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*Larger Basic Blocks are Good!
More opportunities for
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scheduling*

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i := 1;
while (i+3 <= MAX) do
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  i := i + 4;
endwhile
while (i <= MAX) do
  A[i] := A[i] + B[i];
  i := i + 1;
endwhile
```

*Number of iterations is
not known at compile-time.*

*Do 0 to 3 more iterations,
as necessary, to finish*

Loop-Invariant Computations

An assignment

$$x := y \oplus z$$

is “Loop-Invariant” if..

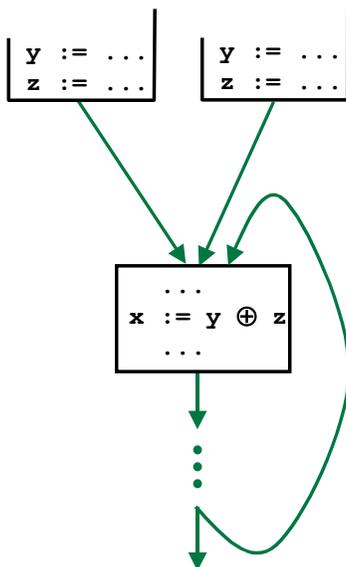
- It is in a loop, and
- All definitions of y and z that reach the statement are outside the loop.

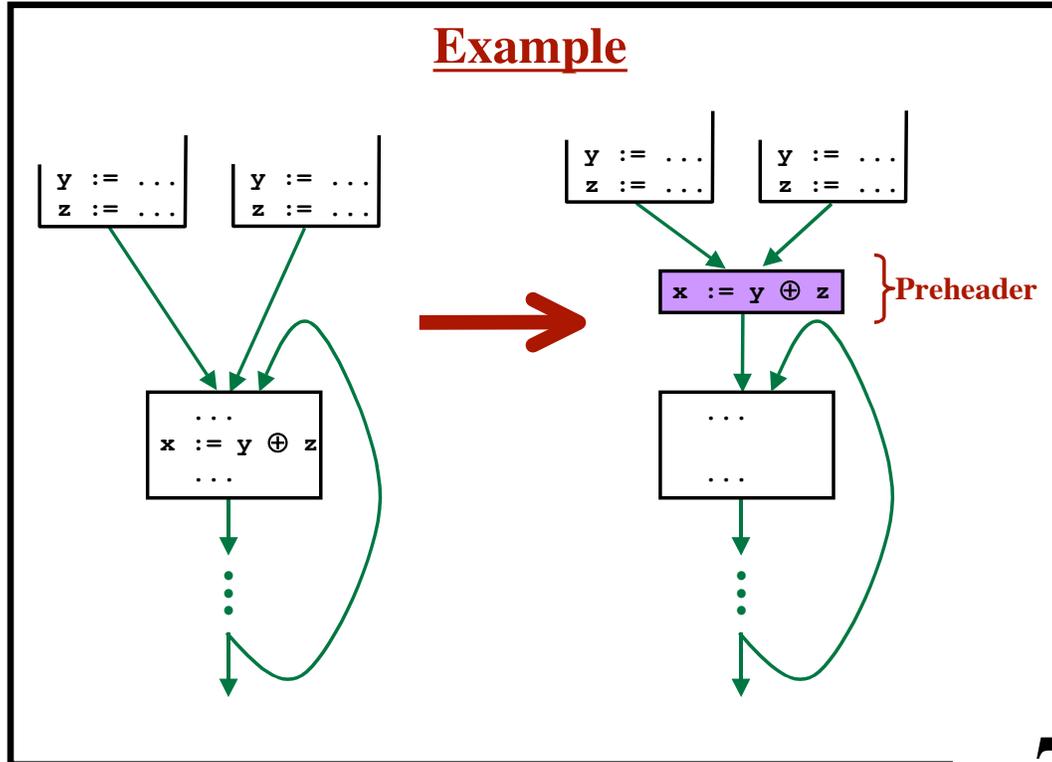
We may be able to move the computation into the “preheader”.

Step 1: Detect the Loop-Invariant Computations.

Step 2: See if it is okay to move the statement into the pre-header.

Example



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Detecting Loop-Invariant ComputationsInput:

Loop L (= a set of basic blocks)
U-D Chain information

Output:

The set of loop-invariant statements.

Idea:

- Mark some of the statements as “loop-invariant”.
- This may allow us to mark even more statements as loop-invariant.
- Remember the order in which these statements are marked.

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Detecting Loop-Invariant Computations

repeat until no new statements are marked...

Look at each statement in the loop.

If all its operands are unchanging then
mark the statement as "loop-invariant".

An operand is "unchanging" if...

- It is a constant
- It has all reaching definitions outside of the loop
- It has exactly one reaching definition and that definition has already been marked "loop-invariant".

end

Remember the order in which statements are marked "loop-invariant."

Moving Loop-Invariant Computations

Consider moving statement

S: $x := y \oplus z$

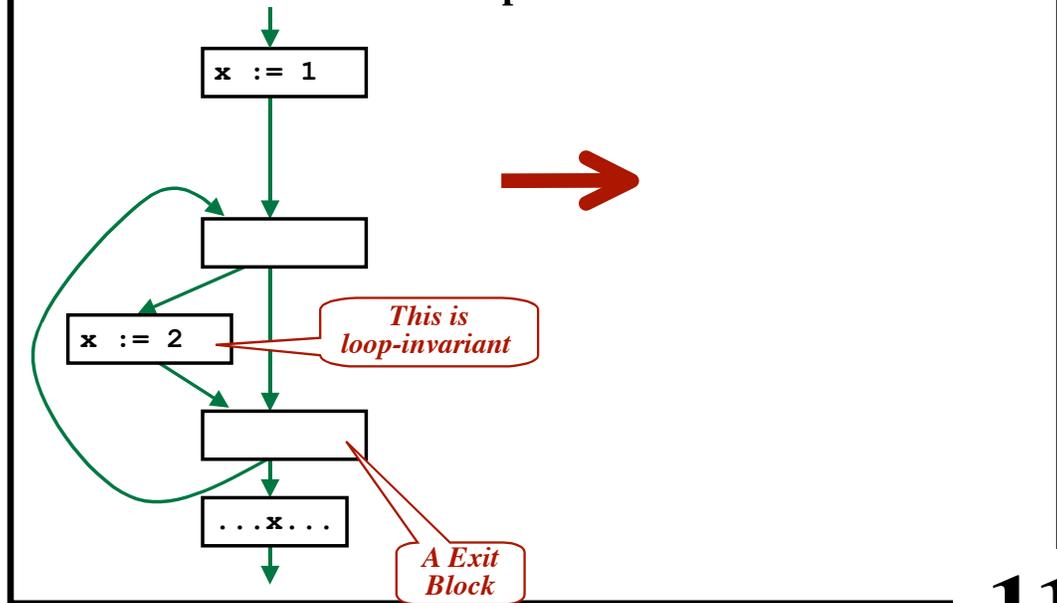
into the loop's preheader.

The statement must satisfy three conditions.

If it satisfies all conditions, then it can be moved.

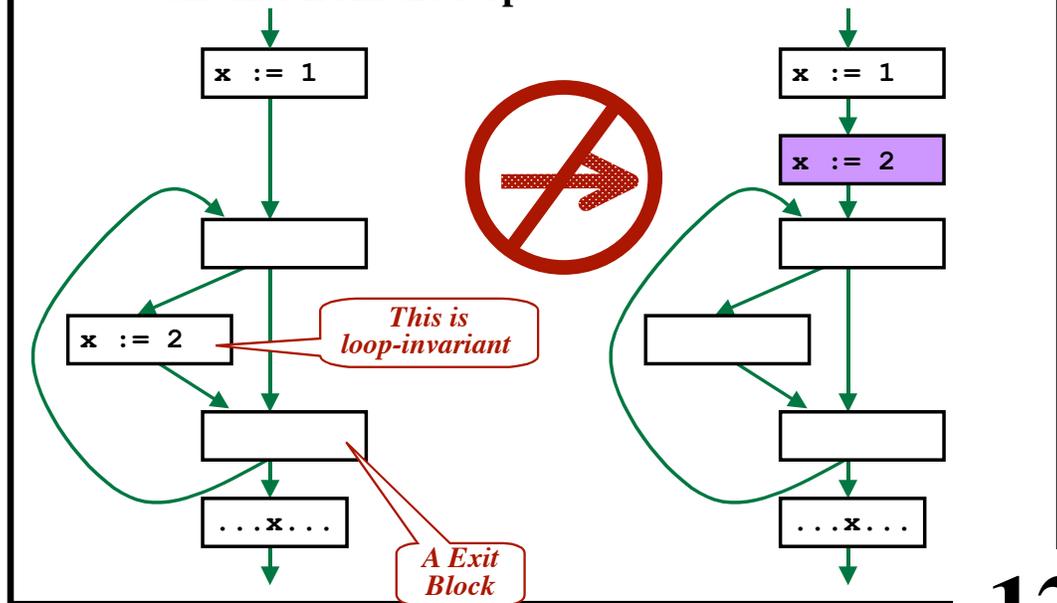
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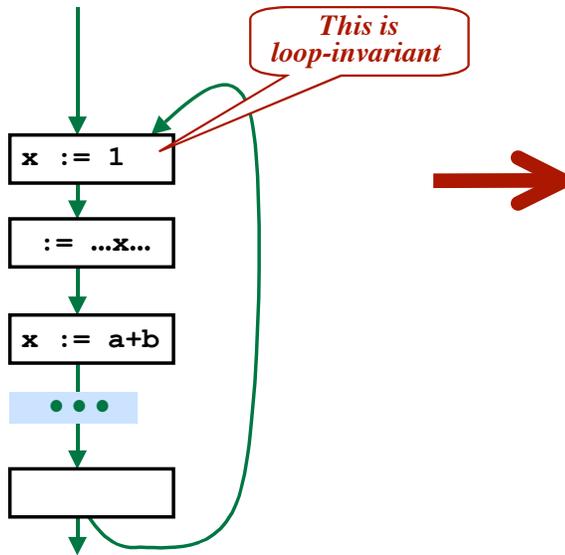
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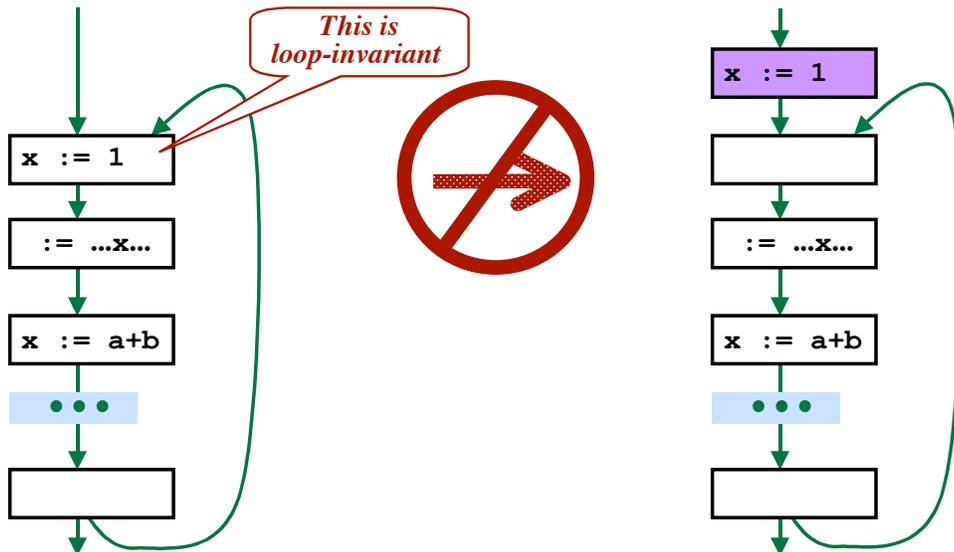
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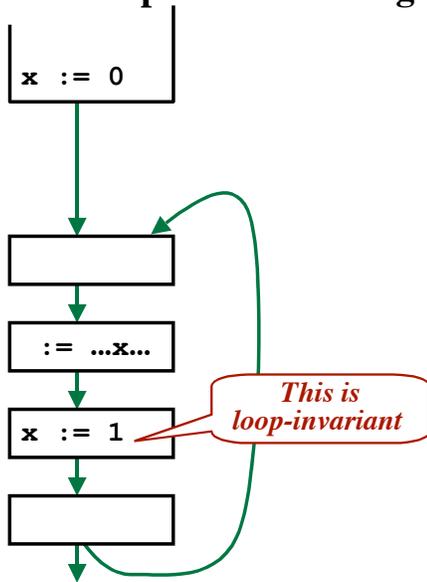
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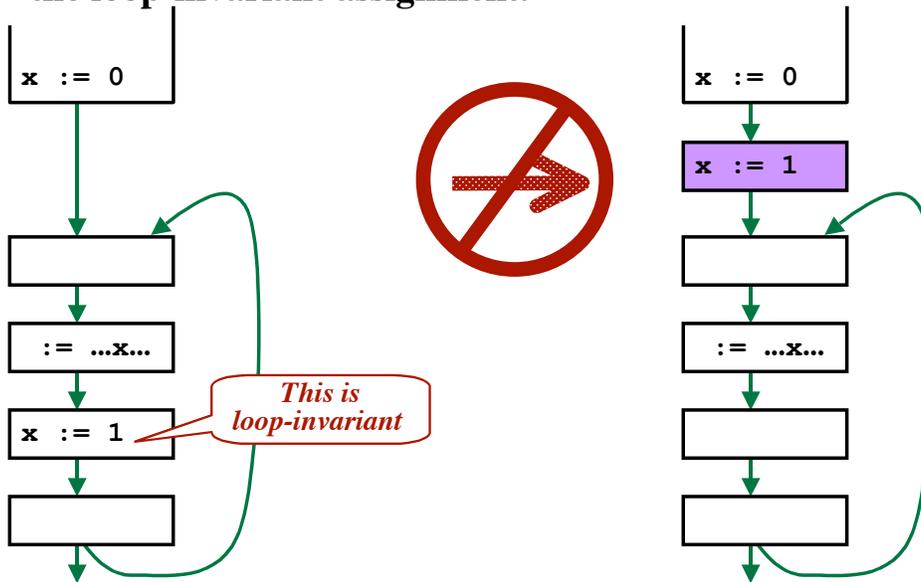
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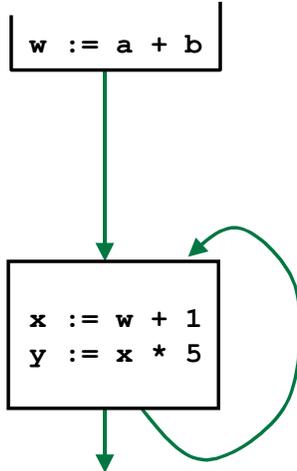


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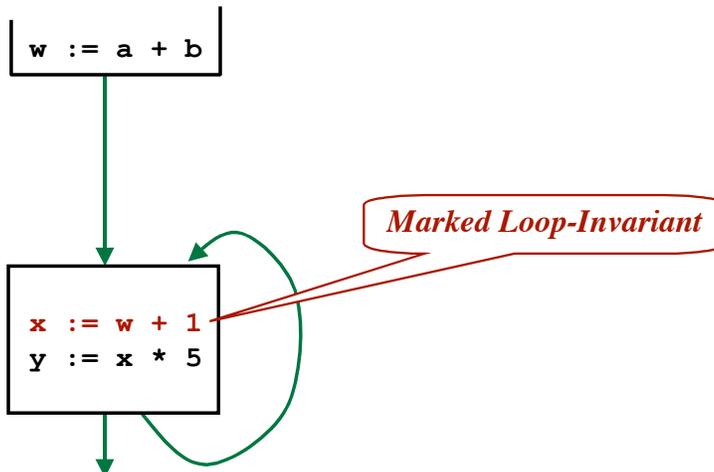
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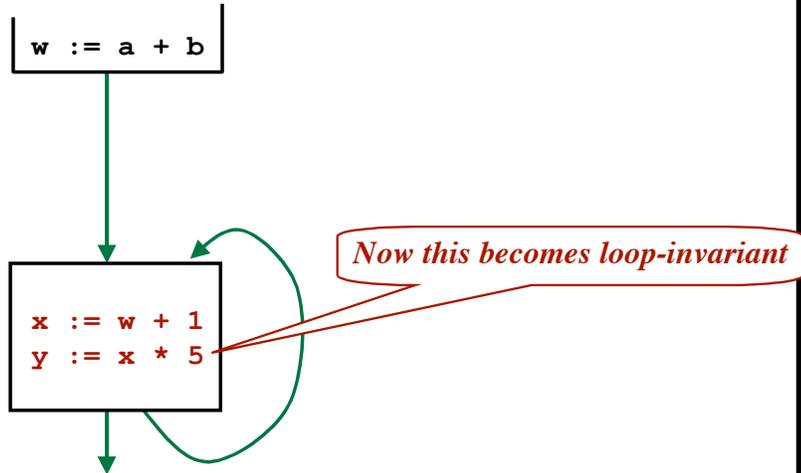
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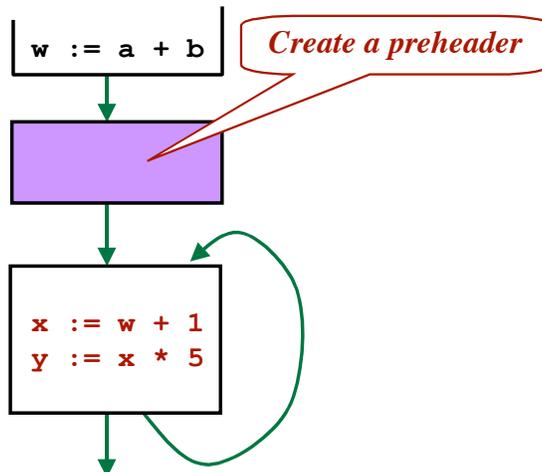
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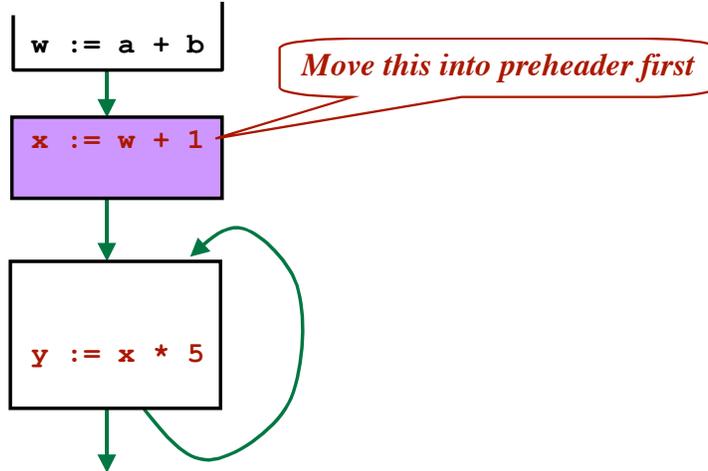
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