GVN-Hoist: Hoisting Computations from Branches

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CFGSimplify's code hoisting

- hoists computations at the beginning of BB
- uses operands equality to detect same computations
- stops at first difference
- very fast: disabling it slows the compiler: 1688 $\rightarrow$ 1692 Bn insns (callgrind compiling the test-suite on x86_64-linux)

CFGSimplify limits

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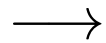

Expressions hoisted

```
i = 1/d;
x = a * i;
y = b * i;
if (i >= 0) {
  u = x;
  v = y;
} else {
  u = y;
  v = x;
}
```

GVN-Hoist: Hoisting Computations from Branches

- removes all limitations of CFGSimplify implementation
- works across several BBs: hoists to a common dominator
- hoist past ld/st side effects: uses Memory-SSA for fast dependence analysis
- reduces code size
- reduces critical path length by exposing more ILP

Optimistic GVN-hoist Algorithm

1. compute value number of scalars, loads, stores, calls
2. compute insertion points of each type of instructions
3. hoist expressions and propagate changes by updating SSA

GVN: Value Numbering Example and Limitations

Simple program

```
a = x + y
b = x + 1
c = y + 1
d = b + c
e = a + 2
f = load d
g = load e
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$\longrightarrow$

Value Numbering

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(b, 2)
(c, 3)
(d, 4)
(e, 4)
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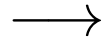

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```

Limitations to current GVN implementation

```
(f, 5)
(g, 6)
// should be (g, 5)
```

GVN-Hoist Step 1: Collect Value Numbers

- scalars: use the existing GVN infrastructure

current GVN not accurate for loads and stores: use ad-hoc change

- loads: VN the gep
- stores: VN the gep and stored value
- calls: as stores, loads, or scalars (following calls' side-effects)

GVN-Hoist Step 2: Compute Insertion Points

insertion point: location where all the operands are available

- compute a common insertion point for a set of instructions having the same GVN (similar to VBEs but not as strict)
- partition the candidates into a smaller set of hoistable candidates when no common insertion points can be found

GVN-Hoist Step 3: Move the Code

- scalars: just move one of the instructions to the hoisting point and remove others; update SSA
- loads and stores: make geps available, then hoist; update SSA and Memory-SSA

Cost models

tuned on x86_64 and AArch64 Linux: test-suite, SPEC 2k, 2k6, ...

- limit the number of basic blocks in the path between initial position and the hoisting point
- limit the number of instructions between the initial position and the beginning of its basic block
- do not hoist GEPs (except at -Os)
- limit the number of dependent instructions to be hoisted

Knobs

- **-enable-gvn-hoist:** enable the GVN-hoist pass (default = on)
- **-Os, -Oz:** allow GEPs to be hoisted independently of ld/st
- **-gvn-hoist-max-bbs:** max number of basic blocks on the path between hoisting locations (default = 4, unlimited = -1)
- **-gvn-hoist-max-depth:** hoist instructions from the beginning of the BB up to the maximum specified depth (default = 100, unlimited = -1)
- **-gvn-hoist-max-chain-length:** maximum length of dependent chains to hoist (default = 10, unlimited = -1)
- **-gvn-max-hoisted:** max number of instructions to hoist (default unlimited = -1)

GVN-Hoist: Evaluation

- $< 1\%$ compile time overhead: 1678 $\rightarrow$ 1692 Bn insns
  (callgrind compiling the test-suite at -O3 on x86_64-linux)
- more hoists than CFG-simplify: 15048 $\rightarrow$ 25318
  (compiling the test-suite for x86_64 at -O3)

Scalars hoisted	8960
Scalars removed	11940
Loads hoisted	16301
Loads removed	22690
Stores hoisted	50
Stores removed	50
Calls hoisted	7
Calls removed	7
Total Instructions hoisted	25318
Total Instructions removed	34687

Code size reduction

Code-size metric (.text)	Number
Total benchmarks	497
Total gained in size	39
Total decrease in size	58
Median decrease in size	2.9%
Median increase in size	2.4%

- test-suite compiled at -O3 for x86_64-linux
- increase in size due to more inlining
- many effects due to early scheduling of the pass

Discussion

- schedule GVN-hoist pass several times?
- remove CFGSimplify's hoisting?
- hoist + sink interactions (discuss with James Molloy)
- early scheduling in opt needs tuning with target info?
- make GVN-hoist more aggressive for -Os and -Oz?
- need a better GVN implementation?
- Memory-SSA is easy to use and fast: **so please use it!**
  (thanks Danny, Georges, and others)