

# When Iterative Optimization Meets the Polyhedral Model: One-Dimensional Date

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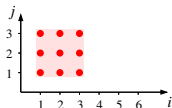
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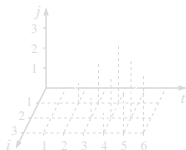
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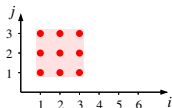
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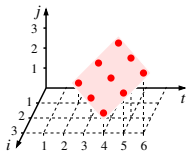
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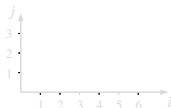
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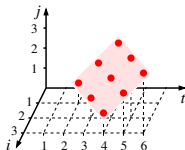
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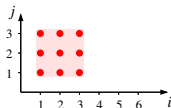
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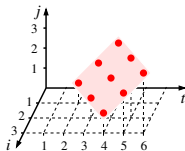
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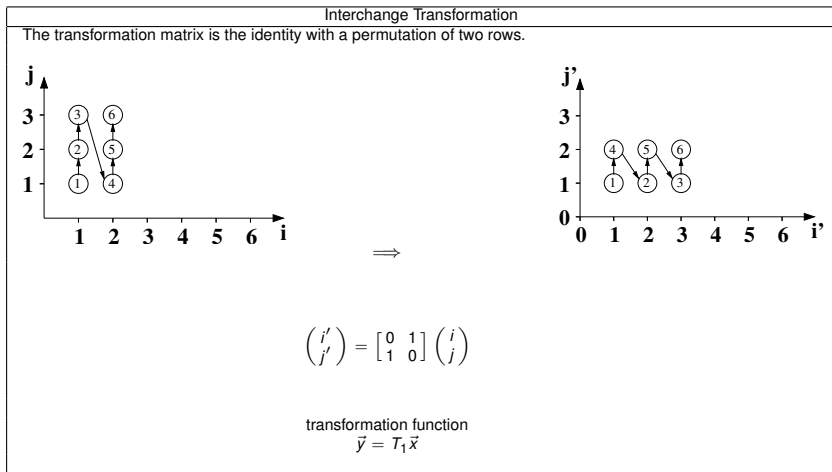
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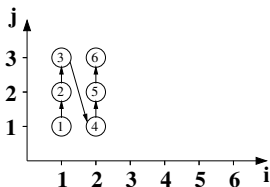
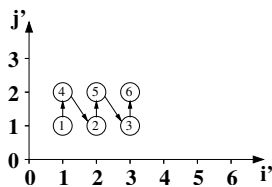
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## Interchange Transformation

The transformation matrix is the identity with a permutation of two rows.


 $\Rightarrow$ 


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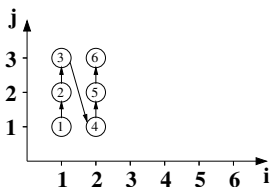
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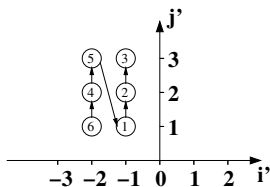
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The transformation matrix is the identity with one diagonal element replaced by  $-1$ .



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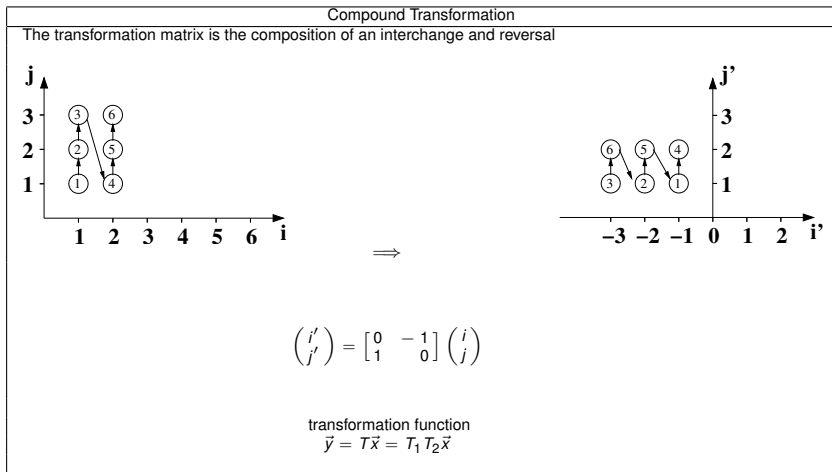
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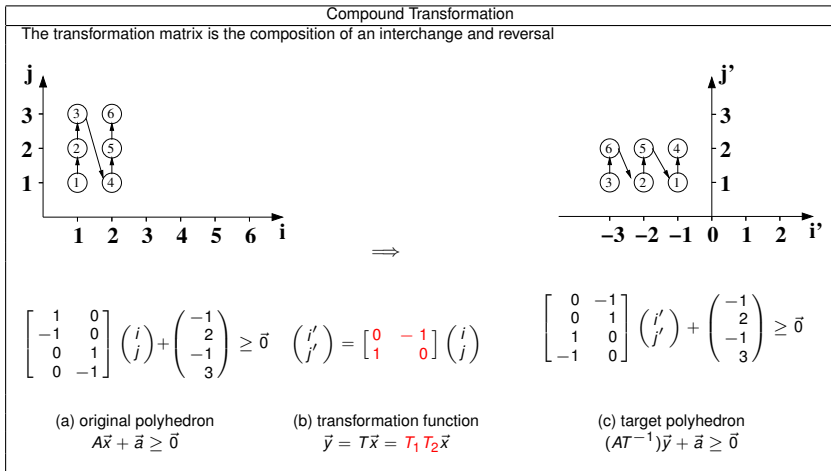
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# Scheduling a Program

## Definition (Schedule)

A schedule of a program is a function which associates a timestamp to each instance of each instruction. It can be written, for a statement  $S$  ( $T$  is a constant matrix):

$$\theta_S(\vec{x}_S) = T \begin{pmatrix} \vec{x}_S \\ n \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Example:

$$\theta_R(\vec{x}_R) = [ 1 ] \cdot (i)$$

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Is the original lexicographic order for  $R$  and  $S$ .

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## Dependence Expression

- Need to represent the *exact* set of instances in dependence
- Exact computation made possible thanks to the SCoP and Static reference assumptions (Bastoul, 04)
- Use a subset of the Cartesian product of iteration domains:

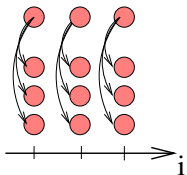
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## Formal Definition [1/2]

Assuming  $R\delta S$ ,  $\mathcal{D}_{R\delta S}$  is the exact set of instances of  $R$  and  $S$  where the dependence exists.

A schedule is **legal** iff,  $\forall \vec{x}_R \times \vec{x}_S \in \mathcal{D}_{R\delta S}, \theta_R(\vec{x}_R) < \theta_S(\vec{x}_S)$ .

### Legal Schedule

$\Rightarrow$  Assuming  $R\delta S$ ,  $\theta_R(\vec{x}_R)$  and  $\theta_S(\vec{x}_S)$  are legal iff:

$$\Delta_{R,S} = \theta_S(\vec{x}_S) - \theta_R(\vec{x}_R) - 1$$

Is non-negative for each point in  $\mathcal{D}_{R\delta S}$ .

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⇒ We just need to equate the coefficients:

$$\theta_S(\vec{x}_S) - \theta_R(\vec{x}_R) - 1 = \lambda_0 + \vec{\lambda}^T \left( \mathcal{D}_{R\delta S} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{x}_R \\ \vec{x}_S \end{pmatrix} + \vec{d}_{R\delta S} \right) \geq 0$$

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## Discussions

- Expression of the set of **all legal, arbitrarily long sequences of transformation** (reversal, skewing, interchange, peeling, shifting, fusion, distribution)
- Multiple orders of magnitude reduction in the size of the search space compared to state-of-the-art techniques
- On small kernels, the search space is small enough to be exhaustively computed, yielding a method to find **The best transformation** within the model

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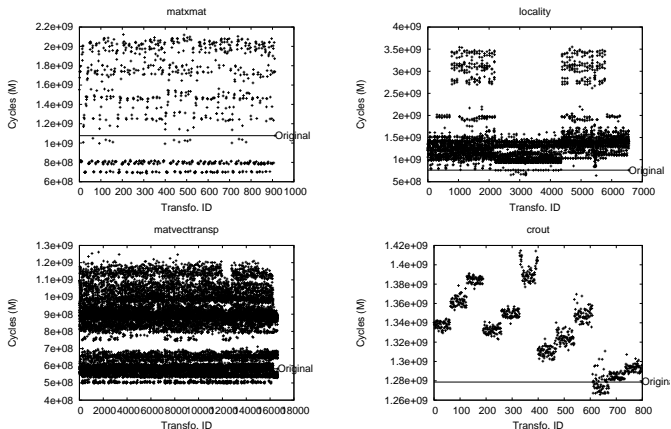


Figure: Performance distribution for matmul, locality, mvt and crout

## Performance Distribution [2/2]

- Regularities are observable
- Exhaustive scan may be achievable on (very) small kernels
- High peak performance discovered thanks to optimization enabling
- The best transformation depends on the compiler, the target architecture, and even the compiler options

Benchmark	Compiler	Options	Parameters	#Improved	ID best	Speedup
h264	PathCC	-Ofast	none	11	352	36.1%
h264	GCC	-O2	none	19	234	13.3%
h264	GCC	-O3	none	26	250	25.0%
h264	ICC	-O2	none	27	290	12.9%
h264	ICC	-fast	none	0	N/A	0%
MVT	PathCC	-Ofast	N=2000	5652	4934	27.4%
MVT	GCC	-O2	N=2000	3526	13301	18.0%
MVT	GCC	-O3	N=2000	3601	13320	21.2%
MVT	ICC	-O2	N=2000	5826	14093	24.0%
MVT	ICC	-fast	N=2000	5966	4879	29.1%
matmul	PathCC	-Ofast	N=250	402	283	308.1%
matmul	GCC	-O2	N=250	318	284	38.6%
matmul	GCC	-O3	N=250	345	270	49.0%
matmul	ICC	-O2	N=250	390	311	56.6%
matmul	ICC	-fast	N=250	318	641	645.4%



## Exhaustive vs Heuristic Scan

Propose a decoupling heuristic:

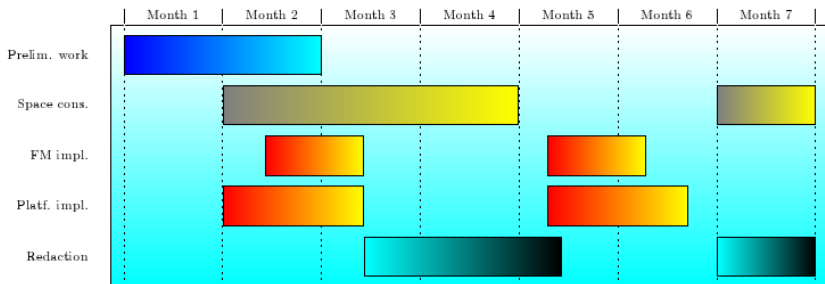
- The general “form” of the schedule is embedded in the iterator coefficients
- Parameters and constant coefficients can be seen as a refinement

→ On some distributions a random heuristic may converge faster

Figure: Heuristic convergence

Benchmark	#Schedules	Heuristic.	#Runs	%Speedup
locality	6561	Rand	125	96.1%
		DH	123	98.3%
matmul	912	Rand	170	99.9%
		DH	170	99.8%
mvt	16641	Rand	30	93.3%
		DH	31	99.0%

# What, When, with Who ?



- Constant talks with Nicolas Vasilache (PhD student)
- Advised and oriented by Cedric Bastoul
- Theoretical fruitful discussions with Albert Cohen

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## Ongoing and Future Work

### Ongoing research:

- Expression of equivalence between parts of the search space
- Simulation of multidimensional schedules with correction / completion
- New exploration heuristics
- Feedback directed exploration

### PhD objectives:

- Extend the method to multidimensional schedules
- Develop exploration methods for the search space (statistic, machine learning, . . .)

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# A Transformation Example

## Optimal Transformation for `mvt`, GCC 4 -O2

```

S1: x1[i] = 0
S2: x2[i] = 0
S3: x1[i] += a[i][j] * y1[j]
S4: x2[i] += a[j][i] * y2[j]

for (i = 0; i <= M; i++) {
  S1(i);
  S2(i);
  for (j = 0; j <= M; j++) {
    S3(i, j);
    S4(i, j);
  }
}

for (i = 0; i <= M; i++)
  S2(i);

for (c1 = 1; c1 <= M-1; c1++)
  for (i = 0; i <= M; i++) {
    S4(i, c1-1);
  }

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}

S3(0, 0);
S4(0, M);
for (i = 1; i <= M; i++)
  S4(i, M);

for (c1 = M+2; c1 <= 3*M+1; c1++)
  for (i = max(c1-2*M-1, 0); i <= min(M, c1-M-1); i++) {
    S3(i, c1-i-M-1);
  }

```