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## Principles of Compilation

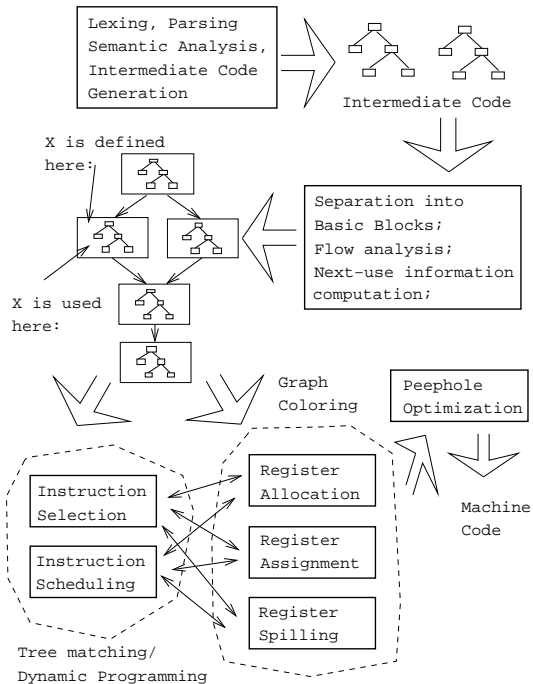
### 21 : Code Generation — Dynamic Programming

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# Introduction

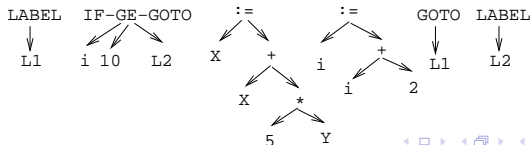


# Instruction Selection

- Starting with intermediate code in tree form, we generate the cheapest instruction sequence for each tree, using no more than  $r$  registers ( $R_0 \cdots R_{r-1}$ ).
- We will show an algorithm that integrates instruction selection and register allocation and generates optimal code for a large class of architectures.

## Intermediate Code Example

```
WHILE i < 10 DO
  X := X + 5*Y;
  i := i + 2;
END
```



# Machine Model

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We will assume the existence of these types of instructions:

$R_i := E$

$E$  is any expression containing operators, registers, and memory locations.  $R_i$  must be one of the registers of  $E$  (if any). I.e., we assume 2-address instructions:

2-address  $R_1 := R_1 + R_2$ .

3-address  $R_1 := R_2 + R_3$ .

$R_i := M$

A load instruction.

$M := R_i$

A store instruction.

$R_i := R_j$

A register copy instruction.

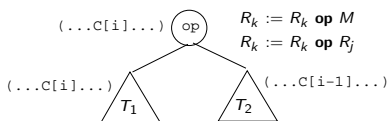
$R_i := R_j + \text{ind } R_j$

A register indirect instruction.

- All instructions have equal cost.

# Naive Algorithm

# Optimal Code Generation



- To generate optimal code for an expression  $E \equiv E_1 \text{ op } E_2$  we generate optimal code for  $E_1$ , optimal code for  $E_2$ , and then code for the operator.
- We have to consider every instruction that can evaluate  $\text{op}$ .
- If  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  can be computed in an arbitrary order, we have to consider both of them.
- We may not have enough registers available, so some temporary results may have to be stored in memory.



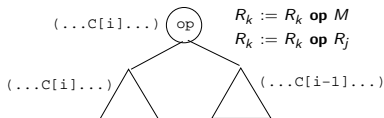
# Basic (Naïve) Algorithm I

- 1 Compute the optimal cost for each node in the tree, assuming there are  $1, 2, \dots, r$  registers available. Also compute the optimal cost of computing the result into memory.
  - The cost of a node  $n$  includes the cost of the code for  $n$ 's sub-trees and the cost of the operator at  $n$ .
- 2 Store the result for each node  $n$  in a **cost vector**  $C_n[i]$ :
  - **C[1]** = Cost of computing  $n$  into a register, with 1 (one) register available.
  - **C[2]** = As above, but with 2 available registers.
  - **C[3]** =  $\dots$
  - **C[0]** = Cost of computing  $n$  into memory.

# Basic (Naïve) Algorithm II

- ③ Traverse the tree and (using the cost vectors) decide which subtrees have to be computed into memory.
- ④ Traverse the tree and (again using the cost vectors) generate the final code:
  - ① First code for subtrees that have to be computed into memory.
  - ② Then code for other subtrees.
  - ③ Then code for the root.
- As we shall see, naïvely computing the costs recursively will result in us recomputing the same cost several times.

## (Naïvely) Computing the Costs

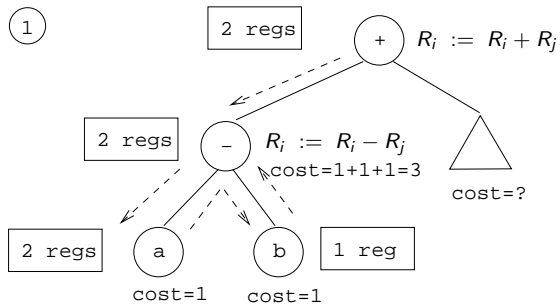


FOR EACH instruction I that matches op DO

- If the instruction requires the left operand to be in a register, then (recursively) compute the optimal cost  $C_L[i]$  of evaluating the left subtree with  $i$  registers available.
- If the instruction requires the right operand to be in a register, compute the cost  $C_R[i-1]$  of eval. the right subtree with  $i-1$  regs.
- Compute the cost of evaluating the subtree at  $n$ :  $C_L[i] + C_R[i-1] + 1$ .

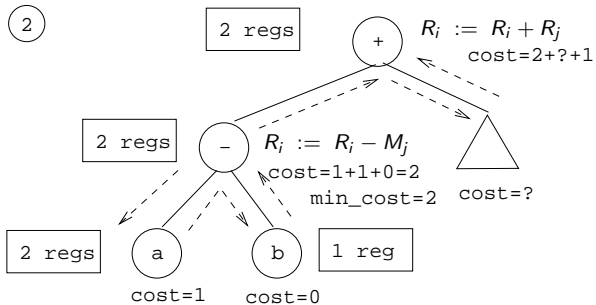
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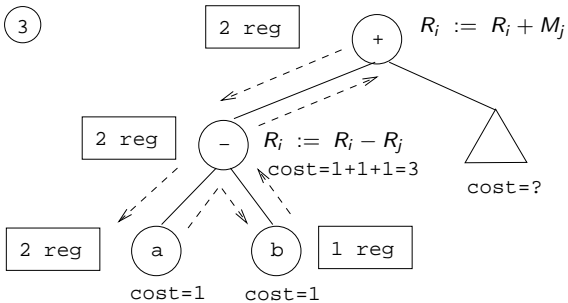
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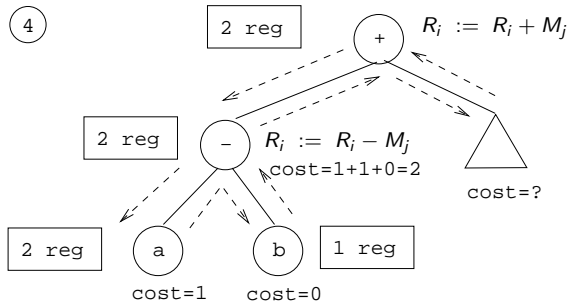
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# Dynamic Programming

# Dynamic Programming I

- Some recursive algorithms are very inefficient, because they solve the same subproblem several times. That, for example, is the case with the Fibonacci function in the next slide.
- A rather obvious solution is to store the results in a table as they are computed, and then check the table before solving a subproblem to make sure that its value hasn't already been computed. This is known as **memoization**.
- Even more efficient is to try to find a linear (topological) order in which the subproblems can be solved, and then solve them in that order, knowing that when we need the result of a specific subproblem, it has already been computed. This is **dynamic programming**.

# Dynamic Programming II

## Recursive Fibonacci

```
function Fib (n)
  if  $n \leq 1$  then return 1
  else return Fib( $n - 1$ ) + Fib( $n - 2$ )
```

## Memoization Fibonacci

```
for  $i := 1$  to  $n$  do  $A[i] := -1$ ;
function Fib (n)
  if  $A[n] = -1$  then
    if  $n \leq 1$  then  $A[n] := 1$ 
    else  $A[n] := \text{Fib}(n - 1) + \text{Fib}(n - 2)$ 
  return  $A[n]$ 
```



# Dynamic Programming III

## Dynamic Programming Fibonacci

```
function Fib ( $n$ )  
   $A[0] := A[1] := 1$ ;  
  for  $i := 2$  to  $n$  do  
     $A[i] := A[i - 1] + A[i - 2]$ 
```

# The Dynamic Programming Algorithm

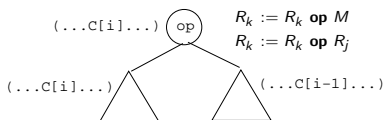
# Computing Costs

- There is a linear-time, dynamic programming, bottom-up algorithm for computing the costs.

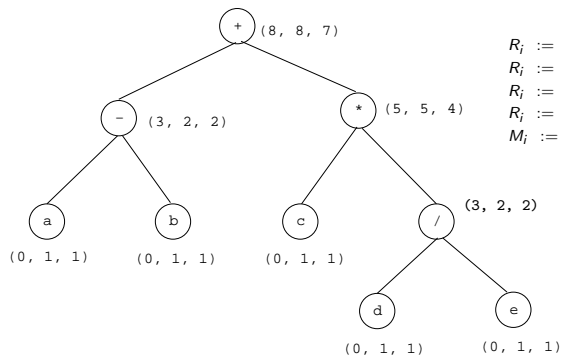
Compute  $C[i]$  at node  $n$

- Consider each instruction  $R_k := E$  where  $E$  matches the subtree, and choose the **minimum**  $C[i]$ , where  $C[i]$  = The sum of
  - $C[i]$  of  $n$ 's left subtree
  - $C[i - 1]$  of  $n$ 's right subtree
  - the cost of the instruction at  $n$

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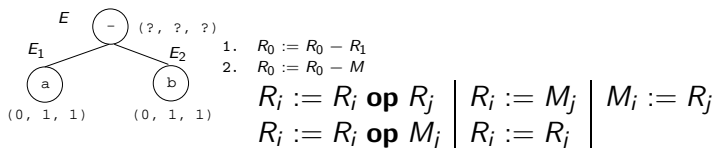


# Computing Costs – Example I (a)



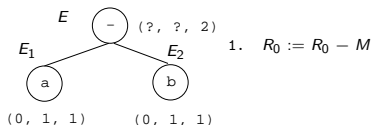
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# Computing Costs – Example I (b)



- ①  $E_1$  into  $R_0$  (2 regs avail);  $E_2$  into  $R_1$  (1 reg avail); Use  $R_0 := R_0 - R_1$  at  $E$ ; Cost= $E_1[2] + E_2[1] + 1 = 1 + 1 + 1 = 3$
- ②  $E_2$  into Memory (2 regs avail);  $E_1$  into  $R_0$  (2 regs avail); Use  $R_0 := R_0 - M$  at  $E$ ; Cost= $E_2[0] + E_1[2] + 1 = 0 + 1 + 1 = 2$
- $C[2] = \min(3, 2) = 2$ .

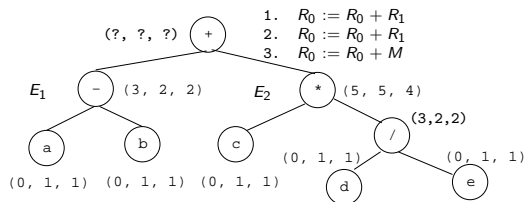
# Computing Costs – Example I (c)



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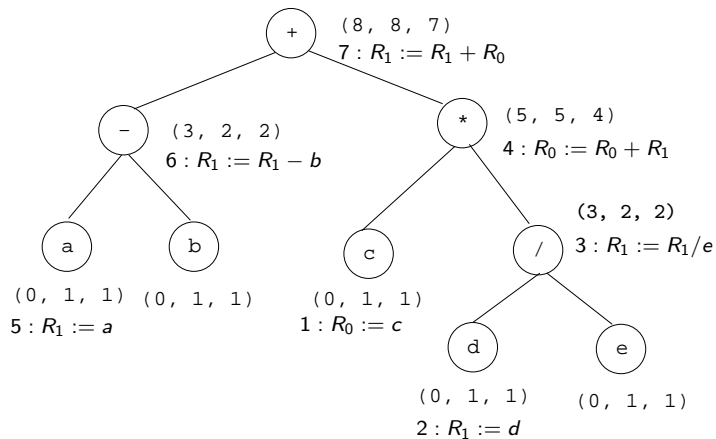
- 1  $E_2$  into Memory (1 reg available);  $E_1$  into  $R_0$  (1 reg available); Use  $R_0 := R_0 - M$  at  $E$ ;  
Cost= $E_2[0] + E_1[1] + 1 = 0 + 1 + 1 = 2$
- Only one instruction to choose from.
- $C[1] = 2$ .
- The min cost of computing  $E$  into memory is the min cost of computing  $E$  into a register ( $= \min(2, 2)$ ) plus 1 ( $= 3$ ).

# Computing Costs – Example I (d)



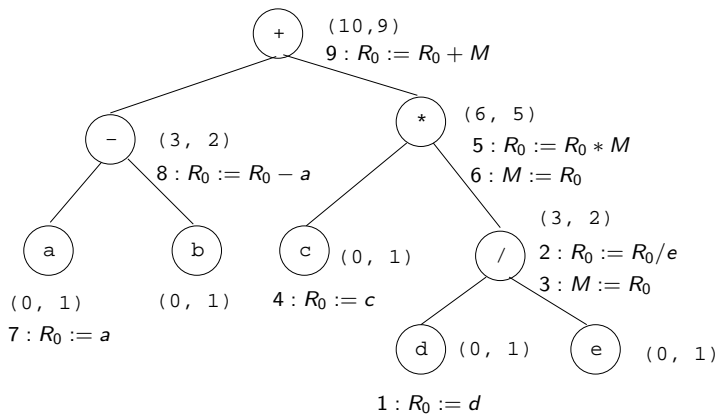
- 1  $E_1$  into  $R_0$  (2 regs avail);  $E_2$  into  $R_1$  (1 reg avail); Use  $R_0 := R_0 + R_1$  at  $E$ ;  $\text{Cost} = E_1[2] + E_2[1] + 1 = 2 + 5 + 1 = 8$
  - 2  $E_2$  into  $R_1$  (2 regs);  $E_1$  into  $R_0$  (1 reg); Use  $R_0 := R_0 + R_1$  at  $E$ ;  $\text{Cost} = E_2[2] + E_1[1] + 1 = 4 + 2 + 1 = 7$
  - 3  $E_2$  into Memory (2 regs);  $E_1$  into  $R_0$  (2 regs); Use  $R_0 := R_0 + M$  at  $E$ ;  $\text{Cost} = E_2[0] + E_1[2] + 1 = 5 + 2 + 1 = 8$
- $C[2] = \min(8, 7, 8) = 7.$

# Generating Code – Example I (e)





# Dynamic Programming – Example II



# Summary

## Readings and References

- This lecture is taken from the Dragon book: 567–580.
- Read “Emmelmann, Schröder, Landwehr: *BEG – A generator for Efficient Back Ends*”, PLDI '89.
- Additional material: “Aho, Ganapathi, Tjiang: *Code Generation Using Tree Matching and Dynamic Programming*, TOPLAS, Vol 11, No. 4, Oct. 1989, pp 491-516.
- For information on Dynamic Programming: see “*Algorithms*”, by **Cormen, Leiserson, Rivest**, p. 310.

# Summary

# Homework I

- Use the dynamic programming algorithm to generate optimal code for the assignment

$$g := a * (b + c) + d * (e - f).$$

- Assume that two registers (R0, R1) are available.

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Machine Model

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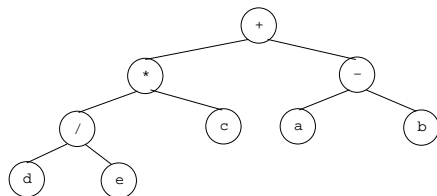
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# Homework II

- Use the dynamic programming algorithm to generate code for the expression tree below using (a) 1 and (b) 2 registers. For each node show the cost vector and the instruction(s) generated.



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$R_i := R_j$

$M_i := R_j$