EECS 768 Virtual Machines - Chapter 4

- 1. What aspects of program behavior are most predictable? Why?
- 2. Explain the advantages and drawbacks of instrumentation-based and sampling-based mechanisms of collecting profiles.
- 3. Partition the profiled program flow-graph in Figure 1 into traces and superblocks (with duplication).

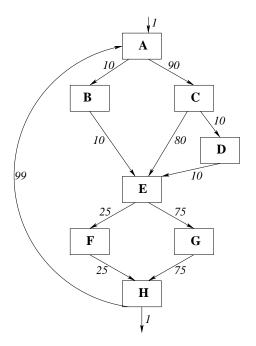


Figure 1: Profiled program control-flow graph

- 4. Given the below piece of code, perform the following transformations maintaining correctness as well as compatibility:
 - a. Move instruction #3 below the branch in instruction #4.
 - b. Move instruction #7 above the branch in instruction #4.
 - c. Move instruction #3 above instruction #2.
 - d. Move instruction #2 above instruction #1.
 - 1. R3 = R3 + 3
 - 2. mem(R1) <-- R5
 - 3. R7 = R2 * 4
 - 4. Br L2 if R2 == 0
 - 5. L1: R2 = R2 + 1
 - 6. goto L3
 - 7. L2: R2 = R2 + 2
 - 8. L3: ...