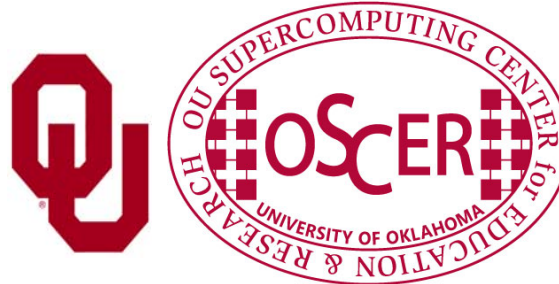


Supercomputing in Plain English

Part IV: Stupid Compiler Tricks

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This week's Access Grid (AG) venue: Helium.
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H.323 (Polycom etc)

If you want to use H.323 videoconferencing – for example, Polycom – then dial

69.77.7.203##12345

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For assistance, contact Andy Fleming of KanREN/Kan-ed (afleming@kanren.net or 785-865-6434).

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Many thanks to Andy and KanREN/Kan-ed for providing H.323 access.





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We have unlimited simultaneous iLinc connections available.

If you're already on the SiPE e-mail list, then you should receive an e-mail about iLinc before each session begins.

If you want to use iLinc, please follow the directions in the iLinc e-mail.

For iLinc, you **MUST** use either Windows (XP strongly preferred) or MacOS X with Internet Explorer.

To use iLinc, you'll need to download a client program to your PC. It's free, and setup should take only a few minutes.

Many thanks to Katherine Kantardjieff of California State U Fullerton for providing the iLinc licenses.





QuickTime Broadcaster

If you cannot connect via the Access Grid, H.323 or iLinc, then you can connect via QuickTime:

`rtsp://129.15.254.141/test_hpc09.sdp`

We recommend using QuickTime Player for this, because we've tested it successfully.

We recommend upgrading to the latest version at:

<http://www.apple.com/quicktime/>

When you run QuickTime Player, traverse the menus

File -> Open URL

Then paste in the rstp URL into the textbox, and click OK.

Many thanks to Kevin Blake of OU for setting up QuickTime Broadcaster for us.





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If all else fails, you can call into our toll free phone bridge:

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Please mute yourself and use the phone to listen.

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Please use the phone bridge **ONLY** if you cannot connect any other way: the phone bridge is charged per connection per minute, so our preference is to minimize the number of connections.

Many thanks to Amy Apon and U Arkansas for providing the toll free phone bridge.





Please Mute Yourself

No matter how you connect, please mute yourself, so that we cannot hear you.

At OU, we will turn off the sound on all conferencing technologies.

That way, we won't have problems with echo cancellation.

Of course, that means we cannot hear questions.

So for questions, you'll need to send some kind of text.

Also, if you're on iLinc: **SIT ON YOUR HANDS!**

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Questions via Text: iLinc or E-mail

Ask questions via text, using one of the following:

- iLinc's text messaging facility;
- e-mail to sipe2009@gmail.com.

All questions will be read out loud and then answered out loud.





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Supercomputing Exercises

Want to do the “Supercomputing in Plain English” exercises?

- The first several exercises are already posted at:
<http://www.oscer.ou.edu/education.php>
- If you don’t yet have a supercomputer account, you can get a temporary account, just for the “Supercomputing in Plain English” exercises, by sending e-mail to:

hneeman@ou.edu

Please note that this account is for doing the **exercises only**, and will be shut down at the end of the series.

- This week’s Arithmetic Operations exercise will give you experience coding for, and benchmarking, various compiler optimizations under various conditions.





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- **At OU**: Parallel Programming & Cluster Computing, date to be decided, weeklong, for **FREE**
- **At OSU**: Computational Chemistry (tentative), date to be decided, weeklong, for **FREE**

We'll alert everyone when the details have been ironed out and the registration webpage opens.

Please note that you must apply for a seat, and acceptance **CANNOT** be guaranteed.





Outline

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 - Data Dependencies
- Stupid Compiler Tricks
 - Tricks the Compiler Plays
 - Tricks You Play With the Compiler
 - Profiling





Dependency Analysis



What Is Dependency Analysis?

Dependency analysis describes of how different parts of a program affect one another, and how various parts require other parts in order to operate correctly.

A *control dependency* governs how different sequences of instructions affect each other.

A *data dependency* governs how different pieces of data affect each other.

Much of this discussion is from references [1] and [6].



Control Dependencies

Every program has a well-defined *flow of control* that moves from instruction to instruction to instruction.

This flow can be affected by several kinds of operations:

- Loops
- Branches (if, select case/switch)
- Function/subroutine calls
- I/O (typically implemented as calls)

Dependencies affect **parallelization!**



Branch Dependency (F90)

```
y = 7
```

```
IF (x /= 0) THEN
```

```
    y = 1.0 / x
```

```
END IF
```

Note that (**x** /= 0) means “**x** not equal to zero.”

The value of **y** depends on what the condition (**x** /= 0) evaluates to:

- If the condition (**x** /= 0) evaluates to **.TRUE.**, then **y** is set to **1.0 / x**. (1 divided by **x**).
- Otherwise, **y** remains **7**.



Branch Dependency (C)

```
y = 7;  
if (x != 0) {  
    y = 1.0 / x;  
}
```

Note that (**x** != 0) means “**x** not equal to zero.”

The value of **y** depends on what the condition (**x** != 0) evaluates to:

- If the condition (**x** != 0) evaluates to **true**, then **y** is set to 1.0 / **x** (1 divided by **x**).
- Otherwise, **y** remains 7.



Loop Carried Dependency (F90)

```
DO i = 2, length  
  a(i) = a(i-1) + b(i)  
END DO
```

Here, each iteration of the loop **depends on the previous:**

iteration **i=3** depends on iteration **i=2**,

iteration **i=4** depends on iteration **i=3**,

iteration **i=5** depends on iteration **i=4**, etc.

This is sometimes called a **loop carried dependency**.

There is no way to execute iteration **i** until after iteration **i-1** has completed, so this loop can't be parallelized.



Loop Carried Dependency (C)

```
for (i = 1; i < length; i++) {  
    a[i] = a[i-1] + b[i];  
}
```

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Why Do We Care?

Loops are the favorite control structures of High Performance Computing, because compilers know how to **optimize** their performance using instruction-level parallelism: superscalar, pipelining and vectorization can give excellent speedup.

Loop carried dependencies affect whether a loop can be parallelized, and how much.





Loop or Branch Dependency? (F)

Is this a loop carried dependency or a branch dependency?

```
DO i = 1, length
  IF (x(i) /= 0) THEN
    y(i) = 1.0 / x(i)
  END IF
END DO
```




Loop or Branch Dependency? (C)

Is this a loop carried dependency or a branch dependency?

```
for (i = 0; i < length; i++) {  
    if (x[i] != 0) {  
        y[i] = 1.0 / x[i];  
    }  
}
```



Call Dependency Example (F90)

```
x = 5
```

```
y = myfunction(7)
```

```
z = 22
```

The flow of the program is interrupted by the call to **myfunction**, which takes the execution to somewhere else in the program.

It's similar to a branch dependency.



Call Dependency Example (C)

```
x = 5;  
y = myfunction(7);  
z = 22;
```

The flow of the program is interrupted by the call to **myfunction**, which takes the execution to somewhere else in the program.

It's similar to a branch dependency.



I/O Dependency (F90)

```
x = a + b
```

```
PRINT *, x
```

```
y = c + d
```

Typically, I/O is implemented by hidden subroutine calls, so we can think of this as equivalent to a call dependency.



I/O Dependency (C)

```
x = a + b;  
printf( "%f" , x );  
y = c + d;
```

Typically, I/O is implemented by hidden subroutine calls, so we can think of this as equivalent to a call dependency.





Reductions Aren't Dependencies

```
array_sum = 0
DO i = 1, length
    array_sum = array_sum + array(i)
END DO
```

A reduction is an operation that converts an array to a scalar.

Other kinds of reductions: product, **.AND.**, **.OR.**, minimum, maximum, index of minimum, index of maximum, number of occurrences of a particular value, etc.

Reductions are so common that hardware and compilers are optimized to handle them.

Also, they aren't really dependencies, because the order in which the individual operations are performed doesn't matter.





Reductions Aren't Dependencies

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for (i = 0; i < length; i++) {  
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Data Dependencies

“A data dependence occurs when an instruction is dependent on data from a previous instruction and therefore cannot be moved before the earlier instruction [or executed in parallel].” [7]

```
a = x + y + cos(z) ;
```

```
b = a * c ;
```

The value of **b** depends on the value of **a**, so these two statements **must** be executed in order.



Output Dependencies

```
x = a / b;
```

```
y = x + 2;
```

```
x = d - e;
```

Notice that **x** is assigned two different values, but only one of them is retained after these statements are done executing. In this context, the final value of **x** is the “output.”

Again, we are forced to execute in order.



Why Does Order Matter?

- Dependencies can affect whether we can execute a particular part of the program in parallel.
- If we cannot execute that part of the program in parallel, then it'll be SLOW.





Loop Dependency Example

```
if ((dst == src1) && (dst == src2)) {  
    for (index = 1; index < length; index++) {  
        dst[index] = dst[index-1] + dst[index];  
    }  
}  
else if (dst == src1) {  
    for (index = 1; index < length; index++) {  
        dst[index] = dst[index-1] + src2[index];  
    }  
}  
else if (dst == src2) {  
    for (index = 1; index < length; index++) {  
        dst[index] = src1[index-1] + dst[index];  
    }  
}  
else if (src1 == src2) {  
    for (index = 1; index < length; index++) {  
        dst[index] = src1[index-1] + src1[index];  
    }  
}  
else {  
    for (index = 1; index < length; index++) {  
        dst[index] = src1[index-1] + src2[index];  
    }  
}
```



Loop Dep Example (cont'd)

```
if ((dst == src1) && (dst == src2)) {
    for (index = 1; index < length; index++) {
        dst[index] = dst[index-1] + dst[index];
    }
}
else if (dst == src1) {
    for (index = 1; index < length; index++) {
        dst[index] = dst[index-1] + src2[index];
    }
}
else if (dst == src2) {
    for (index = 1; index < length; index++) {
        dst[index] = src1[index-1] + dst[index];
    }
}
else if (src1 == src2) {
    for (index = 1; index < length; index++) {
        dst[index] = src1[index-1] + src1[index];
    }
}
else {
    for (index = 1; index < length; index++) {
        dst[index] = src1[index-1] + src2[index];
    }
}
```

The various versions of the loop either:

- do have loop carried dependencies, or
- don't have loop carried dependencies.

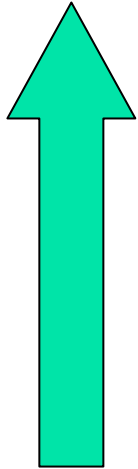




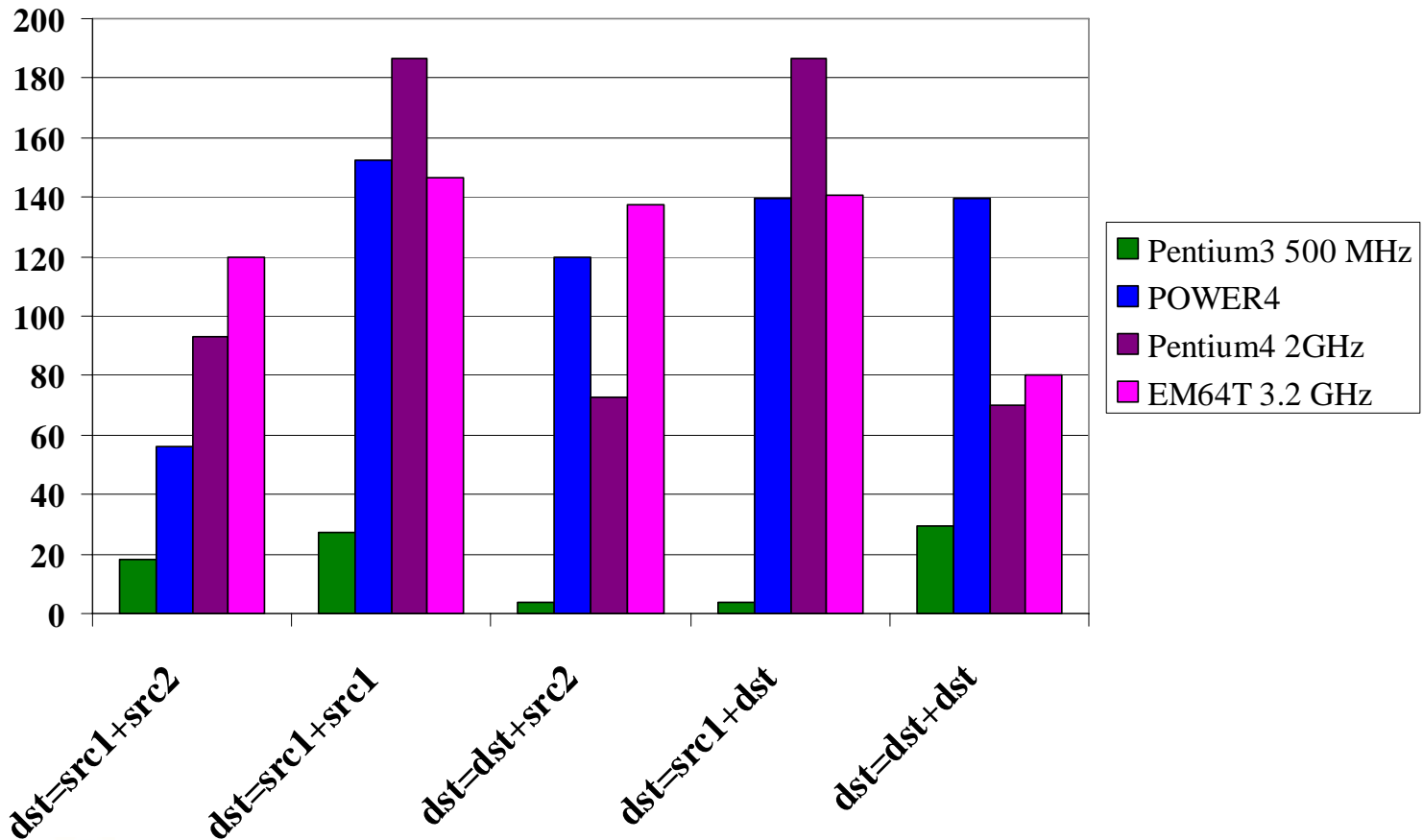
Loop Dependency Performance

Loop Carried Dependency Performance

Better



MFLOPs



Stupid Compiler Tricks





Stupid Compiler Tricks

- Tricks Compilers Play
 - Scalar Optimizations
 - Loop Optimizations
 - Inlining
- Tricks You Can Play with Compilers
 - Profiling
 - Hardware counters





Compiler Design

The people who design compilers have a lot of experience working with the languages commonly used in High Performance Computing:

- Fortran: 50ish years
- C: 40ish years
- C++: 20ish years, plus C experience

So, they've come up with clever ways to make programs run faster.





Tricks Compilers Play



Scalar Optimizations

- Copy Propagation
- Constant Folding
- Dead Code Removal
- Strength Reduction
- Common Subexpression Elimination
- Variable Renaming
- Loop Optimizations

Not every compiler does all of these, so it sometimes can be worth doing these by hand.

Much of this discussion is from [2] and [6].





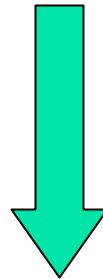
Copy Propagation

Before

$$x = y$$

$$z = 1 + x$$

Has data dependency



Compile

After

$$x = y$$

$$z = 1 + y$$

No data dependency



Constant Folding

Before

`add = 100`

`aug = 200`

`sum = add + aug`

After

`sum = 300`

Notice that `sum` is actually the sum of two constants, so the compiler can precalculate it, eliminating the addition that otherwise would be performed at runtime.



Dead Code Removal (F90)

Before

```
var = 5  
PRINT *, var  
STOP  
PRINT *, var * 2
```

After

```
var = 5  
PRINT *, var  
STOP
```

Since the last statement never executes, the compiler can eliminate it.



Dead Code Removal (C)

Before

```
var = 5;  
printf("%d", var);  
exit(-1);  
printf("%d", var * 2);
```

After

```
var = 5;  
printf("%d", var);  
exit(-1);
```

Since the last statement never executes, the compiler can eliminate it.



Strength Reduction (F90)

Before

$x = y ** 2.0$

$a = c / 2.0$

After

$x = y * y$

$a = c * 0.5$

Raising one value to the power of another, or dividing, is more expensive than multiplying. If the compiler can tell that the power is a small integer, or that the denominator is a constant, it'll use multiplication instead.

Note: In Fortran, “ $y ** 2.0$ ” means “y to the power 2.”





Strength Reduction (C)

Before

```
x = pow(y, 2.0)
a = c / 2.0;
```

After

```
x = y * y;
a = c * 0.5;
```

Raising one value to the power of another, or dividing, is more expensive than multiplying. If the compiler can tell that the power is a small integer, or that the denominator is a constant, it'll use multiplication instead.

Note: In C, “**pow(y, 2.0)**” means “y to the power 2.”



Common Subexpression Elimination

Before

```
d = c * (a / b)
e = (a / b) * 2.0
```

After

```
adivb = a / b
d = c * adivb
e = adivb * 2.0
```

The subexpression `(a / b)` occurs in both assignment statements, so there's no point in calculating it twice.

This is typically only worth doing if the common subexpression is expensive to calculate.



Variable Renaming

Before

x = y * z

q = r + **x** * 2

x = a + b

After

x0 = y * z

q = r + **x0** * 2

x = a + b

The original code has an output dependency, while the new code doesn't – but the final value of **x** is still correct.



Loop Optimizations

- Hoisting Loop Invariant Code
- Unswitching
- Iteration Peeling
- Index Set Splitting
- Loop Interchange
- Unrolling
- Loop Fusion
- Loop Fission

Not every compiler does all of these, so it sometimes can be worth doing some of these by hand.

Much of this discussion is from [3] and [6].





Hoisting Loop Invariant Code

Code that doesn't change inside the loop is known as

loop invariant.

It doesn't need to be calculated over and over.

Before

```
DO i = 1, n
  a(i) = b(i) + c * d
  e = g(n)
END DO
```

After

```
temp = c * d
DO i = 1, n
  a(i) = b(i) + temp
END DO
e = g(n)
```



Unswitching

The condition is
j-independent.

```
DO i = 1, n
  DO j = 2, n
    IF (t(i) > 0) THEN
      a(i,j) = a(i,j) * t(i) + b(j)
    ELSE
      a(i,j) = 0.0
    END IF
  END DO
END DO
```

Before

```
DO i = 1, n
  IF (t(i) > 0) THEN
    DO j = 2, n
      a(i,j) = a(i,j) * t(i) + b(j)
    END DO
  ELSE
    DO j = 2, n
      a(i,j) = 0.0
    END DO
  END IF
END DO
```

So, it can migrate
outside the j loop.

After



Iteration Peeling

```
DO i = 1, n
  IF ((i == 1) .OR. (i == n)) THEN
    x(i) = y(i)
  ELSE
    x(i) = y(i + 1) + y(i - 1)
  END IF
END DO
```

Before

We can eliminate the IF by peeling the weird iterations.

```
x(1) = y(1)
DO i = 2, n - 1
  x(i) = y(i + 1) + y(i - 1)
END DO
x(n) = y(n)
```

After





Index Set Splitting

```
DO i = 1, n
  a(i) = b(i) + c(i)
  IF (i > 10) THEN
    d(i) = a(i) + b(i - 10)
  END IF
END DO
```

Before

```
DO i = 1, 10
  a(i) = b(i) + c(i)
END DO
DO i = 11, n
  a(i) = b(i) + c(i)
  d(i) = a(i) + b(i - 10)
END DO
```

After

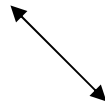
Note that this is a generalization of peeling.



Loop Interchange

Before

```
DO i = 1, ni
  DO j = 1, nj
    a(i,j) = b(i,j)
  END DO
END DO
```



After

```
DO j = 1, nj
  DO i = 1, ni
    a(i,j) = b(i,j)
  END DO
END DO
```

Array elements $a(i,j)$ and $a(i+1,j)$ are near each other in memory, while $a(i,j+1)$ may be far, so it makes sense to make the i loop be the inner loop. (This is reversed in C, C++ and Java.)



Unrolling

Before

```
DO i = 1, n
  a(i) = a(i)+b(i)
END DO
```

After

```
DO i = 1, n, 4
  a(i)      = a(i)      +b(i)
  a(i+1)    = a(i+1)+b(i+1)
  a(i+2)    = a(i+2)+b(i+2)
  a(i+3)    = a(i+3)+b(i+3)
END DO
```

You generally **shouldn't** unroll by hand.



Why Do Compilers Unroll?

We saw last time that a loop with a lot of operations gets better performance (up to some point), especially if there are lots of arithmetic operations but few main memory loads and stores.

Unrolling creates multiple operations that typically load from the same, or adjacent, cache lines.

So, an unrolled loop has more operations without increasing the memory accesses by much.

Also, unrolling decreases the number of comparisons on the loop counter variable, and the number of branches to the top of the loop.



Loop Fusion

```
DO i = 1, n
  a(i) = b(i) + 1
END DO
DO i = 1, n
  c(i) = a(i) / 2
END DO
DO i = 1, n
  d(i) = 1 / c(i)
END DO
```

Before

```
DO i = 1, n
  a(i) = b(i) + 1
  c(i) = a(i) / 2
  d(i) = 1 / c(i)
END DO
```

After

As with unrolling, this has fewer branches. It also has fewer total memory references.



Loop Fission

```
DO i = 1, n
  a(i) = b(i) + 1
  c(i) = a(i) / 2
  d(i) = 1 / c(i)
END DO !! i = 1, n
```

Before

```
DO i = 1, n
  a(i) = b(i) + 1
END DO !! i = 1, n
DO i = 1, n
  c(i) = a(i) / 2
END DO !! i = 1, n
DO i = 1, n
  d(i) = 1 / c(i)
END DO !! i = 1, n
```

After

Fission reduces the cache footprint and the number of operations per iteration.



To Fuse or to Fizz?

The question of when to perform fusion versus when to perform fission, like many many optimization questions, is highly dependent on the application, the platform and a lot of other issues that get very, very complicated.

Compilers don't always make the right choices.

That's why it's important to examine the actual behavior of the executable.





Inlining

Before

```
DO i = 1, n
  a(i) = func(i)
END DO
...
REAL FUNCTION func (x)
...
  func = x * 3
END FUNCTION func
```

After

```
DO i = 1, n
  a(i) = i * 3
END DO
```

When a function or subroutine is inlined, its contents are transferred directly into the calling routine, eliminating the overhead of making the call.

Tricks You Can Play with Compilers





The Joy of Compiler Options

Every compiler has a different set of options that you can set. Among these are options that control single processor optimization: superscalar, pipelining, vectorization, scalar optimizations, loop optimizations, inlining and so on.





Example Compile Lines

- IBM XL
`xlf90 -O -qmaxmem=-1 -qarch=auto
-qtune=auto -qcache=auto -qhot`
- Intel
`ifort -O -march=core2 -mtune=core2`
- Portland Group f90
`pgf90 -O3 -fastsse -tp core2-64`
- NAG f95
`f95 -O4 -Ounsafe -ieee=nonstd`



What Does the Compiler Do? #1

Example: NAG **f95** compiler ^[4]

```
f95 -O<level> source.f90
```

Possible levels are **-O0**, **-O1**, **-O2**, **-O3**, **-O4**:

- O0** No optimisation. ...
- O1** Minimal quick optimisation.
- O2** Normal optimisation.
- O3** Further optimisation.
- O4** Maximal optimisation.

The man page is pretty cryptic.



What Does the Compiler Do? #2

Example: Intel **ifort** compiler [5]

```
ifort -O<level> source.f90
```

Possible levels are **-O0**, **-O1**, **-O2**, **-O3**:

- O0** Disables all **-O<n>** optimizations. ...
- O1** ... [E]nables optimizations for speed. ...
- O2** ...

Inlining of intrinsics.

Intra-file interprocedural optimizations, which include: inlining, constant propagation, forward substitution, routine attribute propagation, variable address-taken analysis, dead static function elimination, and removal of unreferenced variables.

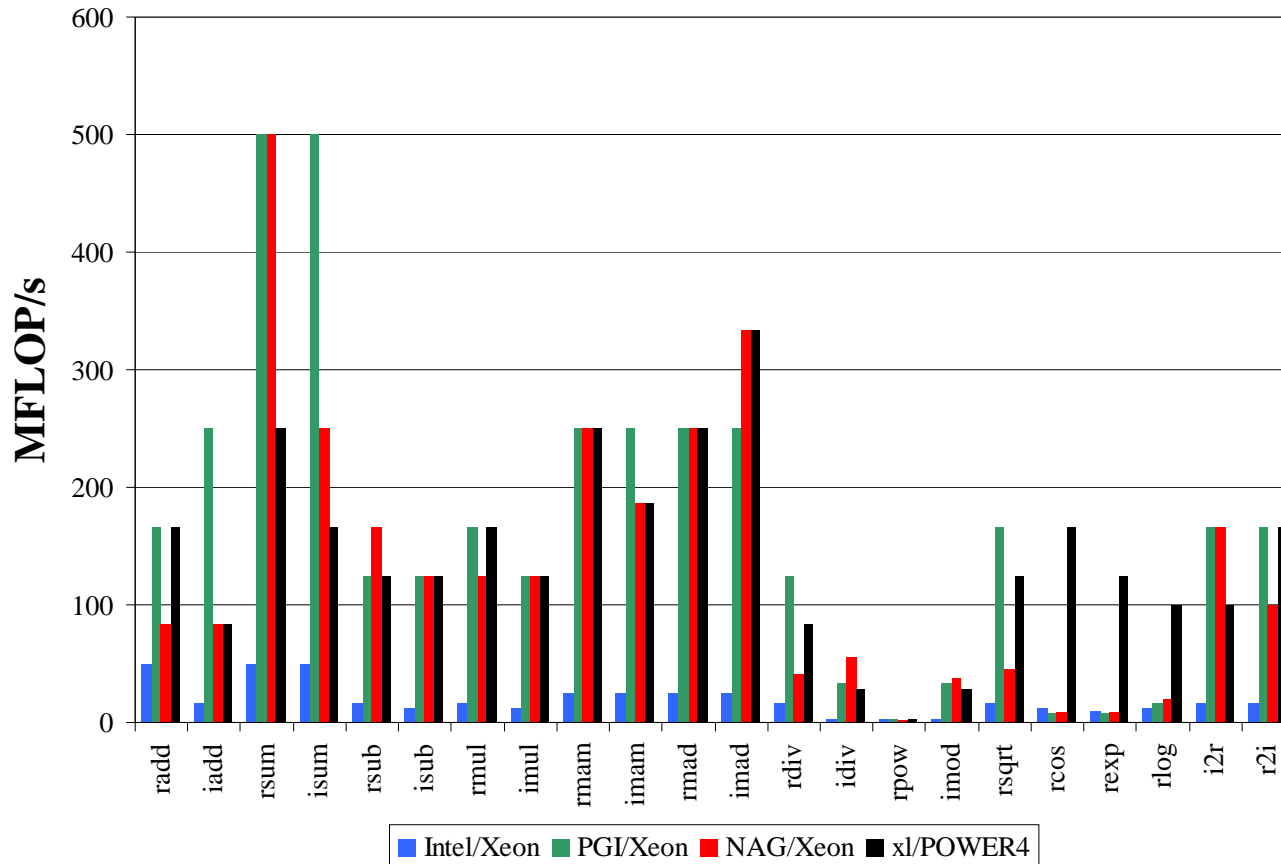
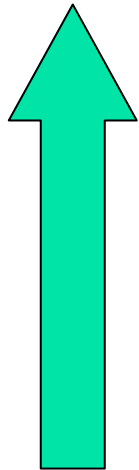
- O3** Enables **-O2** optimizations plus more aggressive optimizations, such as prefetching, scalar replacement, and loop transformations. Enables optimizations for maximum speed, but does not guarantee higher performance unless loop and memory access transformations take place. ...



Arithmetic Operation Speeds

Ordered Arithmetic Operations

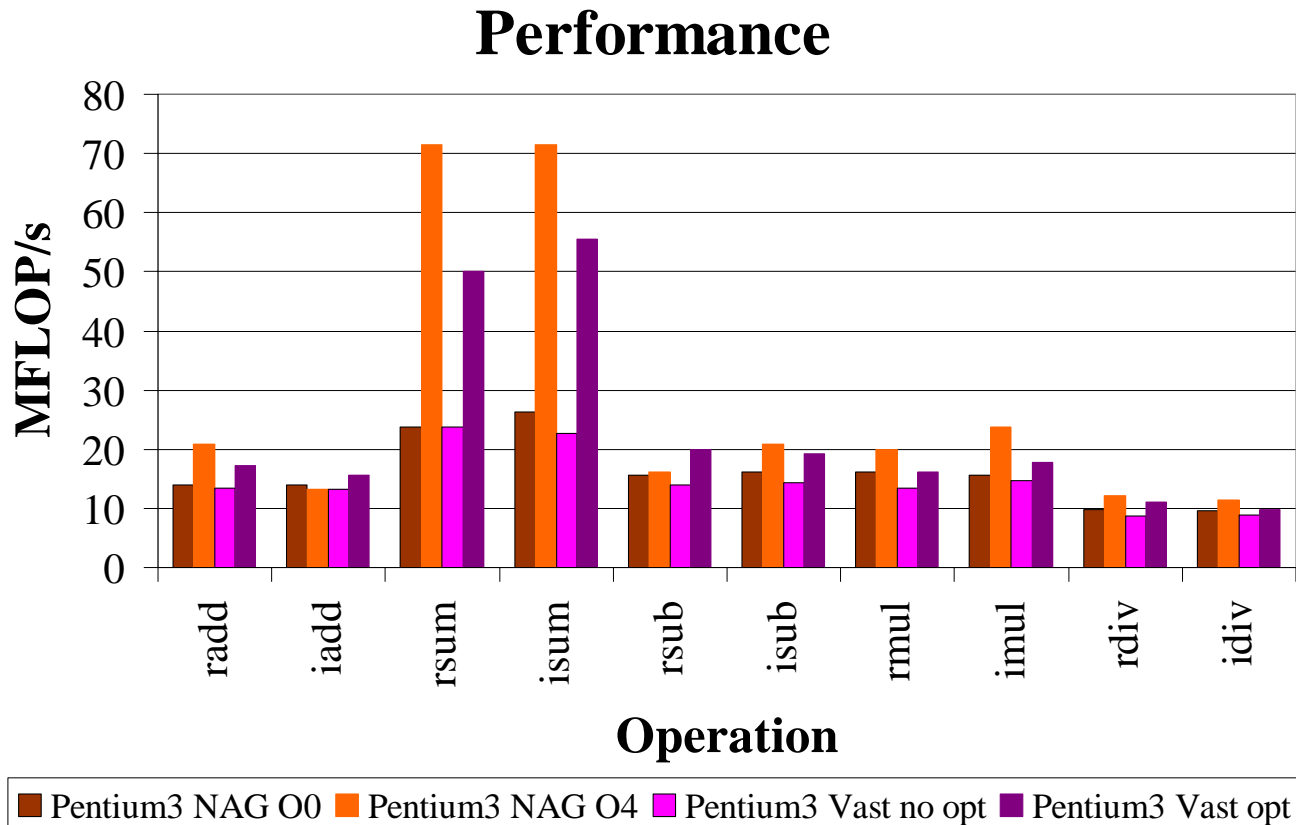
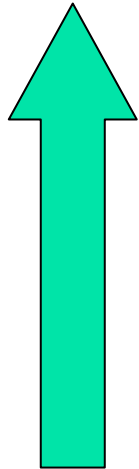
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Optimization Performance

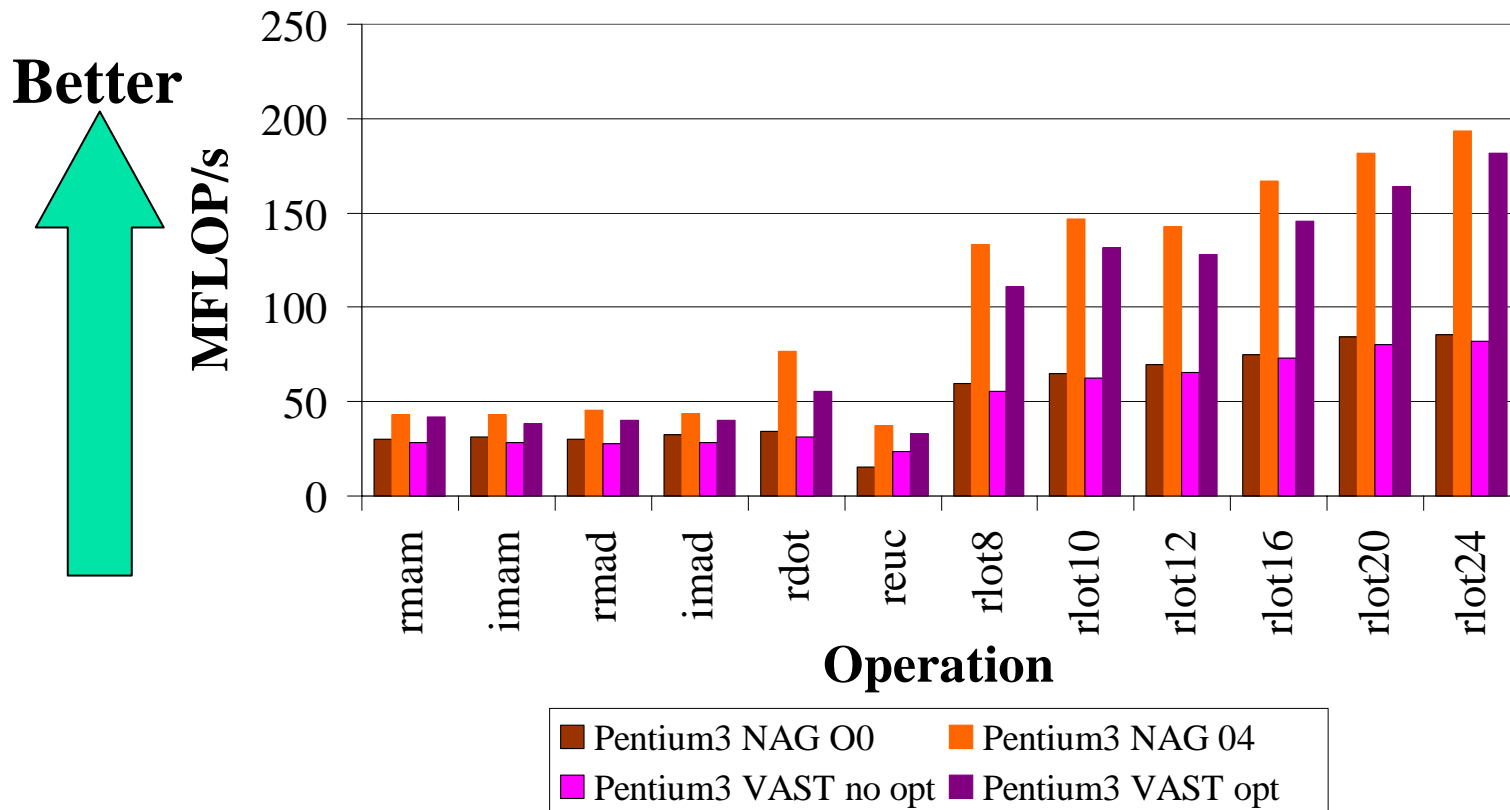
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More Optimized Performance

Performance





Profiling



Profiling

Profiling means collecting data about how a program executes.

The two major kinds of profiling are:

- Subroutine profiling
- Hardware timing





Subroutine Profiling

Subroutine profiling means finding out how much time is spent in each routine.

The 90-10 Rule: Typically, a program spends 90% of its runtime in 10% of the code.

Subroutine profiling tells you what parts of the program to spend time optimizing and what parts you can ignore.

Specifically, at regular intervals (e.g., every millisecond), the program takes note of what instruction it's currently on.





Profiling Example

On GNU compilers systems:

```
gcc -O -g -pg ...
```

The **-g** **-pg** options tell the compiler to set the executable up to collect profiling information.

Running the executable generates a file named **gmon.out**, which contains the profiling information.





Profiling Example (cont'd)

When the run has completed, a file named **gmon.out** has been generated.

Then:

gprof *executable*

produces a list of all of the routines and how much time was spent in each.





Profiling Result

%	cumulative	self		self	total	
time	seconds	seconds	calls	ms/call	ms/call	name
27.6	52.72	52.72	480000	0.11	0.11	longwave_ [5]
24.3	99.06	46.35	897	51.67	51.67	mpdata3_ [8]
7.9	114.19	15.13	300	50.43	50.43	turb_ [9]
7.2	127.94	13.75	299	45.98	45.98	turb_scalar_ [10]
4.7	136.91	8.96	300	29.88	29.88	advect2_z_ [12]
4.1	144.79	7.88	300	26.27	31.52	cloud_ [11]
3.9	152.22	7.43	300	24.77	212.36	radiation_ [3]
2.3	156.65	4.43	897	4.94	56.61	smlr_ [7]
2.2	160.77	4.12	300	13.73	24.39	tke_full_ [13]
1.7	163.97	3.20	300	10.66	10.66	shear_prod_ [15]
1.5	166.79	2.82	300	9.40	9.40	rhs_ [16]
1.4	169.53	2.74	300	9.13	9.13	advect2_xy_ [17]
1.3	172.00	2.47	300	8.23	15.33	poisson_ [14]
1.2	174.27	2.27	480000	0.00	0.12	long_wave_ [4]
1.0	176.13	1.86	299	6.22	177.45	advect_scalar_ [6]
0.9	177.94	1.81	300	6.04	6.04	buoy_ [19]

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