Compiling Techniques

Lecture 13: SSA Optimizations and Rewriting

SSA simplifies Optimization Design

AST   AST   IR   IR

Parser → **Semantic Analyzer** → **IR Generator** → **Optimizers** → Backend

→ **Errors**
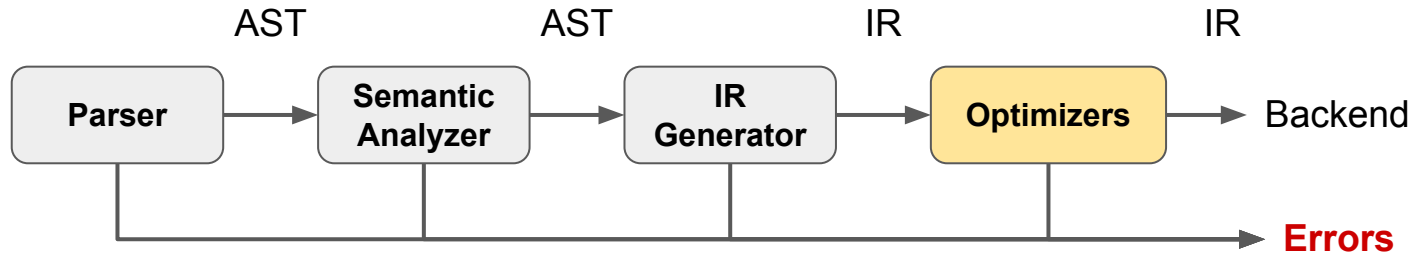
Reminder: Static Single-Assignment (SSA) Form

"A program is defined to be in ***Static Single-Assignment (SSA)*** *form if each variable is a target of exactly one assignment statement in the program text."*

An important property from this definition is *referential transparency:*

"An expression is called referentially transparent if it can be replaced with its corresponding value (and vice-versa) without changing the program's behaviour".

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A Simple Program: Can we Optimize It? **Yes!**

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What are the steps needed to optimize this program?

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Step 1: Constant Folding

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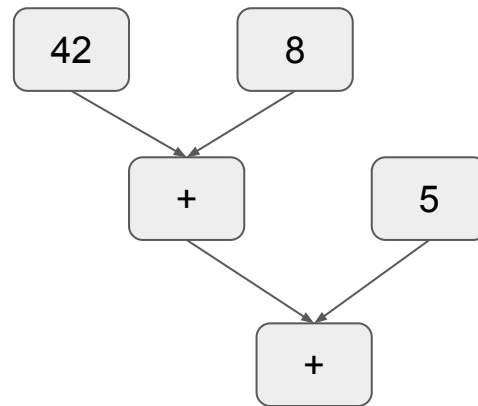```
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# Step 2: Dead Code Elimination

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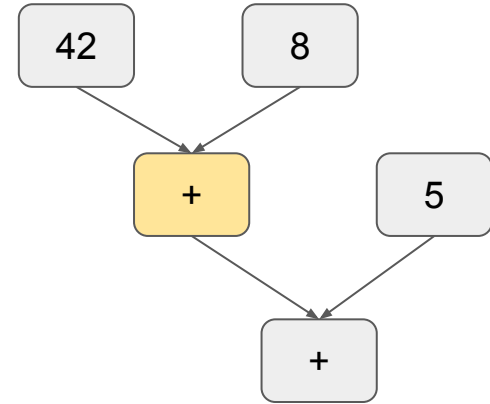%3 = "choco.ir.literal"() <{"value" = 50 : !i32}>
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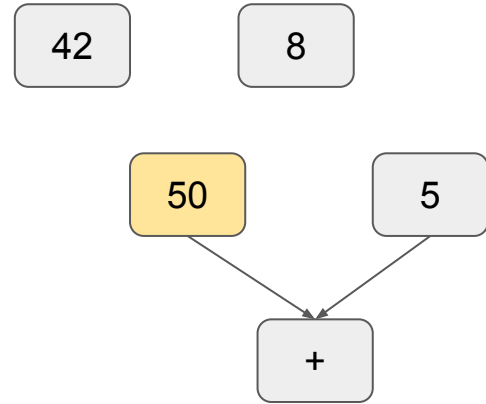
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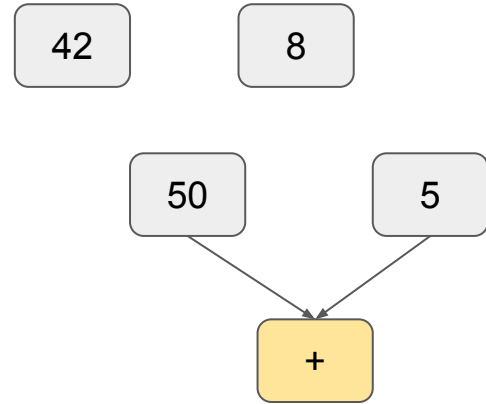
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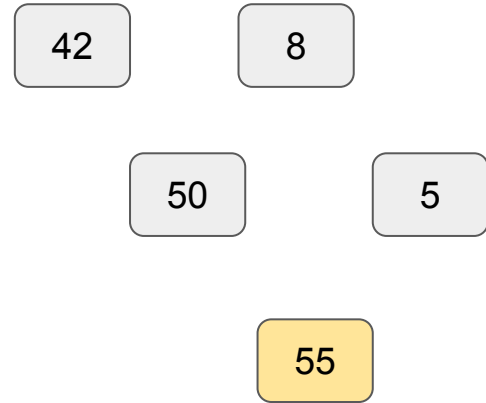

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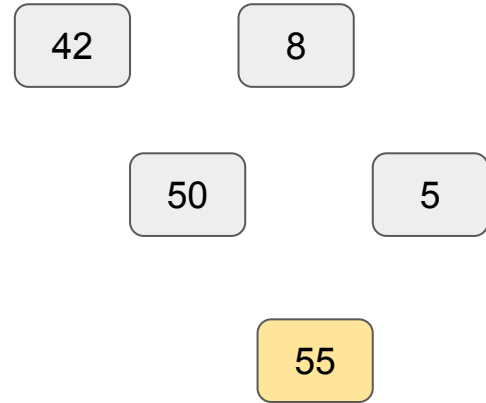
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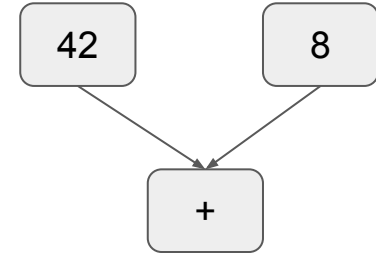
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Repeat
(if needed)

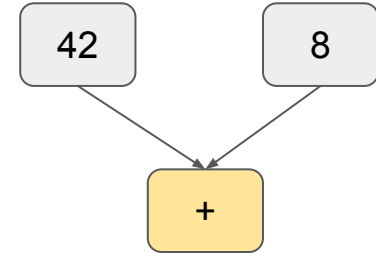# Dead Code Elimination

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1) Find binary_expr without users
2) Delete binary_expr

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3) Find literal without users

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4) Delete literal
5) Find literal without users
6) Delete literal

Pattern Rewriting aka. Peephole Optimizations
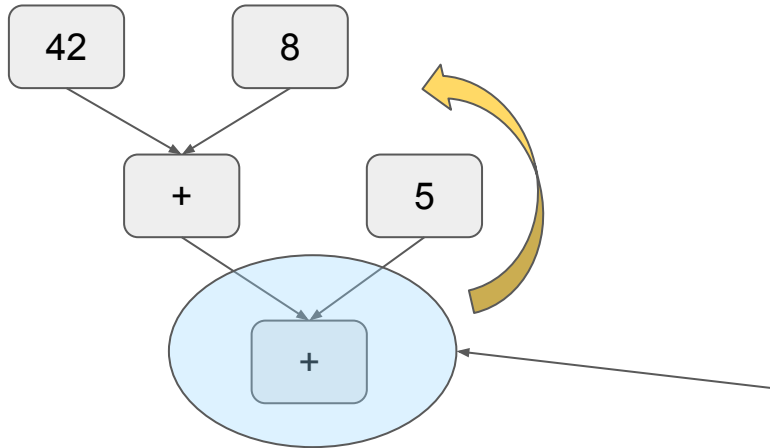
Match and Rewrite: Constant Folding

```python
@dataclass
class BinaryExprRewriter(RewritePattern):

    @op_type_rewrite_pattern
    def match_and_rewrite(self, expr: BinaryExpr, rewriter: PatternRewriter) -> None:
        if expr.op.data == '+':
            if isinstance(expr.lhs.op, Literal) and
                isinstance(expr.lhs.op, Literal):
                 lhs_value = expr.lhs.op.value.parameters[0].data
                 rhs_value = expr.rhs.op.value.parameters[0].data
                 result_value = lhs_value + rhs_value
                 new_constant = Literal.get(result_value)
                 rewriter.replace_op(expr, [new_constant])
        Return
```

Apply on Full Module

```
def choco_flat_constant_folding(ctx: MLContext, module: ModuleOp)
        -> ModuleOp:


    walker = PatternRewriteWalker(GreedyRewritePatternApplier([
        BinaryExprRewriter(),
    ]))

    walker.rewrite_module(module)
    return module
```

Match and Rewrite: Dead Code Implementation

```python
@dataclass
class LiteralRewriter(RewritePattern):

    @op_type_rewrite_pattern
    def match_and_rewrite(self, literal: Literal, rewriter: PatternRewriter) -> None:
        if len(literal.results[0].uses) == 0:
            rewriter.replace_op(literal, [], [None])
        Return

@dataclass
class BinaryExprRewriter(RewritePattern):

    @op_type_rewrite_pattern
    def match_and_rewrite(self, expr: BinaryExpr, rewriter: PatternRewriter) -> None:
        if len(expr.results[0].uses) == 0:
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        return
```

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def choco_dead_code_elimination(ctx: MLContext, module: ModuleOp)
        -> ModuleOp:


    walker = PatternRewriteWalker(GreedyRewritePatternApplier([
        LiteralRewriter(),
        BinaryExprRewriter(),
    ]), walk_reverse=True)

    walker.rewrite_module(module)
    return module
```