| ECE 474A/57A <br> Computer-Aided Logic Design |
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| Behavioral Synthesis |
| Scheduling Algorithms |

## Scheduling

- What have we done?
- Specified the order in which operations are
at's next - Operator Scheduling
- Assigning operations performed in each states

Generally speaking, determining the start time of each task/operation
Why is scheduling important?

- Determines the amount of concurrency of the
resulting implementation - effects performance
Maximum amount of concurrent operations of a given type at any time step also determines the given type at any time step also determines required - effects area



## Control/Data flow graph (CDFG)

## Task Representation - Sequencing graph

- Determining a schedule
- Don't really care about the actual input/output values
- Just want to know the task we perform (add, subtract, compare, etc..) and the dependencies among the task
- Utilize a Sequencing graph
- How do we represent a scheduling?

Dataflow graph - represents the way data flows through a computation - Computations limited to 2-input

Source node
Represented by a NOP (no operation) node
Indicates start of computation

## Scheduling - Sequencing Graphs

- Sequencing graph itself only specifies the dependencies among tasks
- Scheduling requires we associate a start time for each task/operation in the sequencing graph
- Introduce concept of time



## ASAP Scheduling

- Unconstrained minimum-latency scheduling problem
- We have infinite resources, all we want is the minimum time to perform the
- Commonly referred to as ASAP (as soon as possible) scheduling
Praph ASAP scheduling on the sequencing
$\operatorname{ASAP}\left(G_{s}(V, E) K\right.$
Schedule $\mathbf{v}_{0}$ by setting $\mathbf{t}_{0}=1 \longleftarrow$ Schedule the source node $\mathrm{v}_{0}$ for time 1
repeat!
repeatt
ook for tasks/operations that are not
enendent
ent on a askioneration that hasn't been
Schedule $v_{i}$ by $v_{i}$ whose predecessors
\}
until ( $\mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{n}}$ is scheduled);
eturn t ;
\}







## ALAP Scheduling

- Latency constrained scheduling problem
- Schedule must satisfy an upper bound on latency
- Commonly referred to as ALAP (as late as possible) scheduling



## ALAP Scheduling

Example 1


ALAP Scheduling goal is to schedule tasks
o schedule tasks
late as possible
We can skip the algorithm and visually move vertices "down" as far as possible

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## ALAP Scheduling

## Example 2




## Mobility

- Mobility (or slack) important quantity used by some scheduling algorithms
- Mobility $=$ start time ALAP scheduling - start time AsAP scheduling $^{\text {Mobility }}=0$, task/operation can only be started at the given time in order to meet
overall latency constraint
- Mobility $>0$, indicates span of possible start times
- Helps with minimizing resources (adders, multipliers, etc.)


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\begin{aligned}
& \text { mobility }=\text { time } \\
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=1-1 \\
=0
\end{array} \\
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& \begin{array}{l}
=2-1 \\
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\end{array} \\
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& 26 \text { of } 72
\end{aligned}
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## Mobility

Example 1-ALAP Only

- What do we get with the ALAP Schedule?
- Latency $=4$
- Resource requirement $=2$ multipliers, 3 ALUs





## Resource Constrained Scheduling

- Resource constrained scheduling problem
- Resource usage determines circuit area
- Consider area/latency tradeoff
 ASAP schedule determines the minimum
latency, we assumed infinite resources ninimum








## Additional Scheduling Considerations

- Hu's algorithm
- Assumes one resource handles all possible operations
- Assumes all operations have 1 unit delay
- Most scheduling problems have additional considerations
- What happens when we have more than one type of task/operation?
- What happens when a task/operation takes more than 1 unit delay?
- Increased problem space, difficult problem to solve efficiently
- Many heuristics have been developed to address these problems
- Minimum-latency, resource-constrained scheduling
- Minimum-resource, latency-constrained scheduling

We consider one such heuristic from a family of heuristics called list scheduling that looks at the minimum-latency,
resource-constrained scheduling problem

## List Scheduling (LIST_L)

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Extension of Hu's algorithm to handle multiple operation types and multiple-cycle execution delays

- Considers minimum-latency, resource-constrained scheduling problem


LIST_L ( $\mathrm{G}_{\mathrm{s}}(\mathrm{V}, \mathrm{E}, \mathrm{a}) \mathrm{X}$
$t=1 ;$
repeat \{
for each resource type $k=1,2, \ldots, n_{\text {res }}\{$
Determine candidate operations $U_{\text {,h }}$

Select a subset S so that the number chedule the $S_{k}$ operations at step / by setting $t_{i}=\mid \forall i: V_{i} \in S ; \quad \begin{aligned} & \text { of new operations and unfinished } \\ & \text { operations are }<=\text { to number of }\end{aligned}$
$I=1+1$;
return t;
\}

- Selection of which operations to include is based on a priority list indicating some sort of urgency measure

We will utilize same method of labeling vertices with weights indicating path to sink, choose
operations with highest weights







## Force-Directed Scheduling (FDS)

- Heuristic scheduling algorithms
- Consider the unscheduled CDFG under a physics-based spring model
- Operators are subjected to physical 'forces', both repelling and attracting them to particular time slices

- Goal is to find the optimal placement of vertices into a schedule, when subject to these 'forces'
- Minimum latency under resource-constraint
- Force directed list scheduling
- Extension of list scheduling algorithms
- Minimum resource under latency-constraint


## Force-Directed Scheduling (FDS) <br> Time Frames

- Time frame of an operation is the time interval where it can be scheduled
- Denoted by $\left\{\left[\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{s}}^{\mathrm{s}}, \mathrm{tt}\right] ; \mathrm{i}=0,1, \ldots, \mathrm{n}\right\}$
- Earliest and latest start times can be computed by ASAP and ALAP algorithms

- Width of time frame of an operation is equal to its mobility plus 1


## Force-Directed Scheduling (FDS)

- Force-Directed Scheduling
- Minimum resource under latency constraint
$\operatorname{FDS}(\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{V}, \mathrm{E}), \overline{\mathrm{A}}) \mathrm{K}$
repeat $\{$
Compute the time frames;
Compute the operations and type probabilities;
ompute the self-forces, predecessor/successor forces and total forces
Schedule the operation with least force and update its time-frame;
operations scheduled)
return (t);
\}


## Force-Directed Scheduling (FDS)

Operation Probability

- Operation Probability is a function
- Equal to zero outside of the corresponding time frame
- Equal to reciprocal of the frame width inside the time frame
- Denoted the probability of the operations at time $/$ by $\left\{\mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{i}}(\mathrm{O} ; \mathrm{i}=0,1, \ldots, \mathrm{n}\}\right.$
- What is the significance?
- Operations whose time frame is one unit wide are bound to start in one specific time
- For remaining operations, the larger the width, the lower the probability that the operation is scheduled in any given step inside the corresponding time frame
Force-Directed Scheduling (FDS)
Example 3


## Force-Directed Scheduling (FDS) Type Distribution

Type Distribution is the sum of probabilities of the operations implemented by a specific resource at any time step of interest

- Denote distribution at time $/$ by $\left\{q_{k}(1) ; k=1,2, \ldots, n_{m}\right.$
- Distribution graph is a plot of any operation-type distribution over the scheduled steps
- Shows likelihood that a resource is used at each scheduled step
- Uniform plot in a distribution graph means that a type is evenly scattered in the schedule and a
good measure of utilization


## Force-Directed Scheduling (FDS) <br> Example 4



## Force-Directed Scheduling (FDS) <br> Example 5

## Force-Directed Scheduling (FDS)

- Force-Directed Scheduling
- Minimum resource under latency constraint
$\operatorname{FDS}(G(V, E), \bar{\lambda}) \mathcal{K}$
repeat $\{$
Compute the time frames:
Compute the operations and type probabilities
Compute the self-forces, predecessor/successor forces and total forces;
Schedule the operation with least force and update its time-frame;
until (all operations scheduled)
return (t)
\}



## Force-Directed Scheduling (FDS)

 Self Force- Self Force
- Scheduling an operation will effect overal concurrency
- Every operation has "self force" for every C-step of its time frame
self force

Force $(\mathrm{i})=\mathrm{DG}(\mathrm{i})$ * $\mathbf{x}(\mathrm{i})$
$D G(i)=$ Current Distribution Graph value $x(i)=$ Change in operation's

Self Force( $\mathbf{j}$ ) $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ ₹ Force $(\mathbf{i})$



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return (t)
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minimize number of resources
minimize number of resources
Results have shown FDS superior to list scheduling, but run time are long for larger graph (limited usage)

## Force-Directed Scheduling (FDS)

- Previous example only looked at v6
- Algorithm tells us to calculate ALL unscheduled nodes, then schedule operation assignment with smallest force


## Conclusion

- Considered several types of scheduling algorithms

Unconstrained Scheduling - ASAP

- Latency-Constrained Scheduling - ALAP
- Resource-Constrained Scheduling - Hu's Algorithm
- Practical Scheduling problems possibly include multiple-cycle operations with different types
- Minimum-Latency, Resource-Constrained and Minimum-Resource, Latency-Constrained probiems become difficult to solve efficiently
- Heuristics developed
- List Scheduling (LIST_L)
- List Scheduling (LISTTR)
Force-directed Sche-uling
- Force-directed Sche
- Percolation Scheduling

