

# CS323: Compilers

Spring 2023

Week 14:  
Register allocation via Graph coloring (example), Loop  
Dependence Analysis

# Register Allocation via Graph Coloring - Example

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{A, B}

{A, B, C}

{A, B, C, D}

{A, B, C, D}

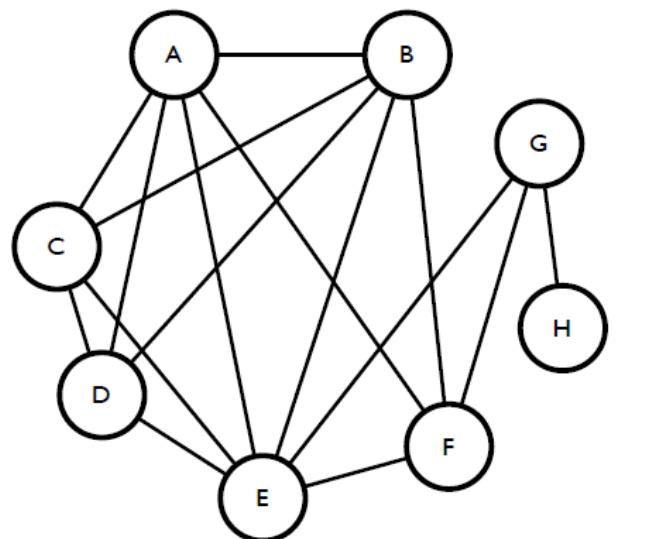
{A, B, C, D}

{E, A, B, C, D}

{E, F, A, B}

{G,E,F}

{G,H}



Interference graph

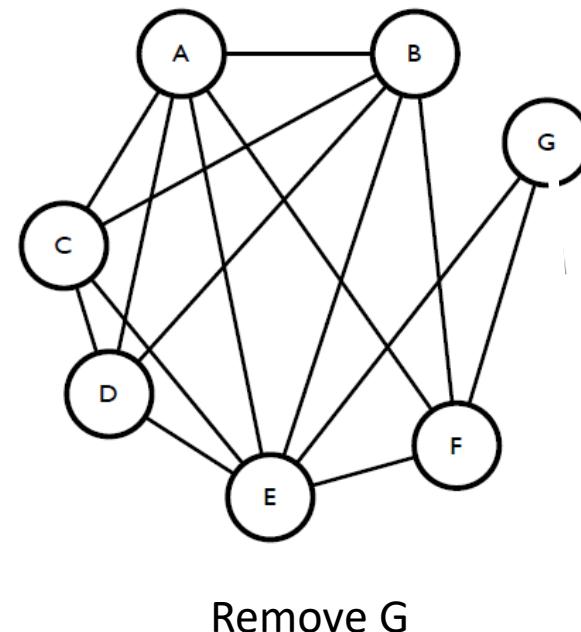
Remove H

Customized rules (3-coloring):

- Remove nodes in reverse alphabetical order
- Spill variables that are used least (spill the variable with most number of edges in case of a tie)

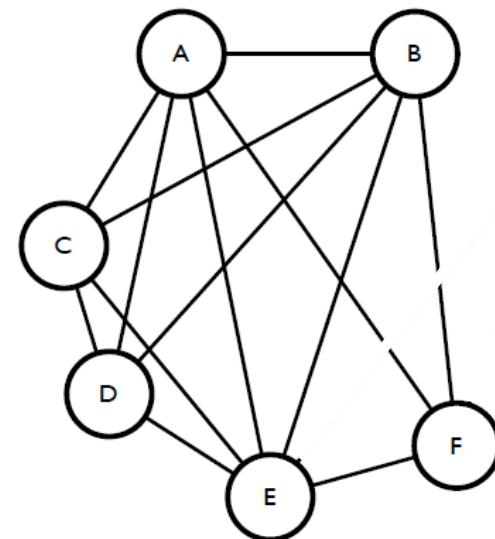
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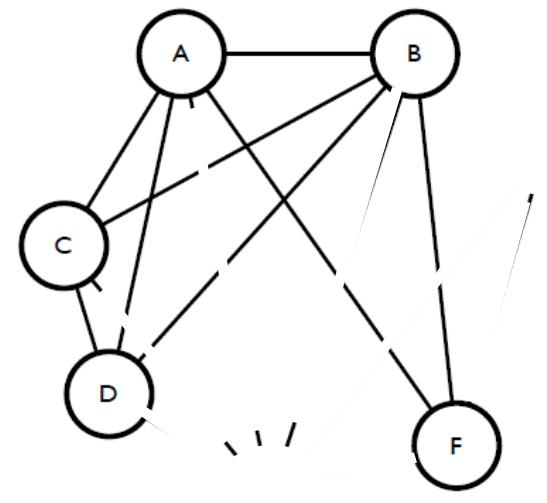
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Remove E

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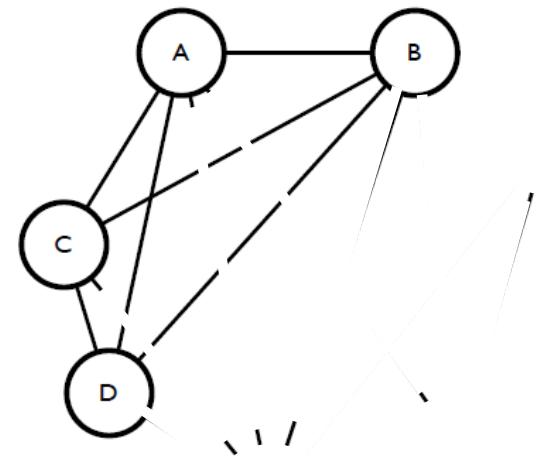
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Remove F

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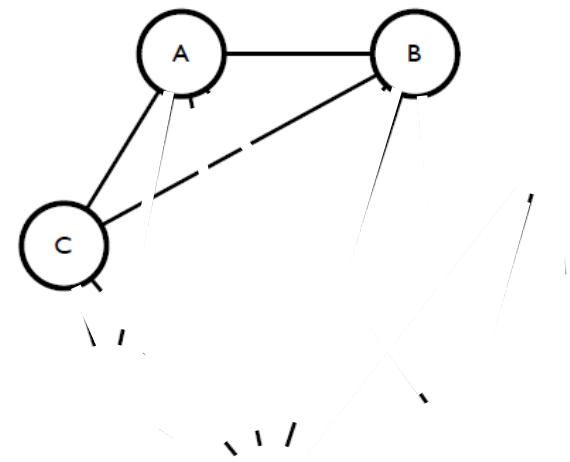
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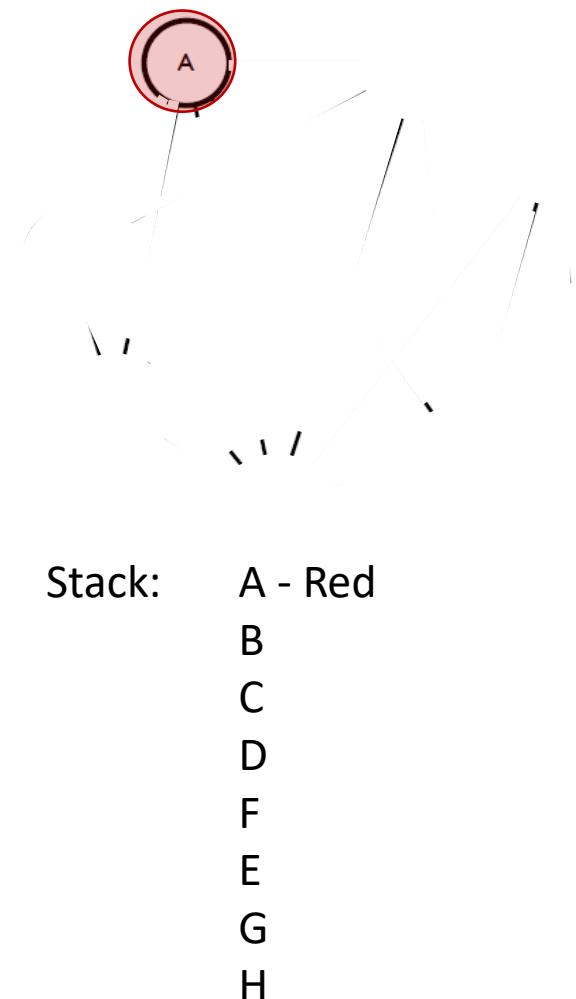
Remove C then B then A

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| 9.  | G = A + B; | {G,E,F}         | Stack: A                        |
| 10. | H = E + F; | {G,H}           | B<br>C<br>D<br>F<br>E<br>G<br>H |

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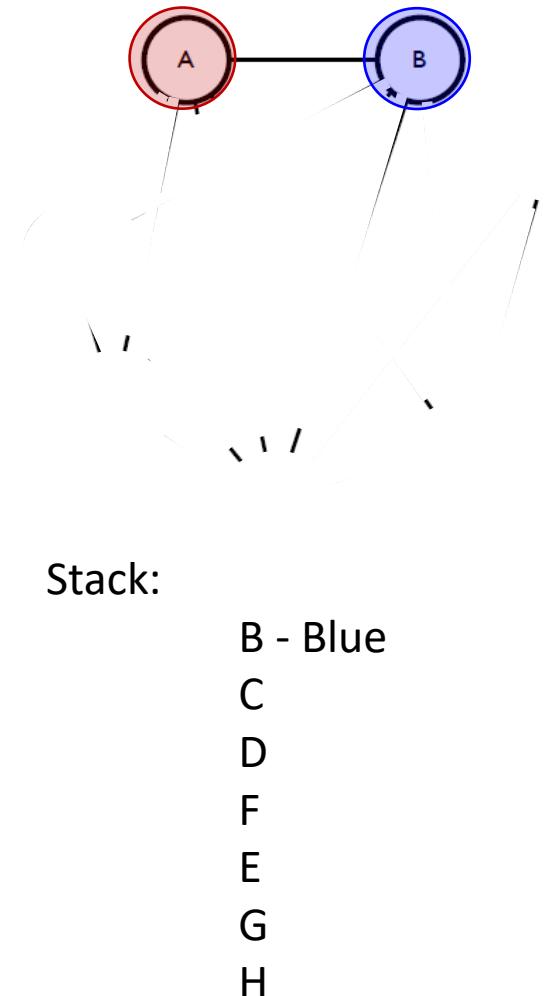


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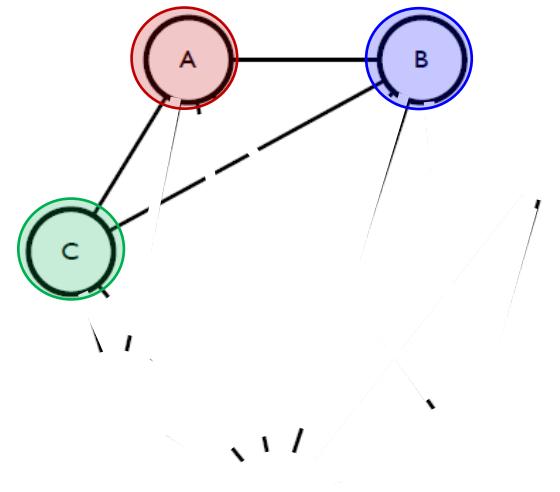
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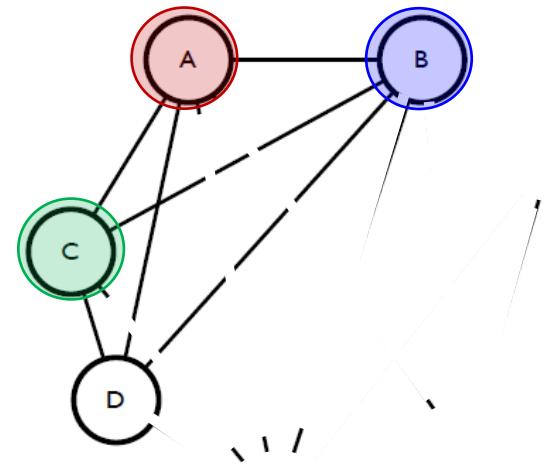
Stack:

C-Green  
D  
F  
E  
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H

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3-Color the variables: Spill D



Stack:

D - ??  
F  
E  
G  
H

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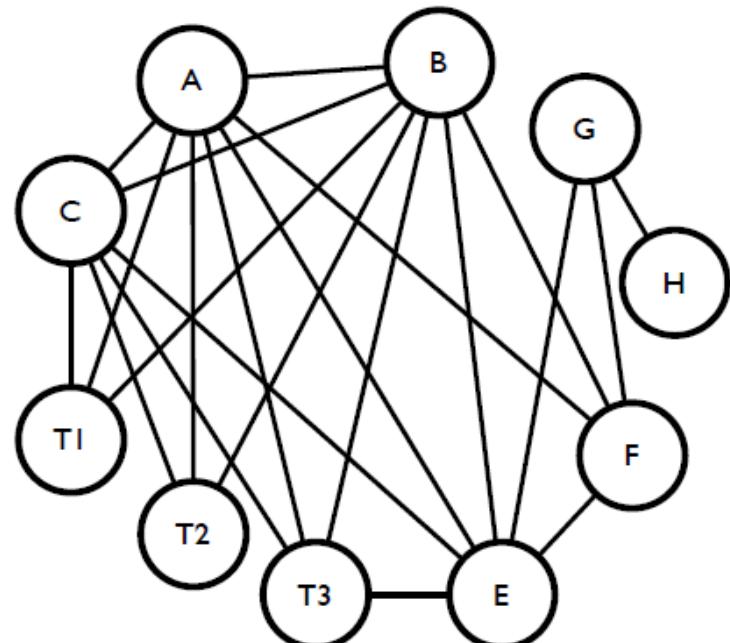
Earlier code:

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Rewritten code:

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| F = C + D; | 3. C = A + B;  | {A, B, C}        |
| G = A + B; | 4. T1 = C + B; | {A, B, C, T1}    |
| H = E + F; | 4'. ST T1, D   | {A, B, C}        |
|            | 5. B = C + B;  | {A, B, C}        |
|            | 6. A = A + B;  | {A, B, C}        |
|            | 6'. LD D, T2   | {A, B, C, T2}    |
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Liveness info:

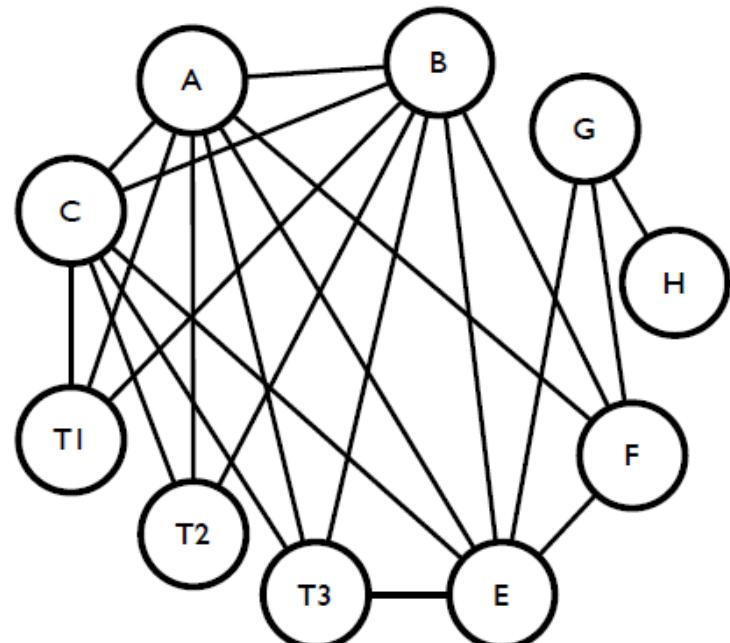


New interference graph

3-Color the variables: Spill D, rewrite code and  
recalculate liveness

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| 4'. ST T1, D   | {A, B, C}        |
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| 6'. LD D, T2   | {A, B, C, T2}    |
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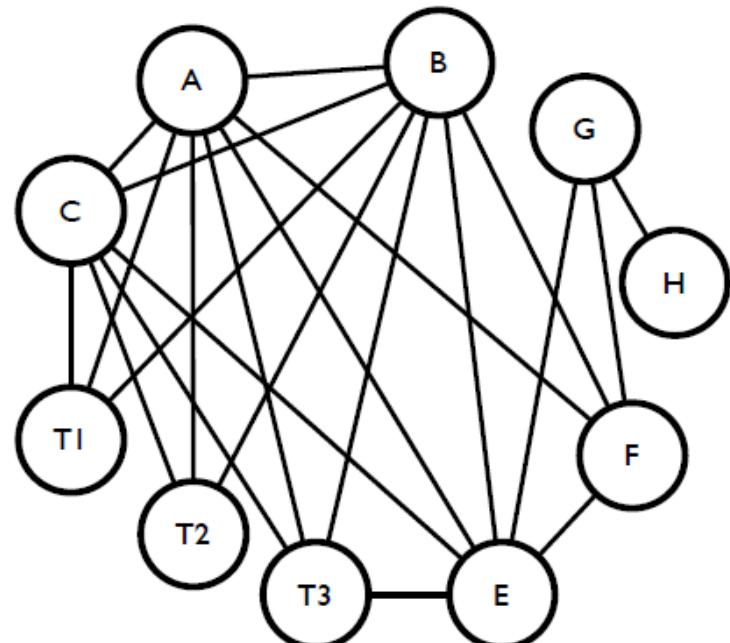


Simplify (step 1)

Stack (left-bottom, right-top): H, G, E, F, C, T1, T2, T3, B, A

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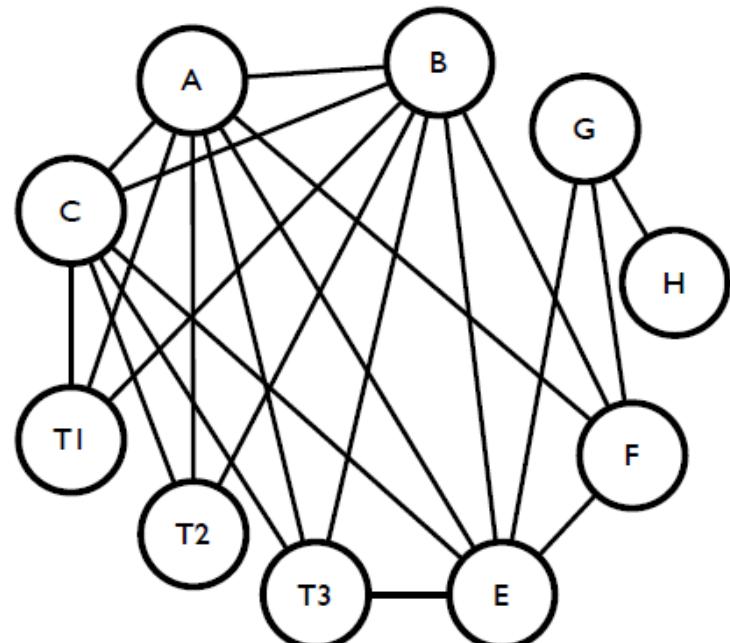
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Color (step 2)      Stack (left-bottom, right-top): H, G, E, F, C, T1, T2, T3, B, A  
Which node must be Spilled now?

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Which node must be Spilled now? (i.e. which node can't be colored?)

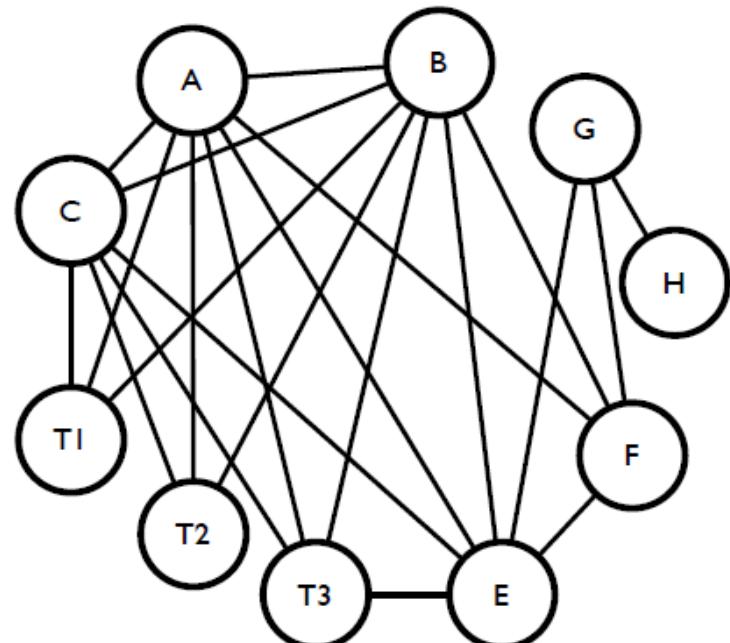
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| 9. G = A + B;  | {G, E, F}        |
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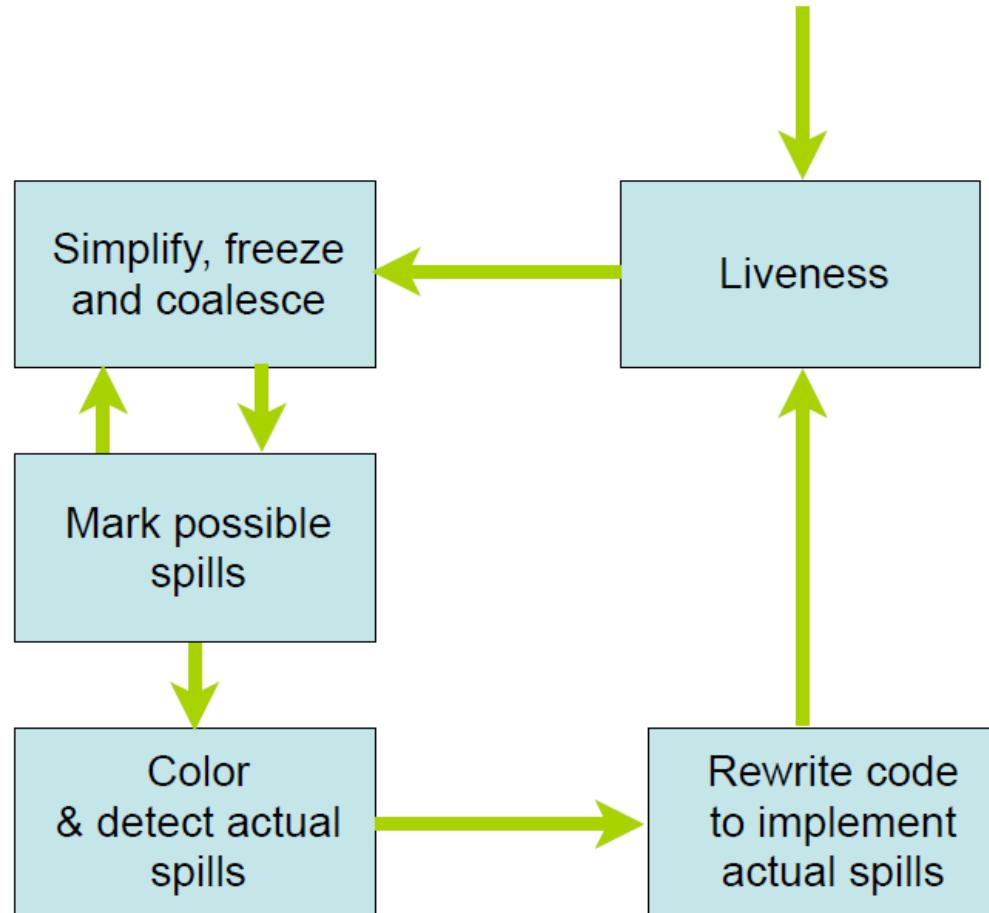
Color (step 2)

Stack (left-bottom, right-top): H, G, E, F, C, T1, T2, T3, B, A

Which node must be Spilled now? (C. Now repeat the steps starting from rewriting the code to spill C, calculating liveness, drawing iteration graph and then simplifying the iteration graph.)



# Overall Algorithm



# Recap: Optimize Loops

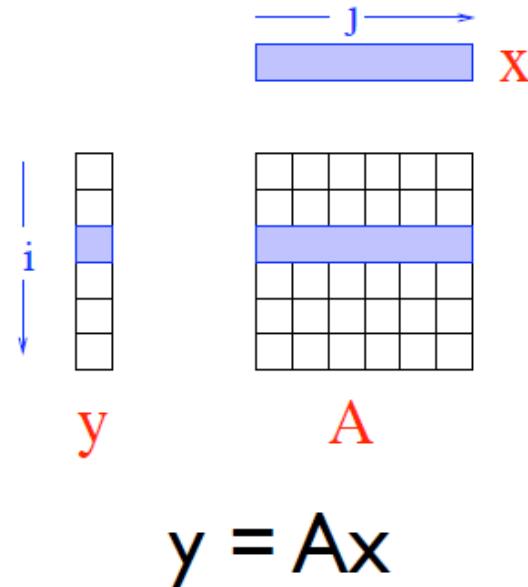
- Low level optimization
  - Moving code around in a single loop
  - Examples: loop invariant code motion, strength reduction, loop unrolling
- High level optimization
  - Restructuring loops, often affects multiple loops
  - Examples: loop fusion, loop interchange, loop tiling

# High level loop optimizations

- Many useful compiler optimizations require *restructuring* loops or sets of loops
  - Combining two loops together (*loop fusion*)
  - Switching the order of a nested loop (*loop interchange*)
  - Completely changing the traversal order of a loop (*loop tiling*)
- These sorts of high level loop optimizations usually take place at the AST level (where loop structure is obvious)

# Cache behavior

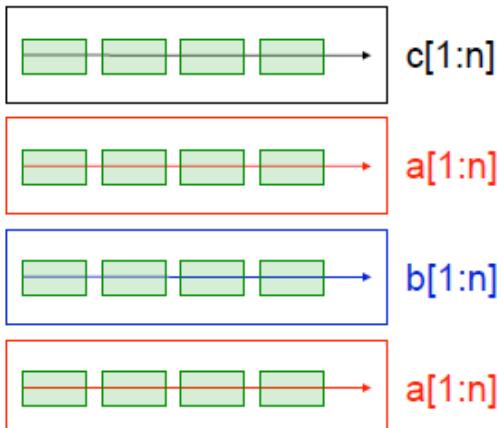
- Most loop transformations target cache performance
  - Attempt to increase *spatial* or *temporal* locality
  - Locality can be exploited when there is *reuse* of data (for temporal locality) or recent access of nearby data (for spatial locality)
- Loops are a good opportunity for this: many loops iterate through matrices or arrays
- Consider matrix-vector multiply example
  - Multiple traversals of vector: opportunity for spatial and temporal locality
  - Regular access to array: opportunity for spatial locality



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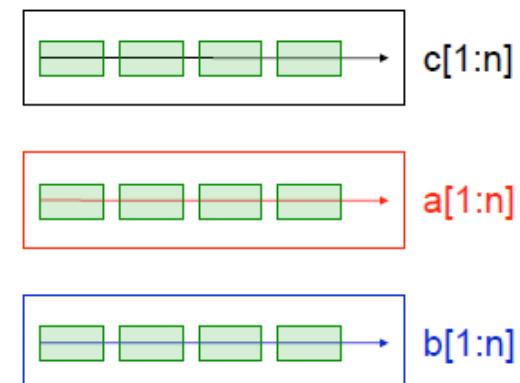
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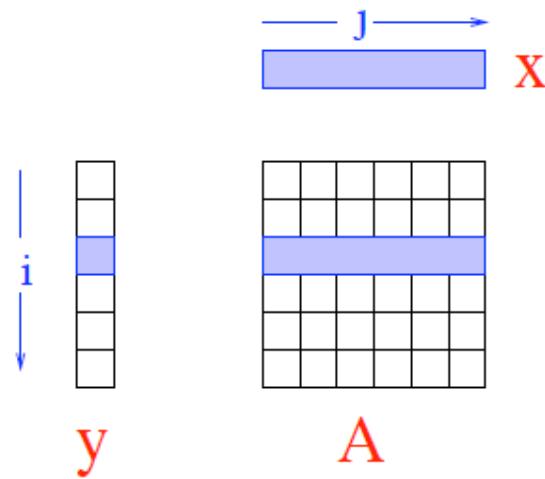
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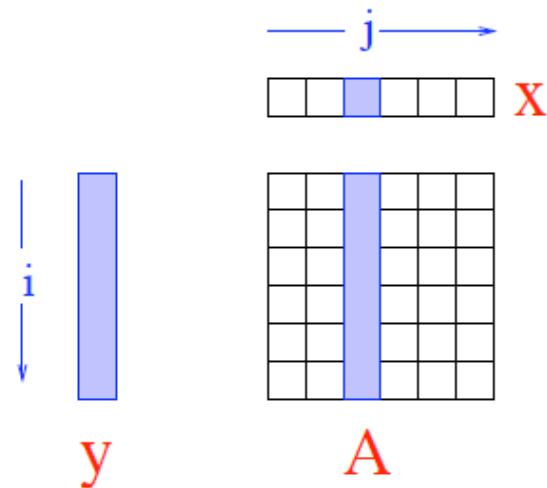
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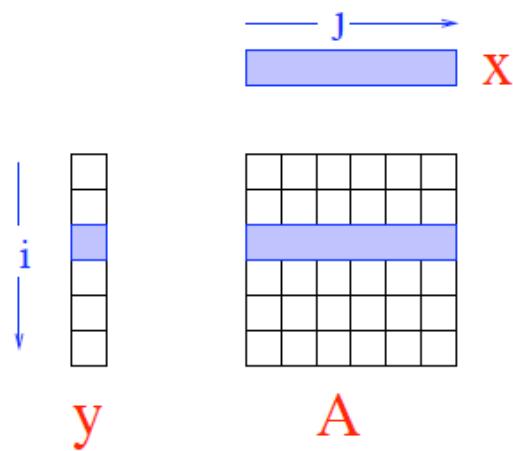
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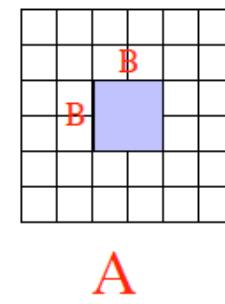


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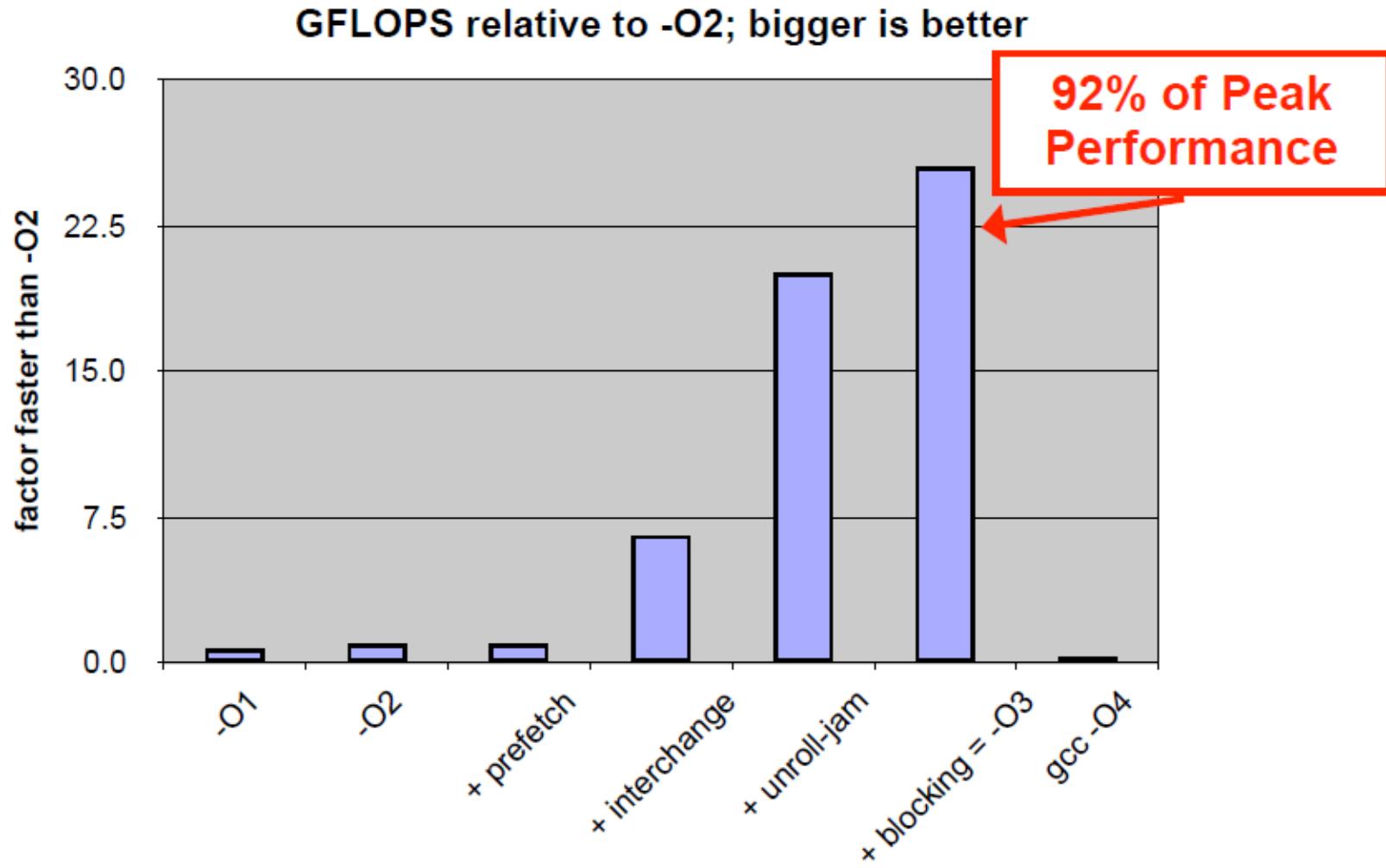
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# In a real (Itanium) compiler



# Loop transformations

- Loop transformations can have dramatic effects on performance
- Doing this legally and automatically is very difficult!
- Researchers have developed techniques to determine legality of loop transformations and automatically transform the loop
  - Techniques like *unimodular transform framework* and *polyhedral framework*
  - These approaches will get covered in more detail in advanced compilers course

# Dependence Analysis

(separate set of slides posted)