HIGHER-LEVEL PROGRAM OPTIMIZATIONS FOR DATA ANALYTICS

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Abstract:
Many modern applications, especially those data analytics, often spend a large number of cycles on unnecessary computations. To find a document most similar to a query document, for instance, these applications typically would need to examine hundreds of thousands of other documents (that are not the most similar ones) in the dataset. Such redundant computations have been hidden in the useful instructions of the applications and are elusive for traditional compiler-based code optimizations. My work harnesses these hidden but significant optimization opportunities by raising the level of program optimizations from implementations to algorithms, and from instructions to formulas.

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