

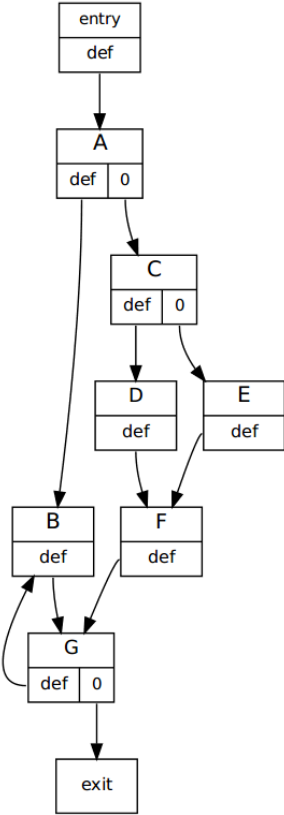
Dominator Trees

and incremental updates that transcend time

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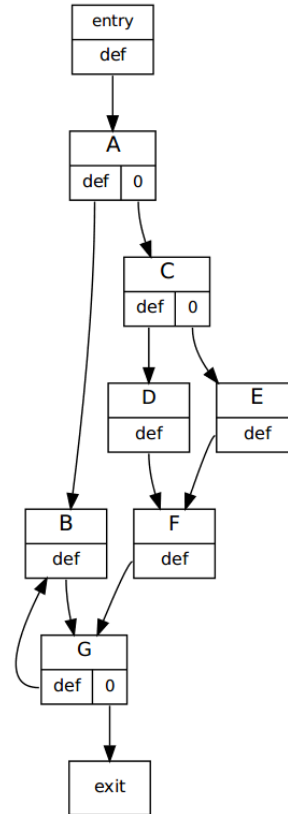
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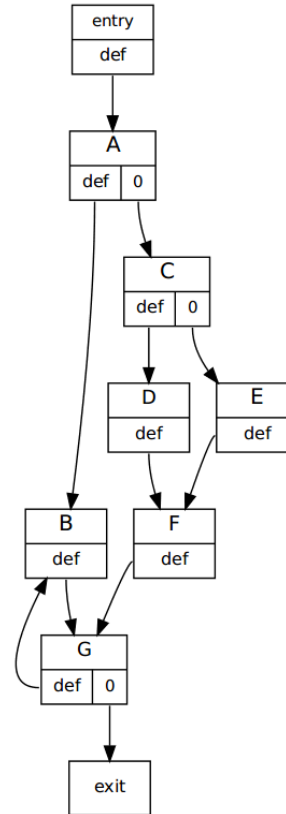


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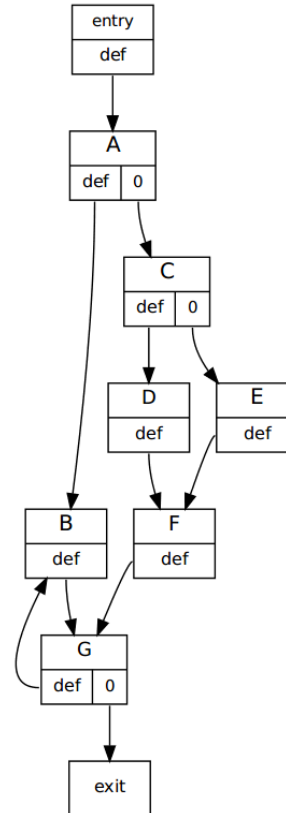
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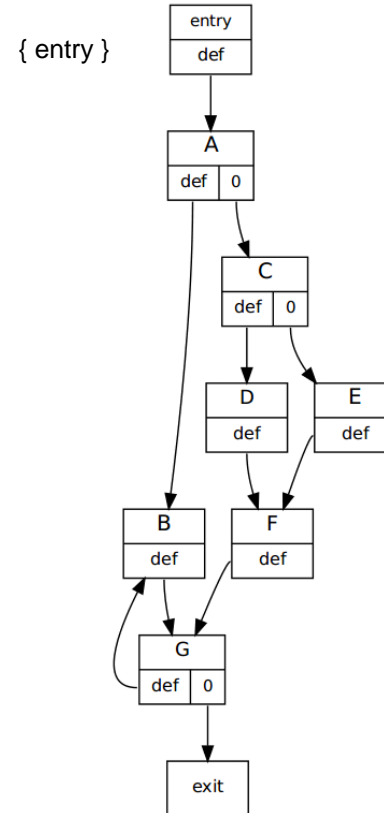
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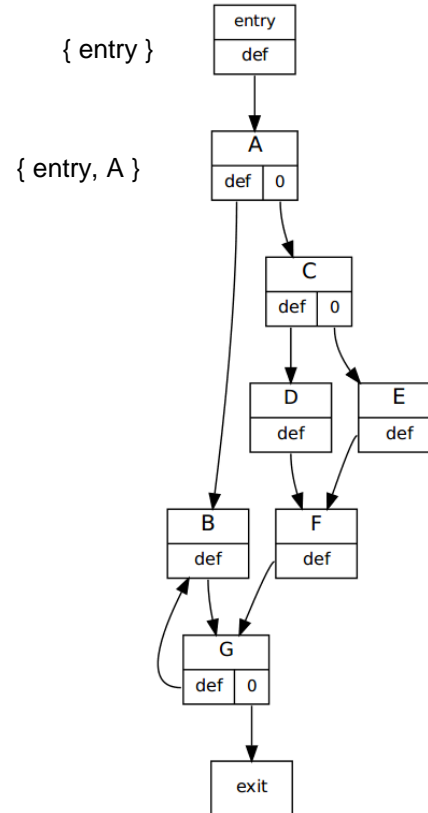
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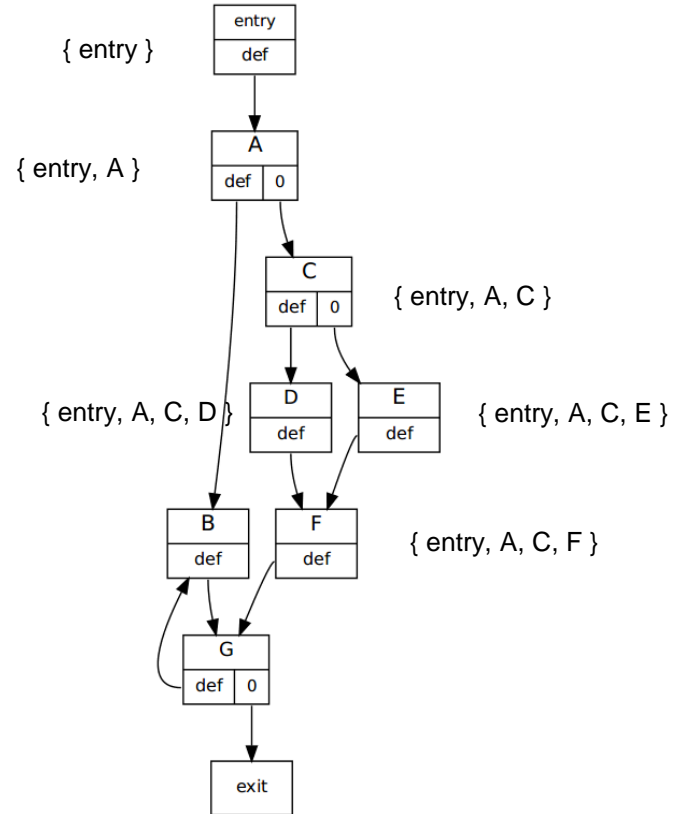
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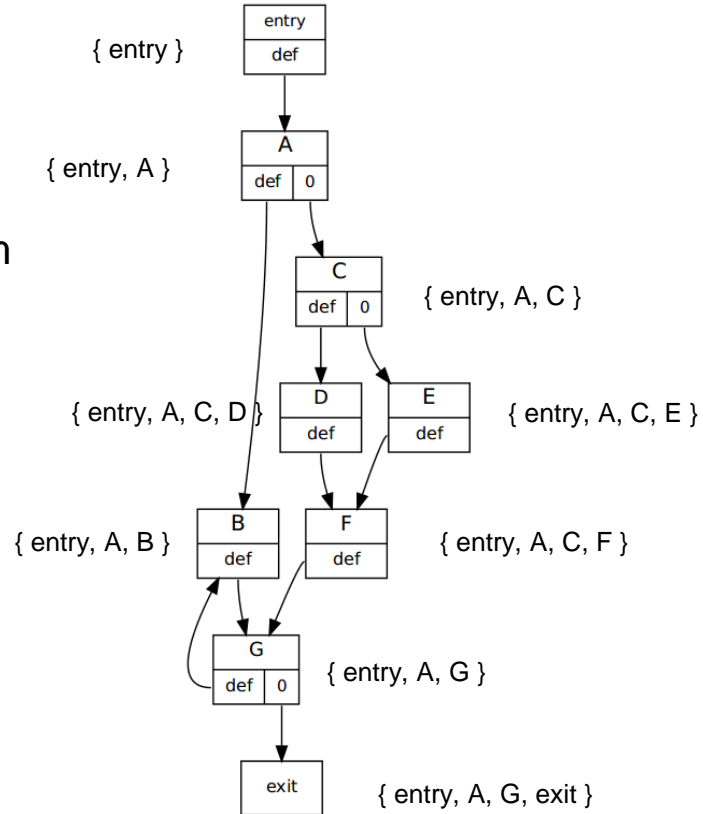
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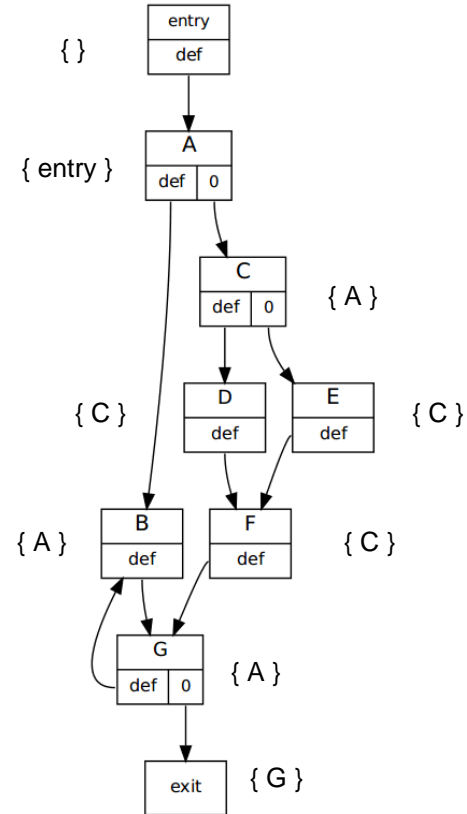
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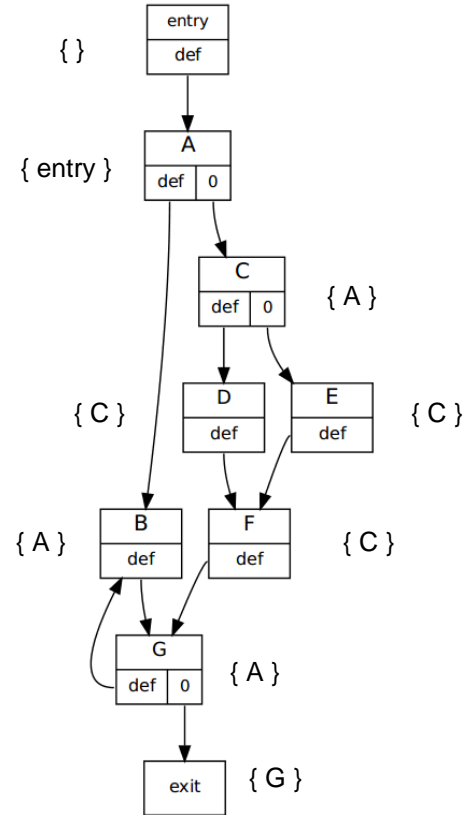
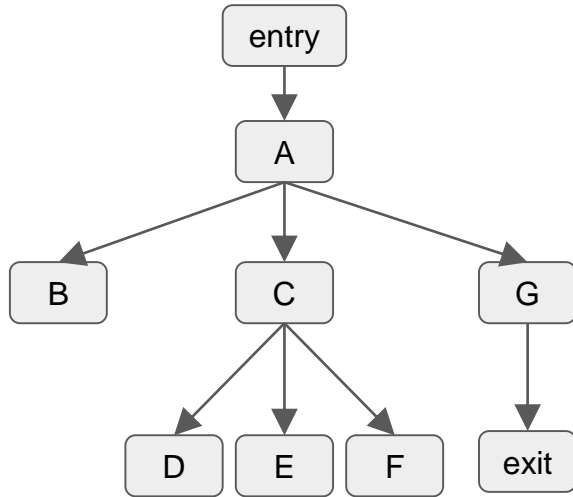
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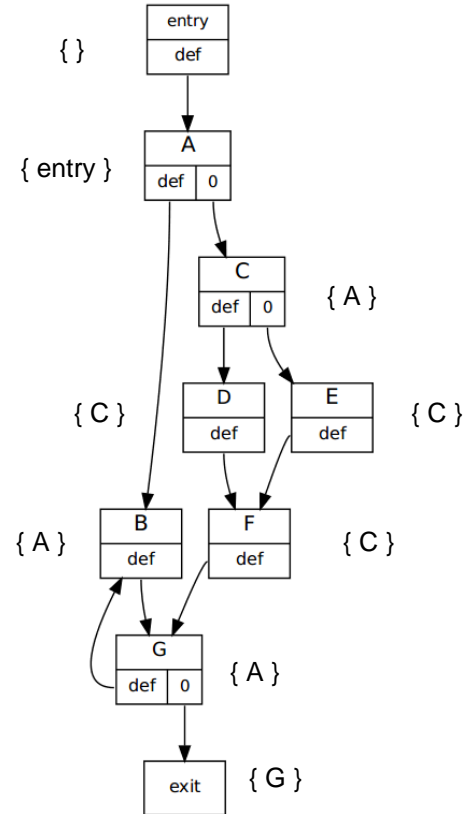
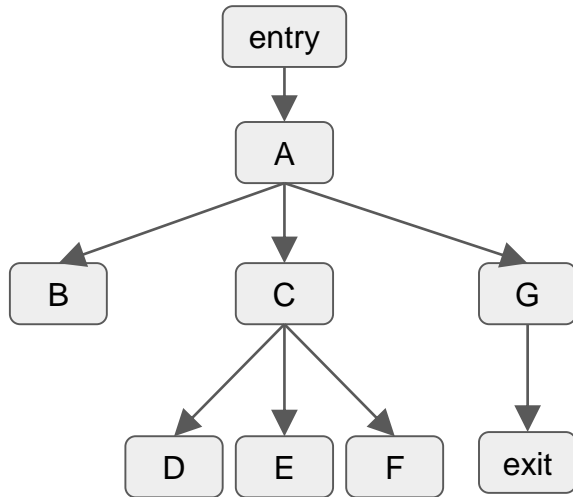
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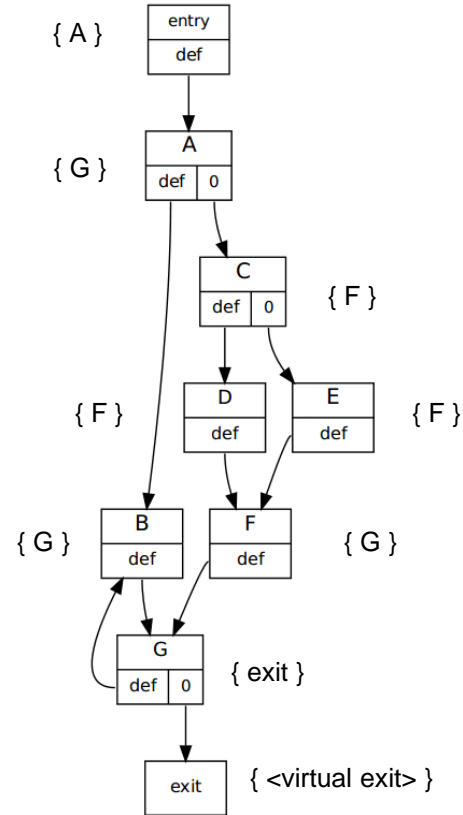
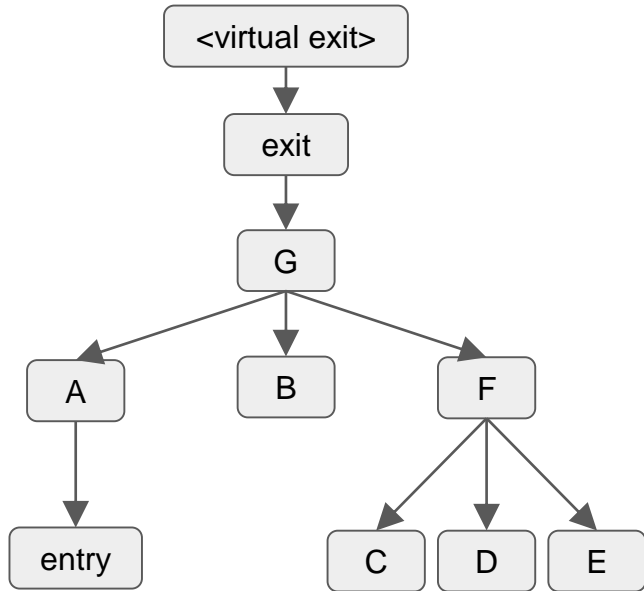
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Tree **T** is the **dominator tree** if and only if it has the **parent** and the **sibling** properties.



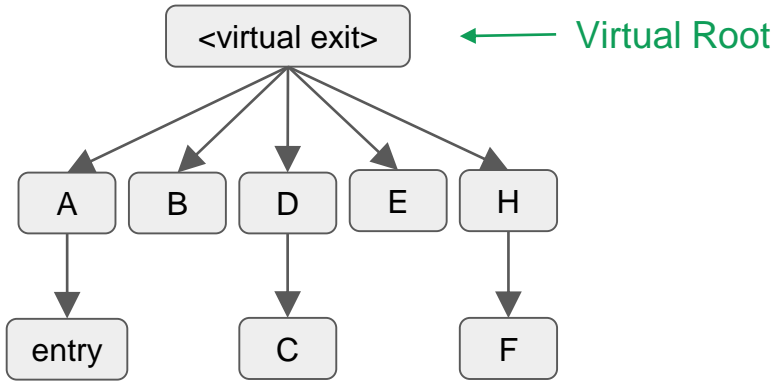
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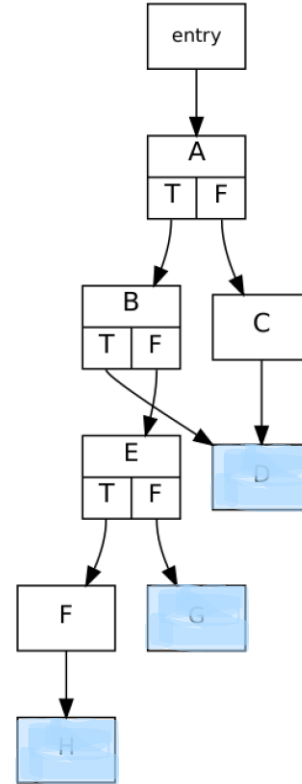


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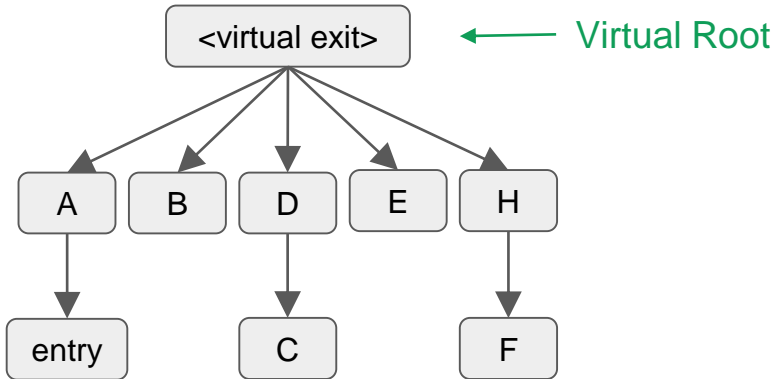


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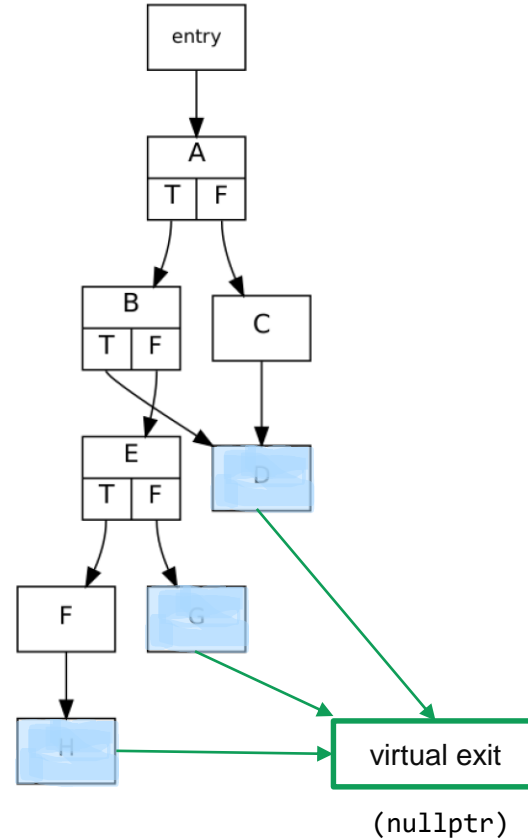


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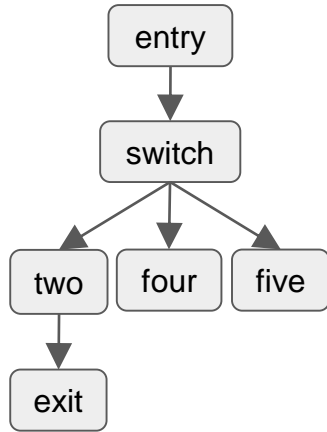
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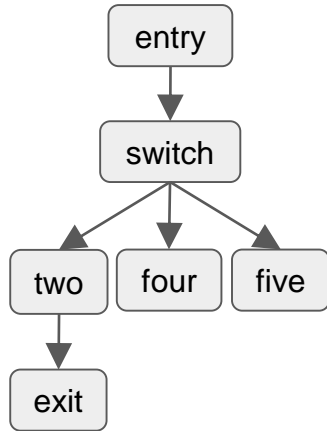
Inorder Dominator Tree: DFSNumbers invalid: 0 slow queries.

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[1] %entry {4294967295,4294967295} [0]
[2] %switch {4294967295,4294967295} [1]
[3] %five {4294967295,4294967295} [2]
[3] %two {4294967295,4294967295} [2]
[4] %exit {4294967295,4294967295} [3]
[3] %four {4294967295,4294967295} [2]
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calculated level

level stored in the tree node

Dominator Tree



Textual representation (for debugging)

DFS In/Out numbers – calculated lazily

Inorder Dominator Tree:
[1] %entry {1,12} [0]
[2] %switch {2,11} [1]
[3] %five {3,4} [2]
[3] %two {5,8} [2]
[4] %exit {6,7} [3]
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Dominators are important in SSA

- Every def must dominate its uses
 - ... in a valid piece of IR
- Dominators are used to compute the optimal placement of PHI nodes
 - DominanceFrontier

Use of dominators in LLVM

- Used with BasicBlocks
 - DominatorTree, PostDominatorTree
 - DominatorTreeWrapperPass, PostDominatorTreeWrapperPass
 - DominanceFrontier, IteratedDominanceFrontier
- Also with MachineBasicBlocks and Clang's CFG

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Problems

- There was no API for automatically updating the DominatorTree
 - Very low-level API for performing manual updates
 - Frequent DominatorTree recalculations
(1 million recalculations when optimizing clang fullLTO, ~3.2% of total optimization time)
- PostDominatorTree was virtually impossible to update manually
 - Too costly to maintain
 - Not used widely in practice

Goals

- Make updating the DominatorTree easy
 - To get rid of numerous extremely subtle bugs scattered across the whole optimizer
 - Reduce the number of recalculations
- Make the PostDominatorTree more viable to use
 - By making it possible to update it without doing full recalculations

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- What we have done:
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 - Switched from Simple Lengauer-Tarjan to Semi-NCA
 - Adapted the Depth Based Search algorithm to LLVM
 - Made improvements to the PostDominatorTree

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Clang fullLTO	0	-6.3	0	0.8
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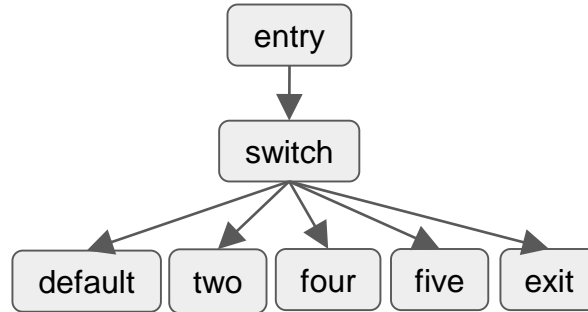
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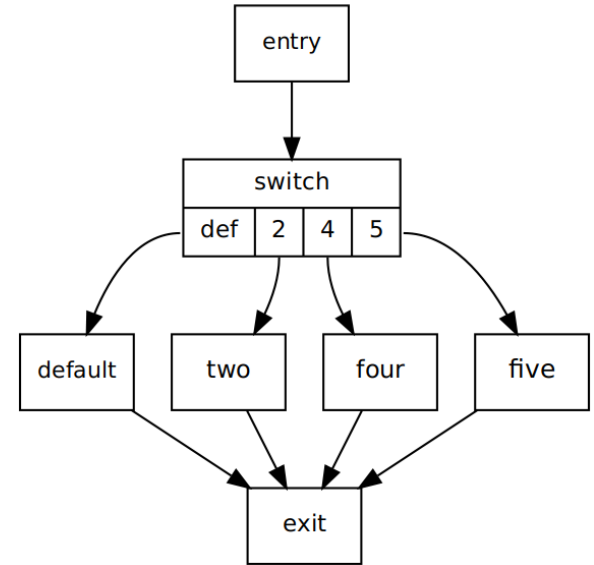
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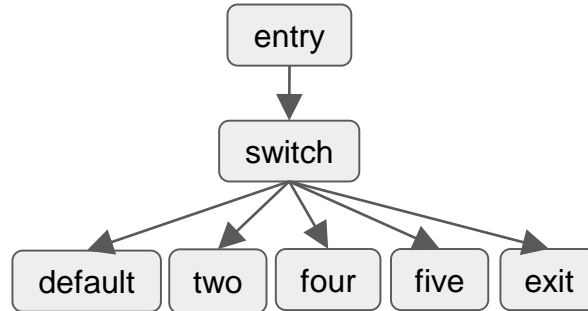
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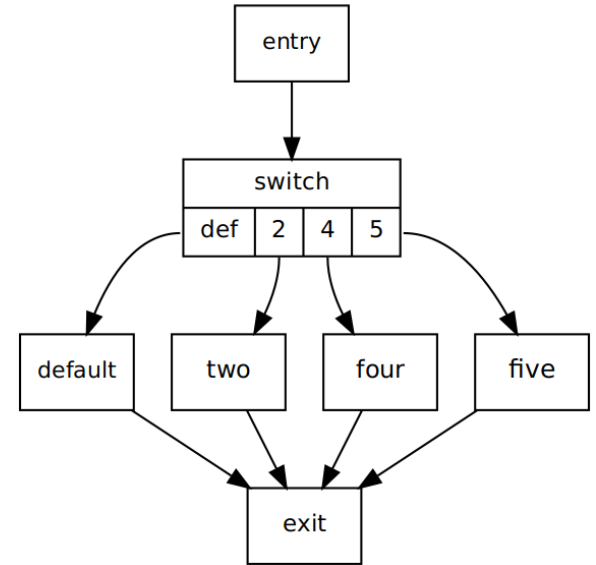
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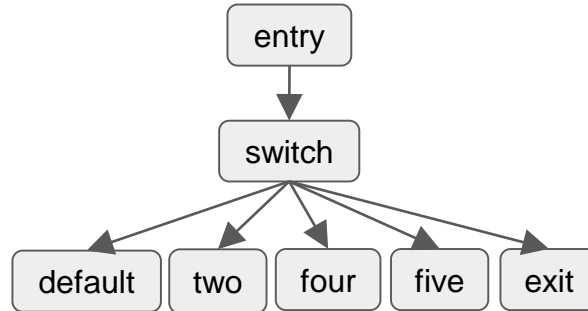
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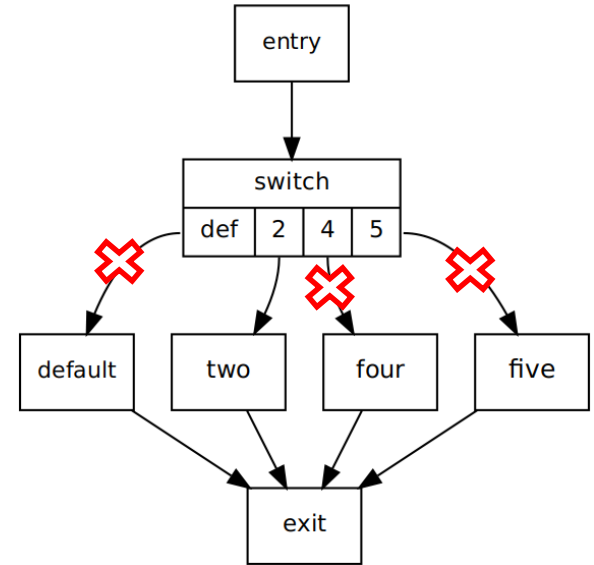
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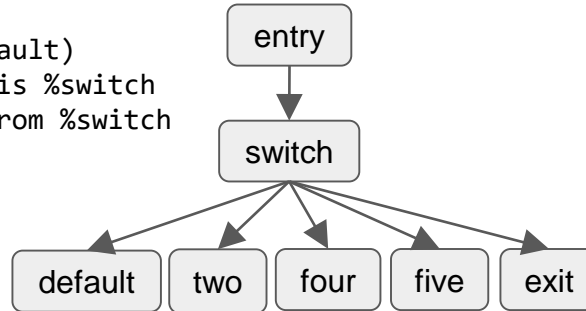
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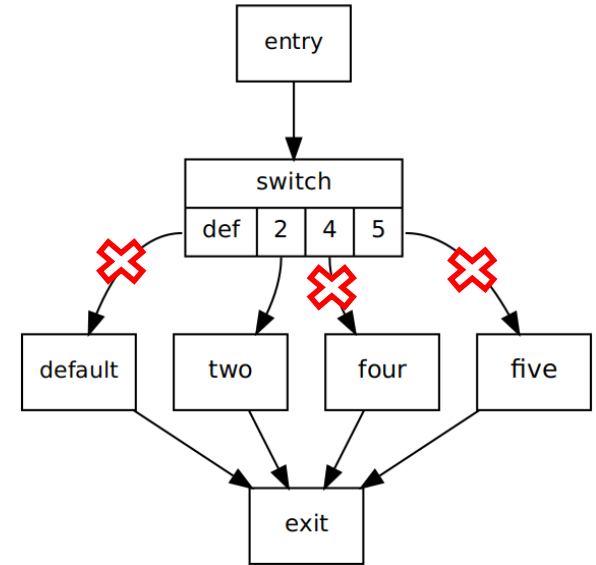
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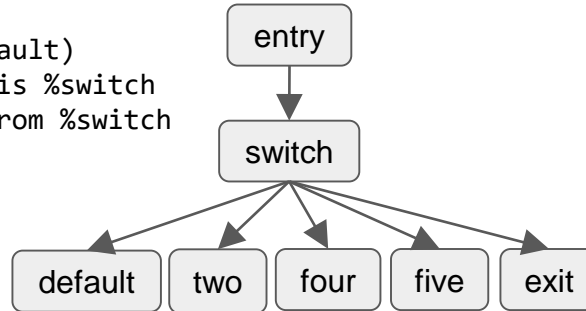
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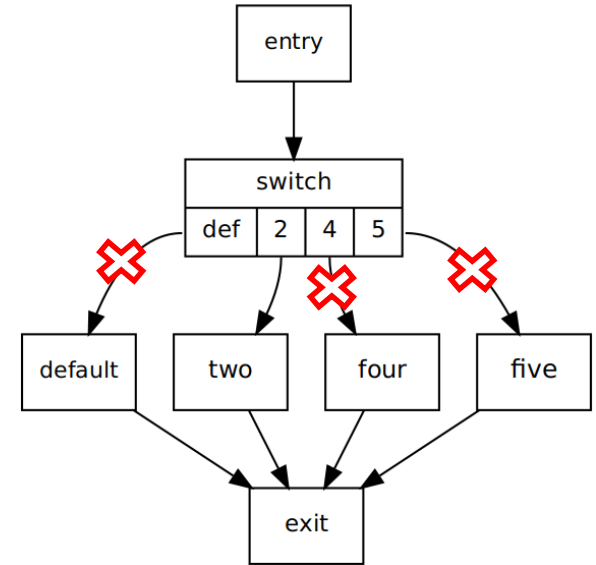
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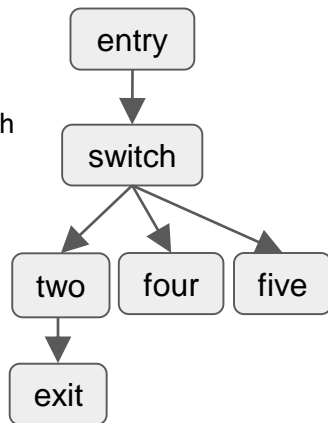
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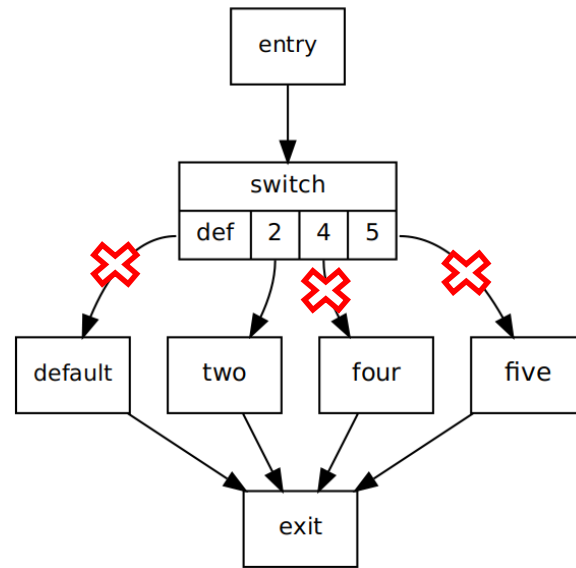
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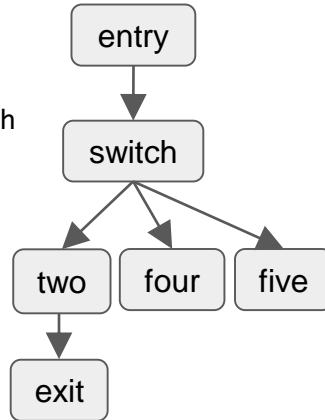
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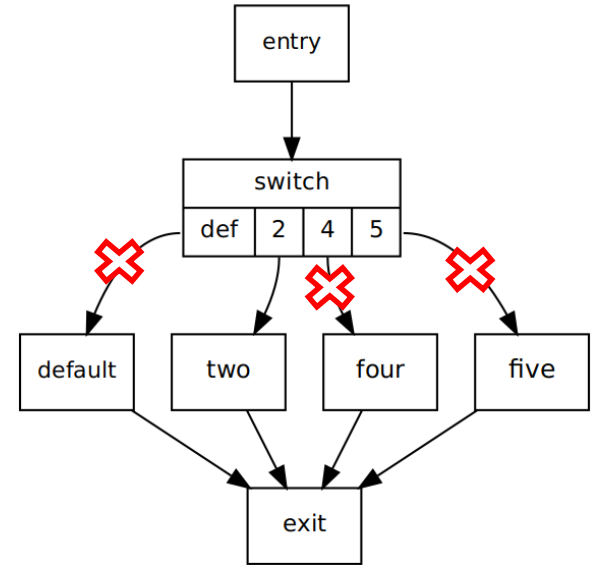
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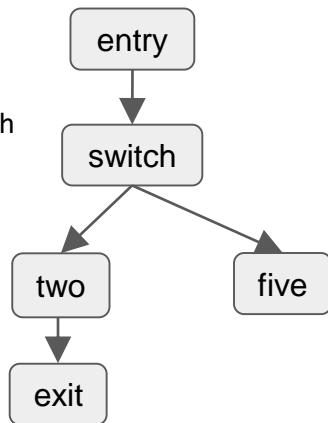
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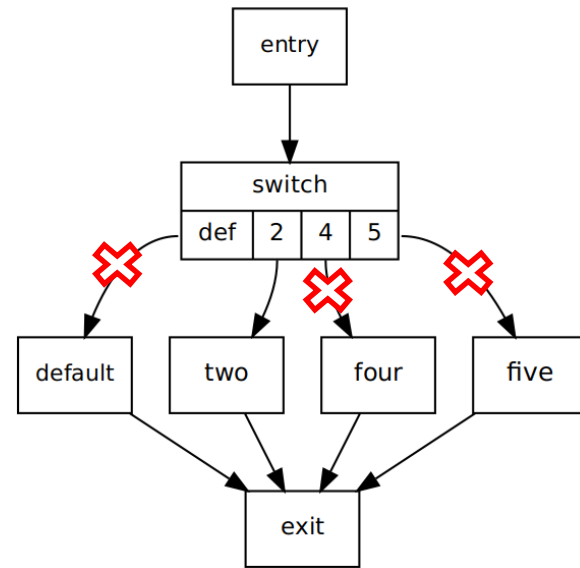
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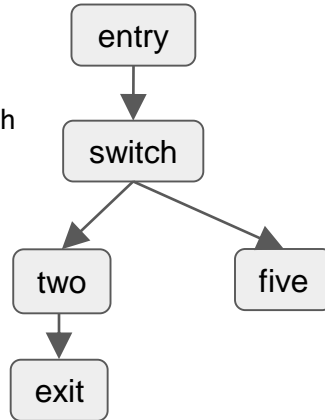
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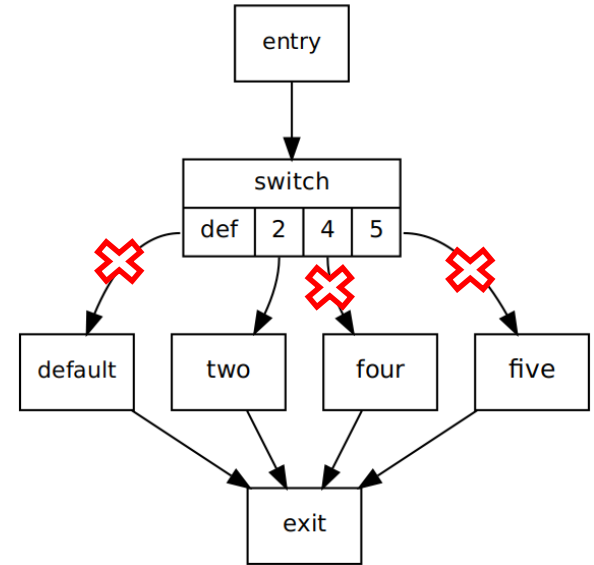
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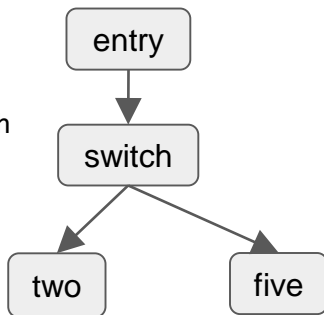
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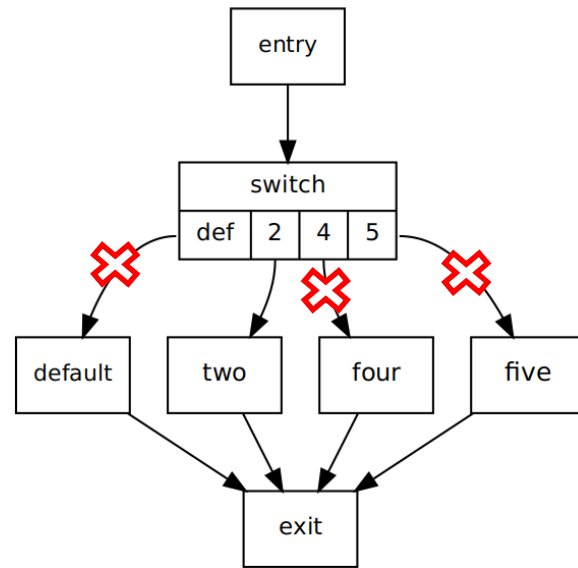
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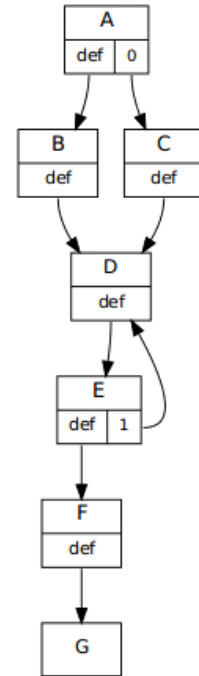
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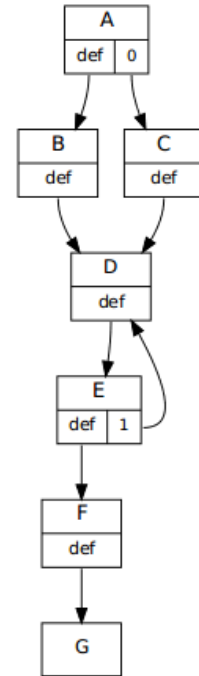
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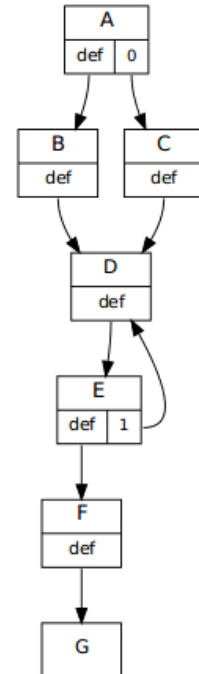


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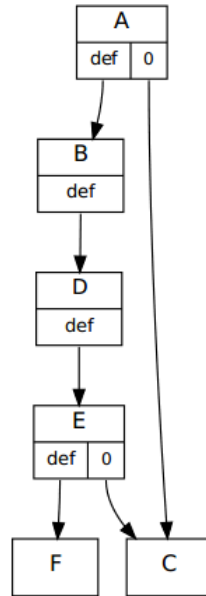


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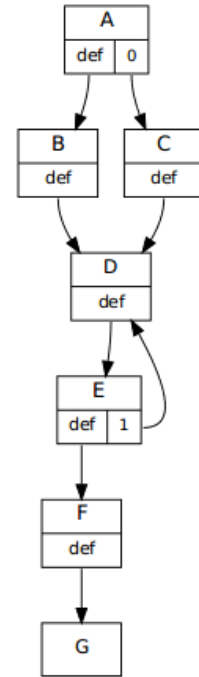
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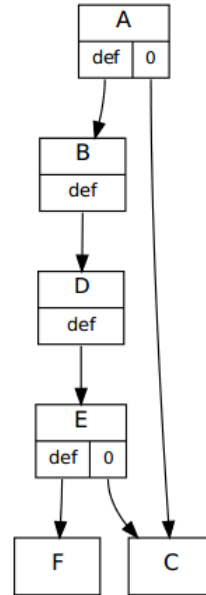
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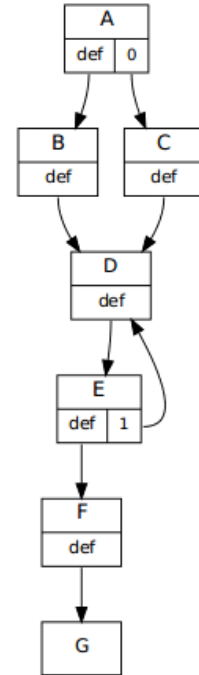
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Because every permutation of a sequence of updates yields the same DominatorTree, we are free to reorder them internally.

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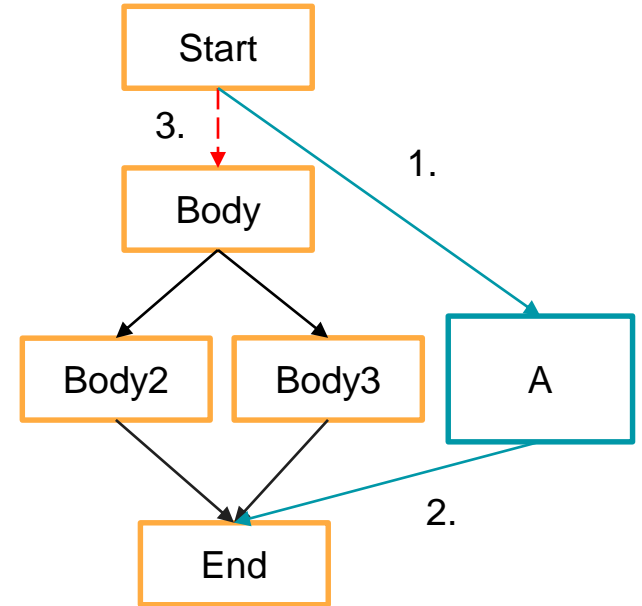


Batch update API

- `DT.applyUpdates(Updates)`

- In action:

```
0. SmallVector<DominatorTree::UpdateType, 3> Updates;  
1. Updates.push_back({DT::Insert, Start, A  });  
2. Updates.push_back({DT::Insert, A,      End });  
3. Updates.push_back({DT::Delete, Start, Body});  
4. DT.applyUpdates(Updates);
```



Batch update API

- Used to preserve dominators in:
 - LoopRerolling
 - LoopUnswitching
 - BreakCriticalEdges
 - AggressiveDeadCodeElimination
 - JumpThreading (by Samsung Research)

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New validation

- `verifyRoots` – checks if roots correspond to the CFG
- `verifyReachability` – checks if the same nodes are in the CFG and in the DT
- `verifyParentProperty` – ensures the parent property holds – $O(n^2)$
- `verifySiblingProperty` – ensures the sibling property holds – $O(n^3)$
- `verifyLevels` – checks if the tree levels stored in tree nodes are consistent
- `verifyDFSNumbers` – ensures that (not invalidated) DFS numbers are correct

verifyDFSNumbers – bugs possible to find

[Bug 34466](#) - opt crashes with "opt -instcombine -adce -newgvn -gvn-hoist ": Assertion `DT->dominates(NewBB, OldBB) && "invalid path"' failed

Status: RESOLVED FIXED

[Bug 34355](#) - opt crashes with "opt -gvn -gvn-hoist -instcombine -gvn-hoist -instcombine -adce -loop-vectorize": Assertion `Headers.size() >= 2 && "Expected irreducible CFG; -loop-info is likely invalid"' failed

Status: RESOLVED FIXED

Reported: 2017-08-28 22:06 PDT by Zhendong Su
Modified: 2017-09-26 15:14 PDT ([History](#))

[Bug 34461](#) - opt crashes with "opt -gvn -inline -slp-vectorizer -adce -gvn-hoist -sroa": Assertion `UBB == DBB' failed

Status: RESOLVED FIXED

[Bug 34345](#) - MemorySSA crashes when using ADCE preserved dominators. Assertion `dominates(MP, U) && "Memory PHI does not dominate it's uses"' failed.

Failing Tests (2):

Polly :: Isl/CodeGen/OpenMP/reference-argument-from-non-affine-region.ll

Polly :: Isl/CodeGen/OpenMP/two-parallel-loops-reference-outer-indvar.ll

[llvm] r314847 - [Dominator] Make eraseNode invalidate DFS numbers [llvm](#) x [llvm/llvm-commits](#) x

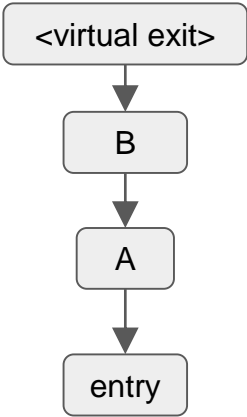
[llvm] r314254 - [Dominator] Invalidate DFS numbers upon edge deletions [llvm](#) x [llvm/llvm-commits](#) x

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Incorrect DFS numbers for:
  Parent %for.body13.i53 {18, 23}
  Child %cleanup.loopexit65 {21, 22}
All children: %cleanup.loopexit65 {21, 22},

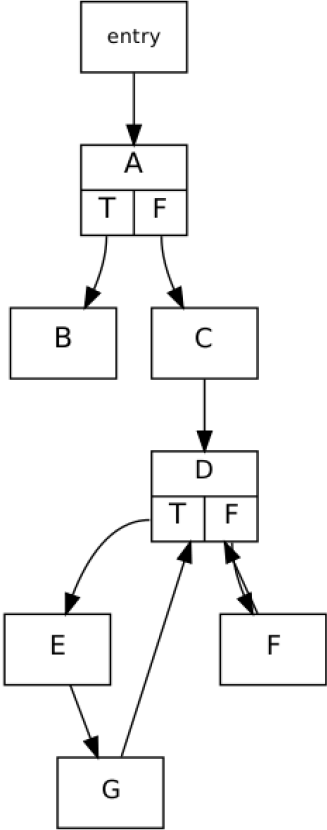
~~~~~
                        DomTree verification failed!
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Inorder Dominator Tree:
[1] %entry {0,59} [0]
[2] %while.cond.i {1,58} [1]
[3] %_ZN11_sanitizer15internal_strlenEPKc.exit {2,57} [2]
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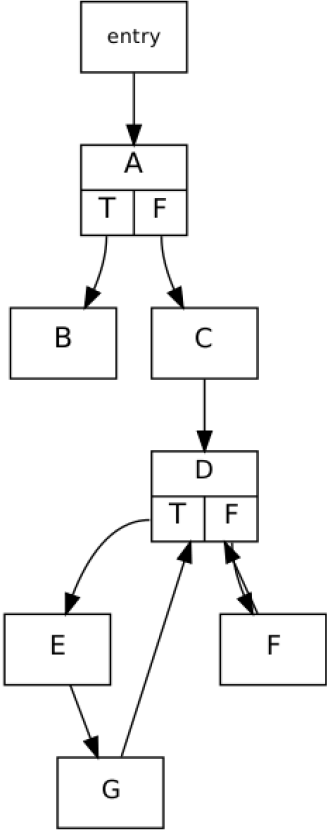
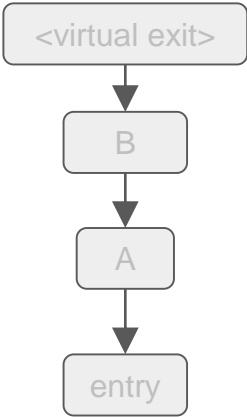


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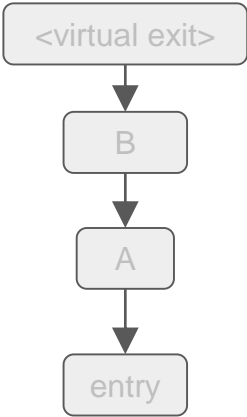
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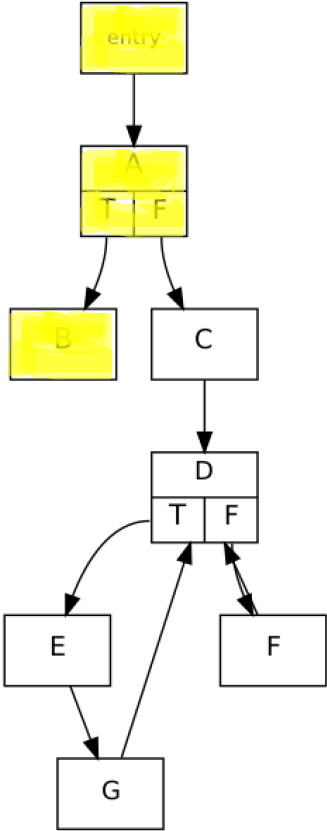


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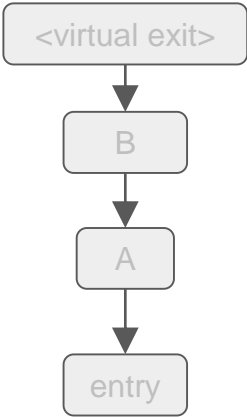


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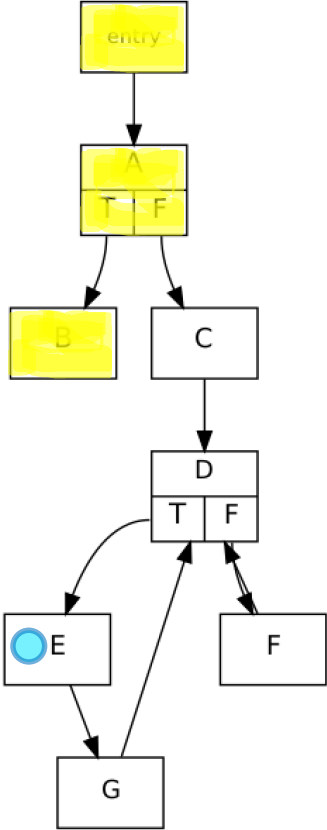


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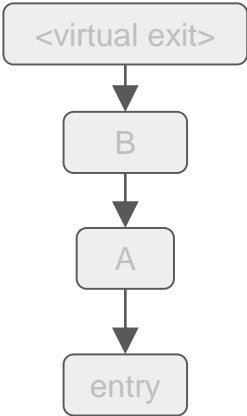


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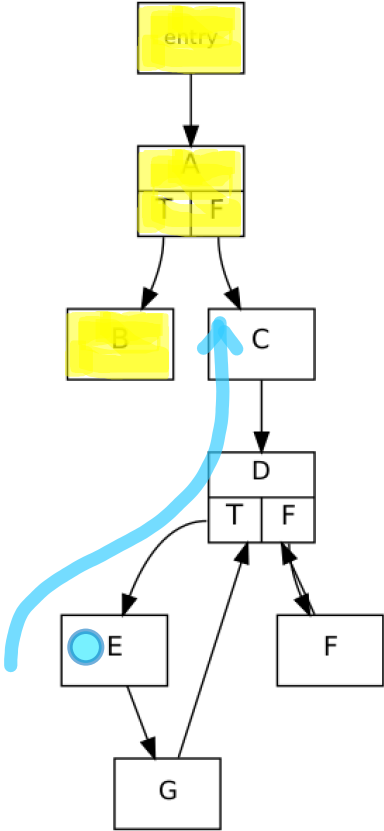


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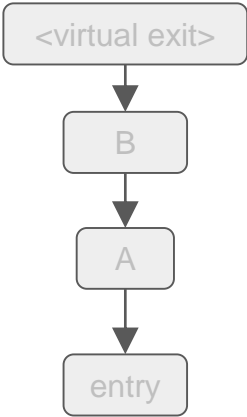


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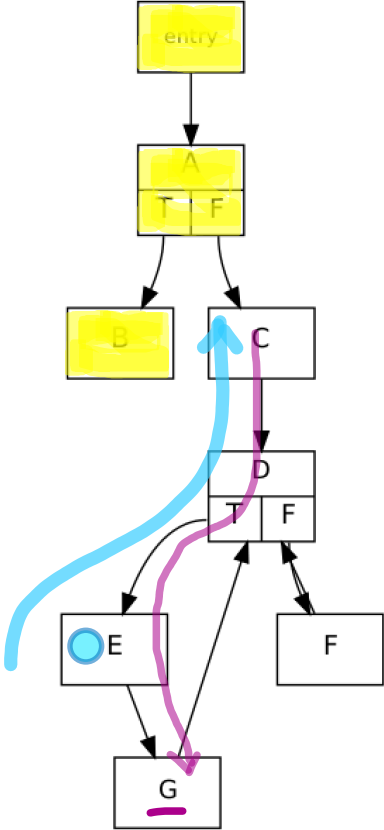


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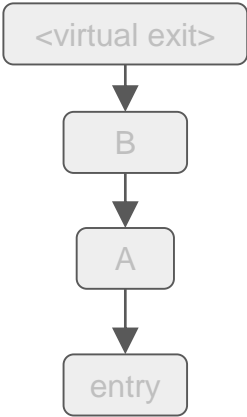


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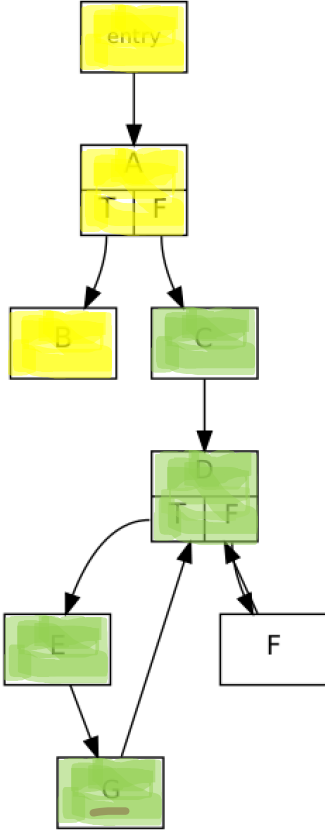


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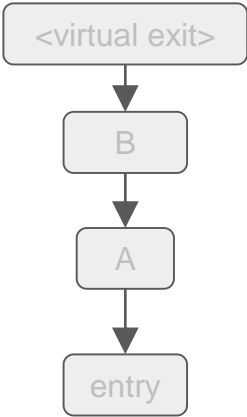


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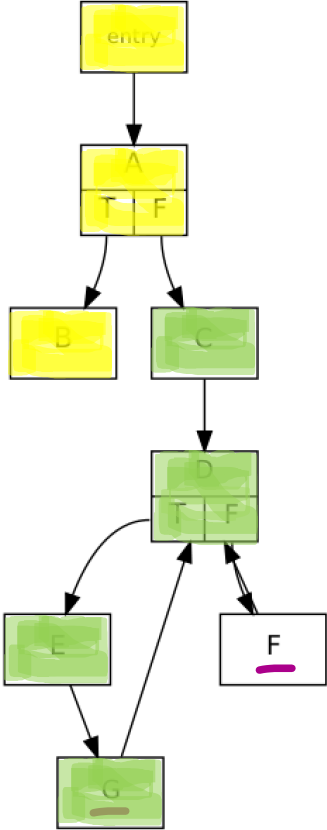


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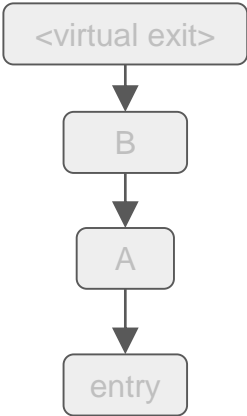


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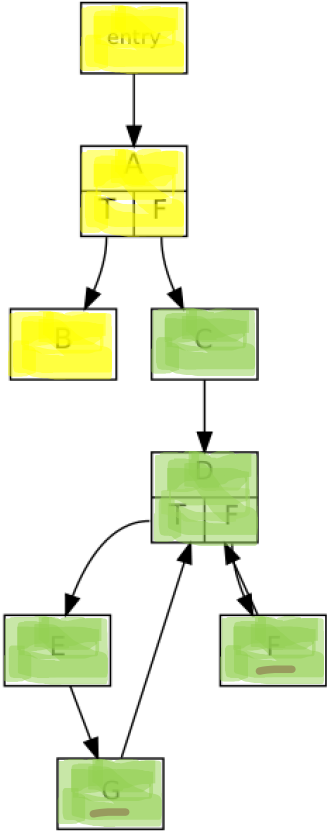


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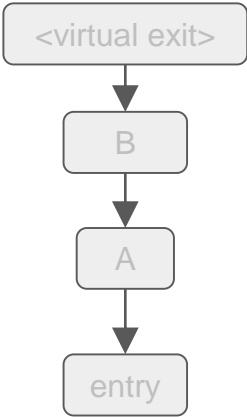


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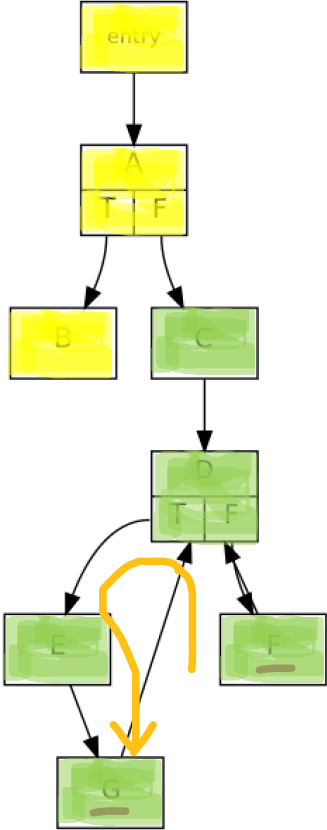


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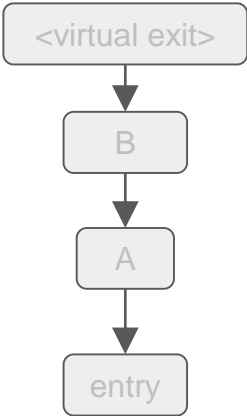


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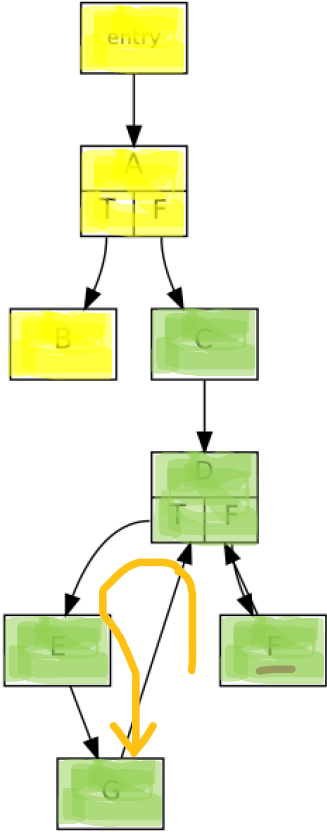


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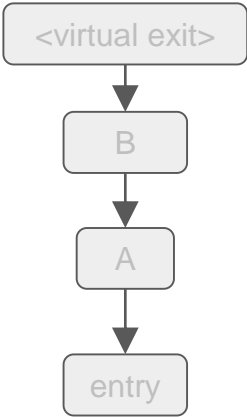


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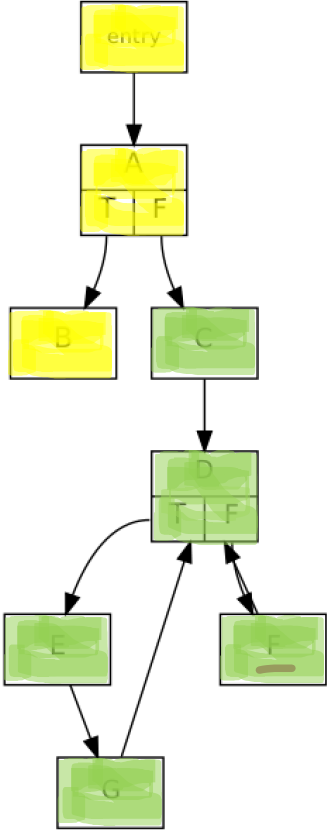


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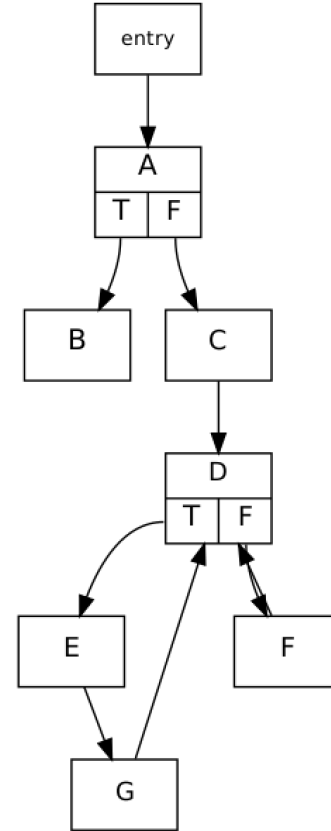
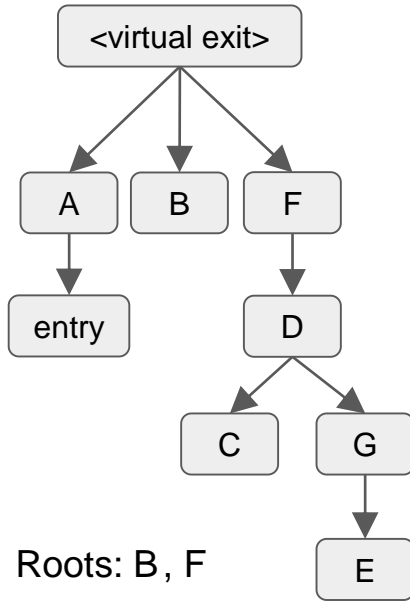


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Recalculations – currently, with the incremental API

Optimizing a fullLTO clang bitcode with -O3, assertions enabled.

(Experiments run on 2x E5-2670 CPU)

June 27 2017 – before switching to Semi-NCA

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PostDomTree: CFG nodes visited: 2,800,000
Nodes visited per second: 1,818,181
Recalculation time: 1.54s / 15m 15s → 0.16%

October 16 2017 – with incremental batch updates

DomTree recalculations: 1,040,000
DomTree updates: 163,500
DomTree: CFG nodes visited: 49,500,000
Nodes visited per second: 1,718,750
Recalculation time: 28.8s / 18m 52s → 2.54%
Update time: 0.6s / 18m 52s → 0.05%

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Optimization time: 2.1s / 18m 52s → 0.19%

TL;DR

- Use the incremental API `DT.applyUpdates()` instead of `DT.changeImmediateDominator(...)`
 - May be slower, but works for both dominators and postdominators
 - Is guaranteed to be correct
 - If it's too slow, let me know!
 - When in doubt, add `assert(DT.verify())` when working on your pass

Remaining problems

- Interface for incremental updates CFG-level, not IR-level
 - Operates on changed edges
 - Each transform has to collect affected edges on its own
 - Not easily expressible common idioms, e.g. `ReplaceAllUsesWith`
- After performing incremental updates, next pass may invalidate the Dominator Tree
 - It will be recalculated anyway

Future work

- Converting remaining passes to use the incremental updater
- Simpler interface – a single updater object able to update both the DominatorTree and PostDominatorTree
- Deferred batch updates – applied lazily when actually needed
- Properly profile and optimize the batch updater

Thank you

Questions?

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