



Optimizing Loop Transformations

and data dependence analysis for loops

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Why Loop Optimizations?



Loops are a promising object for compiler optimizations:

- High execution frequency
 - Most computation done in (inner) loops
 - Even small optimizations can have large impact
- Regular, repetitive behavior
 - compact description
 - *relatively* simple to analyze statically
- Well researched

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Loop Optimizations – General Issues



- Move loop invariant computations out of loops
- Modify the order of iterations or parts thereof

Goals:

- Improve data access locality
- Faster execution
- Reduce loop control overhead
- Enhance possibilities for loop parallelization or vectorization

Only transformations that preserve the program semantics (its input/output behavior) are admissible

- Conservative (static) criterium: preserve data dependences
- Need data dependence analysis for loops
(→ separate slide set)

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Loop Invariant Code Hoisting



- Move loop invariant code out of the loop:

- Example:

```
for (i=0; i<10; i++)
  a[i] = b[i] + c / d;
```



```
tmp = c / d;
for (i=0; i<10; i++)
  a[i] = b[i] + tmp;
```

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Loop Unrolling



- Loop unrolling

- Example:

```
for (i=0; i<50; i++) {
  a[i] = b[i];
}
```



```
for (i=0; i<50; i+=2) {
  a[i] = b[i];
  a[i+1] = b[i+1];
}
```

- Reduces loop overhead
(total # comparisons, branches, increments)
- May enable further local optimizations
- Drawback: longer code

→ Exercise: Formulate the unrolling rule for statically unknown upper loop limit

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Loop Interchange (1)



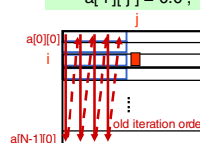
- For properly nested loops
(statements in innermost loop body only)

- Example 1:

```
for (j=0; j<M; j++)
  for (i=0; i<N; i++)
    a[i][j] = 0.0;
```



```
for (i=0; i<N; i++)
  for (j=0; j<M; j++)
    a[i][j] = 0.0;
```



row-wise
storage of
2D-arrays
in C, Java



new iteration order

- Can improve data access locality
(fewer cache misses / page faults)

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Foundations: Loop-Carried Data Dependences

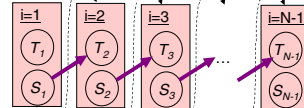
- Recall:
Data dependence $S \rightarrow T$, if operation S may execute (dynamically) before operation T and both may access the same memory location and at least one of these accesses is a write
 - In general, only a conservative over-estimation can be determined statically.

- Data dependence $S \rightarrow T$ is called **loop carried** by a loop L if the data dependence $S \rightarrow T$ may exist for instances of S and T in different iterations of L .

- Example:

```
L: for (i=1; i<N; i++) {
  Ti: ... = x[i-1];
  Si: x[i] = ...;
}
```

Iteration space:



→ partial order between the operation instances resp. iterations

Loop Interchange (2)

- Be careful with loop carried data dependences!

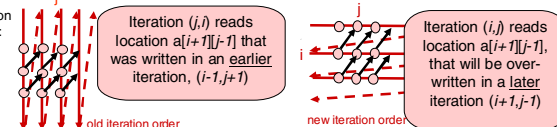
- Example 2:

```
for (j=1; j<M; j++)
  for (i=0; i<N; i++)
    a[j][i] = ...a[i+1][j-1]...;
```



```
for (i=0; i<N; i++)
  for (j=1; j<M; j++)
    a[j][i] = ...a[i+1][j-1]...;
```

Iteration space:



- Interchanging the loop headers would violate the partial iteration order given by the data dependences

Loop Interchange (3)

- Be careful with loop-carried data dependences!

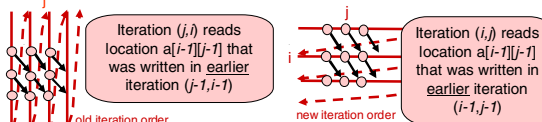
- Example 3:

```
for (j=1; j<M; j++)
  for (i=1; i<N; i++)
    a[j][i] = ...a[i-1][j-1]...;
```

OK →

```
for (i=1; i<N; i++)
  for (j=1; j<M; j++)
    a[j][i] = ...a[i-1][j-1]...;
```

Iteration space:



- Generally: Interchanging loop headers is only admissible if loop-carried dependences have the same direction for all loops in the loop nest (all directed along or all against the iteration order)

Loop Fusion

- Merge subsequent loops with same header

- Example:

```
for (i=0; i<N; i++)
  a[i] = ...;
  for (j=0; j<N; j++)
    ... = ... a[i] ...;
```



```
for (i=0; i<N; i++) {
  a[i] = ...;
  ... = ... a[i] ...;
}
```

OK –
Read of $a[i]$ still after
write of $a[i]$, for all i

- Can improve data access locality and reduce number of branches

Data Dependence Analysis

A more formal introduction

Data Dependence Analysis – Overview

- Important for loop optimizations, vectorization and parallelization, instruction scheduling, data cache optimizations
- Conservative approximations to disjointness of pairs of memory accesses
 - weaker than data-flow analysis
 - but generalizes nicely to the level of individual array element
- Loops, loop nests
 - Iteration space
 - Array subscripts in loops
 - Index space
- Dependence testing methods
- Data dependence graph
- Data + control dependence graph
 - Program dependence graph

Precedence relation between statements

S_1 **statically (textually) precedes** S_2 $S_1 \text{ pred } S_2$

S_1 **dynamically precedes** S_2 $S_1 \triangleleft S_2$

```

S1: s ← 0
    for i from 1 to n do
S2:   s ← s + a[i]
S3:   a[i] ← s
    od

```

Control and Data Dependence; Dependence Graph

Dependence = constraint on execution order

- control dependence** by control flow: $S_1 \delta^c S_2$

- data dependence:**

flow / true dependence: $S_3 \delta^f S_4$

$S_3 \triangleleft S_4$ and $\exists b: S_3$ writes b , S_4 reads b

anti-dependence: $S_3 \delta^a S_4$

$S_3 \triangleleft S_4$ and $\exists c: S_3$ reads c , S_4 writes c

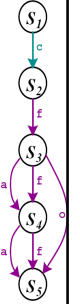
output dependence: $S_3 \delta^o S_5$

$S_3 \triangleleft S_5$ and $\exists b: S_3$ writes b , S_5 writes b

```

S1: if (e) goto S3
S2:   a ← ...
S3:   b ← a * c
S4:   c ← b * f
S5:   b ← x + f

```



Data Dependence Graph

Data dependence graph: directed graph
(statements, precedence constraints due to data dependences)

For basic blocks:

acyclic dependence graph (DAG)

Within loops, loop nests: $\text{pred} \neq \triangleleft$

edge if dependence may exist for *some* pair of iterations

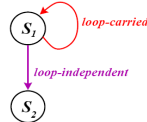
→ cycles possible

loop-independent versus loop-carried dependences

```

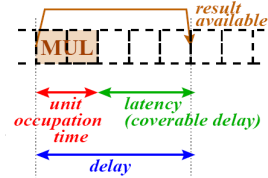
for (i=1; i<n; i++) {
S1:  a[i] = b[i] + a[i-1];
S2:  b[i] = a[i];
}

```



Remark: Target-Level Dependence Graphs

- For VLIR / target code, the dependence edges may be labeled with latency or delay of the operation
- See lecture on instruction scheduling for details



Loop Normalization

Given a loop of the form

```

for I from L to U step S do
... I ...
od

```

normalize the loop:

- lower bound 0 (C) resp. 1 (Fortran)
- step size +1

→ update all occurrences of the loop counter I by $i * S - S + L$

```

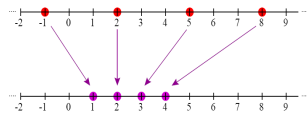
for i from 1 to (U-L+S)/S step 1 do
... (i*S-S+L) ...
od

```

```

I ← i*S-S+L

```



Loop Iteration Space

Beyond basic blocks: $\text{pred} \neq \triangleleft$

Canonical loop nest: (HIR code)

```

for i1 from 1 to n1 do
for i2 from 1 to n2 do
...

```

```

for ik from 1 to nk do

```

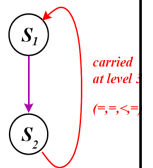
$S_1(i_1, \dots, i_k): A[i_1, 2*i_3] \leftarrow B[i_2, i_3] + 1$

$S_2(i_1, \dots, i_k): B[i_2, i_3 + i_4] \leftarrow 2 * A[i_1, 2*i_3]$

Iteration space: $ItS = [1..n_1] \times [1..n_2] \times \dots \times [1..n_k]$

(the simplest case: rectangular, static loop bounds)

Iteration vector $\vec{i} = \langle i_1, \dots, i_k \rangle \in ItS$



Dependence Distance and Direction



Lexicographic order on iteration vectors $\rightarrow$ dynamic execution order:

$S_1(\langle i_1, \dots, i_k \rangle) \prec S_2(\langle j_1, \dots, j_k \rangle)$ iff
 either S_1 pred S_2 and $\langle i_1, \dots, i_k \rangle \leq_{lex} \langle j_1, \dots, j_k \rangle$
 or $S_1 = S_2$ and $\langle i_1, \dots, i_k \rangle <_{lex} \langle j_1, \dots, j_k \rangle$

distance vector $\vec{d} = \vec{j} - \vec{i} = \langle j_1 - i_1, \dots, j_k - i_k \rangle$

direction vector $dirv = \text{sgn}(\vec{j} - \vec{i}) = \langle \text{sgn}(j_1 - i_1), \dots, \text{sgn}(j_k - i_k) \rangle$
 in terms of symbols = < > =

Example: $S_1(\langle i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4 \rangle) \delta^f S_2(\langle i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4 \rangle)$
 distance vector $\vec{d} = \langle 0, 0, 0, 0 \rangle$, direction vector $dirv = \langle =, =, =, = \rangle$,
loop-independent dependence

Example: $S_2(\langle i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4 \rangle) \delta^f S_1(\langle i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4 \rangle)$
 distance vector $\vec{d} = \langle 0, 0, ?, 0 \rangle$, direction vector $dirv = \langle =, =, >, = \rangle$,
loop-carried dependence (carried by i_3 -loop / at level 3)

Example



for i from 2 to 9 do

$S_1 \quad X[i] \leftarrow Y[i] + Z[i]$

$S_2 \quad A[i] \leftarrow X[i-1] + 1$

od

	$i = 2$	$i = 3$	$i = 4$	...
S_1	$X[2] \leftarrow Y[2] + Z[2]$	$X[3] \leftarrow Y[3] + Z[3]$	$X[4] \leftarrow Y[4] + Z[4]$	...
S_2	$A[2] \leftarrow X[1] + 1$	$A[3] \leftarrow X[2] + 1$	$A[4] \leftarrow X[3] + 1$	...

There is a loop-carried, forward, flow dependence from S_1 to S_2 .

Iteration space dependence graph:

Dependence Equation System



One-dimensional array A accessed in k nested loops:
 $S_1 : \dots A[f(\vec{i})] \dots$
 $S_2 : \dots A[g(\vec{j})] \dots$

Is there a dependence between $S_1(\vec{i})$ and $S_2(\vec{j})$ for some $\vec{i}, \vec{j} \in ItS$?

typically f, g linear: $f(\vec{i}) = a_0 + \sum_{l=1}^k a_{l,i_l}$, $g(\vec{j}) = b_0 + \sum_{l=1}^k b_{l,j_l}$,

Exist $\vec{i}, \vec{j} \in \mathbb{Z}^k$ with $f(\vec{i}) = g(\vec{j})$, i.e., $a_0 + \sum_{l=1}^k a_{l,i_l} = b_0 + \sum_{l=1}^k b_{l,j_l}$, **dep. equation**

subject to $\vec{i}, \vec{j} \in ItS$, i.e.,

$1 \leq i_1 \leq n_1, \quad 1 \leq j_1 \leq m_1,$
 $\vdots \quad \vdots$
 $1 \leq i_k \leq n_k, \quad 1 \leq j_k \leq m_k$ **iter. space constraints: linear inequalities**

$\Rightarrow$ constrained linear Diophantine equation system $\rightarrow$ ILP (NP-complete)

Linear Diophantine Equations



$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_j x_j = c$$

where $n \geq 1$, $c, a_j \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\exists j : a_j \neq 0$, $x_i \in \mathbb{Z}$

Example 1: $x + 4y = 1$

has infinitely many solutions, e.g. $x = 5$ and $y = -1$.

Example 2: $5x - 10y = 2$

has no solution in $\mathbb{Z}$: absolute term must be multiple of

Theorem:

$\sum_{j=1}^n a_j x_j = c$ has a solution iff $\text{gcd}(a_1, \dots, a_n) \mid c$.

Proof: see e.g. [Zima/Chapman p. 143]

Dependence Testing, 1: GCD-Test



Often, a simple test is sufficient to prove independence: e.g.,

gcd-test [Banerjee'76], [Towle'76]:

independence if

$$\text{gcd}\left(\bigcup_{l=1}^n \{a_l, b_l\}\right) \nmid \sum_{l=0}^n (a_l - b_l)$$

constraints on ItS not considered

Example: for i from 1 to 4 do

$S_1 : \quad b[i] \leftarrow a[3 * i - 5] + 2$

$S_2 : \quad a[2 * i + 1] \leftarrow 1.0 / i$

solution to $2i + 1 = 3j - 5$ exists in $\mathbb{Z}$ as $\text{gcd}(3, 2) \mid (-5 - 1 + 3 - 2)$

not checked whether such i, j exist in $\{1, \dots, 4\}$

For multidimensional arrays?



subscript-wise test vs. **linearized** indexing

for $i \dots$

$S_1 : \dots A[x[i], 2 * i] \dots$

$S_2 : \dots A[y[i], 2 * i + 1] \dots$

for $i \dots$

$S_1 : \dots A[i, i] \dots$

$S_2 : \dots A[i, i + 1] \dots$

$A[i * (s_1 + 1)]$

$A[i * (s_1 + 1) + 1]$

Moreover:

Hierarchical structuring of dependence tests [Burke/Cytron'86]

Survey of Dependence Tests



gcd test

separability test (gcd test for special case, exact)

Banerjee-Wolfe test [Banerjee'88] rational solution in ItS

Delta-test [Goff/Kennedy/Tseng'91]

Power test [Wolfe/Tseng'91]

Simple Loop Residue test [Maydan/Hennessy/Lam'91]

Fourier-Motzkin Elimination [Maydan/Hennessy/Lam'91]

Omega test [Pugh/Wonnacott'92]

Loop Parallelization



A transformation that reorders the iterations of a level- k -loop, without making any other changes, is valid if the loop carries no dependence.

```
for (i=1; i<n; i++)
  for (j=1; j<m; j++)
    for (k=1; k<r; k++)
S:   a[i][j][k] = ... a[i][j-1][k] ...    (=, <, =)
```

It is valid to convert a sequential loop to a parallel loop if it does not carry a dependence.

```
for (i=1; i<n; i++)    -->    forall ( i, 1, n, p )
S: b[i] = 2 * c[i];      b[i] = 2 * c[i];
```

Loop Transformations



Goal

- + modify execution order of loop iterations
- + preserve data dependence constraints

Motivation

- + data locality
 - increase reuse of registers, cache
- + parallelism
 - eliminate loop-carried dependences, increase granularity
- + reduced overhead

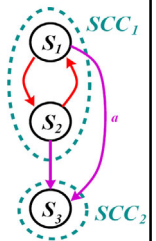
Loop Distribution (a.k.a. Loop Fission)



```
for (i=1; i<n; i++) {
S1:  a[i+1] = b[i-1] + c[i];
S2:  b[i]   = a[i] * k;
S3:  c[i]   = b[i] - 1;
}
```

↓ Loop distribution

```
for (i=1; i<n; i++) {
S1:  a[i+1] = b[i-1] + c[i];
S2:  b[i]   = a[i] * k;
}
for (i=1; i<n; i++)
S3:  c[i]   = b[i] - 1;
```



Safe if all statements forming a SCC in the dependence graph end up in the same loop.

Forward (loop-carried) dep's are ok, but keep topological order.

+ often enables vectorization; better cache utilization of each loop.

Loop Fusion



```
for i from 1 to N do
  c[i] ← a[i] + b[i]
od
for j from 1 to N do
  d[j] ← a[j] * e[j]
od
```

fuse:

```
for i from 1 to N do
  c[i] ← a[i] + b[i]
  d[i] ← a[i] * e[i]
od
```

find second $a[i]$ in the cache or even in a register

For array a large enough, $a[i]$ will no longer be cached.

Safe if neither loop carries a (backward) dependence.

- + locality: can convert inter-loop reuse to intra-loop reuse
- + larger basic blocks
- + reduce loop overhead

Strip Mining / Loop Blocking / -Tiling



```
for (i=0; i<n; i++)
  a[i] = b[i] + c[i];
```

↓ loop blocking with block size s

```
for (i1=0; i1<n; i1+=s) // loop over blocks
  for (i2=0; i2<min(n-i1,s); i2++) // loop within blocks
    a[i1+i2] = b[i1+i2] + c[i1+i2];
```

Tiling = blocking in multiple dimensions + loop interchange

Goal: increase locality; support vectorization (vector registers)

Reverse transformation: Loop linearization

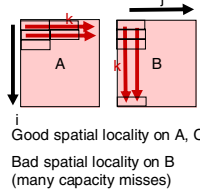
Tiled Matrix-Matrix Multiplication (1)

- Matrix-Matrix multiplication $C = A \times B$
here for square ($n \times n$) matrices C, A, B , with n large ($\sim 10^3$):

$$C_{ij} = \sum_{k=1..n} A_{ik} B_{kj} \text{ for all } i, j = 1..n$$

- Standard algorithm for Matrix-Matrix multiplication
(here without the initialization of C-entries to 0):

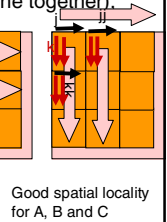
```
for (i=0; i<n; i++)
  for (j=0; j<n; j++)
    for (k=0; k<n; k++)
      C[i][j] += A[i][k] * B[k][j];
```



Tiled Matrix-Matrix Multiplication (2)

- Block each loop by block size S
(choose S so that a block of A, B, C fit in cache together),
then interchange loops
- Code after tiling:

```
for (ii=0; ii<n; ii+=S)
  for (jj=0; jj<n; jj+=S)
    for (kk=0; kk<n; kk+=S)
      for (i=ii; i<ii+S; i++)
        for (j=jj; j<jj+S; j++)
          for (k=kk; k<kk+S; k++)
            C[i][j] += A[i][k] * B[k][j];
```



Remark on Locality Transformations

- An alternative can be to change the data layout rather than the control structure of the program
- Example:** Store matrix B in transposed form, or, if necessary, consider transposing it, which may pay off over several subsequent computations
 - Finding the best layout for all multidimensional arrays is a NP-complete optimization problem [Mace, 1988]
- Example:** Recursive array layouts that preserve locality
 - Morton-order layout
 - Hierarchically tiled arrays

Loop Nest Flattening / Linearization

Flattens a multidimensional iteration space to a linear space:

for i from 0 to $n-1$ do		for k from 0 to $m \cdot n - 1$ do
for j from 0 to $m-1$ do		$i \leftarrow k / m$
iteration(i, j)	linearize:	$j \leftarrow k \% m$
od		iteration(i, j)
od		od

+ larger iteration space, better for scheduling / load balancing

– overhead to reconstruct original iteration variables
may be reduced by using *induction variables* i, j
that are updated by accumulating additions instead of div and mod

Loop Unrolling

```
for i from 1 to 100 do
  a[i] ← a[i] + b[i]
od
```

unroll by 4:

```
for i from 1 to 100 step 4 do
  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]
od
```

- + less overhead per useful operation
- + longer basic blocks for local optimizations
(local CSE, local reg.-allocation, local scheduling, SW pipelining)
- longer code

Loop Unrolling with Unknown Upper Bound

```
i ← 1
while i+3 < N do
  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]
  i ← i + 4
od
```

unroll by 4:

```
while i < N do
  a[i] ← a[i] + b[i]
  i ← i + 1
od
```

used e.g. in BLAS

Loop Unroll-And-Jam



unroll the outer loop
and fuse the resulting inner loops:

```

for i from 1 to N do
  for j from 1 to N do
    a[i] ← a[i] + b[j]
  od
od
    
```

unroll&jam:

```

for i from 1 to N step 2 do
  for j from 1 to N do
    a[i] ← a[i] + b[j]
    a[i+1] ← a[i+1] + b[j]
  od
od
    
```

The same conditions as for loop interchange (for the two innermost loops after the unrolling step) must hold (for a formal treatment see [Allen/Kennedy'02, Ch. 8.4.1]).

- + increases reuse in inner loop
- + less overhead

Loop Peeling



remove the first (or last) iteration of the loop
and clone the loop body for that iteration.

```

if N ≥ 1 then
  a[1] ← (x+y) * b[1]
  for i from 2 to N do
    a[i] ← (x+y) * b[i]
  od
fi
    
```

peel first iteration:

```

for i from 1 to N do
  a[i] ← (x+y) * b[i]
od
    
```

(Test on trip count can be removed if $N \geq 1$ is statically known.)

- + can enable loop fusion
- + may extract conditionals handling boundary cases from the loop
- longer code

Index Set Splitting



Divide the *iteration space* into two portions.

```

for i from 1 to 100 do
  a[i] ← b[i] + c[i]
  if i > 10 then
    d[i] ← a[i] + a[i-10]
  fi
od
    
```

split after 10:

```

for i from 1 to 10 do
  a[i] ← b[i] + c[i]
od
for i from 11 to 100 do
  a[i] ← b[i] + c[i]
  d[i] ← a[i] + a[i-10]
od
    
```

- + removes condition evaluation in every iteration
- + factors out the parallelizable set of iterations
- longer code

Loop Unswitching



```

if expression then
  for i from 1 to 100 do
    a[i] ← a[i] + b[i]
    d[i] ← 0
  od
else
  for i from 1 to 100 do
    a[i] ← a[i] + b[i]
  od
fi
    
```

unswitch:

```

for i from 1 to 100 do
  a[i] ← a[i] + b[i]
  if expression then
    d[i] ← 0
  fi
od
    
```

- + hoist loop-invariant control flow out of loop nest
- + no tests, no branches in loop body
→ larger basic blocks (see above), simpler software pipelining
- longer code

Scalar Replacement



For (inner) loops accumulating a value in an array element
use a temporary scalar for the accumulator variable:

```

for i from 1 to N do
  for j from 1 to N do
    a[i] ← a[i] + b[j]
  od
od
    
```

scalar repl.:

```

for i from 1 to N step 2 do
  t ← a[i]
  for j from 1 to N do
    t ← t + b[j]
  od
  a[i] ← t
od
    
```

- + keep t in a register all the time
- + saves many costly memory accesses to $a[i]$

Scalar Expansion / Array Privatization



promote a scalar temporary to an array to break a dependence cycle

```

if N ≥ 1
  allocate t'[1..N]
  for i from 1 to N do
    t ← a[i] + b[i]
    c[i] ← t + 1
  od
  t ← t'[N] // if t live on exit
fi
    
```

expand scalar t :

```

for i from 1 to N do
  t ← a[i] + b[i]
  c[i] ← t + 1
od
    
```

- + removes the loop-carried antidependence due to t
→ can now parallelize the loop!

- needs more array space

Loop must be countable, scalar must not have upward exposed uses.

May also be done conceptually only, to enable parallelization:

just create one private copy of t for every processor = **array privatization**

Outlook: Runtime Parallelization



Sometimes parallelizability cannot be decided statically.

```
if is_parallelizable(...)
  forall i in [0..n-1] do // parallel version of the loop
    iteration(i);
  od
else
  for i from 0 to n-1 do // sequential version of the loop
    iteration(i);
  od
fi
```

The runtime dependence test `is_parallelizable(...)` itself may partially run in parallel.

Outlook: Parallelization by Pattern Matching



Traditional loop parallelization fails for loop-carried dep. with distance 1:

```
S0: s = 0;
    for (i=1; i<n; i++)
S1:   s = s + a[i];
S2: a[0] = c[0];
    for (i=1; i<n; i++)
S3:   a[i] = a[i-1] * b[i] + c[i];
```

↓ Idiom recognition (pattern matching)

[K'94],...

```
S1': s = VSUM( a[1:n-1], 0 );
```

```
S3': a[0:n-1] = FOLR( b[1:n-1], c[0:n-1], mul, add );
```

↓ Algorithm replacement

```
S1'': s = par_sum( a, 0, n, 0 );
```



To be continued...