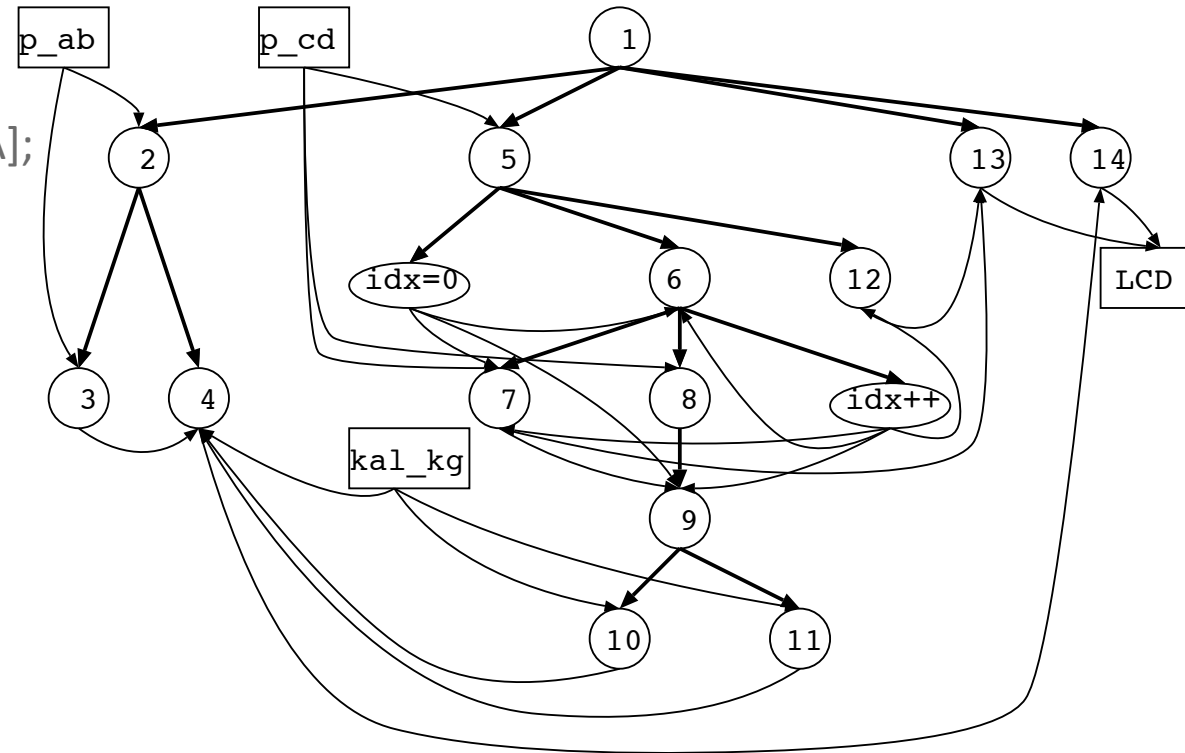
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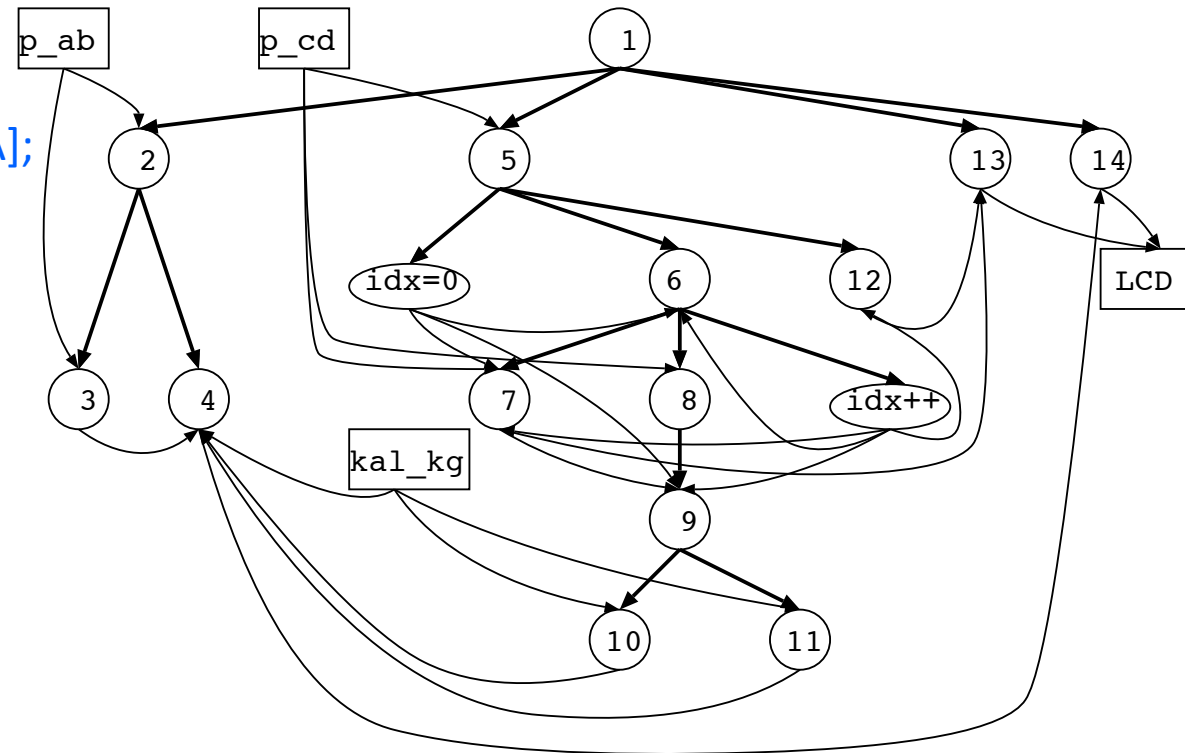
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