

Lecture 8

Software Pipelining

- I. Introduction
- II. Problem Formulation
- III. Algorithm

Reading: Chapter 10.5 - 10.6

I. Example of DoAll Loops

- **Machine:**
 - Per clock: 1 read, 1 write, 1 (2-stage) arithmetic op, with hardware loop op and auto-incrementing addressing mode.
- **Source code:**

```
For i = 1 to n
    D[i] = A[i] * B[i] + c
```
- **Code for one iteration:**
 1. LD R5, 0(R1++)
 2. LD R6, 0(R2++)
 3. MUL R7, R5, R6
 - 4.
 5. ADD R8, R7, R4
 - 6.
 7. ST 0(R3++), R8
- **No parallelism in basic block**

Unrolling

```
1.L: LD
2.  LD
3.      LD
4.  MUL  LD
5.      MUL  LD
6.  ADD  LD
7.      ADD  LD
8.  ST   MUL  LD
9.      MUL
10.     ST   ADD
11.     ADD
12.     ST
13.     ST   BL (L)
```

- Let u be the **degree of unrolling**:
 - Length of u iterations = $7+2(u-1)$
 - Execution time per source iteration = $(7+2(u-1)) / u = 2 + 5/u$

Software Pipelined Code

```
1. LD
2. LD
3. MUL    LD
4.        LD
5.        MUL    LD
6. ADD        LD
7.        MUL    LD
8. ST     ADD    LD
9.        MUL    LD
10.       ST     ADD    LD
11.              MUL
12.              ST     ADD
13.
14.              ST     ADD
15.
16.              ST
```

- Unlike unrolling, software pipelining can give optimal result.
- Locally compacted code may not be globally optimal
- DOALL: Can fill arbitrarily long pipelines with infinitely many iterations

Example of DoAcross Loop

Loop:

```
Sum = Sum + A[i];  
B[i] = A[i] * c;
```



```
1. LD  
2. MUL  
3. ADD  
4. ST
```

Software Pipelined Code

```
1. LD  
2. MUL  
3. ADD    LD  
4. ST     MUL  
5.        ADD  
6.        ST
```

Doacross loops

- Recurrences can be parallelized
- Harder to fully utilize hardware with large degrees of parallelism

II. Problem Formulation

Goals:

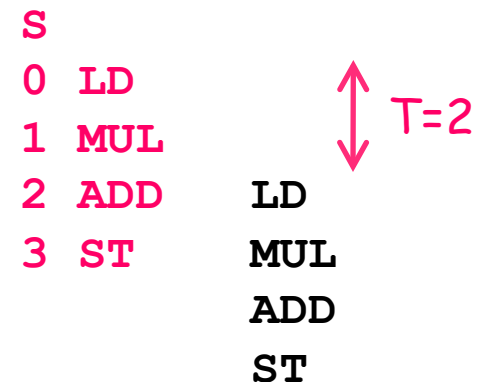
- maximize throughput
- small code size

Find:

- an identical **relative schedule** $S(n)$ for every iteration
- a **constant initiation interval** (T)

such that

- the **initiation interval is minimized**



Complexity:

- NP-complete in general

Resources on Bound on Initiation Interval

- **Example: Resource usage of 1 iteration;**
Machine can execute 1 LD, 1 ST, 2 ALU per clock

LD, LD, MUL, ADD, ST

- **Lower bound on initiation interval?**

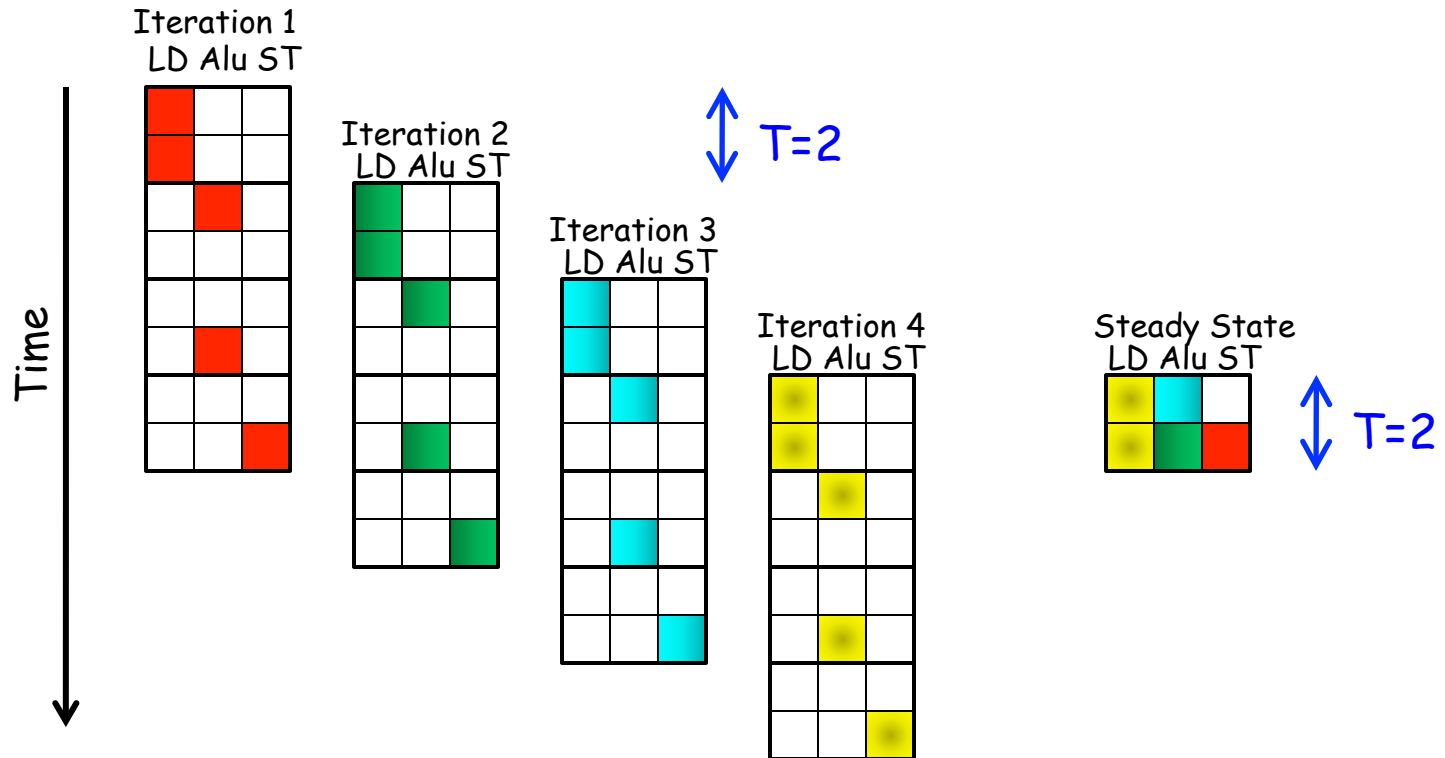
for all resource i ,

number of units required by one iteration: n_i

number of units in system: R_i

Lower bound due to resource constraints: $\max_i n_i/R_i$

Scheduling Constraints: Resource

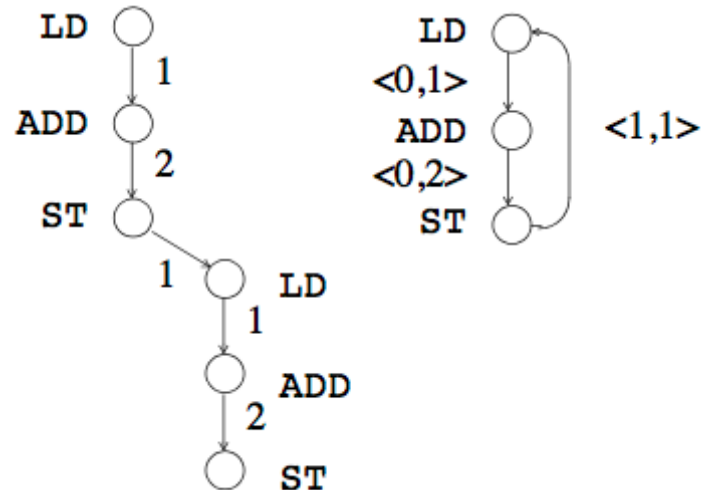


- RT : resource reservation table for **single iteration**
- RT_s : **modulo resource reservation table**

$$RT_s[i] = \sum_{t|(t \bmod T = i)} RT[t]$$

Scheduling Constraints: Precedence

```
for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    *(p++) = *(q++) + c
}
```



- **Minimum initiation interval?**
- **$S(n)$: Schedule for n with respect to the beginning of the schedule**
- **Label edges with $\langle \delta, d \rangle$**
 - δ = iteration difference, d = delay

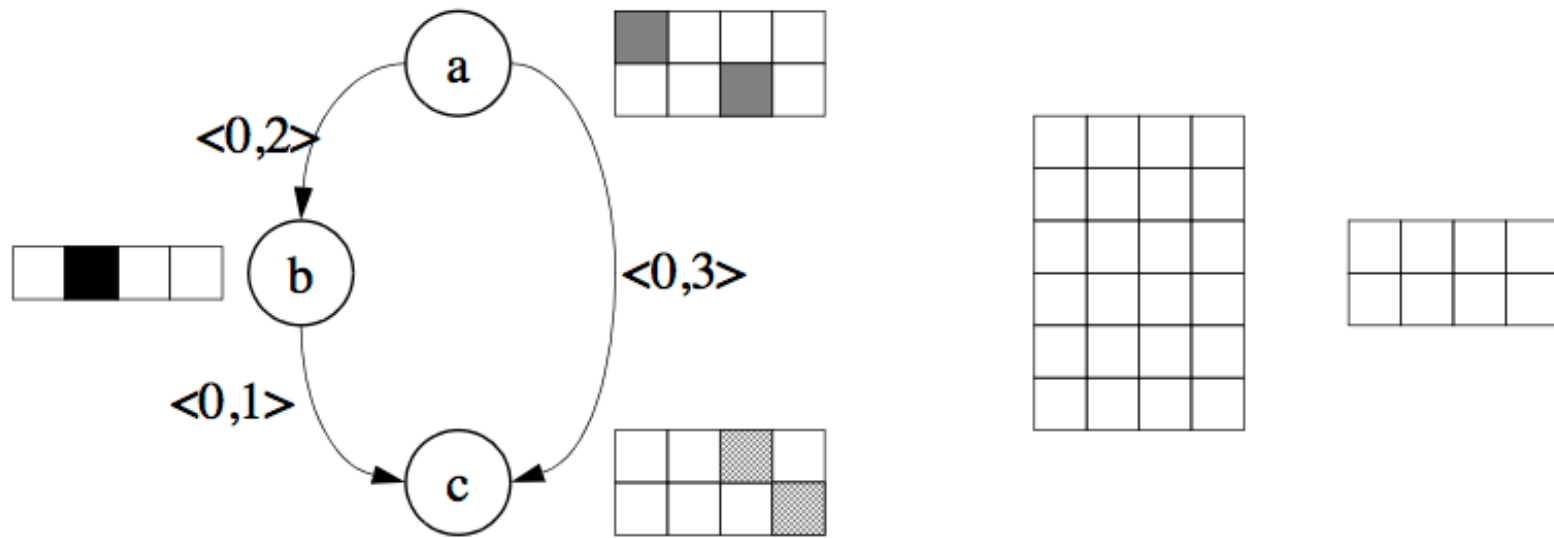
$$\delta \times T + S(n_2) - S(n_1) \geq d$$

Minimum Initiation Interval

For all cycles c ,

$$\max_c \text{CycleLength}(c) / \text{IterationDifference}(c)$$

III. Example: An Acyclic Graph



Algorithm for Acyclic Graphs

Find lower bound of initiation interval: T_0

based on resource constraints

For $T = T_0, T_0+1, \dots$ until all nodes are scheduled

For each node n in topological order

$s_0 =$ earliest n can be scheduled

for each $s = s_0, s_0 + 1, \dots, s_0 + T - 1$

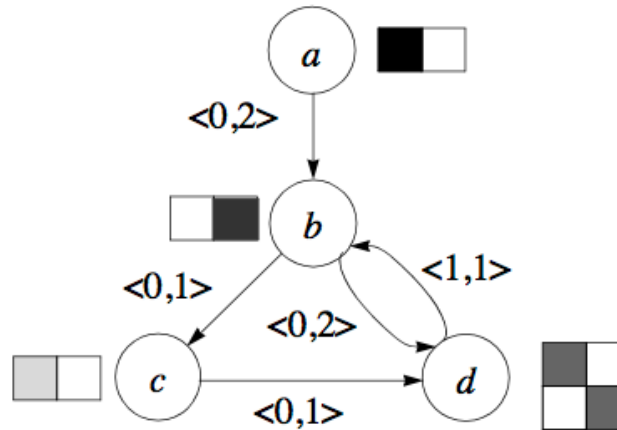
if NodeScheduled(n, s) break;

if n cannot be scheduled break;

NodeScheduled(n, s)

- Check resources of n at s in modulo resource reservation table
- Can always meet the lower bound if
 - every operation uses only 1 resource, and
 - no cyclic dependences in the loop

Cyclic Graphs



- No such thing as “topological order”
- $b \rightarrow c$; $c \rightarrow b$

$$S(c) - S(b) \geq 1$$

$$T + S(b) - S(c) \geq 2$$

- Scheduling b constrains c and vice versa

$$S(b) + 1 \leq S(c) \leq S(b) - 2 + T$$

$$S(c) - T + 2 \leq S(b) \leq S(c) - 1$$

Strongly Connected Components

- **A strongly connected component (SCC)**
 - Set of nodes such that every node can reach every other node
- **Every node constrains all others from above and below**
 - Finds longest paths between every pair of nodes
 - As each node scheduled, find lower and upper bounds of all other nodes in SCC
- **SCCs are hard to schedule**
 - Critical cycle: no slack
 - Backtrack starting with the first node in SCC
 - increases T, increases slack
- **Edges between SCCs are acyclic**
 - Acyclic graph: every node is a separate SCC

Algorithm Design

Find lower bound of initiation interval: T_0

based on resource constraints and precedence constraints

For $T = T_0, T_0+1, \dots$, until all nodes are scheduled

E^* = longest path between each pair

For each SCC c in topological order

s_0 = Earliest c can be scheduled

For each $s = s_0, s_0 + 1, \dots, s_0 + T - 1$

If $SCCScheduled(c, s)$ break;

If c cannot be scheduled return false;

Return true;

Scheduling a Strongly Connected Component (SCC)

SCCScheduled(c, s)

Schedule first node at s , return false if fails

For each remaining node n in c

s_l = lower bound on n based on E^*

s_u = upper bound on n based on E^*

For each $s = s_l, s_l + 1, \dots, \min(s_l + T - 1, s_u)$

if **NodeScheduled**(n, s) break;

if n cannot be scheduled return false;

Return true;

Modulo Variable Expansion

- **Software-pipelined code**

1.	LD				
2.	LD				
3.	MUL	LD			
4.		LD			
5.		MUL	LD		
6.	ADD		LD		
L: 7.			MUL	LD	
8.	ST	ADD		LD	BL L
9.				MUL	LD
10.		ST	ADD		LD
11.					MUL
12.			ST	ADD	
13.					
14.				ST	ADD

```

1. LD  R5,0 (R1++)
2. LD  R6,0 (R2++)
3. MUL R7,R5,R6
4.
5. ADD R8,R7,R4
6.
7. ST  0 (R3++) ,R8
    
```

Modulo Variable Expansion

```
1. LD R5,0(R1++)
2. LD R6,0(R1++)
3. LD R5,0(R1++) MUL R7,R5,R6
4. LD R6,0(R1++)
5. LD R5,0(R1++) MUL R17,R5,R6
6. LD R6,0(R1++) ADD R8,R7,R7
L 7. LD R5,0(R1++) MUL R7,R5,R6
   8. LD R6,0(R1++) ADD R8,R17,R17 ST 0(R3++),R8
   9. LD R5,0(R1++) MUL R17,R5,R6
  10. LD R6,0(R1++) ADD R8,R7,R7 ST 0(R3++),R8 BL L
  11. MUL R7,R5,R6
  12. ADD R8,R17,R17 ST 0(R3++),R8
  13.
  14. ADD R8,R7,R7 ST 0(R3++),R8
  15.
  16. ST 0(R3++),R8
```

Algorithm

- **Normally, every iteration uses the same set of registers**
 - introduces **artificial anti-dependences** for software pipelining
- **Modulo variable expansion algorithm**
 - schedule each iteration ignoring artificial constraints on registers
 - calculate life times of registers
 - degree of unrolling = $\max_r (\text{lifetime}_r / T)$
 - unroll the steady state of software pipelined loop to use different registers
- **Code generation**
 - generate one pipelined loop with only one exit (at beginning of steady state)
 - generate one unpipelined loop to handle the rest
 - code generation is the messiest part of the algorithm!

Conclusions

- **Numerical Code**
 - Software pipelining is useful for machines with a lot of pipelining and instruction level parallelism
 - Compact code
 - **Limits to parallelism: dependences, critical resource**