

# Sources of Optimization

- In order to optimize our IR, we need to understand why it can be improved in the first place.
- **Reason one:** IR generation introduces redundancy.
  - A naïve translation of high-level language features into IR often introduces subcomputations.
  - Those subcomputations can often be sped up, shared, or eliminated.
- **Reason two:** Programmers are lazy.
  - Code executed inside of a loop can often be factored out of the loop.
  - Language features with side effects often used for purposes other than those side effects.

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# A Note on Terminology

- The term “optimization” implies looking for an “optimal” piece of code for a program.
- This is, in general, undecidable.
  - e.g. create a program that can be simplified iff some other program halts.
- Our goal will be IR *improvement* rather than IR *optimization*.

# The Challenge of Optimization

- A good optimizer
  - Should never change the observable behavior of a program.
  - Should produce IR that is as efficient as possible.
  - Should not take too long to process inputs.
- Unfortunately:
  - Even good optimizers sometimes introduce bugs into code.
  - Optimizers often miss “easy” optimizations due to limitations of their algorithms.
  - Almost all interesting optimizations are **NP**-hard or undecidable.

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- **Runtime** (make the program as fast as possible at the expense of time and power)
- **Memory usage** (generate the smallest possible executable at the expense of time and power)
- **Power consumption** (choose simple instructions at the expense of speed and memory usage)
- Plus a lot more (minimize function calls, reduce use of floating-point hardware, etc.)

# Basic Blocks

- A **basic block** is a sequence of IR instructions where
  - There is exactly one spot where control enters the sequence, which must be at the start of the sequence.
  - There is exactly one spot where control leaves the sequence, which must be at the end of the sequence.
- Informally, a sequence of instructions that always execute as a group.

# Control-Flow Graphs

- A **control-flow graph** (CFG) is a graph of the basic blocks in a function.
  - The term CFG is overloaded – from here on out, we'll mean “control-flow graph” and not “context-free grammar.”
- Each edge from one basic block to another indicates that control can flow from the end of the first block to the start of the second block.
- There is a dedicated node for the start and end of a function.

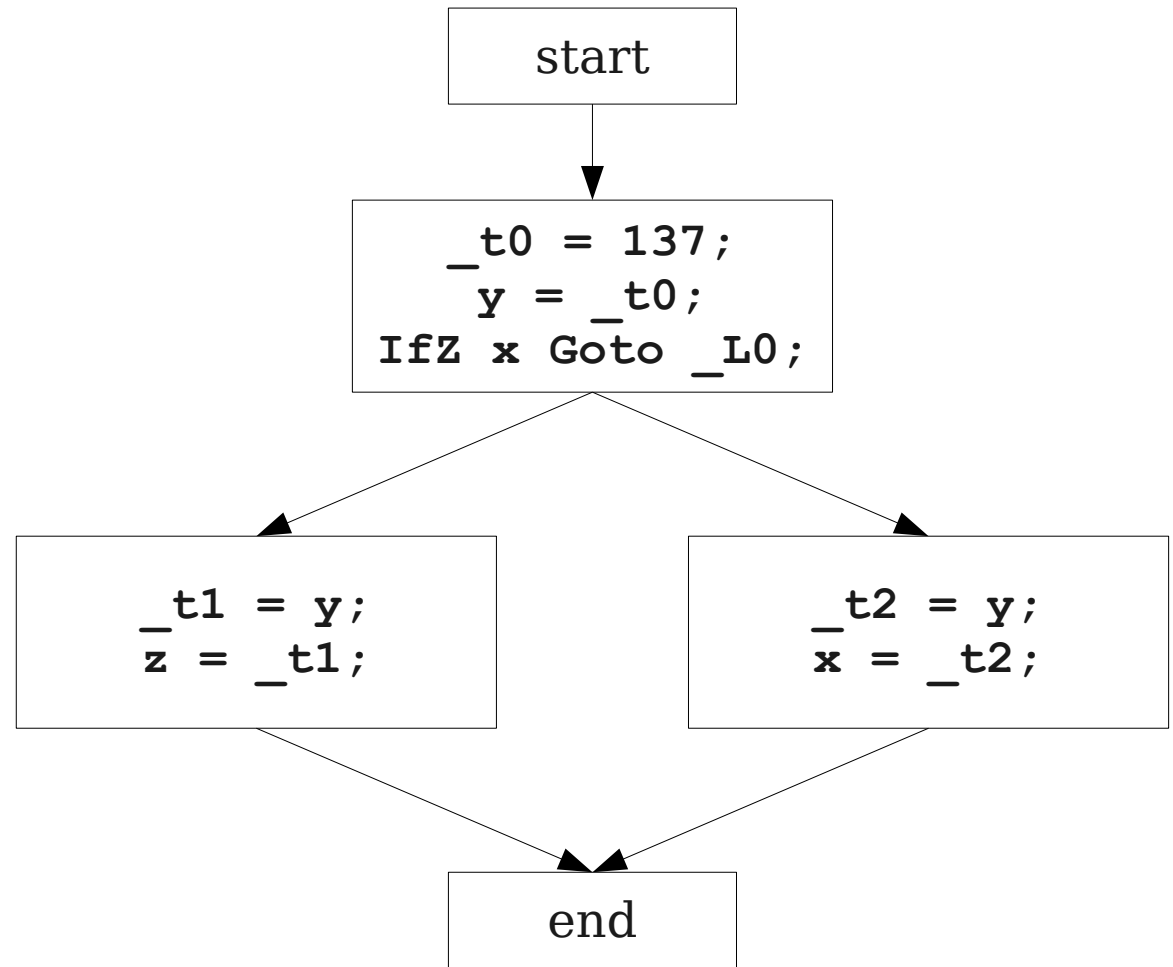


# Types of Optimizations

- An optimization is **local** if it works on just a single basic block.
- An optimization is **global** if it works on an entire control-flow graph.
- An optimization is **interprocedural** if it works across the control-flow graphs of multiple functions.
  - We won't talk about this in this course.

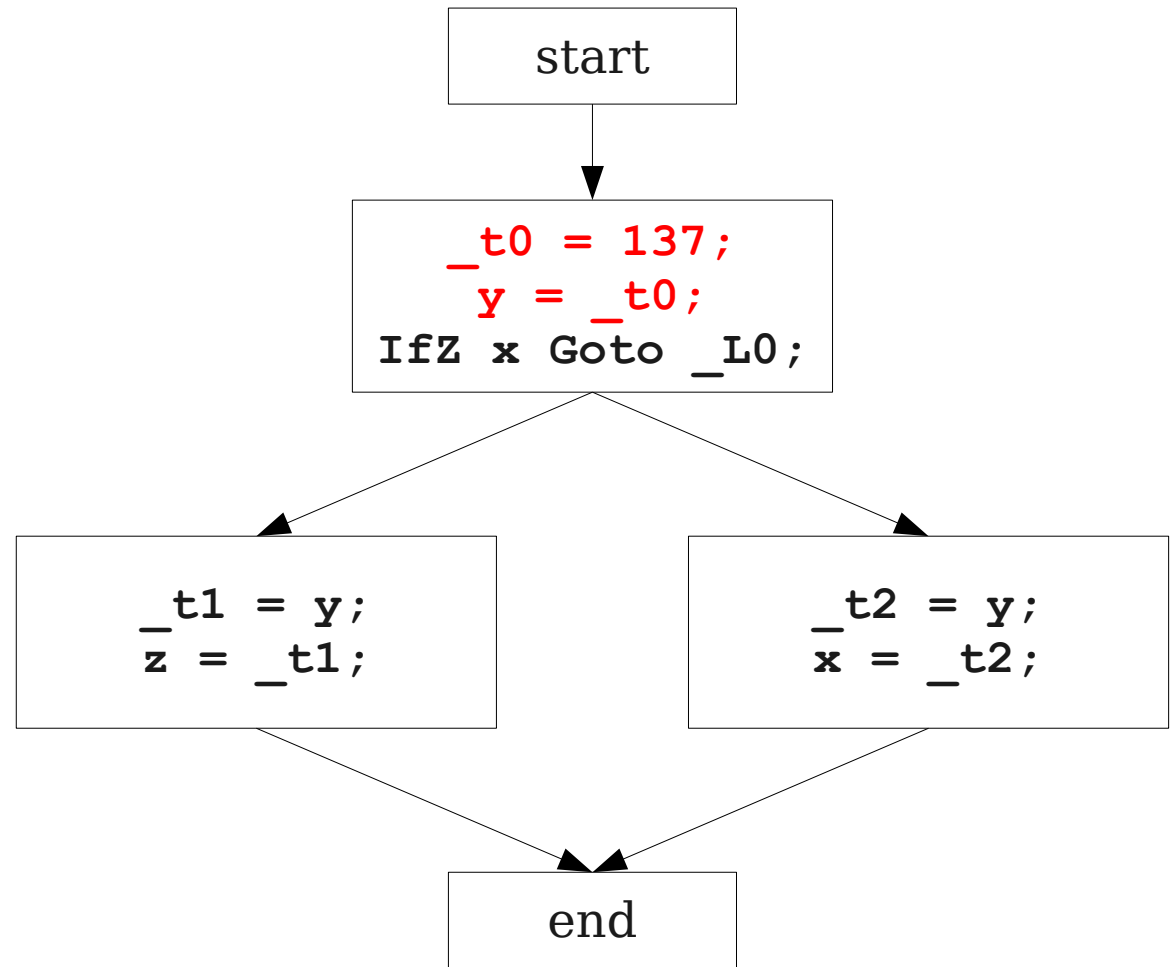
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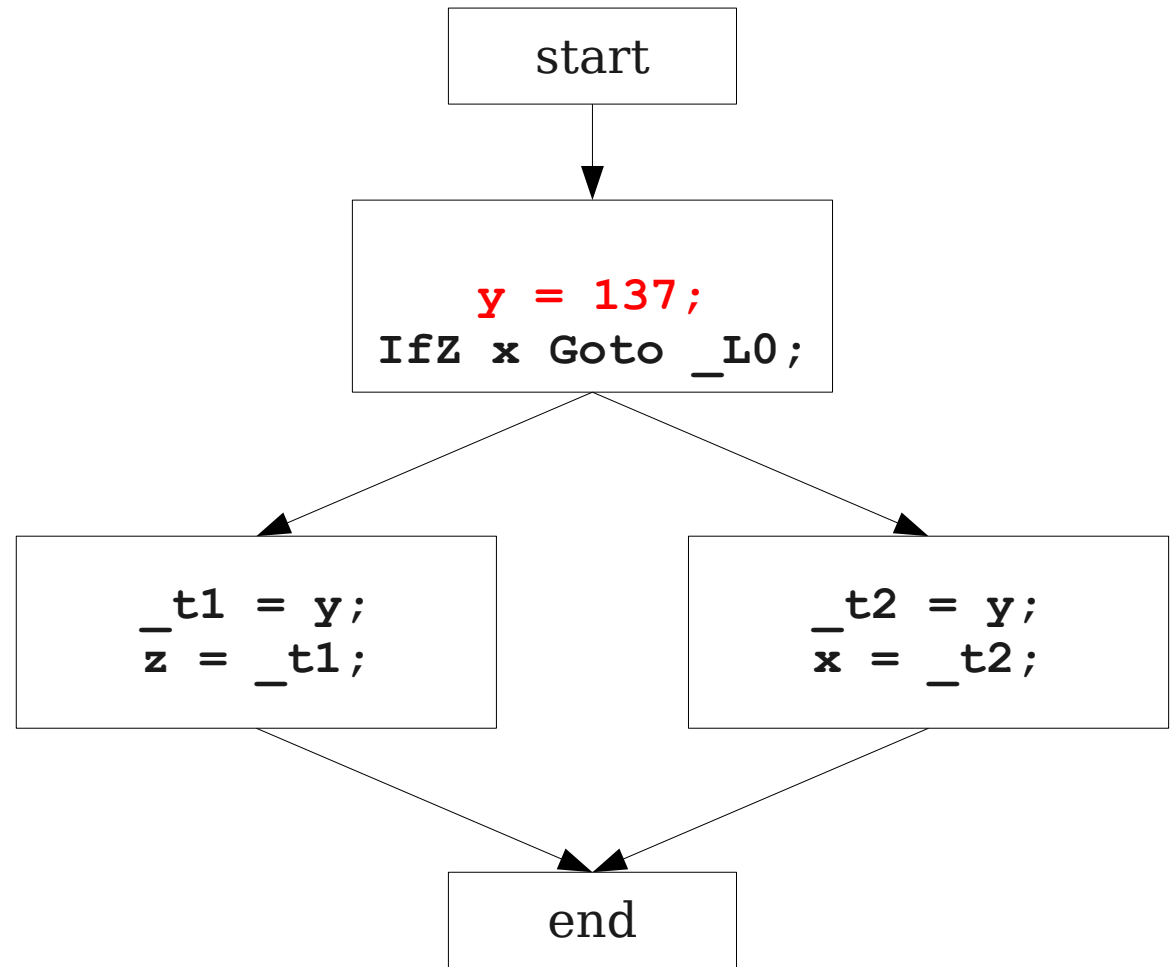
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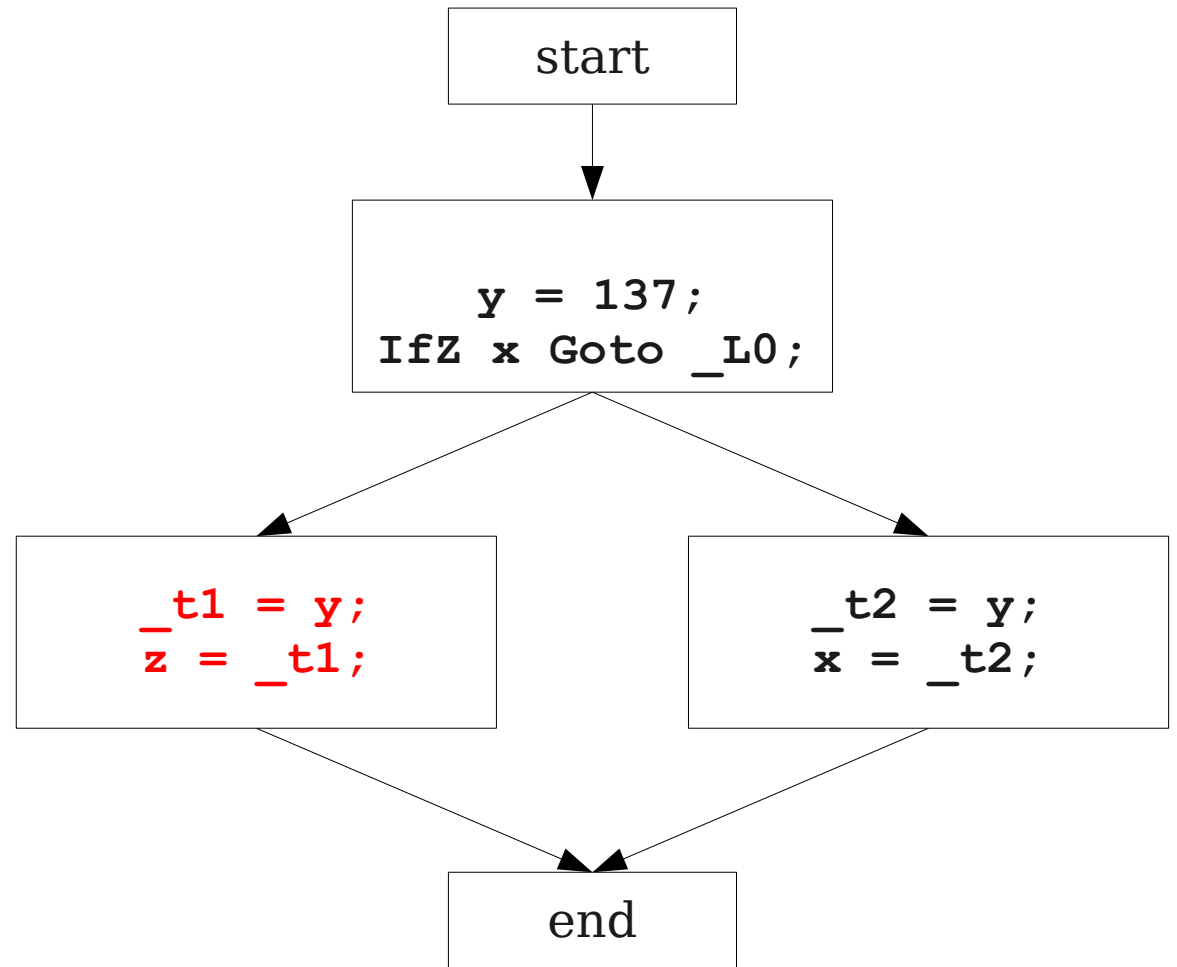
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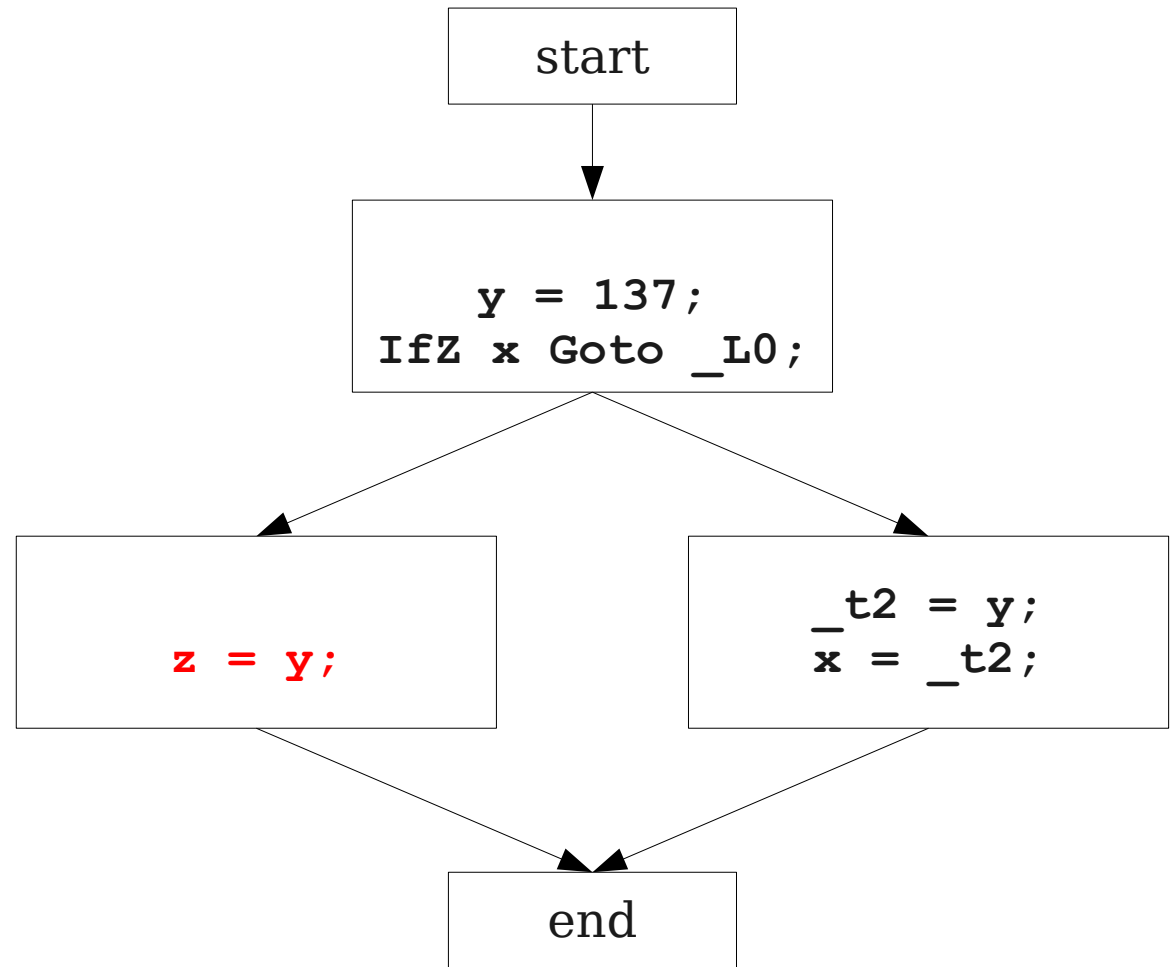
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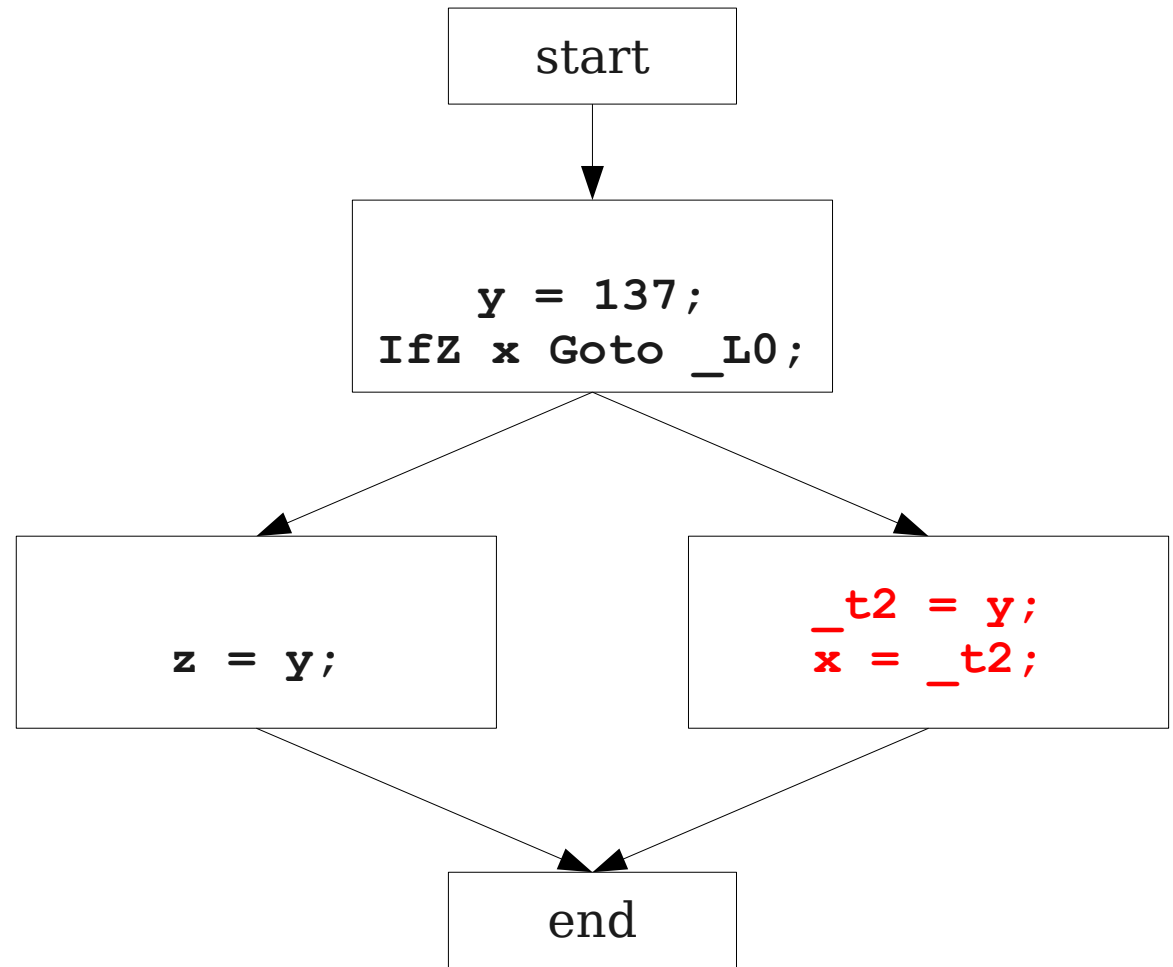
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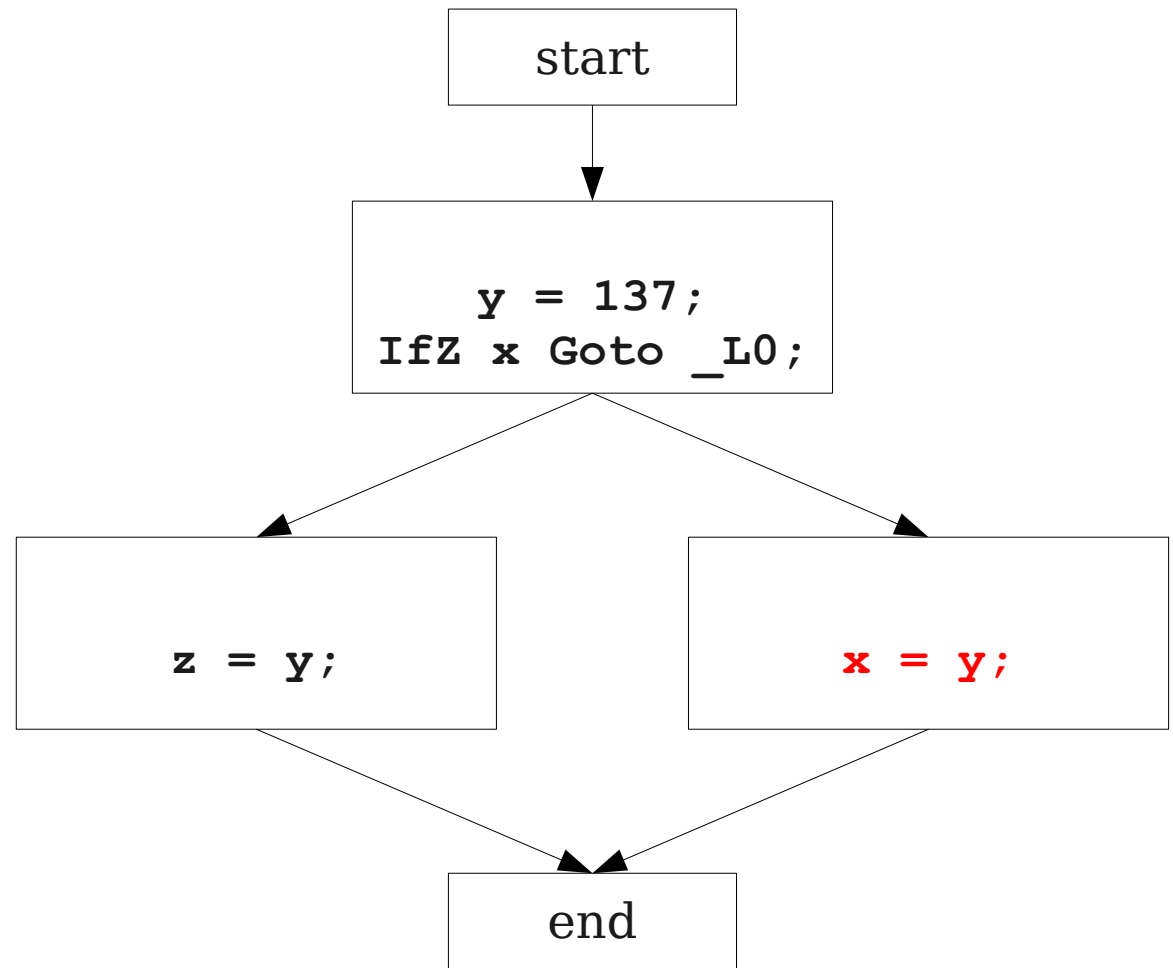
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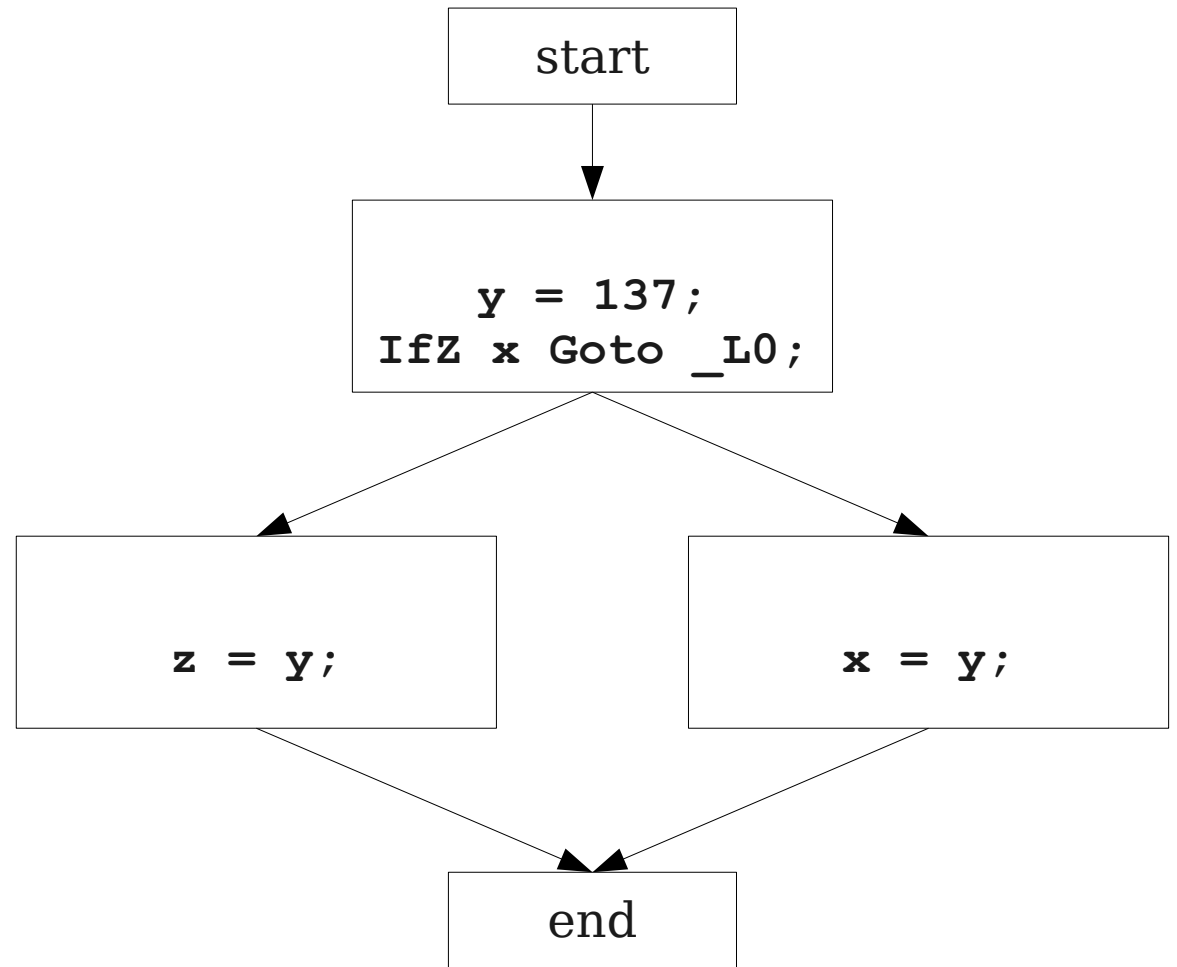
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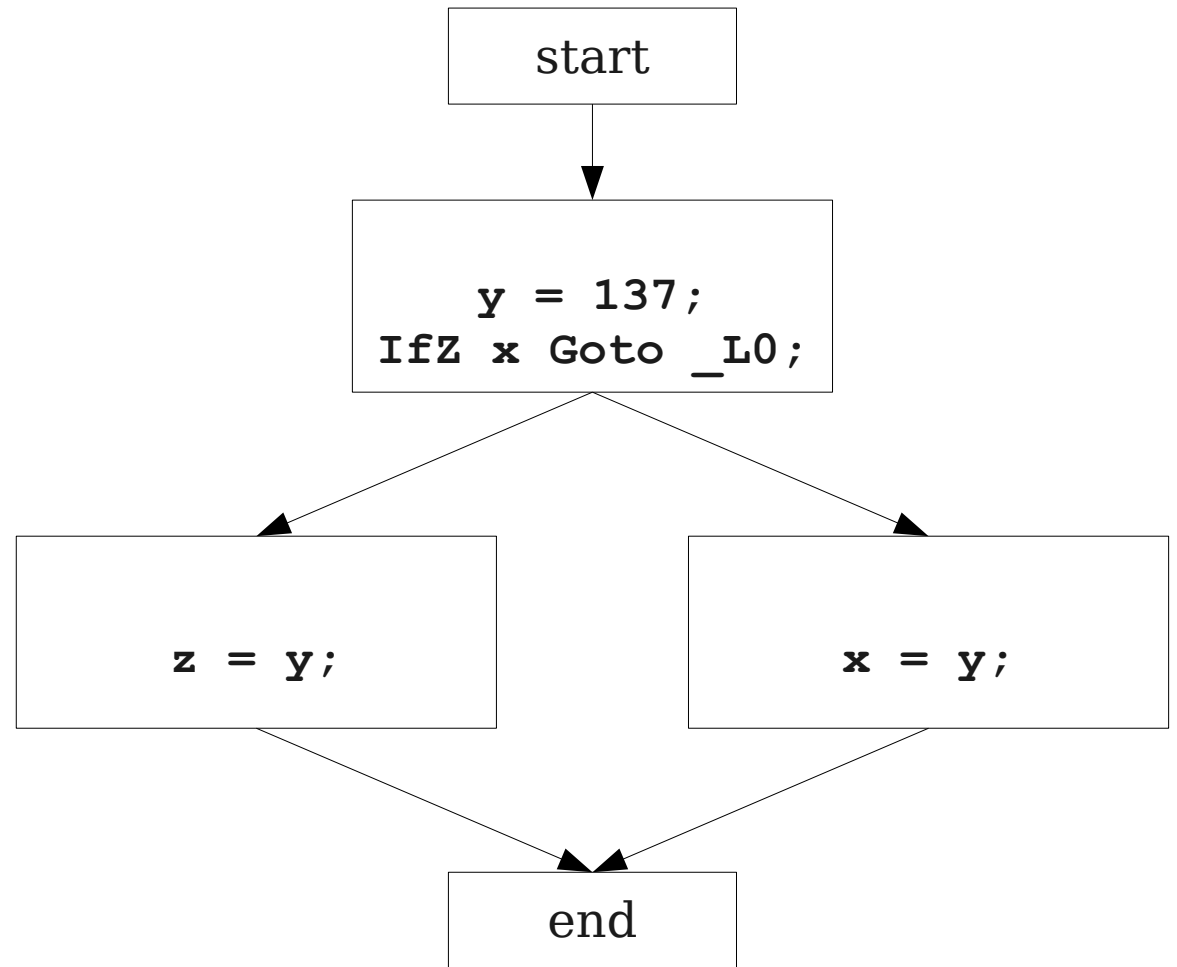
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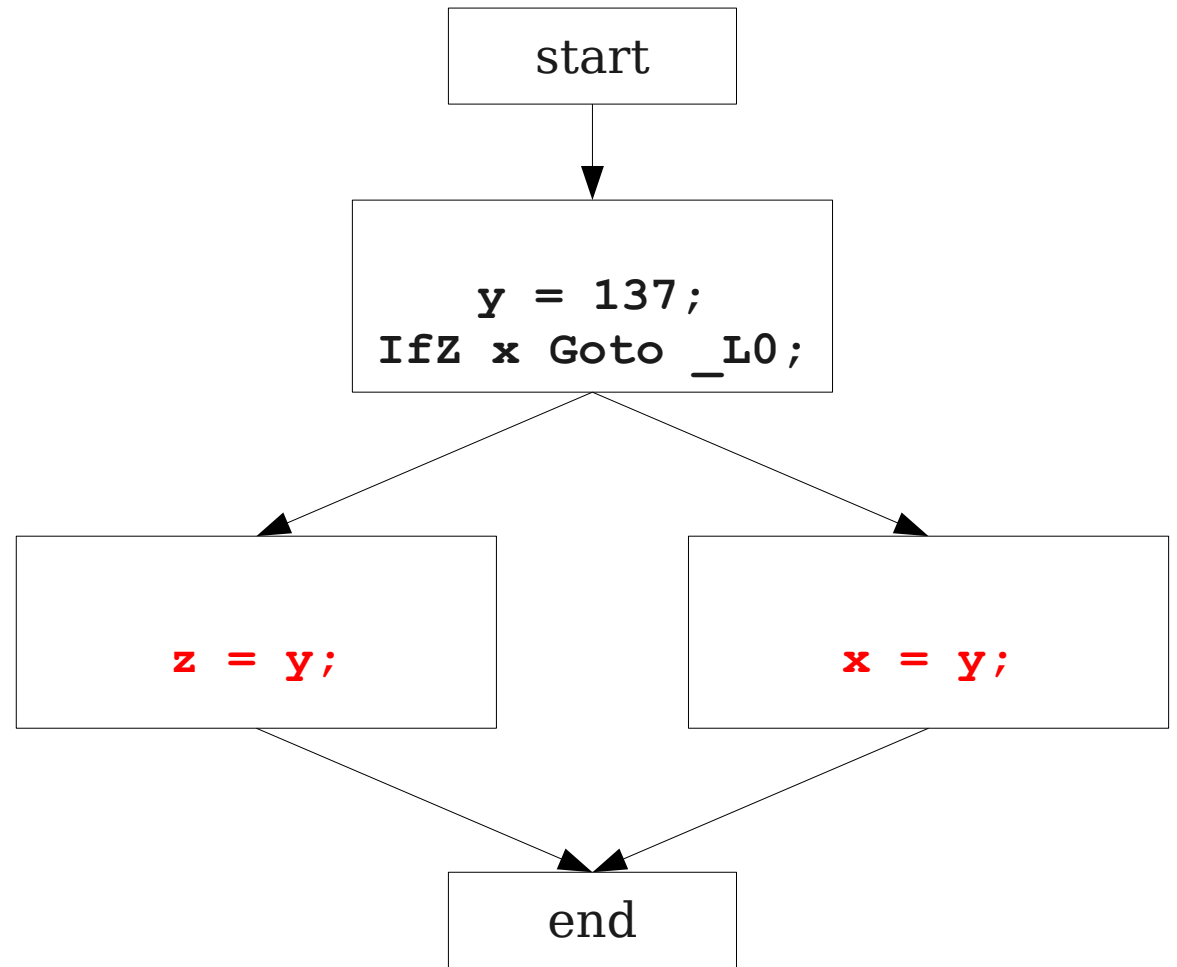
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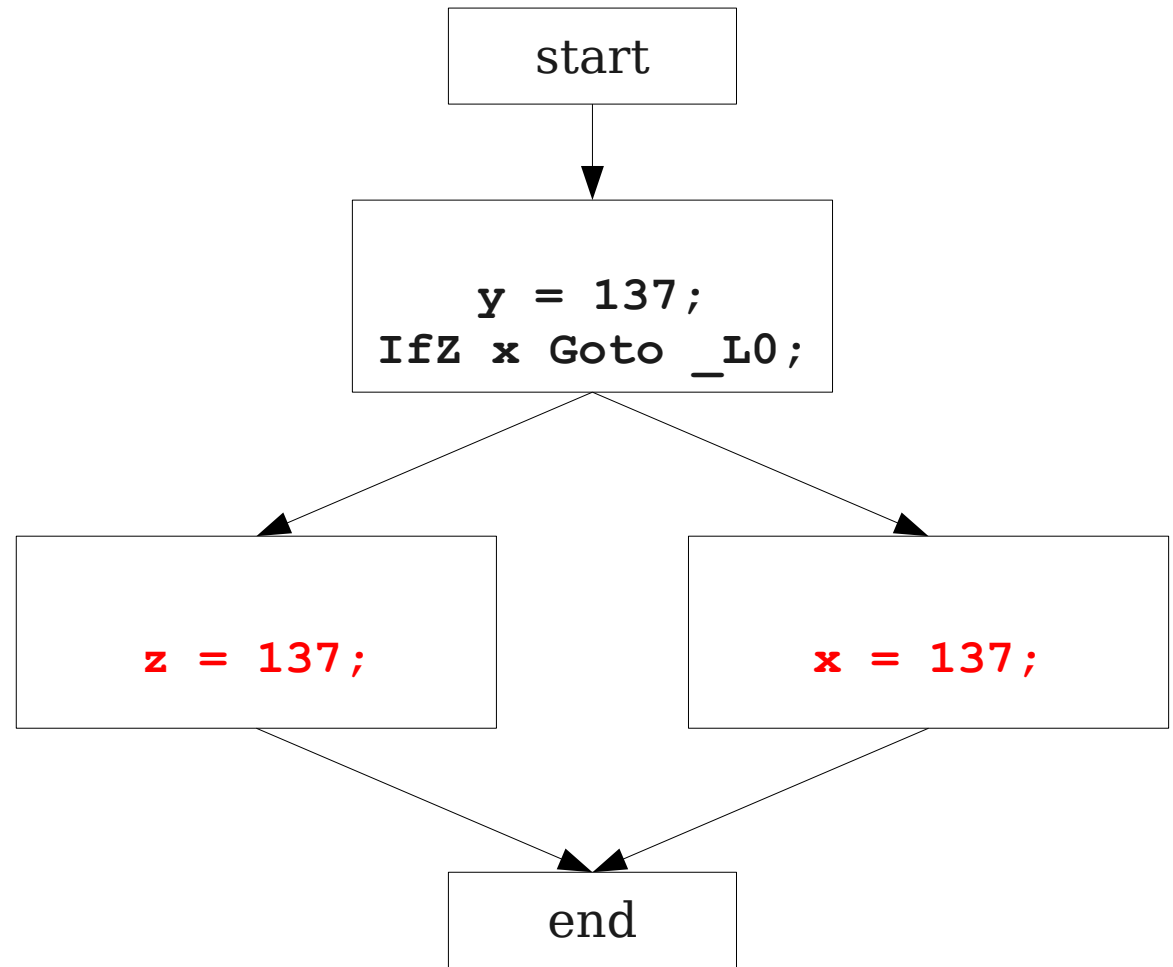
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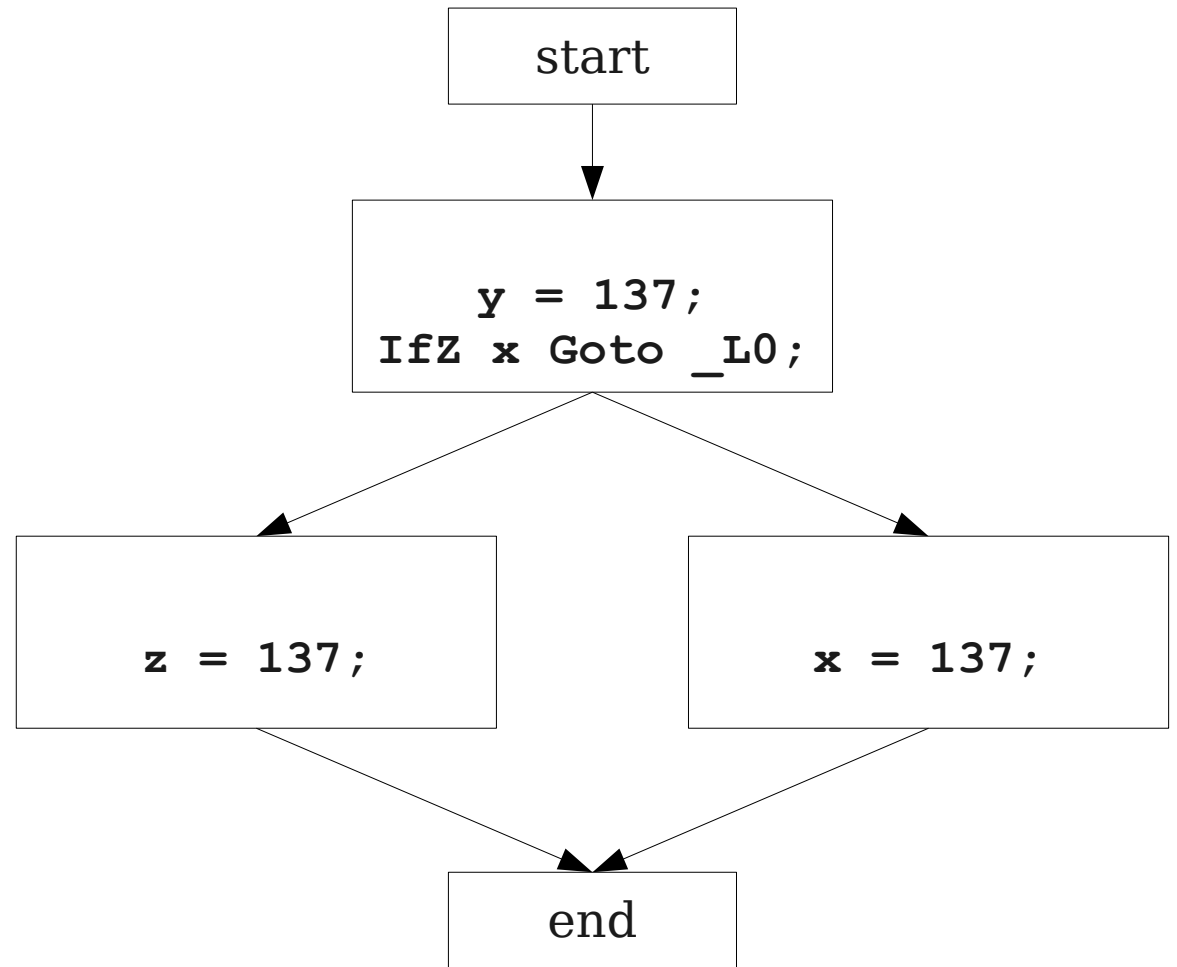
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and the values of  $\mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{a}$ , and  $\mathbf{b}$  have not changed between the assignments, rewrite the code as

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_tmp6 = *(_tmp1) ;  
_tmp7 = *(_tmp6) ;  
PushParam c ;  
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PopParams 8 ;
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# Copy Propagation

```
Object x;  
int a;  
int b;  
int c;  
  
x = new Object;  
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c = a + b;  
x.fn(a + b);
```

```
_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;  
x = _tmp1 ;  
_tmp3 = _tmp0 ;  
a = _tmp3 ;  
_tmp4 = _tmp3 + b ;  
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```

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PushParam _tmp0 ;  
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;  
x = _tmp1 ;  
_tmp3 = 4 ;  
a = 4 ;  
_tmp4 = _tmp0 + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp5 = c ;  
_tmp6 = _tmp2 ;  
_tmp7 = *(_tmp2) ;  
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x = new Object;  
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x.fn(a + b);
```

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_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
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x = _tmp1 ;  
_tmp3 = 4 ;  
a = 4 ;  
_tmp4 = _tmp0 + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
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x = new Object;  
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c = a + b;  
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```

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_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;  
x = _tmp1 ;  
_tmp3 = 4 ;  
a = 4 ;  
_tmp4 = _tmp0 + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp5 = _tmp4 ;  
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# Copy Propagation

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Object x;  
int a;  
int b;  
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x = new Object;  
a = 4;  
c = a + b;  
x.fn(a + b);
```

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_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;  
x = _tmp1 ;  
_tmp3 = 4 ;  
a = 4 ;  
_tmp4 = _tmp0 + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp5 = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp6 = _tmp2 ;  
_tmp7 = *(_tmp2) ;  
PushParam _tmp4 ;  
PushParam _tmp1 ;  
ACall _tmp7 ;  
PopParams 8 ;
```

# Copy Propagation

- If we have a variable assignment

$$v_1 = v_2$$

then as long as  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are not reassigned, we can rewrite expressions of the form

$$a = \dots v_1 \dots$$

as

$$a = \dots v_2 \dots$$

provided that such a rewrite is legal.

- This will help immensely later on, as you'll see.

# Dead Code Elimination

```
Object x;  
int a;  
int b;  
int c;  
  
x = new Object;  
a = 4;  
c = a + b;  
x.fn(a + b);
```

```
_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;  
x = _tmp1 ;  
_tmp3 = 4 ;  
a = 4 ;  
_tmp4 = _tmp0 + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp5 = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp6 = _tmp2 ;  
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PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;  
x = _tmp1 ;  
_tmp3 = 4 ;  
a = 4 ;  
_tmp4 = _tmp0 + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp5 = _tmp4 ;  
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a = 4;  
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```

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_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
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PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;  
  
_tmp3 = 4 ;  
a = 4 ;  
_tmp4 = _tmp0 + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp5 = _tmp4 ;  
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```

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_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
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PopParams 4 ;  
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_tmp3 = 4 ;  
a = 4 ;  
_tmp4 = _tmp0 + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp5 = _tmp4 ;  
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```

```
a = 4 ;  
_tmp4 = _tmp0 + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp5 = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp6 = _tmp2 ;  
_tmp7 = *(_tmp2) ;  
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PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
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PopParams 4 ;  
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x = new Object;  
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x.fn(a + b);
```

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_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
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```
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_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
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PopParams 4 ;  
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```

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```

```
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```



# Dead Code Elimination

- An assignment to a variable  $v$  is called **dead** if the value of that assignment is never read anywhere.
- **Dead code elimination** removes dead assignments from IR.
- Determining whether an assignment is dead depends on what variable is being assigned to and when it's being assigned.

# For Comparison

```
_tmp0 = 4 ;
PushParam _tmp0 ;
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;
PopParams 4 ;
_tmp2 = Object ;
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;
x = _tmp1 ;
_tmp3 = 4 ;
a = _tmp3 ;
_tmp4 = a + b ;
c = _tmp4 ;
_tmp5 = a + b ;
_tmp6 = *(x) ;
_tmp7 = *(_tmp6) ;
PushParam _tmp5 ;
PushParam x ;
ACall _tmp7 ;
PopParams 8 ;
```

```
_tmp0 = 4 ;
PushParam _tmp0 ;
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;
PopParams 4 ;
_tmp2 = Object ;
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;
_tmp4 = _tmp0 + b ;
_tmp7 = *(_tmp2) ;
PushParam _tmp4 ;
PushParam _tmp1 ;
ACall _tmp7 ;
PopParams 8 ;
```

# Applying Local Optimizations

- The different optimizations we've seen so far all take care of just a small piece of the optimization.
  - Common subexpression elimination eliminates unnecessary statements.
  - Copy propagation helps identify dead code.
  - Dead code elimination removes statements that are no longer needed.
- To get maximum effect, we may have to apply these optimizations numerous times.

# Applying Local Optimizations

```
b = a * a;  
c = a * a;  
d = b + c;  
e = b + b;
```

# Applying Local Optimizations

```
b = a * a;  
c = a * a;  
d = b + c;  
e = b + b;
```

# Applying Local Optimizations

```
b = a * a;  
c = a * a;  
d = b + c;  
e = b + b;
```

Common Subexpression Elimination

# Applying Local Optimizations

```
b = a * a;  
c = b;  
d = b + c;  
e = b + b;
```

Common Subexpression Elimination

# Applying Local Optimizations

```
b = a * a;  
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# Applying Local Optimizations

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b = a * a;  
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```

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b = a * a;  
c = b;  
d = b + c;  
e = b + b;
```

Copy Propagation

# Applying Local Optimizations

```
b = a * a;  
c = b;  
d = b + b;  
e = b + b;
```

Copy Propagation

# Applying Local Optimizations

```
b = a * a;  
c = b;  
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```
b = a * a;  
c = b;  
d = b + b;  
e = b + b;
```

# Applying Local Optimizations

```
b = a * a;  
c = b;  
d = b + b;  
e = b + b;
```

Common Subexpression Elimination (Again)

# Applying Local Optimizations

```
b = a * a;  
c = b;  
d = b + b;  
e = d;
```

Common Subexpression Elimination (Again)

# Applying Local Optimizations

```
b = a * a;  
c = b;  
d = b + b;  
e = d;
```



# Other Types of Local Optimization

- **Arithmetic Simplification**

- Replace “hard” operations with easier ones.
- e.g. rewrite  $\mathbf{x} = 4 * \mathbf{a};$  as  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{a} \ll 2;$

- **Constant Folding**

- Evaluate expressions at compile-time if they have a constant value.
- e.g. rewrite  $\mathbf{x} = 4 * 5;$  as  $\mathbf{x} = 20;.$

# Implementing Local Optimization

# Optimizations and Analyses

- Most optimizations are only possible given some analysis of the program's behavior.
- In order to implement an optimization, we will talk about the corresponding program analyses.

# Available Expressions

- Both common subexpression elimination and copy propagation depend on an analysis of the **available expressions** in a program.
- An expression is called **available** if some variable in the program holds the value of that expression.
- In common subexpression elimination, we replace an available expression by the variable holding its value.
- In copy propagation, we replace the use of a variable by the available expression it holds.

# Finding Available Expressions

- Initially, no expressions are available.
- Whenever we execute a statement  $\mathbf{a = b + c}$ :
  - Any expression holding  $\mathbf{a}$  is invalidated.
  - The expression  $\mathbf{a = b + c}$  becomes available.
- **Idea:** Iterate across the basic block, beginning with the empty set of expressions and updating available expressions at each variable.

# Available Expressions

`a = b;`

`c = b;`

`d = a + b;`

`e = a + b;`

`d = b;`

`f = a + b;`

# Available Expressions

{ }

a = b;

c = b;

d = a + b;

e = a + b;

d = b;

f = a + b;

# Available Expressions

```
    { }  
    a = b;  
  { a = b }  
    c = b;  
  
d = a + b;  
  
e = a + b;  
  
    d = b;  
  
f = a + b;
```



# Available Expressions

```
      { }  
      a = b;  
      { a = b }  
      c = b;  
      { a = b, c = b }  
      d = a + b;  
  
      e = a + b;  
  
      d = b;  
  
      f = a + b;
```

# Available Expressions

```
      { }  
      a = b;  
      { a = b }  
      c = b;  
      { a = b, c = b }  
      d = a + b;  
      { a = b, c = b, d = a + b }  
      e = a + b;  
  
      d = b;  
  
      f = a + b;
```

# Available Expressions

```
    { }  
    a = b;  
    { a = b }  
    c = b;  
    { a = b, c = b }  
    d = a + b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = a + b }  
    e = a + b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }  
    d = b;  
  
    f = a + b;
```

# Available Expressions

```
      { }  
      a = b;  
      { a = b }  
      c = b;  
      { a = b, c = b }  
      d = a + b;  
      { a = b, c = b, d = a + b }  
      e = a + b;  
      { a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }  
      d = b;  
      { a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b }  
      f = a + b;
```

# Available Expressions

{ }

a = b;

{ a = b }

c = b;

{ a = b, c = b }

d = a + b;

{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b }

e = a + b;

{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }

d = b;

{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b }

f = a + b;

{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b, f = a + b }

# Common Subexpression Elimination

{ }

a = b;

{ a = b }

c = b;

{ a = b, c = b }

d = a + b;

{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b }

e = a + b;

{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }

d = b;

{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b }

f = a + b;

{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b, f = a + b }

# Common Subexpression Elimination

```
    { }  
    a = b;  
    { a = b }  
    c = b;  
    { a = b, c = b }  
    d = a + b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = a + b }  
    e = a + b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }  
    d = b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b }  
    f = a + b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b, f = a + b }
```

# Common Subexpression Elimination

```
    { }  
    a = b;  
    { a = b }  
    c = a;  
    { a = b, c = b }  
    d = a + b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = a + b }  
    e = a + b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }  
    d = b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b }  
    f = a + b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b, f = a + b }
```



# Common Subexpression Elimination

```
    { }  
    a = b;  
    { a = b }  
    c = a;  
    { a = b, c = b }  
    d = a + b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = a + b }  
    e = a + b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }  
    d = b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b }  
    f = a + b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b, f = a + b }
```

# Common Subexpression Elimination

```
    { }  
    a = b;  
    { a = b }  
    c = a;  
    { a = b, c = b }  
    d = a + b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = a + b }  
    e = d;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }  
    d = b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b }  
    f = a + b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b, f = a + b }
```

# Common Subexpression Elimination

```
    { }  
    a = b;  
    { a = b }  
    c = a;  
    { a = b, c = b }  
    d = a + b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = a + b }  
    e = d;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }  
    d = b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b }  
    f = a + b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b, f = a + b }
```

# Common Subexpression Elimination

```
    { }  
    a = b;  
    { a = b }  
    c = a;  
    { a = b, c = b }  
    d = a + b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = a + b }  
    e = d;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }  
    d = a;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b }  
    f = a + b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b, f = a + b }
```

# Common Subexpression Elimination

```
    { }  
    a = b;  
    { a = b }  
    c = a;  
    { a = b, c = b }  
    d = a + b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = a + b }  
    e = d;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }  
    d = a;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b }  
    f = a + b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b, f = a + b }
```

# Common Subexpression Elimination

```
    { }  
    a = b;  
    { a = b }  
    c = a;  
    { a = b, c = b }  
    d = a + b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = a + b }  
    e = d;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }  
    d = a;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b }  
    f = e;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b, f = a + b }
```

# Common Subexpression Elimination

a = b;

c = **a**;

d = a + b;

e = **d**;

d = **a**;

f = **e**;

# Live Variables

- The analysis corresponding to dead code elimination is called **liveness analysis**.
- A variable is **live** at a point in a program if later in the program its value will be read before it is written to again.
- Dead code elimination works by computing liveness for each variable, then eliminating assignments to dead variables.



# Computing Live Variables

- To know if a variable will be used at some point, we iterate across the statements in a basic block in reverse order.
- Initially, some small set of values are known to be live (which ones depends on the particular program).
- When we see the statement  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}$ :
  - Just before the statement,  $\mathbf{a}$  is not alive, since its value is about to be overwritten.
  - Just before the statement, both  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  are alive, since we're about to read their values.
  - *(what if we have  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$ ?)*

# Liveness Analysis

a = b;

c = a;

d = a + b;

e = d;

d = a;

f = e;

# Liveness Analysis

a = b;

c = a;

d = a + b;

e = d;

d = a;

f = e;

**{ b, d }**

# Liveness Analysis

a = b;

c = a;

d = a + b;

e = d;

d = a;

{ b, d, e }

f = e;

{ b, d }

# Liveness Analysis

a = b;

c = a;

d = a + b;

e = d;

{ a, b, e }

d = a;

{ b, d, e }

f = e;

{ b, d }

# Liveness Analysis

a = b;

c = a;

d = a + b;

{ a, b, d }

e = d;

{ a, b, e }

d = a;

{ b, d, e }

f = e;

{ b, d }

# Liveness Analysis

a = b;

c = a;

{ a, b }

d = a + b;

{ a, b, d }

e = d;

{ a, b, e }

d = a;

{ b, d, e }

f = e;

{ b, d }

# Liveness Analysis

```
a = b;  
{ a, b }  
c = a;  
{ a, b }  
d = a + b;  
{ a, b, d }  
e = d;  
{ a, b, e }  
d = a;  
{ b, d, e }  
f = e;  
{ b, d }
```



# Liveness Analysis

**{ b }**

a = b;

**{ a, b }**

c = a;

**{ a, b }**

d = a + b;

**{ a, b, d }**

e = d;

**{ a, b, e }**

d = a;

**{ b, d, e }**

f = e;

**{ b, d }**

# Dead Code Elimination

```
    { b }  
    a = b;  
    { a, b }  
    c = a;  
    { a, b }  
    d = a + b;  
    { a, b, d }  
    e = d;  
    { a, b, e }  
    d = a;  
    { b, d, e }  
    f = e;  
    { b, d }
```

# Dead Code Elimination

```
    { b }  
    a = b;  
    { a, b }  
    c = a;  
    { a, b }  
    d = a + b;  
    { a, b, d }  
    e = d;  
    { a, b, e }  
    d = a;  
    { b, d, e }  
    f = e;  
    { b, d }
```

# Dead Code Elimination

```
    { b }  
    a = b;  
    { a, b }  
    c = a;  
    { a, b }  
    d = a + b;  
    { a, b, d }  
    e = d;  
    { a, b, e }  
    d = a;  
    { b, d, e }  
  
    { b, d }
```

# Dead Code Elimination

```
    { b }  
    a = b;  
    { a, b }  
    c = a;  
    { a, b }  
    d = a + b;  
    { a, b, d }  
    e = d;  
    { a, b, e }  
    d = a;  
    { b, d, e }  
  
    { b, d }
```

# Dead Code Elimination

```
    { b }  
    a = b;  
    { a, b }
```

```
    { a, b }  
    d = a + b;  
    { a, b, d }  
    e = d;  
    { a, b, e }  
    d = a;  
    { b, d, e }  
  
    { b, d }
```

# Dead Code Elimination

```
a = b;
```

```
d = a + b;
```

```
e = d;
```

```
d = a;
```

# Liveness Analysis II

`a = b;`

`d = a + b;`

`e = d;`

`d = a;`



# Liveness Analysis II

a = b;

d = a + b;

e = d;

d = a;  
**{ b, d }**

# Liveness Analysis II

a = b;

d = a + b;

e = d;

{ a, b }

d = a;

{ b, d }

# Liveness Analysis II

```
a = b;
```

```
d = a + b;  
{ a, b, d }  
e = d;  
{ a, b }  
d = a;  
{ b, d }
```

# Liveness Analysis II

a = b;

{ a, b }

d = a + b;

{ a, b, d }

e = d;

{ a, b }

d = a;

{ b, d }

# Liveness Analysis II

**{ b }**

a = b;

**{ a, b }**

d = a + b;

**{ a, b, d }**

e = d;

**{ a, b }**

d = a;

**{ b, d }**

# Dead Code Elimination

```
{ b }  
a = b;
```

```
{ a, b }
```

```
d = a + b;  
{ a, b, d }  
e = d;  
{ a, b }  
d = a;  
{ b, d }
```

# Dead Code Elimination

```
{ b }  
a = b;
```

```
{ a, b }
```

```
d = a + b;  
{ a, b, d }  
e = d;  
{ a, b }  
d = a;  
{ b, d }
```

# Dead Code Elimination

```
{ b }  
a = b;
```

```
{ a, b }
```

```
d = a + b;  
{ a, b, d }
```

```
{ a, b }  
d = a;  
{ b, d }
```



# Dead Code Elimination

```
a = b;
```

```
d = a + b;
```

```
d = a;
```

# Liveness Analysis III

`a = b;`

`d = a + b;`

`d = a;`

# Liveness Analysis III

`a = b;`

`d = a + b;`

`d = a;`  
`{b, d}`

# Liveness Analysis III

`a = b;`

`d = a + b;`

**`{a, b}`**

`d = a;`

**`{b, d}`**

# Liveness Analysis III

a = b;

**{a, b}**

d = a + b;

**{a, b}**

d = a;

**{b, d}**

# Liveness Analysis III

**{b}**

a = b;

**{a, b}**

d = a + b;

**{a, b}**

d = a;

**{b, d}**

# Dead Code Elimination

**{b}**  
a = b;

**{a, b}**  
d = a + b;

**{a, b}**  
d = a;  
**{b, d}**

# Dead Code Elimination

**{b}**  
a = b;

**{a, b}**

**d = a + b;**

**{a, b}**

d = a;  
**{b, d}**



# Dead Code Elimination

**{b}**  
a = b;

**{a, b}**

**{a, b}**

d = a;  
**{b, d}**

# Dead Code Elimination

```
a = b;
```

```
d = a;
```

# A Combined Algorithm

# A Combined Algorithm

a = b;

c = a;

d = a + b;

e = d;

d = a;

f = e;

# A Combined Algorithm

a = b;

c = a;

d = a + b;

e = d;

d = a;

f = e;

**{b, d}**

# A Combined Algorithm

a = b;

c = a;

d = a + b;

e = d;

d = a;

**f = e;**  
**{b, d}**

# A Combined Algorithm

a = b;

c = a;

d = a + b;

e = d;

d = a;

**{b, d}**

# A Combined Algorithm

a = b;

c = a;

d = a + b;

e = d;

**{a, b}**

d = a;

**{b, d}**



# A Combined Algorithm

a = b;

c = a;

d = a + b;

**e = d;**

**{a, b}**

d = a;

**{b, d}**

# A Combined Algorithm

a = b;

c = a;

d = a + b;

**{a, b}**

d = a;

**{b, d}**

# A Combined Algorithm

a = b;

c = a;

**d = a + b;**

**{a, b}**

d = a;

**{b, d}**

# A Combined Algorithm

a = b;

c = a;

**{a, b}**

d = a;

**{b, d}**

# A Combined Algorithm

a = b;

**c = a;**

**{a, b}**

d = a;

**{b, d}**

# A Combined Algorithm

`a = b;`

`{a, b}`  
`d = a;`

`{b, d}`

# A Combined Algorithm

**{b}**  
a = b;

**{a, b}**  
d = a;

**{b, d}**

# A Combined Algorithm

`a = b;`

`d = a;`