Introduction to Machine-Independent Optimizations Part 1

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Outline of the Lecture

- What is code optimization?
- Types of code optimizations
- Illustrations of code optimizations

Machine-independent Code Optimization

- Intermediate code generation process introduces many inefficiencies
  - Extra copies of variables, using variables instead of constants, repeated evaluation of expressions, etc.
- Code optimization removes such inefficiencies and improves code
- Improvement may be time, space, or power consumption
- It changes the structure of programs, sometimes of beyond recognition
  - Inlines functions, unrolls loops, eliminates some programmer-defined variables, etc.
- Code optimization consists of a bunch of heuristics and percentage of improvement depends on programs (may be zero also)

Examples of Machine-Independant Optimizations

- Global common sub-expression elimination
- Copy propagation
- Constant propagation and constant folding
- Loop invariant code motion
- Induction variable elimination and strength reduction
- Partial redundancy elimination
- Loop unrolling
- Function inlining
- Tail recursion removal
- Vectorization and Concurrentization
- Loop interchange, and loop blocking

Data-flow Analysis

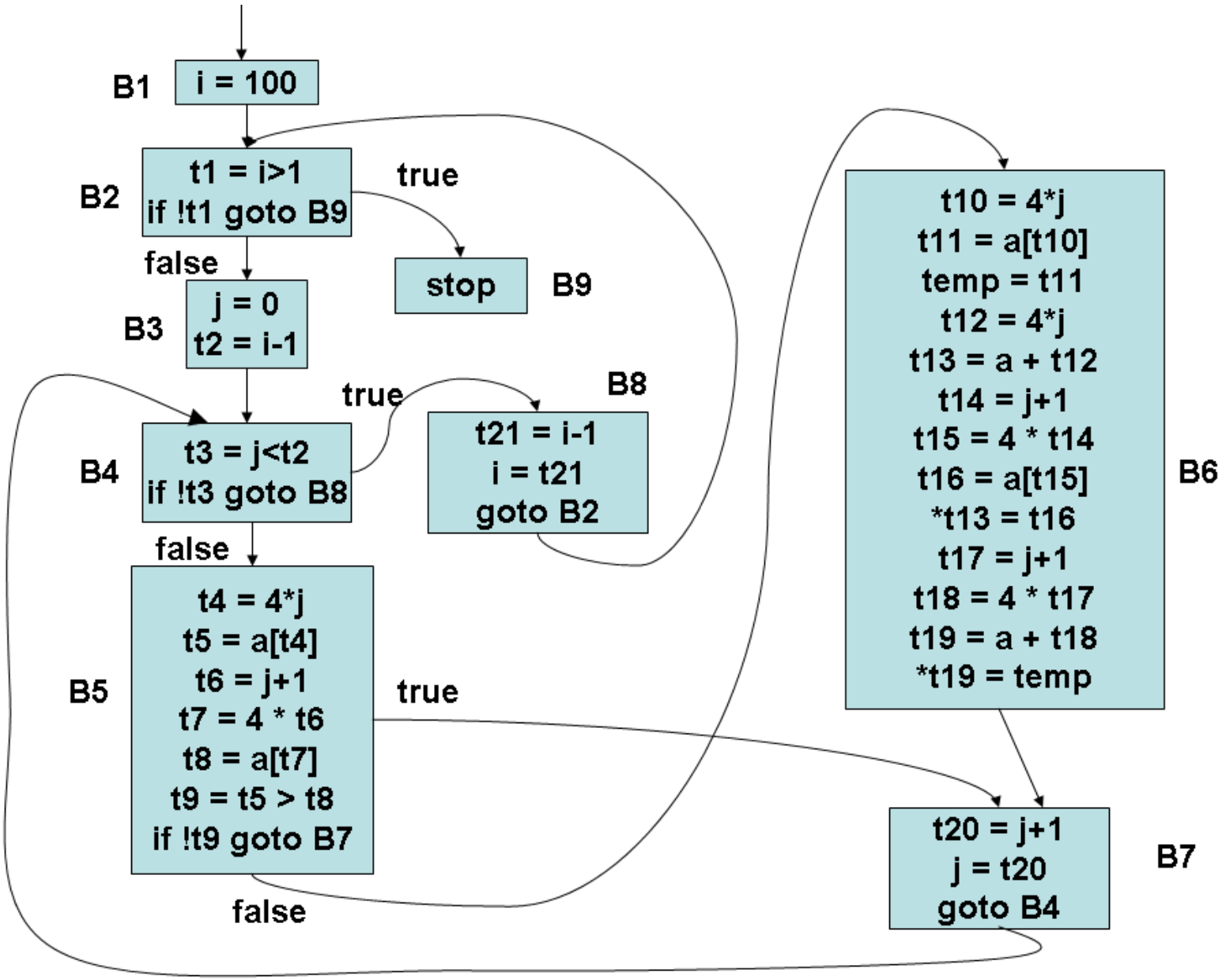
- Code optimization needs information about the program
  - which expressions are being recomputed in a function?
  - Which expressions are partially redundant?
  - which definitions reach a point?
  - Which copies and constants can be propagated? Etc.
- All such information is gathered through data-flow analysis

Bubble Sort

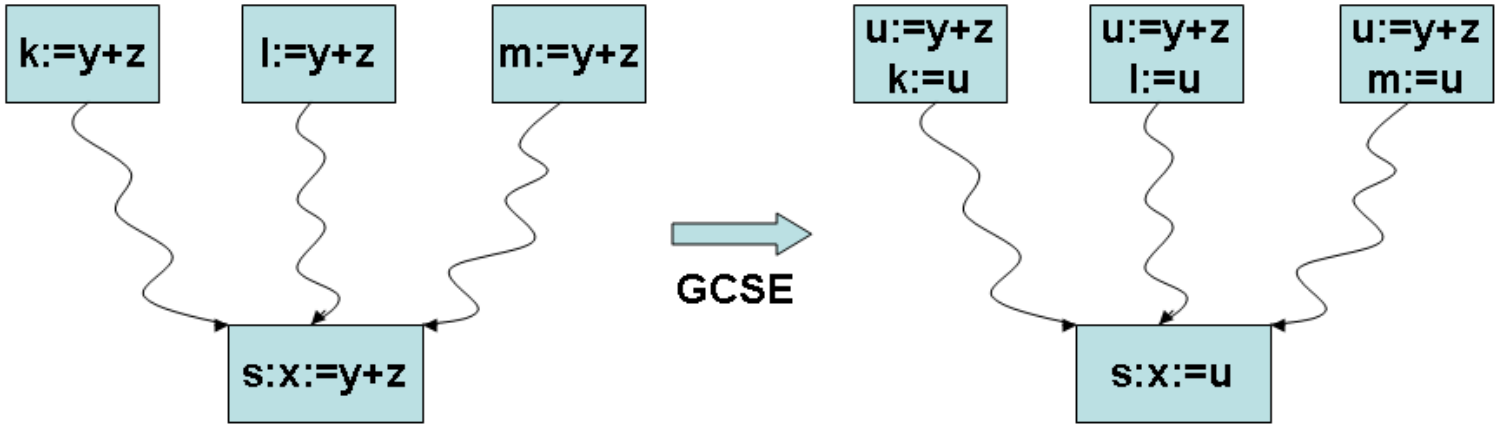
```
for (i=100; i>1; i--) {
    for (j=0; j<i-1; j++) {
        if (a[j] > a[j+1]) {
            temp = a[j];
            a[j+1] = a[j];
            a[j] = temp;
        }
    }
}
```

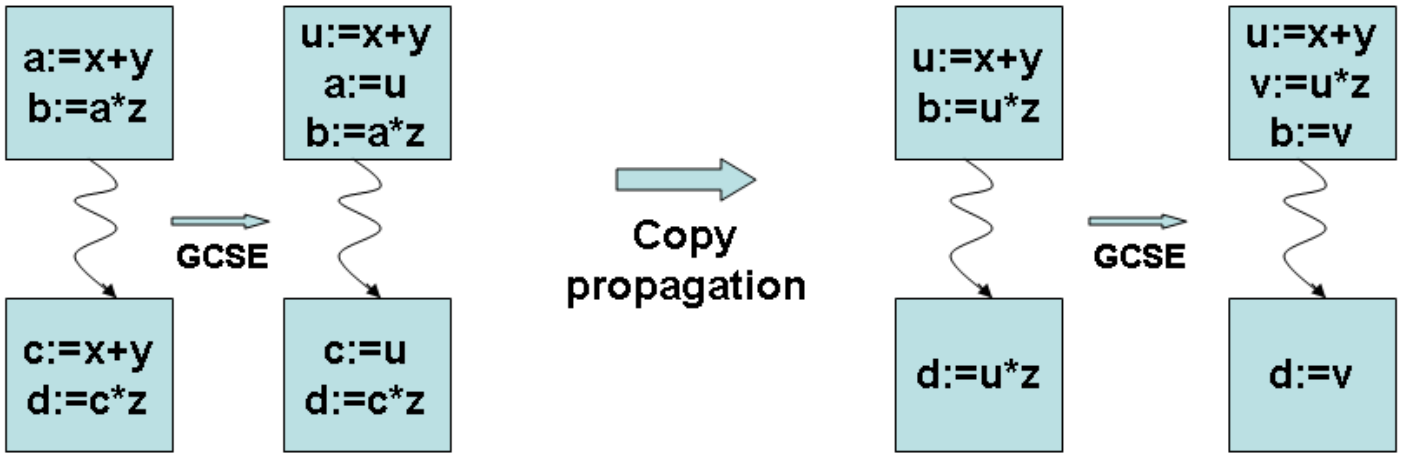
- int a[100]
- array a runs from 0 to 99
- No special jump out if array is already sorted

Control Flow Graph of Bubble Sort



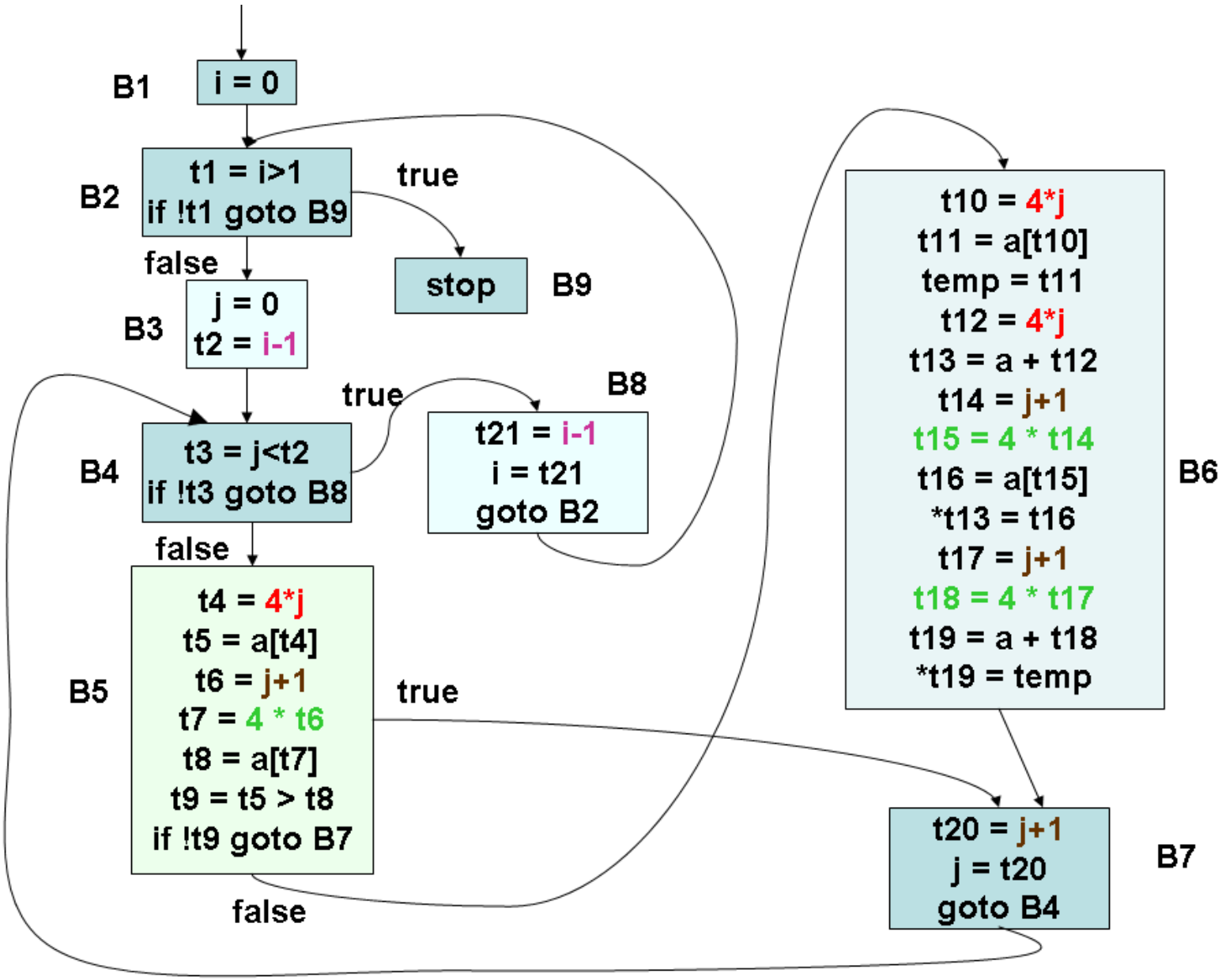
GCSE Conceptual Example





Demonstrating the need for repeated application of GCSE

GCSE on Running Example - 1



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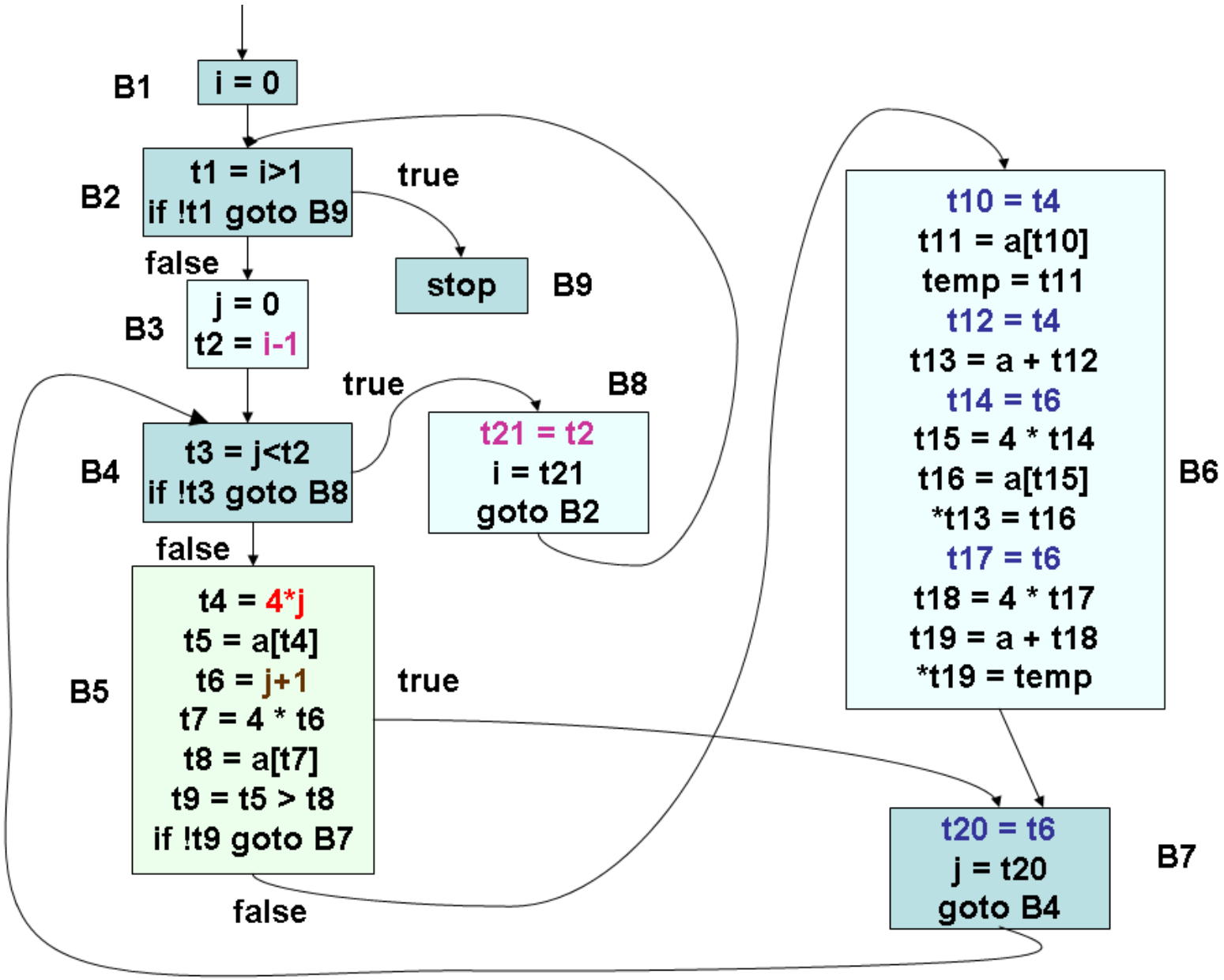
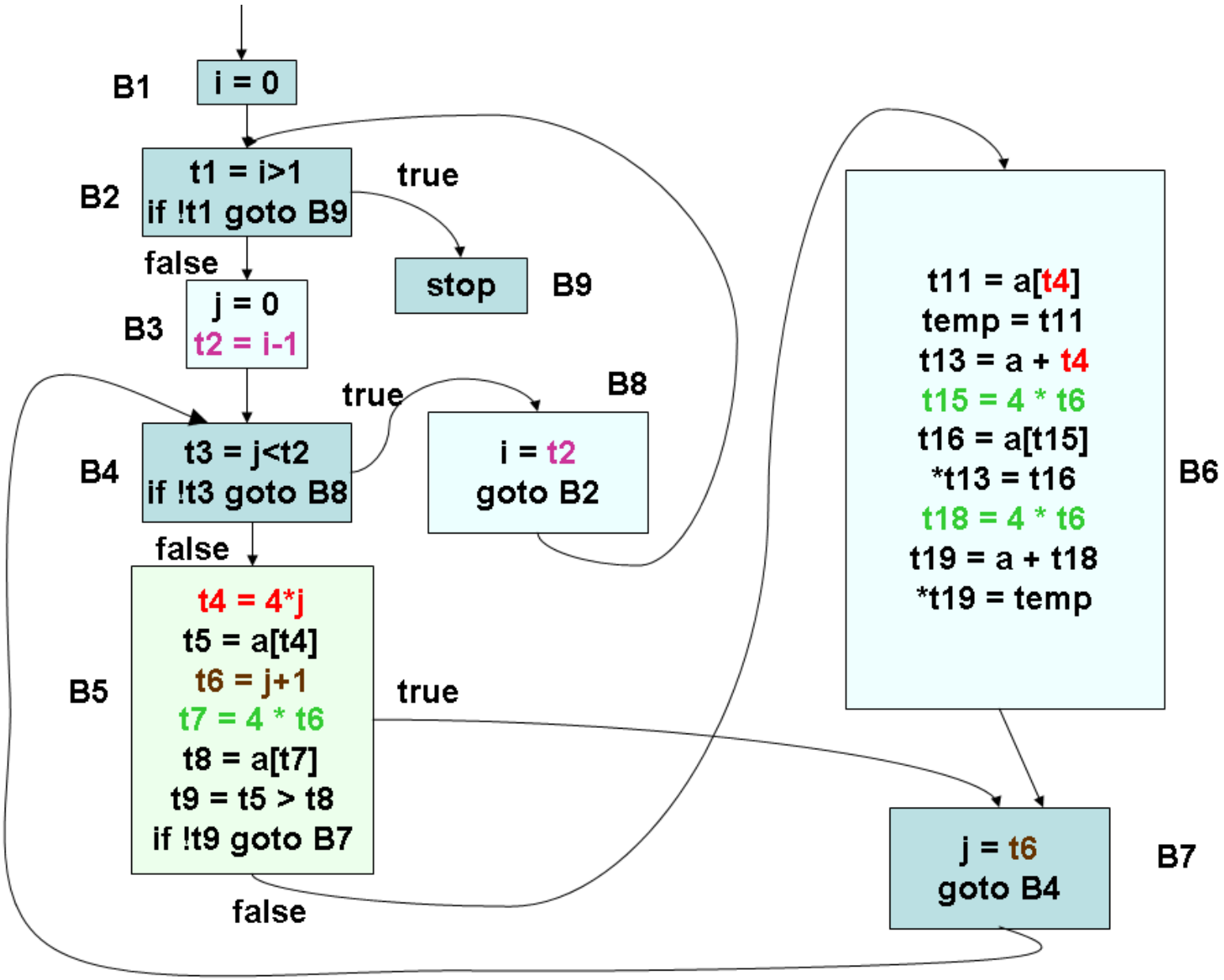
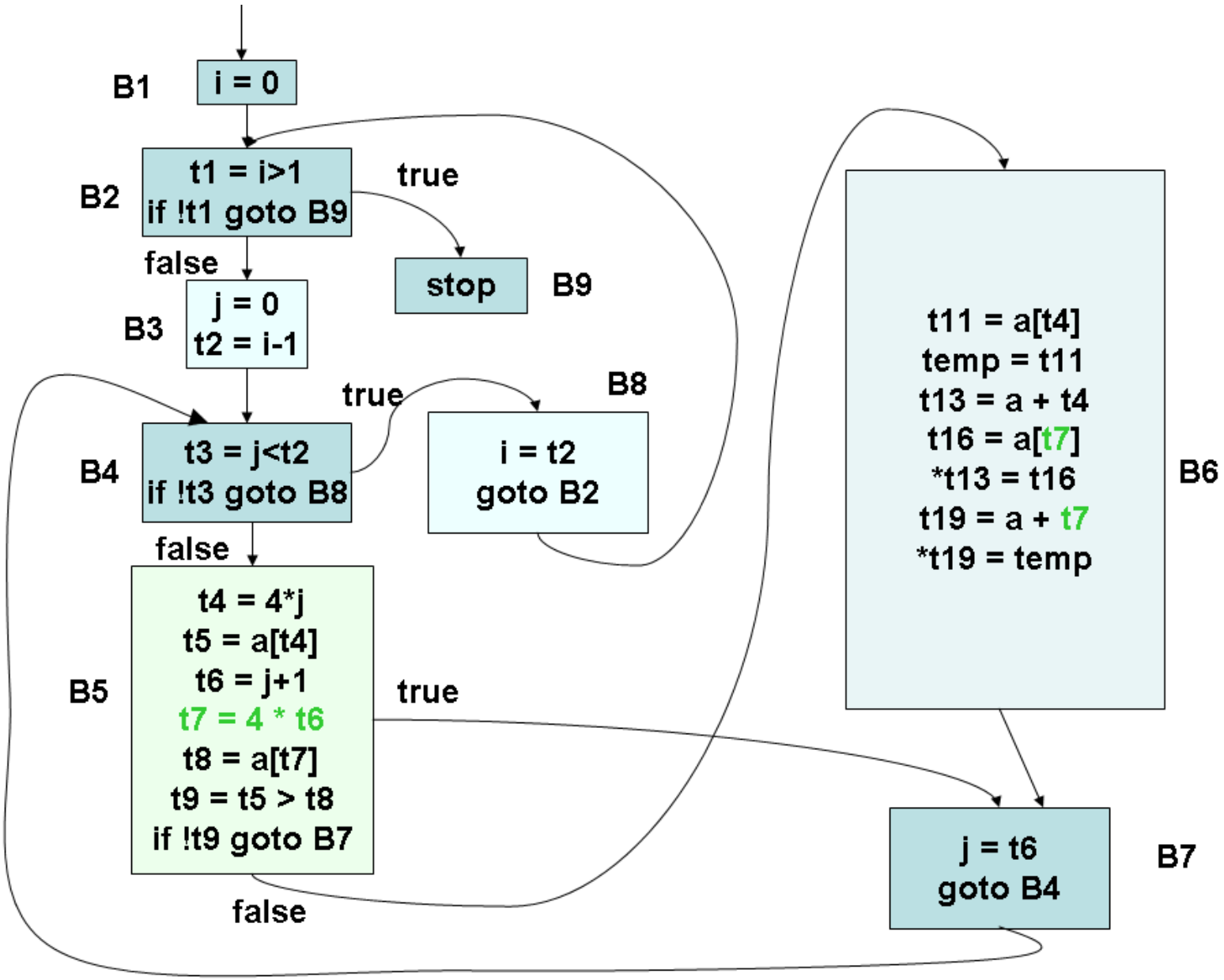


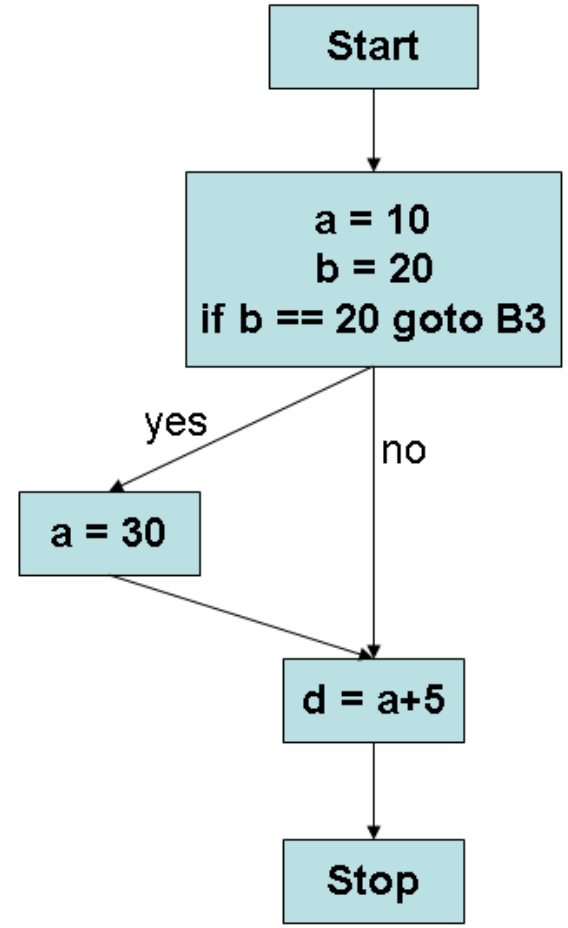
Copy Propagation on Running Example



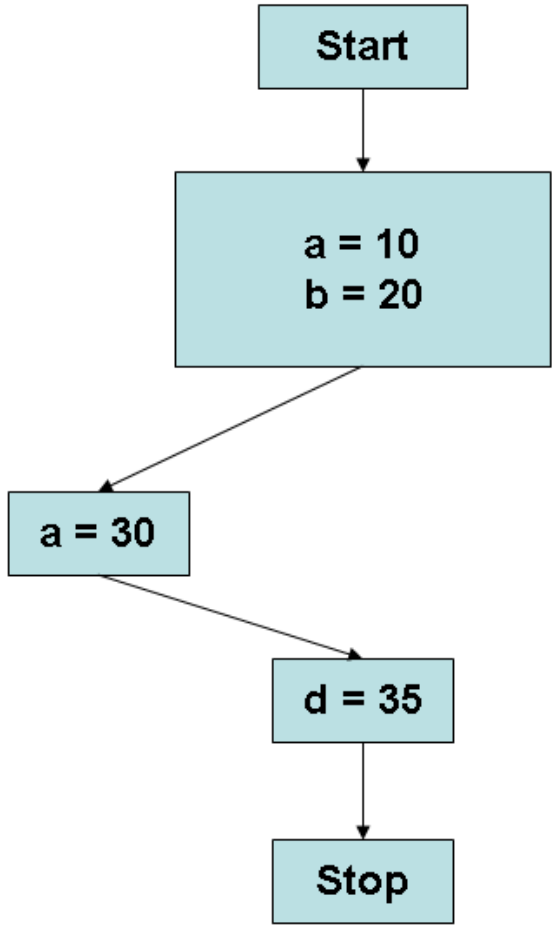
GCSE and Copy Propagation on Running Example



Constant Propagation and Folding Example



Before constant propagation



After constant propagation and folding

Loop Invariant Code motion Example

```
      t1 = 202
      i = 1
L1:   t2 = i>100
      if t2 goto L2
      t1 = t1-2
      t3 = addr(a)
      t4 = t3 - 4
      t5 = 4*i
      t6 = t4+t5
      *t6 = t1
      i = i+1
      goto L1
L2:
```

Before LIV code motion

```
      t1 = 202
      i = 1
      t3 = addr(a)
      t4 = t3 - 4
L1:   t2 = i>100
      if t2 goto L2
      t1 = t1-2
      t5 = 4*i
      t6 = t4+t5
      *t6 = t1
      i = i+1
      goto L1
L2:
```

After LIV code motion

Strength Reduction

```
      t1 = 202
      i = 1
      t3 = addr(a)
      t4 = t3 - 4
L1:   t2 = i>100
      if t2 goto L2
      t1 = t1-2
      t5 = 4*i
      t6 = t4+t5
      *t6 = t1
      i = i+1
      goto L1
L2:
```

Before strength reduction for t5

```
      t1 = 202
      i = 1
      t3 = addr(a)
      t4 = t3 – 4
      t7 = 4
L1:   t2 = i>100
      if t2 goto L2
      t1 = t1-2
      t6 = t4+t7
      *t6 = t1
      i = i+1
      t7 = t7 + 4
      goto L1
L2:
```

After strength reduction for t5 and copy propagation

Induction Variable Elimination

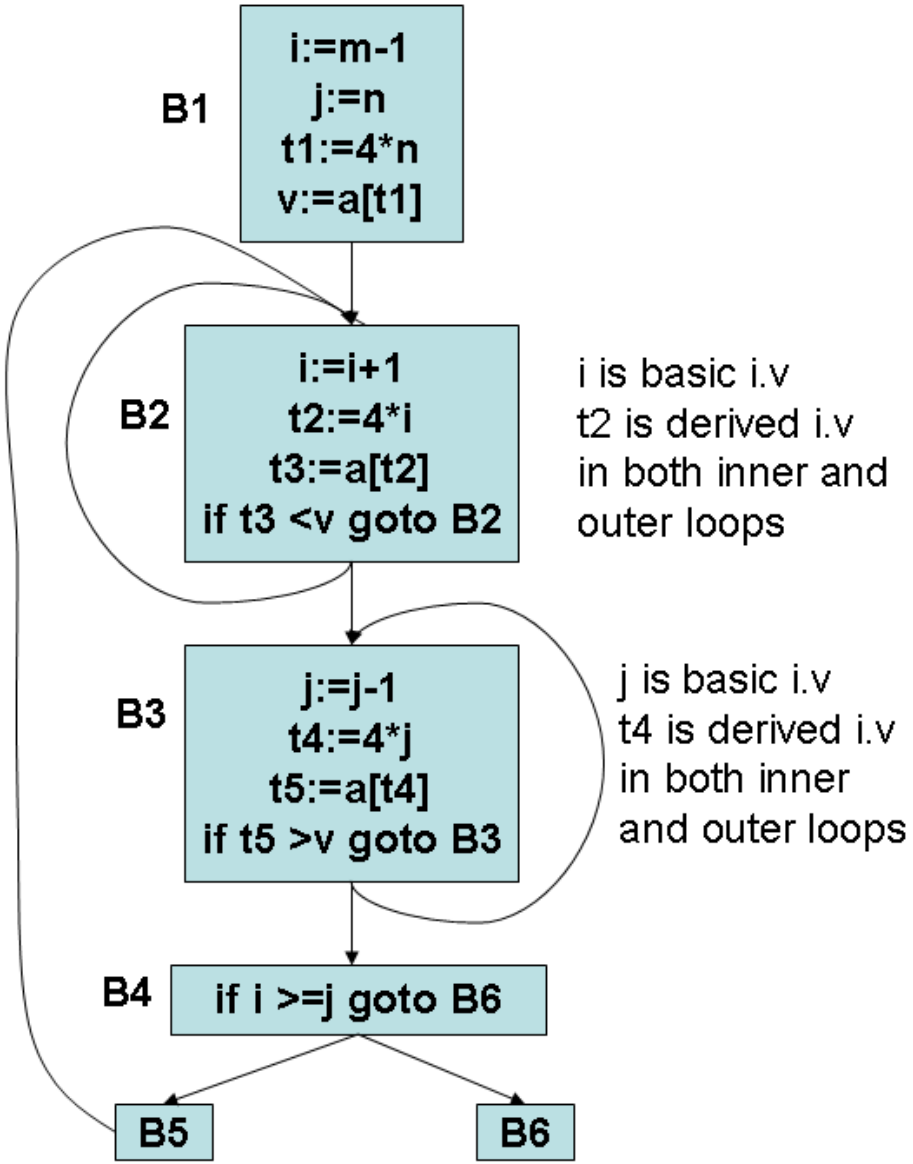
```
      t1 = 202
      i = 1
      t3 = addr(a)
      t4 = t3 – 4
      t7 = 4
L1:   t2 = i>100
      if t2 goto L2
      t1 = t1-2
      t6 = t4+t7
      *t6 = t1
      i = i+1
      t7 = t7 + 4
      goto L1
L2:
```

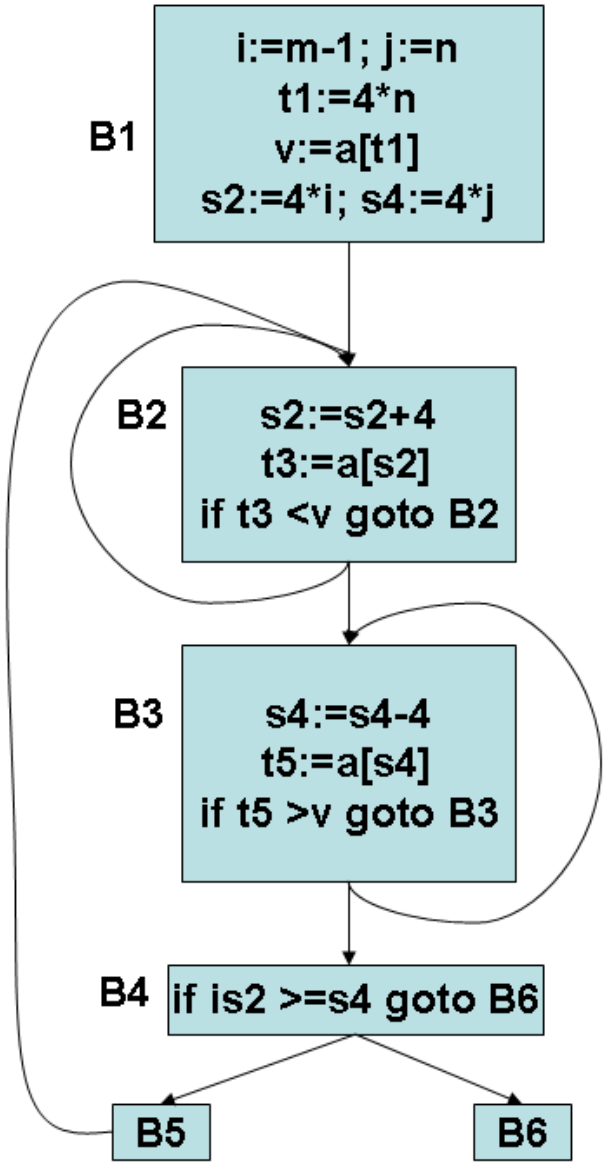
Before induction variable elimination (i)

```
      t1 = 202
      t3 = addr(a)
      t4 = t3 – 4
      t7 = 4
L1:   t2 = t7 >400
      if t2 goto L2
      t1 = t1-2
      t6 = t4+t7
      *t6 = t1
      t7 = t7 + 4
      goto L1
L2:
```

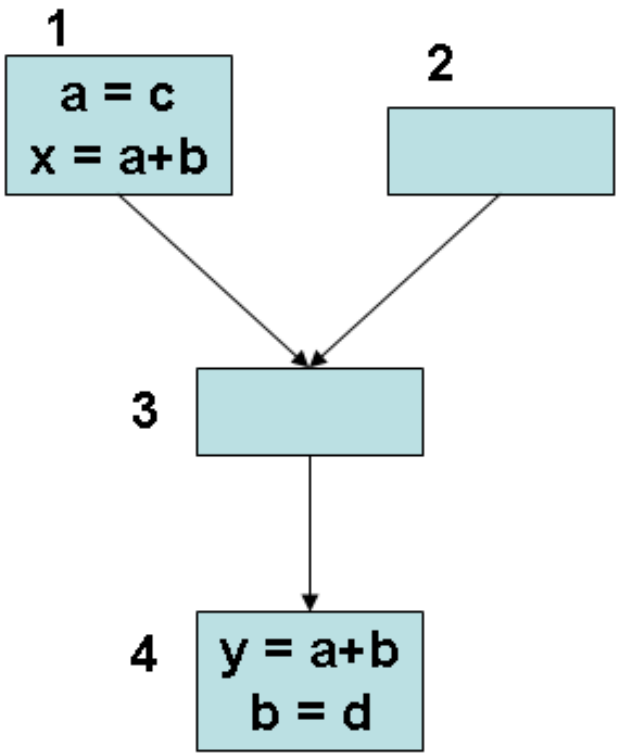
After eliminating i and replacing it with t7

Induction Variable Elimination and Strength Reduction





Partial Redundancy Elimination



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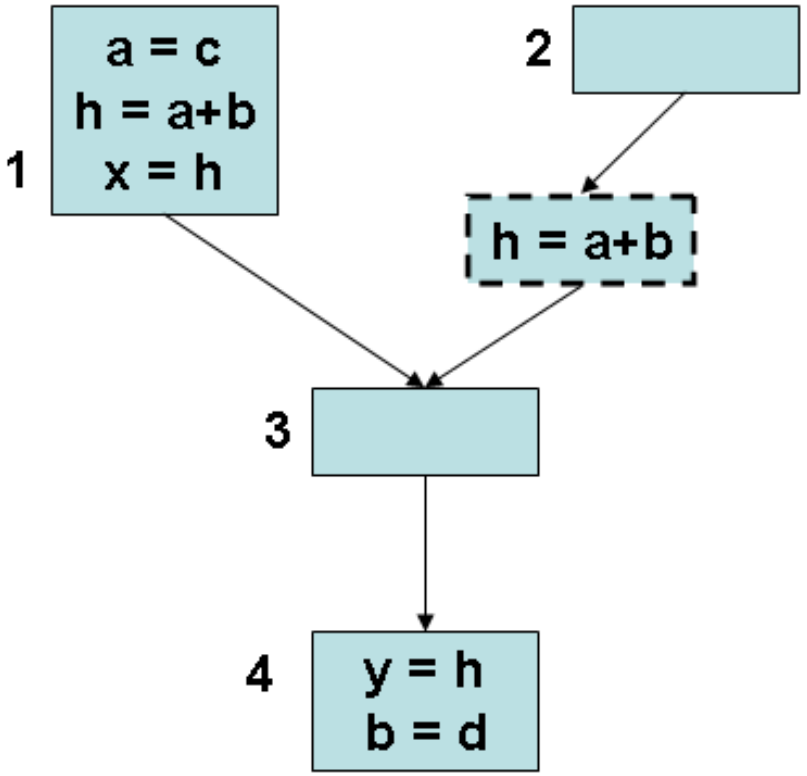

(b)

Unrolling a For-loop

```
for (i = 0; i<N; i++) { S1(i); S2(i); }

for (i = 0; i+3 < N; i+=3) {
    S1(i); S2(i);
    S1(i+1); S2(i+1);
    S1(i+2); S2(i+2);
}
// remaining few iterations, needed if N-1 is
// not a multiple of 3
for (k=i; k<N; i++) { S1(k); S2(k); }
```