

# Modelling, Specification and Formal Analysis of Complex Software Systems

Precise Static Analysis of Programs with Dynamic Memory

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# STATIC ANALYSIS

Establish **automatically** that a **program** meets a **specification**.

## Specified Properties

- Explicit: “the program sorts the input list”  
→ specified using some formalism in assertions
- Implicit: “the program never dereferences a null pointer”  
→ specified as bad behaviour in semantics

## Automatic Technique

The user **could not interact** with the analyser during its running.

→ but may write program assertions, choose analysis parameters, ...

## FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM

### Consequence of Rice's Theorem

It is impossible to build **sound**, **complete**, and **automatic** analysers of non trivial **semantic** properties for programs written in a **Turing-complete** programming language.

What can be done?

- Confine to “trivial” classes of programming languages
  - model-checking finite automata, but manage state explosion 😞
- Give up “automation”
  - interactive theorem provers 😐
- Give up “soundness” by looking at bounded executions
  - testing, bounded model-checking, but manage false negatives 😕
- Give up “completeness” by using property preserving abstractions
  - type-checking, data flow analysis, **abstract interpretation** 😊

## SOME INDUSTRIAL SUCCESS STORIES

- Numerical programs: PolySpace (1996-), Astrée (2002-)
- Device drivers: SLAM (2000-)
- Programs with dynamic memory: Infer (2015-)

# STATIC ANALYSIS INTERFACE

## Inputs:

- Program and its **formal concrete semantics**
- User's assertions
- Targeted **class of properties**

## Outputs:

- Program properties valid for **all** concrete executions
- Alarms about unsatisfied specifications, some may be **false alarms**

## MAIN INGREDIENT: PROPERTY-PRESERVING ABSTRACTION

### Abstraction process

Interpret the program according to a simplified, “abstract” semantics.

### Property-preserving abstraction

Formally show that the “abstract” semantics preserves the relevant properties of the “concrete” (program) semantics.

### Preservation of properties

Interpretation with the abstract semantics therefore gives sound information about the properties of concrete executions.

## CHALLENGE

Find **abstractions** with

- ① High precision → fewer false alarms
- ② Low complexity → scale-up to bigger programs

## STATIC ANALYSIS EXAMPLE: NULL POINTER ALIASING

### Objective of analysis

Discover for each program point if a pointer variable may have the null value at the run time.

The abstract semantics tracks the following properties for each pointer variable  $x$ :

$x = \text{null}$

$x \neq \text{null}$

## STATIC ANALYSIS EXAMPLE: NULL POINTER ALIASING

```
list* search(list* h, int key) {  
  
    list* it = h;  
  
    bool b = false;  
  
  
    while (it != NULL && !b) {  
  
        if (it->data == key)  
            b = true;  
        else  
  
            it = it->next;  
  
    }  
  
    return it;  
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}
```

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## Main properties

Variables aliasing, **data structures separation**, **shape of the heap**, **size of the heap**, ...

## Applications

- Understand design choices of new programming languages
- Program optimisation
- Verification of implicit and explicit specifications
- Optimise compilers for imperative and functional languages

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Open problem: increase precision while preserving scalability

→ shape analysis [Larus&Hilfinger,88, Horwitz&al,89,...]

## MOTIVATION FOR SHAPE ANALYSIS

```
/* @brief Reverse list @p l in place and return the new head */
list* reverse(list* l) {
    list* f = l;
    list* r = NULL;

    while (f != NULL) { // !!!
        list *t = f->next;

        f->next = r;

        r = f; f = t;
    }

    return r;
}
```

Targeted properties:  $\text{list}(l, \text{null})$ ,  $\text{list}(r, \text{null})$ ,  $r \xrightarrow{\text{next}} l, \dots$

## MOTIVATION FOR SHAPE ANALYSIS

```
/* @brief Search @p key in the sorted list @p l*/
list* search(list* l, int key);

int main(void) {
    ...
    list* h = list_init(d); // initialises with 0..d
    ...
    x = search(h, d-1);

    y = x->next; // !!!
    ...
}
```

Targeted properties: `list(h, null)` of data `0..d`

# ABSTRACTIONS TECHNIQUES FOR SHAPE ANALYSIS

## Automata-based:

- finite automata in PALE [Møller,01]
- tree automata in Forester & Predator [Vojnar *et al*,11]
- counter automata [Bouajjani *et al*,06]

## Logic-based:

- Boolean abstraction [Wies *et al*,09]
- 3-valued logic [TVLA – Sagiv *et al*]
- Separation Logic [Smallfoot, Infer – O’Hearn *et al*,01], [MemCAD – Rival *et al*,07], [Celia – S. *et al*,10]
- FO with reachability [Yorsh *et al*,06], [Bouajjani *et al*,09], [Madhusudan *et al*,11]

... and many others! (see [Hind,01]) Sorry for no credits in this talk... ☹

## THIS LECTURE

Logic-based abstractions for static analysis of shape and content properties using abstract interpretation.

### Desired properties for the logic

- High **expressivity** → precision of analysis
- High **efficiency** for
  - computing interpretation of program statements
  - soundly testing satisfiability and entailment of assertions
- Encoding in **a complete lattice** → abstract interpretation

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We consider the IMPR toy language to focus on the properties targeted by our analyses.

## Included:

- numeric types
- pointer to record types
- strong typing
- explicit heap (de-)allocation
- recursive functions

## Excluded:

- expressions with side effect 😊
- uninitialised allocation of memory (stack or heap) 😐
- union and array types 😐
- pointer arithmetics and casting 😕
- pointer to functions 😕
- pointers inside the stack 😕
- ...

Some excluded features are easy (😊) or elaborate (😐) for our analyses.



## CLASS OF PROGRAMS: TYPES

### Basic Types

Numeric types  $DT \in \mathbf{DT}$  on which are defined operations  $o \in \mathbf{O}$  and boolean relations  $r \in \mathbf{R}$ ;  $\mathbb{D}$  is the union of numerical domains.

### Record types

User defined types are record types  $RT \in \mathbf{RT}$ , defined by a set of numeric  $df \in \mathbf{DF}$  or reference  $rf \in \mathbf{RF}$  fields as follows:

```
struct RT { ty1 f1; ... tyn fn; };
```

with  $tyi ::= DT \mid RT^*$  and  $fi \in FS = DF \cup RF$ .

# CLASS OF PROGRAMS: VARIABLES AND PROCEDURES

Language **strongly typed** except the null constant!

## Variable declaration

Numeric variables  $dv \in DV$  and reference variables  $rv \in RV$  are either declared global or local to some procedure.

## Procedure declaration

Explicit syntax for output parameters; all procedures return a result.

```
ty P(ty1 v1, ..., tyn out vn)
  { // declarations for local variables
    ty v;
startP:   // sequence of statements
            ...; v = ...; ...
            return v;
endP:     }
```

# CLASS OF PROGRAMS: EXPRESSIONS AND STATEMENTS

## Boolean and numeric expressions

Fixed evaluation order of arguments; no side effects.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{be} &::= \text{bcst} \mid \text{bv} \mid \text{r}(\overrightarrow{\text{de}}) \mid \text{rv}_1 == \text{rv}_2 \mid !\text{be} \mid \text{be} \wedge \text{be} \mid \text{be} \vee \text{be} \\ \text{de} &::= \text{dcst} \mid \text{dv} \mid \text{o}(\overrightarrow{\text{de}}) \mid \text{rv} \rightarrow \text{df} \end{aligned}$$

## Reference expressions

No arithmetics on references!

$$\text{re} ::= \text{null} \mid \text{rv} \mid \text{rv} \rightarrow \text{rf}$$

## Statements

Restricted procedure call; explicit dynamic memory (de)allocation.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{astmt} &::= \text{dv} = \text{de} \mid \text{rv} \rightarrow \text{df} = \text{de} \mid \text{rv} = \text{re} \mid \text{rv} \rightarrow \text{rf} = \text{re} \mid \text{bv} = \text{be} \\ &\quad \mid \text{rv} = \text{new RT} \mid \text{free(rv)} \mid \text{nop} \\ \text{stmt} &::= \text{astmt} \mid \text{v} = \text{P}(\overrightarrow{\text{v}}) \mid \text{stmt}; \text{stmt} \mid \text{if...} \mid \text{while...} \end{aligned}$$

## EXAMPLE REVISITED

```
struct list { int data; list* next};  
  
list* search(list* h, int key) {  
    list* it; bool b;  
    it = h;  
    b = false;  
    while (!(it == NULL ∨ b)) {  
        if (it->data == key)  
            b = true;  
        else  
            it = it->next;  
    }  
    return it;  
}
```

Memory configs     $\text{Mem} \triangleq \text{Stacks} \times \text{Heaps} \ni m$

## Store-less Heap

Absence of arithmetics over addresses permits the store-less semantics,  
*i.e.* the heap locations are represented by a domain  $(\mathbb{L}, =)$ .

## Strongly-typed Heap

Strong typing permits indexing of heap locations by program types, *i.e.*

$$\mathbb{L} = \{\square\} \cup \bigcup_{ty \in RT^*} \mathbb{L}_{ty}$$

with  $\square$  (for null) the only untyped value.

Then, the heap formal model is:

$$H \in \text{Heaps} \triangleq [(\mathbb{L} \times FS) \rightarrow (\mathbb{D} \cup \mathbb{L})]$$

with  $H(\square, f)$  undefined for any  $H$  and  $f$ .

## FORMAL SEMANTICS: EXECUTIONS

Control points  $\mathbf{CP} \ni \ell, \ell'$

$\ni \textcolor{red}{start_P, end_P}$  for each procedure  $P \in \mathbf{P}$

Stack

Stacks  $\triangleq [(\mathbf{CP} \times \mathbf{P} \times (\mathbf{DV} \leftrightarrow \mathbb{D} \cup \mathbf{RV} \leftrightarrow \mathbb{L}))^*] \ni S$

Memory

Mem  $\triangleq$  Stacks  $\times$  Heaps  $\ni m$

Configurations

Config  $\triangleq \mathbf{CP} \times (\mathbf{Mem} \cup \{\textcolor{red}{merr}\}) \ni C$

### Natural Semantics Predicates

$C \vdash stmt \rightsquigarrow C'$

$m \vdash astmt \rightsquigarrow m' \mid merr$

$m \vdash be \rightsquigarrow b \mid merr$

$m \vdash de \rightsquigarrow c \mid merr$

$m \vdash re \rightsquigarrow a \mid merr$

with  $b \in \{\text{true}, \text{false}\}$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{D}$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{L}$ .

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No garbage detection

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*m(rv) = a ≠ ⊗*

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*m(rv → df) ∼ c*

*m(rv → df) ∼ merr*

*See procedure call in the second part!*

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} m(rv) = a \neq \otimes \\ m \vdash \text{free}(rv); \rightsquigarrow m[rv \leftarrow \otimes] \end{array}}{m \vdash \text{free}(rv); \rightsquigarrow merr}$$

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*Infinite heap*

*By default initialisation*

# FROM PROGRAM TEXT TO GRAPH MODEL

## Definition

An **inter-procedural control flow graph** (ICFG) over a set of operations  $\text{Op}$  is a tuple  $\langle V, \text{Op}, \rightarrow, \text{start}, \text{end} \rangle$  where:

- $V$  is a finite set of vertices,
- $\text{start} \in V$  is a *starting vertex* and  $\text{end} \in V$  is a *final vertex*,
- $\text{Op}$  is a finite set of *labels*,
- $\rightarrow \subseteq V \times \text{Op} \times V$  is a finite set of *edges*.

For our class of program

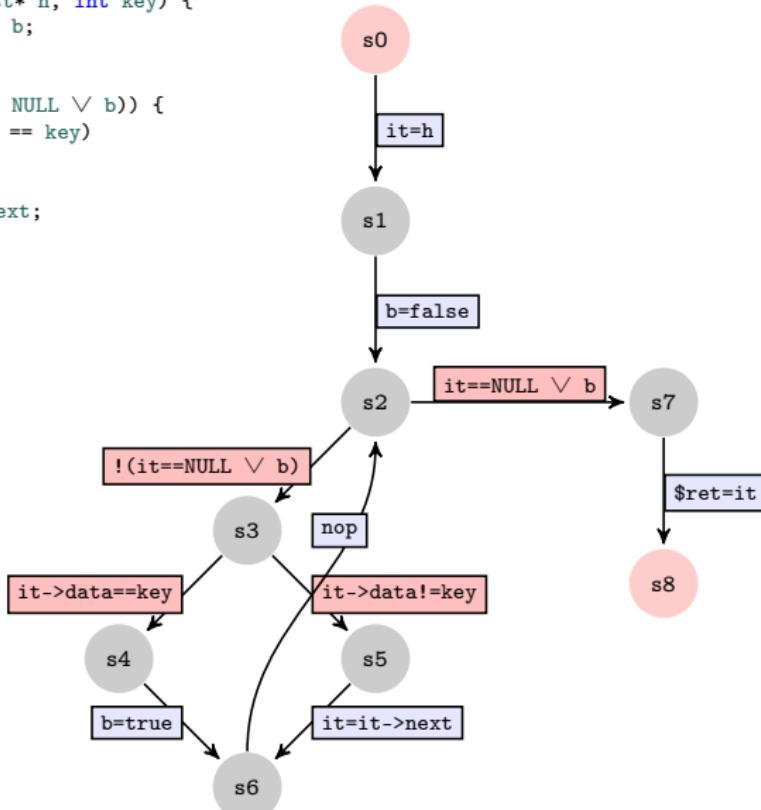
$$\text{Op} \ni \text{op} ::= \text{be} \mid \text{astmt} \mid \text{call } v = P(\dots) \mid \text{return } v = P(\dots)$$

where (recall)

$$\text{be} ::= \text{bcst} \mid \text{bv} \mid r(\overrightarrow{de}) \mid rv_1 == rv_2 \mid !\text{be} \mid \text{be} \wedge \text{be} \mid \text{be} \vee \text{be}$$
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# ICFG FOR SEARCH

```
list* search(list* h, int key) {  
    list* it; bool b;  
s0:  it = h;  
s1:  b = false;  
s2:  while (!(it == NULL  $\vee$  b)) {  
s3:      if (it->data == key)  
s4:          b = true;  
        else  
s5:          it = it->next;  
s6:      }  
s7:  return it;  
s8: }
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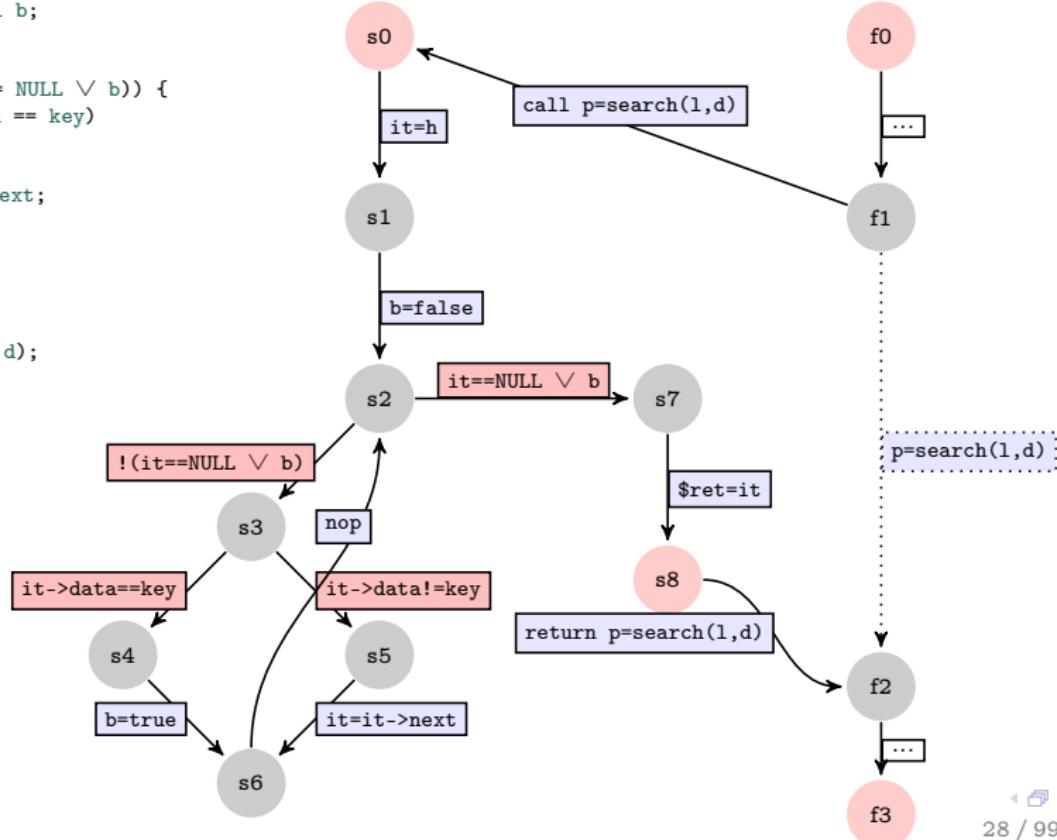
# ICFG FOR SEARCH AND FOO

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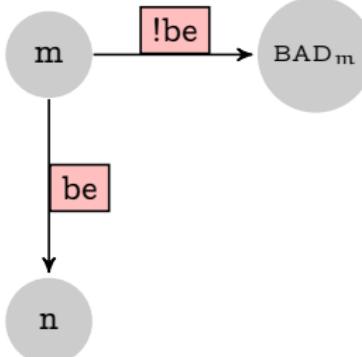
int foo() {
f0:  ...
f1:  p = search(l, d);
f2:  ...
f3: }

```

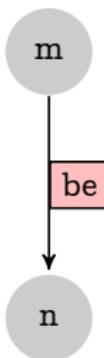


# ICFG FOR USER ASSERTIONS

```
m: assert(be);  
n:
```



```
m: assume(be);  
n:
```



ICFG is a finite, syntactic object.

The interpretation of ICFG using the natural semantics produces a model of program executions, *i.e.* LTS.

## Definition LTS

A **labeled transition system** is a tuple  $\langle C, \text{Init}, \text{Out}, \Sigma, \rightarrow \rangle$  where:

- $C$  is a set of *configurations*,
- $\text{Init} \in C$  and  $\text{Out} \in C$  are sets of initial and exit configurations,
- $\Sigma$  is a finite set of *actions*,
- $\rightarrow \subseteq C \times \Sigma \times C$  is a set of transitions.

LTS is an infinite, semantic object.

## CONTROL PATHS, EXECUTION PATHS, RUNS

A **control path** is a path in the control flow graph:

$$q_0 \xrightarrow{op_0} q_1 \dots q_k \xrightarrow{op_k} q_{k+1}$$

An **execution path** is a path in the labeled transition system:

$$(q_0, m_0) \xrightarrow{op_0} (q_1, m_1) \dots (q_k, m_k) \xrightarrow{op_k} (q_{k+1}, m_{k+1})$$

A **run** is an execution path starting from the initial configuration:

$$(q_{\text{Init}}, m_{\text{Init}}) \xrightarrow{op_0} (q_1, m_1) \dots (q_k, m_k) \xrightarrow{op_k} (q_{k+1}, m_{k+1})$$

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## REFORMULATE OUR GOAL

### Goal

Over-approximate the set of configurations reachable from the initial configuration.

The exact set of reachable configurations is:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Post}^* &= \bigcup_{\sigma : \text{run}} \{(q, m) \mid (q, m) \text{ occurs in } \sigma\} \\ &= \bigcup_{q_{\text{Init}} \xrightarrow{\text{op}_0} \dots \xrightarrow{\text{op}_k} q} \{q\} \times (\text{post}_{\text{op}_k} \circ \dots \circ \text{post}_{\text{op}_0})(m_{\text{Init}})\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\text{post}_{\text{op}} : \text{Mem} \cup \{\text{merr}\} \rightarrow \text{Mem} \cup \{\text{merr}\}$$

defined by the operational semantics, *i.e.* **standard semantics**.

We focus on forward analysis. Exercise: Transpose to backward analysis.

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Project Post\* on each program point (ICFG vertex):

$$\text{Post}^* = \bigcup_{q \in \text{ICFG}} q \mapsto \overline{\text{Post}}^*(q) \quad \text{with } q \mapsto \emptyset \equiv \emptyset,$$

$$\overline{\text{Post}}^*(q) = \bigcup_{q_{\text{Init}} \xrightarrow{\text{op}_0} \dots \xrightarrow{\text{op}_{k-1}} q_k \xrightarrow{\text{op}_k} q} (\overline{\text{post}}_{\text{op}_k} \circ \dots \circ \overline{\text{post}}_{\text{op}_0})(\{m_{\text{Init}}\})$$

and

$$\overline{\text{post}}_{\text{op}} : \mathcal{P}(\text{Mem} \cup \{\text{merr}\}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\text{Mem} \cup \{\text{merr}\})$$

is the **collecting semantics**,  $\overline{\text{post}}_{\text{op}}(M) = \bigcup_{m \in M} \text{post}_{\text{op}}(m)$ .



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# COMPLETE LATTICE

## Definition

A partially ordered set  $(L, \sqsubseteq)$  is a **complete lattice** if every  $X \subseteq L$  has both a greatest lower bound  $\sqcap X$  and a least upper bound  $\sqcup X$  in  $(L, \sqsubseteq)$ .

In a complete lattice  $(L, \sqsubseteq)$

- $\sqcup X$  is the most precise information consistent with all  $x \in X$
- $\sqcap X$  is the infimum of  $X$ , i.e.,  $\sqcap \{x \mid x \sqsubseteq X\}$
- least element exists  $\perp$ ,  $\perp = \sqcup L = \sqcap \emptyset$
- greatest element exists  $\top$ ,  $\top = \sqcup \emptyset = \sqcap L$

## Example: Powerset Lattice

For any set  $S$ ,  $(\mathcal{P}(S), \subseteq)$  is a complete lattice.

# KNASTER-TARSKI FIXPOINT THEOREM

## Definitions

Let  $(L, \sqsubseteq)$  be a partial order,

- $f : L \rightarrow L$  is **monotonic** iff  $\forall x, y \in L. x \sqsubseteq y \implies f(x) \sqsubseteq f(y)$ .
- $x \in L$  is a **fixpoint** of  $f$  iff  $f(x) = x$ .

## Theorem Knaster-Tarski

Let  $L$  be a complete lattice and  $f : L \rightarrow L$  a monotonic function. The set of fixpoints of  $f$  is also a complete lattice.

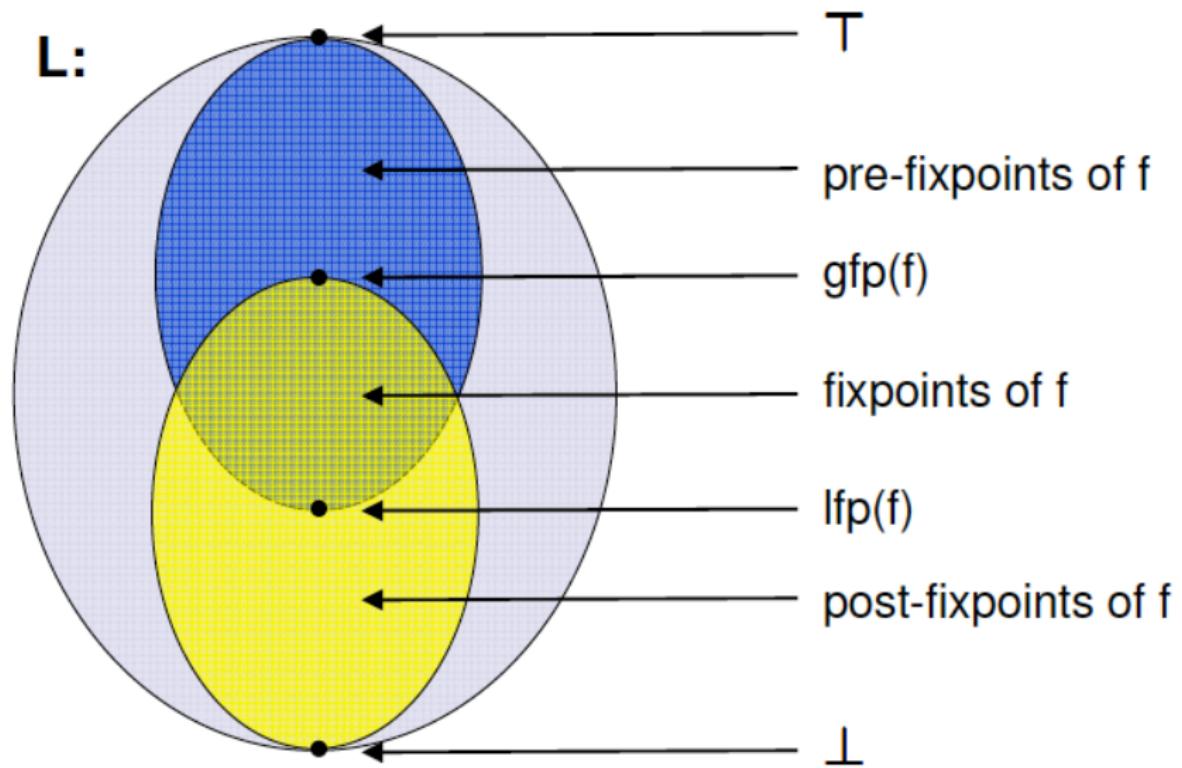
Consequently, **least fixpoint**  $\text{lfp}(f)$  and **greatest fixpoint**  $\text{gfp}(f)$  exist and:

$$\text{lfp}(f) = \sqcap \{x \in L \mid f(x) \sqsubseteq x\} \quad \text{least pre-fixpoint}$$

$$\text{gfp}(f) = \sqcup \{x \in L \mid x \sqsubseteq f(x)\} \quad \text{greatest post-fixpoint}$$



## LATTICE OF FIXPOINTS



Picture from: Nielson/Nielson/Hankin, *Principles of Program Analysis*

## REFORMULATE OUR GOAL

To avoid loss of precision, we focus on the least fixpoint of the system:

$$\overline{\text{Post}}^*(q_{\text{Init}}) \supseteq \{m_{\text{Init}}\}$$

$$\overline{\text{Post}}^*(q') \supseteq \overline{\text{post}}_{\text{op}}(\overline{\text{Post}}^*(q)) \text{ for all } q \xrightarrow{\text{op}} q' \in \text{ICFG}$$

called  $\overrightarrow{\text{MFP}}$  for (forward) “Maximal Fixpoint”.

How to compute the smallest solution? See Kleene iteration!

## KLEENE ITERATION

### Kleene Fixpoint Theorem

Let  $(L, \sqsubseteq)$  be a complete partial order and  $f : L \rightarrow L$  monotonic. Then  $\text{lfp}(f)$  is the supremum of the **ascending Kleene chain of  $f$** , i.e.

$$\perp \sqsubseteq f(\perp) \sqsubseteq f(f(\perp)) \sqsubseteq \dots \sqsubseteq f^n(\perp) \sqsubseteq \dots$$

Observe that if  $f^i(\perp) = f^{i+1}(\perp)$  for some  $i$ , then  $f^i(\perp)$  is  $\text{lfp}(f)$ .

### Definition

$(L, \sqsubseteq)$  satisfies the **ascending chain condition** if every ascending chain  $x_0 \sqsubseteq x_1 \sqsubseteq \dots$  of elements of  $L$  is eventually stationary.

### Termination

$(f^i(\perp))_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges for  $(L, \sqsubseteq)$  satisfying the ascending chain condition.

## IMPROVED KLEENE ITERATION: WORKSET ALGORITHM

```
1:  $W = \emptyset;$ 
2: for (all vertex  $q$ ) {  $P[q] = \perp$ ;  $W = \text{Add}(W, q)$ ; }
3:  $P[q_{\text{Init}}] = \{m_{\text{Init}}\};$ 
   /*  $\forall q. P[q] \sqsubseteq \overrightarrow{\text{MFP}}(q) \wedge \{m_{\text{Init}}\} \sqsubseteq P[q_{\text{Init}}] \wedge$ 
       $\forall q' \notin W. \overline{\text{post}}_{\text{op}}(P[q]) \sqsubseteq P[q'] \text{ with } (q, \text{op}, q') \text{ edge } */$ 
4: while ( $W \neq \emptyset$ ) {
5:    $q = \text{Extract}(W);$ 
6:   for (all edge  $(q, \text{op}, r)$ ) {
7:      $t = \overline{\text{post}}_{\text{op}}(P[q]);$ 
8:     if ( $! (t \sqsubseteq P[r])$ ) {
9:        $P[r] = P[r] \sqcup t;$ 
10:       $W = \text{Add}(W, r);$ 
11:    } }
12: } /*  $\forall q. P[q] \sqsubseteq \overrightarrow{\text{MFP}}(q) \wedge P \text{ solution} \implies P = \overrightarrow{\text{MFP}}$  */
```

# WORKSET ALGORITHM ANALYSIS

## Termination

```
8:   if (! (t ⊑ P[r])) {  
9:     P[r] = P[r] ∪ t;  
10:    W = Add(W,r);  
11: }
```

WS terminates if  $(L, \sqsubseteq)$  satisfies the ascending chain condition.

*For any vertex r the following sequence converges:*

$\perp \sqsubseteq P[r] \sqsubseteq P^2[r] \sqsubseteq \dots$  where  $P^k[r]$  is the value of  $P[r]$  after visiting k edges with target r.

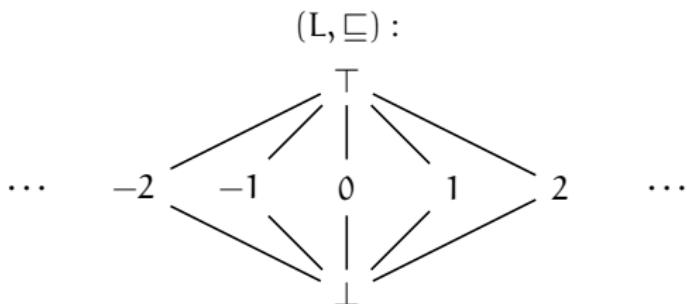
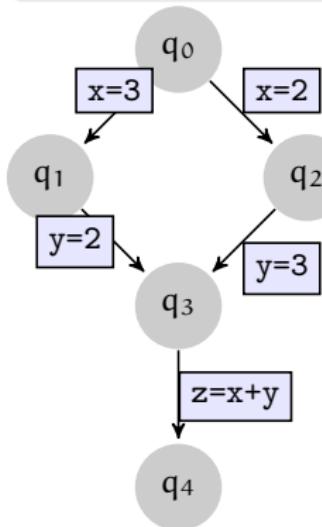
Otherwise, **change computation at line 9** to obtain convergence of  $(P^i[r])_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  for any r, e.g. **widening** (see later).

## Variants

Different iteration strategies are obtained by changing the selection of the visited vertices (**Extract**) and edges (line 6).

# PRECISION OF MFP

For monotonic  $F$ ,  $\overrightarrow{\text{MOP}}[q] \sqsubseteq \overrightarrow{\text{MFP}}[q]$  for any reachable vertex  $q$ .



$$\begin{aligned}\text{MOP}[q_4] &= (x \mapsto 3, y \mapsto 2, z \mapsto 5) \sqcup (x \mapsto 2, y \mapsto 3, z \mapsto 5) \\ &= (\mathbf{x \mapsto T}, \mathbf{y \mapsto T}, \mathbf{z \mapsto 5}) \\ \text{MFP}[q_3] &= (x \mapsto 3, y \mapsto 2, z \mapsto \perp) \sqcup (x \mapsto 2, y \mapsto 3, z \mapsto \perp) \\ &= (\mathbf{x \mapsto T}, \mathbf{y \mapsto T}, \mathbf{z \mapsto \perp}) \\ \text{MFP}[q_4] &= (\mathbf{x \mapsto T}, \mathbf{y \mapsto T}, \mathbf{z \mapsto T})\end{aligned}$$

## COMPLETE LATTICE: EXAMPLES

### Power Set

For any set  $S$ ,  $(\mathcal{P}(S), \sqsubseteq)$  is a complete lattice where

$$\sqsubseteq = \subseteq, \quad \sqcap = \bigcap, \quad \sqcup = \bigcup, \quad \perp = \emptyset, \quad \top = S$$

If  $S$  is finite then  $(\mathcal{P}(S), \sqsubseteq)$  satisfies a.c.c.

### Functions

For any set  $S$  and a complete lattice  $(L, \sqsubseteq)$ ,  $(S \rightarrow L, \sqsubseteq)$  is a complete lattice where

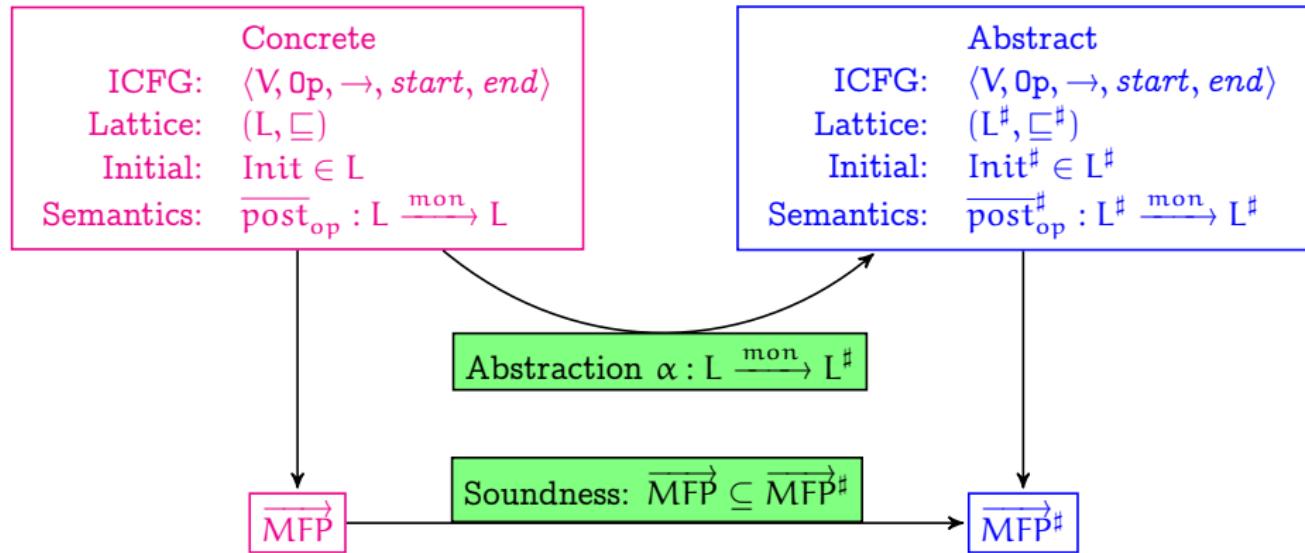
$$f \sqsubseteq g \quad \text{if} \quad \forall x \in S. f(x) \sqsubseteq g(x)$$

$$\sqcap F = \lambda x. \sqcap \{f(x) \mid f \in F\}, \quad \sqcup F = \lambda x. \sqcup \{f(x) \mid f \in F\},$$

$$\perp = \lambda x. \perp, \quad \top = \lambda x. \top$$

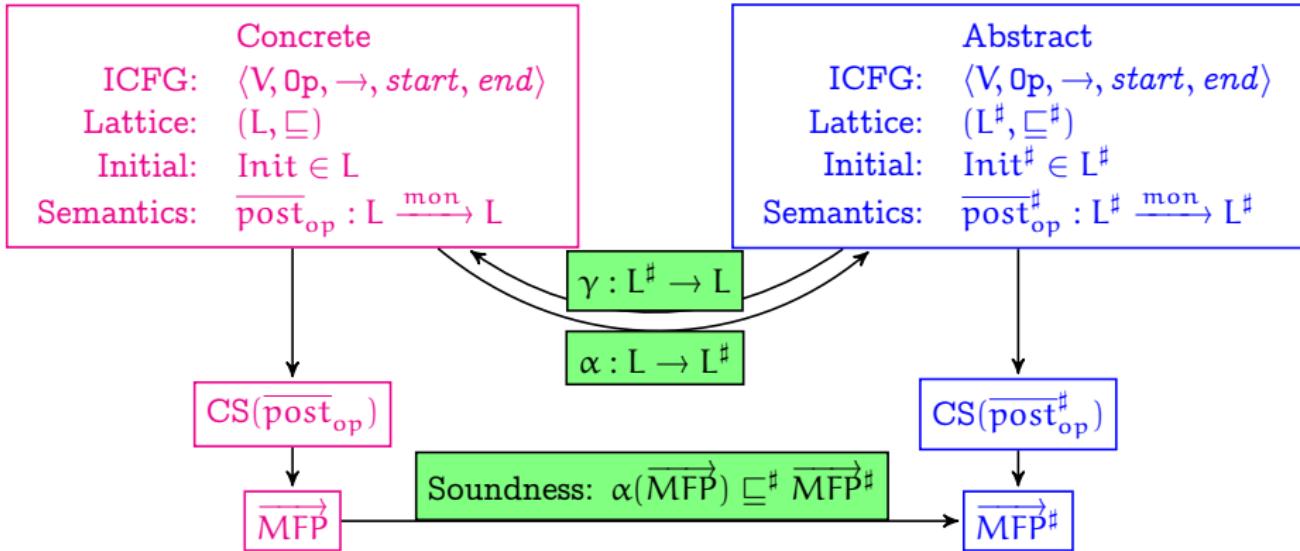
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# ABSTRACTION PRINCIPLE



How to systematically ensure the correctness of this principle?  
→ Abstract Interpretation [Cousot&Cousot,79].

# ABSTRACT INTERPRETATION



## Conditions

- Correct abstraction:  $(\alpha, \gamma)$  is a Galois connection.
- Correct interpretation:  $\alpha(\overline{post}_{op}(x)) \sqsubseteq^\# \overline{post}_{op}^\#(\alpha(x))$

## Definition

A **Galois connection** between two lattices  $(L, \sqsubseteq)$  and  $(L^\#, \sqsubseteq^\#)$  is a pair of functions  $(\alpha, \gamma)$  with  $\alpha : L \rightarrow L^\#$  and  $\gamma : L^\# \rightarrow L$  satisfying, for all  $x \in L$  and  $y^\# \in L^\#$ :

$$\alpha(x) \sqsubseteq^\# y^\# \quad \text{iff} \quad x \sqsubseteq \gamma(y^\#)$$

Vocabulary and intuition:

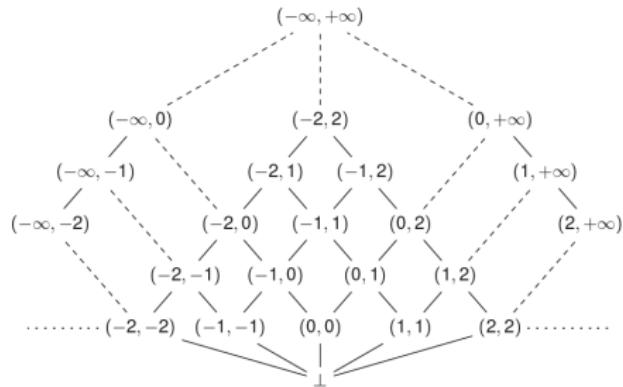
- $\gamma$  is the **concretisation** function,  
→  $\gamma(y^\#)$  is the **concrete value** represented by  $y^\#$ .
- $\alpha$  is the **abstraction** function,  
→  $\alpha(x)$  is the **most precise abstract value** representing  $x$   
→ concretisation of  $\alpha(x)$  **approximates**  $x$ , i.e.  $\sqsupseteq x$ .

# GALOIS CONNECTION: INTERVAL ABSTRACTION

$$(L, \sqsubseteq) = (\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}), \subseteq)$$

$$\xleftarrow[\alpha]{\gamma}$$

$$(\text{Int}, \sqsubseteq)$$



$$S \subset \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\alpha}$$

$$(\inf(S), \sup(S))$$

e.g.

$$\{-1, 2\} \xrightarrow{\alpha} (-1, 2)$$

$$\{\ell, \ell+1, \dots, u\}$$

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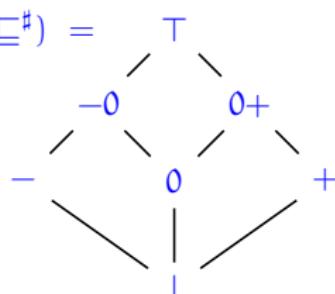
## GALOIS CONNECTION: SIGN ABSTRACTION

Exercise: Explicit the Galois connection for the Sign Abstraction, *i.e.*,

$$(L, \sqsubseteq) = (\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}), \subseteq)$$

$$\xrightleftharpoons[\alpha]{\gamma}$$

$$(L^\sharp, \sqsubseteq^\sharp) =$$



e.g.,  $\alpha(x) = \begin{cases} \perp & \text{if } x = \emptyset \\ + & \text{if } x \subseteq \{r \mid r > 0\} \\ \dots & \dots \end{cases}$

## GALOIS CONNECTION: CHARACTERISATION

Let  $(L, \sqsubseteq)$  and  $(L^\#, \sqsubseteq^\#)$  be two lattices.

For any two functions  $\alpha : L \rightarrow L^\#$  and  $\gamma : L^\# \rightarrow L$ ,

$$(L, \sqsubseteq) \xrightleftharpoons[\alpha]{\gamma} (L^\#, \sqsubseteq^\#) \quad \text{iff} \quad \begin{cases} x \sqsubseteq \gamma(\alpha(x)) & \text{for any } x \in L \\ \alpha(\gamma(y^\#)) \sqsubseteq^\# y^\# & \text{for any } y^\# \in L^\# \\ \alpha \text{ is monotonic} \\ \gamma \text{ is monotonic} \end{cases}$$

## CORRECT SEMANTICS INTERPRETATION

Given a **monotonic** function  $f : L \rightarrow L$ , let consider a **monotonic** function  $g^\sharp : L^\sharp \rightarrow L^\sharp$  that is a **sound approximation** of  $f$ , i.e.

$$\alpha \circ f(x) \sqsubseteq^\sharp g^\sharp \circ \alpha(x)$$

### Theorem

For any monotonic function  $f : L \rightarrow L$  and any monotonic sound approximation of  $f$ ,  $g^\sharp : L^\sharp \rightarrow L^\sharp$  then

$$\text{lfp}(f) \sqsubseteq \gamma(\text{lfp}(g^\sharp))$$

### Definition

A sound approximation of  $\overline{\text{post}}_{\text{op}}$  is called (correct) **abstract transformer**.

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Let consider the Galois connection  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}), \subseteq) \xrightleftharpoons[\alpha]{\gamma} (\text{Int}, \subseteq)$

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What happens with lfp (recall, used in  $\overline{\text{MFP}}$ ) of  $g_{z \geq 0}^\#, h_{z \geq 0}^\#, f_{z \geq 0}^\#$ ?

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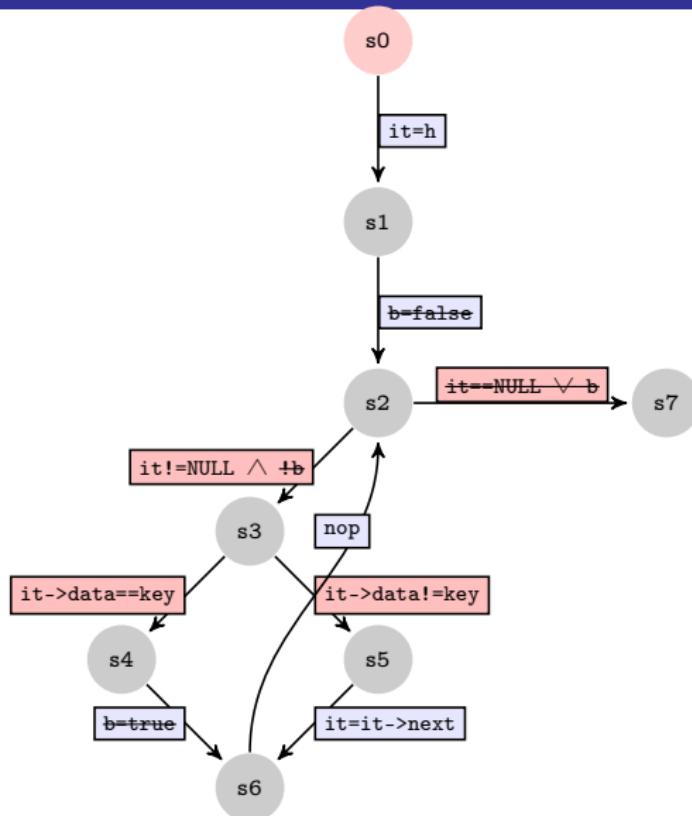
But the best abstract transformer is difficult to compute!

→ e.g.,  $\overline{\text{post}}_{z=e*e}^\#$  for sign abstraction needs to solve  $e * e = 0$ .

## RECIPE TO DESIGN AN ANALYSIS

- ① Design an abstract complete lattice  $(L^\sharp, \sqsubseteq^\sharp)$ , simpler than the concrete one  $(L, \sqsubseteq)$ , and formalise the “meaning” of abstract values by a Galois connection  $(L, \sqsubseteq) \xrightleftharpoons[\alpha]{\gamma} (L^\sharp, \sqsubseteq^\sharp)$   
→ tests for equality with  $T^\sharp, \perp^\sharp$ , algorithms for  $\sqsubseteq^\sharp, \sqcup^\sharp, \dots$
- ② Design a sound abstract transformer  $g^\sharp$  for each  $op \in OP$  in ICFG.  
→ based on the natural semantics, try to be **precise** and **efficient**
- ③ Compute  $\text{lfp}(g^\sharp)$  using the some algorithm (*e.g.*, workset) to obtain an over-approximation of  $\overrightarrow{\text{MFP}}$ .  
→ generic algorithm with parameters  $(L^\sharp, \sqsubseteq^\sharp)$ , ICFG, and  $g^\sharp$

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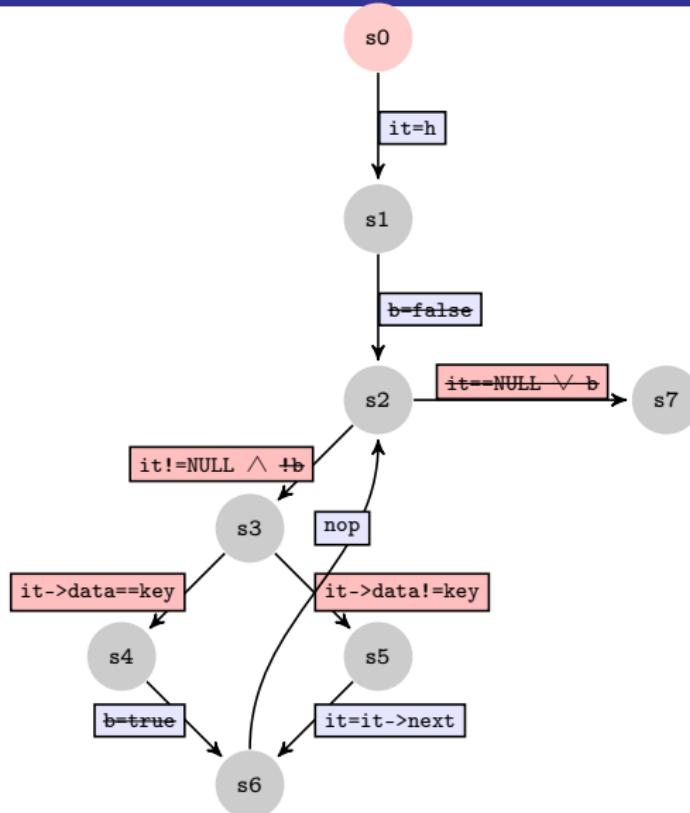


$$(L^\sharp, \sqsubseteq^\sharp) = \begin{array}{c} \top \\ / \quad \backslash \\ \boxtimes \quad \neg \boxtimes \\ / \quad \backslash \\ \perp \end{array}$$

Initially:

CP	it	h	W
s0	⊥	⊤	✓
s1	⊥	⊥	
s2	⊥	⊥	
s3	⊥	⊥	
s4	⊥	⊥	
s5	⊥	⊥	
s6	⊥	⊥	
s7	⊥	⊥	

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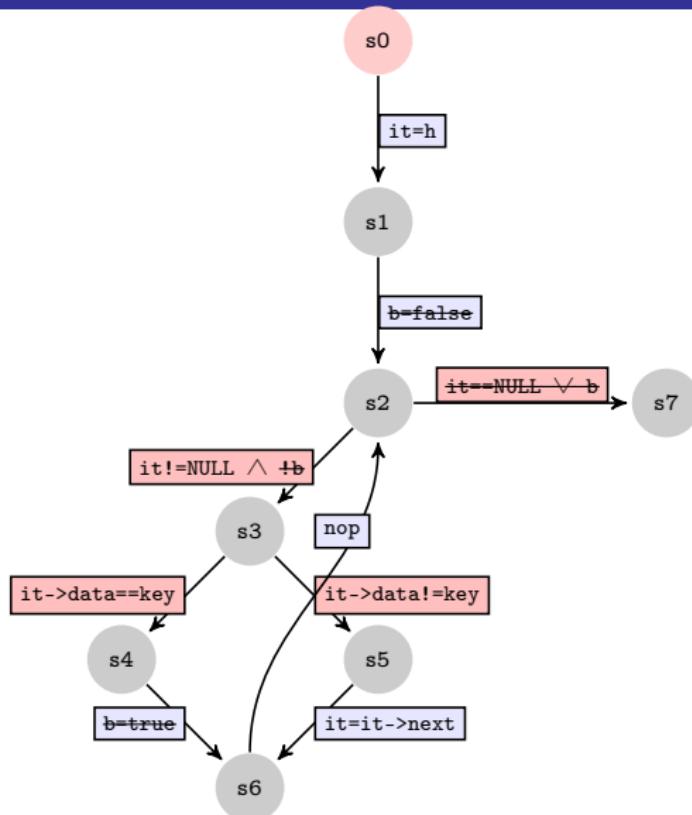
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s0 extracted:

CP	it	h	W
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s1	⊤	⊤	
s2	⊤	⊤	
s3	⊥	⊥	
s4	⊥	⊥	
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s7	⊥	⊥	

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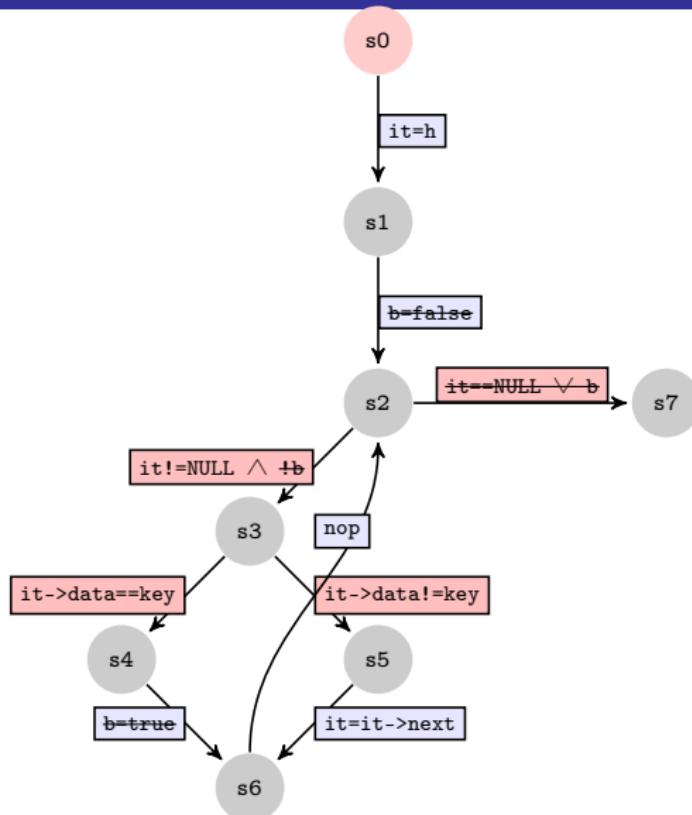
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s2 extracted:

CP	it	h	W
s0	⊥	⊤	
s1	⊤	⊤	
s2	⊤	⊤	
s3	¬⊓	⊤	✓
s4	⊥	⊥	
s5	⊥	⊥	
s6	⊥	⊥	
s7	⊤	⊤	✓

$$\overline{\text{post}}_{\text{it} \neq \text{NULL}}^{\sharp}(\text{it} \mapsto v^\sharp, h \mapsto u^\sharp) = (\text{it} \mapsto v^\sharp \sqcap^\sharp \neg \boxtimes, h \mapsto u^\sharp)$$

# EXAMPLE: ANALYSIS OF NULL ALIASING [CC'77]

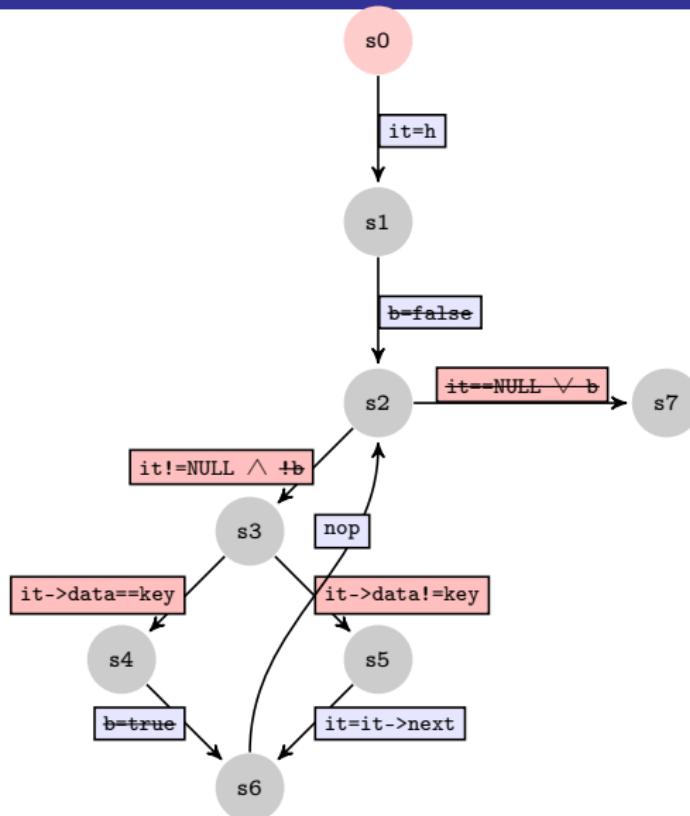


$$(L^\sharp, \sqsubseteq^\sharp) = \begin{array}{c} \top \\ / \quad \backslash \\ \boxtimes \quad \neg \boxtimes \\ / \quad \backslash \\ \perp \end{array}$$

s3 extracted:

CP	it	h	W
s0	⊥	⊤	
s1	⊤	⊤	
s2	⊤	⊤	
s3	¬boxtimes	⊤	
s4	¬boxtimes	⊤	✓
s5	¬boxtimes	⊤	✓
s6	⊥	⊥	
s7	⊤	⊤	✓

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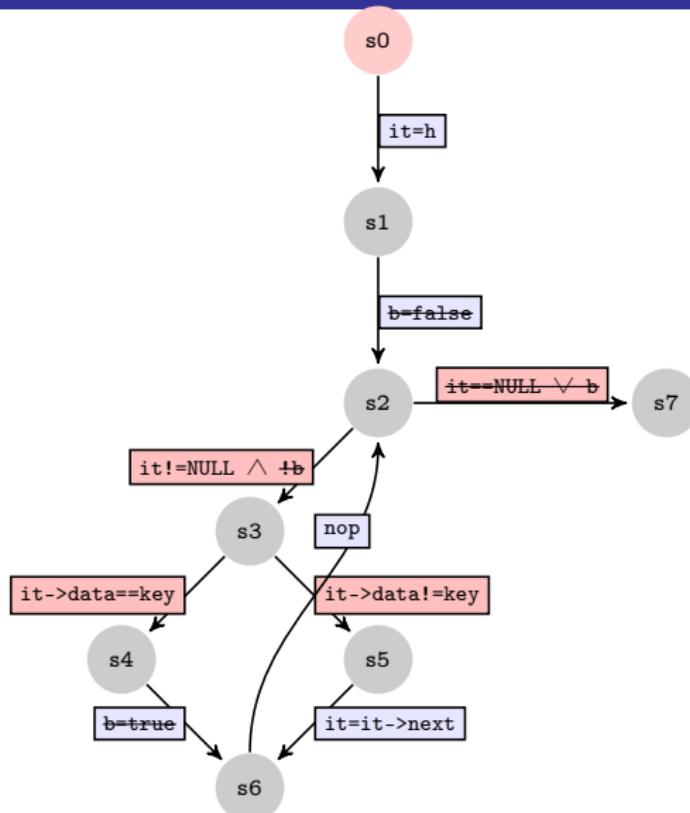


$$(L^\sharp, \sqsubseteq^\sharp) = \begin{array}{c} \top \\ / \quad \backslash \\ \boxtimes \quad \neg \boxtimes \\ / \quad \backslash \\ \perp \end{array}$$

s4 extracted:

CP	it	h	W
s0	⊥	⊤	
s1	⊤	⊤	
s2	⊤	⊤	
s3	¬boxtimes	⊤	
s4	¬boxtimes	⊤	✓
s5	¬boxtimes	⊤	
s6	¬boxtimes	⊤	✓
s7	⊤	⊤	✓

# EXAMPLE: ANALYSIS OF NULL ALIASING [CC'77]



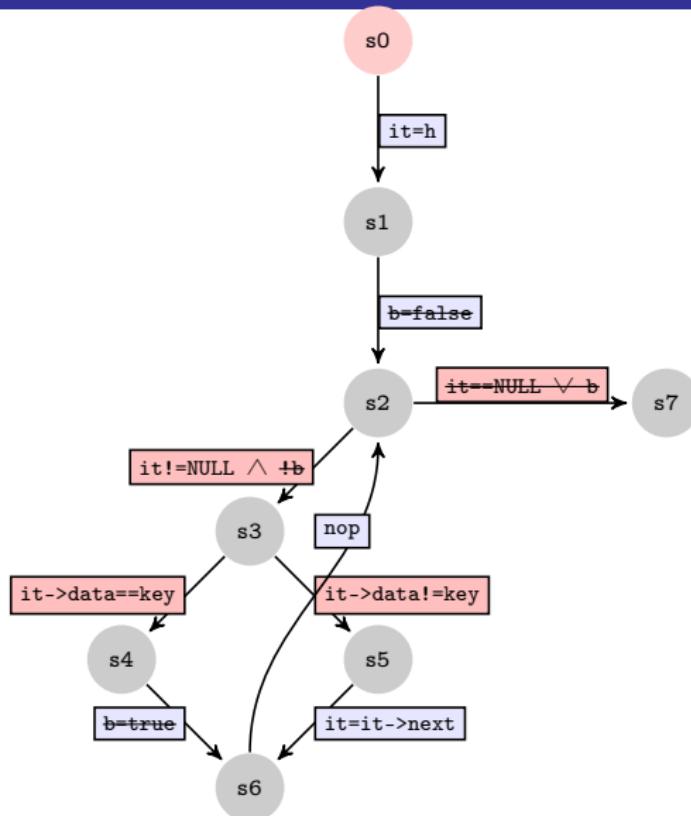
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s5 extracted:

CP	it	h	W
s0	⊥	⊤	
s1	⊤	⊤	
s2	⊤	⊤	
s3	¬boxtimes	⊤	
s4	¬boxtimes	⊤	
s5	¬boxtimes	⊤	✓
s6	⊤	⊤	
s7	⊤	⊤	✓

$$\overline{\text{post}}_{\text{it}=it \rightarrow \text{next}}^\sharp(it \mapsto v^\sharp, h \mapsto u^\sharp) = (it \mapsto \top, h \mapsto u^\sharp)$$

# EXAMPLE: ANALYSIS OF NULL ALIASING [CC'77]



$$(L^\sharp, \sqsubseteq^\sharp) = \begin{array}{c} \top \\ / \quad \backslash \\ \boxtimes \quad \neg \boxtimes \\ / \quad \backslash \\ \perp \end{array}$$

s6 extracted:

CP	it	h	W
s0	⊥	⊤	
s1	⊤	⊤	
s2	⊤	⊤	
s3	¬boxtimes	⊤	
s4	¬boxtimes	⊤	
s5	¬boxtimes	⊤	
s6	⊤	⊤	✓
s7	⊤	⊤	

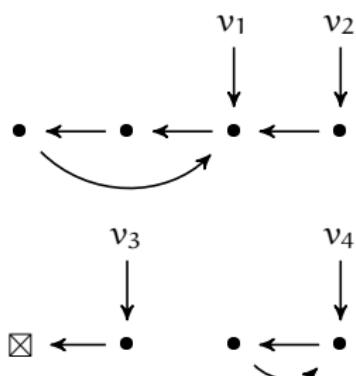
# EXAMPLE: ANALYSIS OF HEAP SEPARATION [CC'77]

## Abstraction Idea

Partition the set of list variables (except NULL) such that:

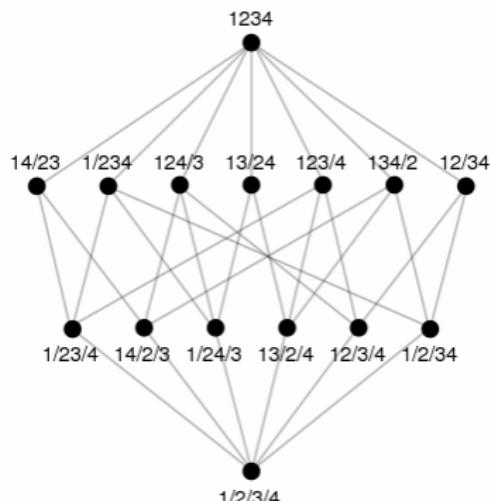
- $v_1, v_2$  belong to the same partition if  $v_1 \xrightarrow{\text{next}^*} \cap v_2 \xrightarrow{\text{next}^*}$  may be non-empty,
- otherwise  $v_1, v_2$  are in different partitions.

→ the abstraction keep track of **relation** between variables

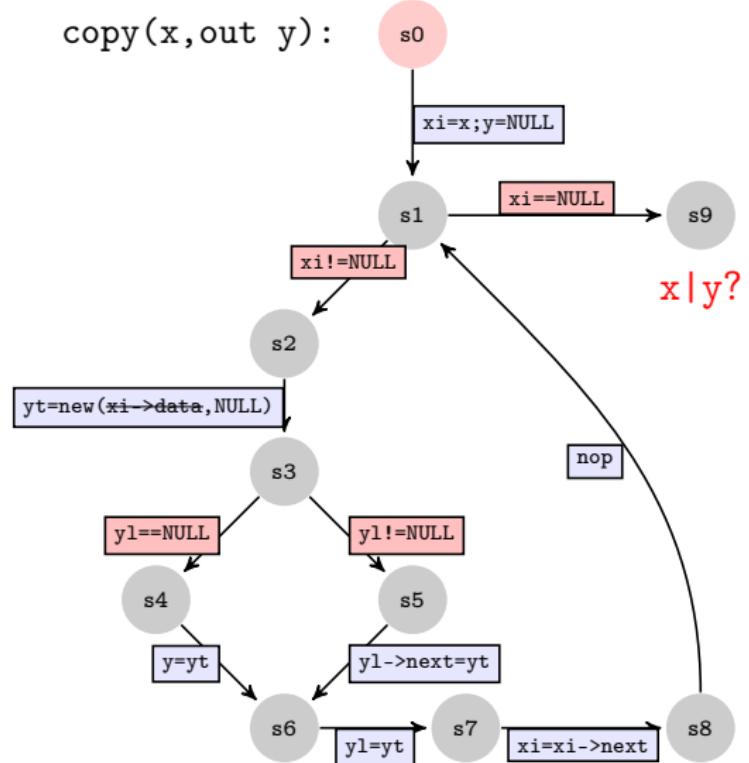


12/34      or      12/3/4

$$(P_4, \sqsubseteq^\sharp) =$$



# EXAMPLE: ANALYSIS OF HEAP SEPARATION [CC'77]



$v^\# \sqsubseteq^\# u^\#$  iff  $\forall p \in v^\# \exists q \in u^\#. p \subseteq q$

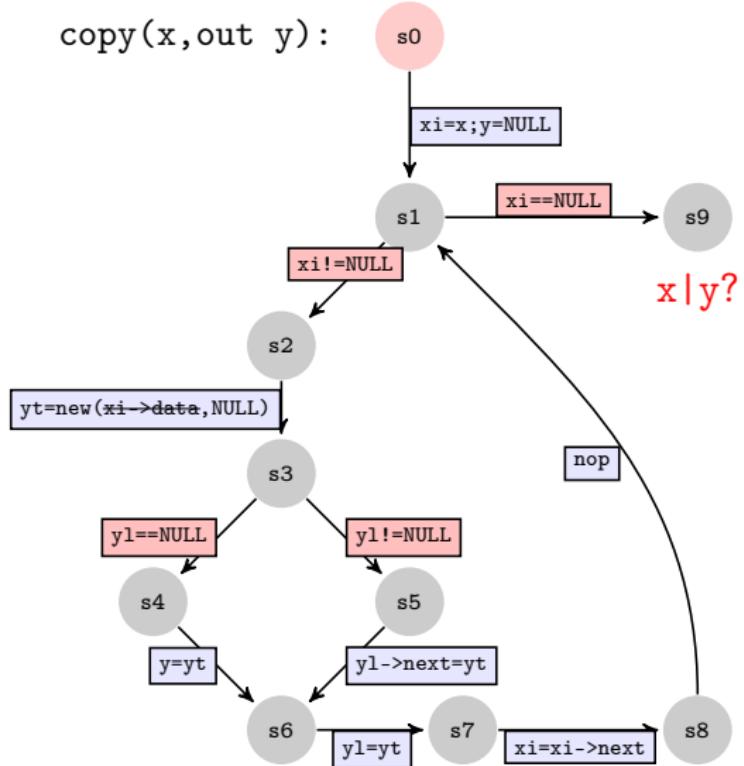
$v^\# \sqcup^\# u^\#$  based on union-find

Initially:

CP	$v^\#$	W
s0	x y   xi y1 yt	✓
s1	⊥	
s2	⊥	
s3	⊥	
s4	⊥	
s5	⊥	
s6	⊥	
s7	⊥	
s8	⊥	
s9	⊥	

## EXAMPLE: ANALYSIS OF HEAP SEPARATION [CC'77]

copy(x,out y):



$v^\# \sqsubset^\# u^\#$  iff  $\forall p \in v^\# \exists q \in u^\# : p \subseteq q$

$v^\# \cup l^\# \cup u^\#$  based on union-find

s0 extracted:

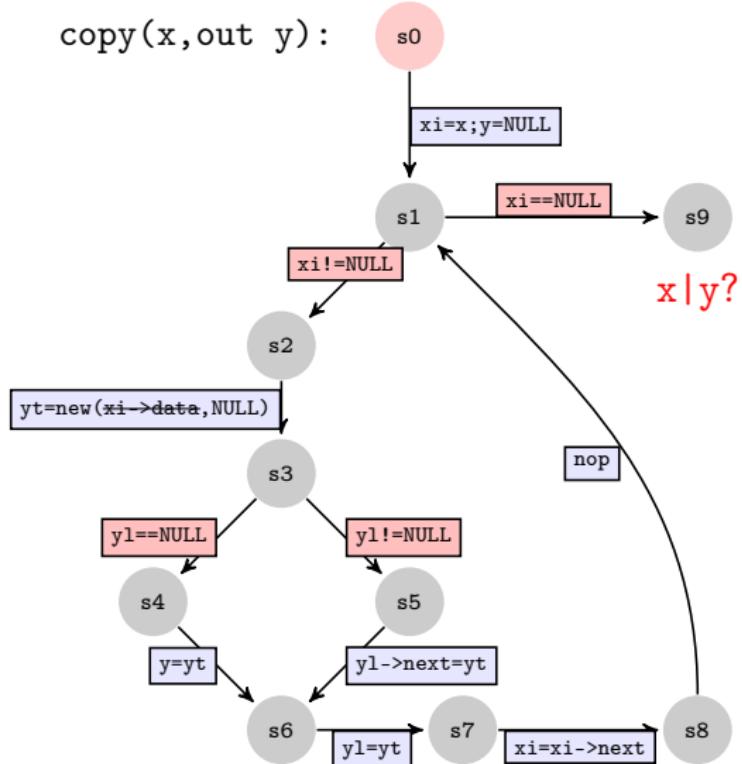
CP	$v^\#$	W
s0	x y   xi yl yt	
s1	x x i y   yl yt	✓
s2	⊥	
s3	⊥	
s4	⊥	
s5	⊥	
s6	⊥	
s7	⊥	
s8	⊥	
s9	⊥	

$$\overline{\text{post}}_{\text{xi}=\text{x}}^{\sharp}(v^{\sharp}) = \text{Extract}(\text{xi}, v^{\sharp}) \sqcup^{\sharp} \{\text{x}, \text{xi}\}$$

$$\overline{\text{post}}_{y=\text{NULL}}^\#(v^\#) = \text{Extract}(y, v^\#)$$

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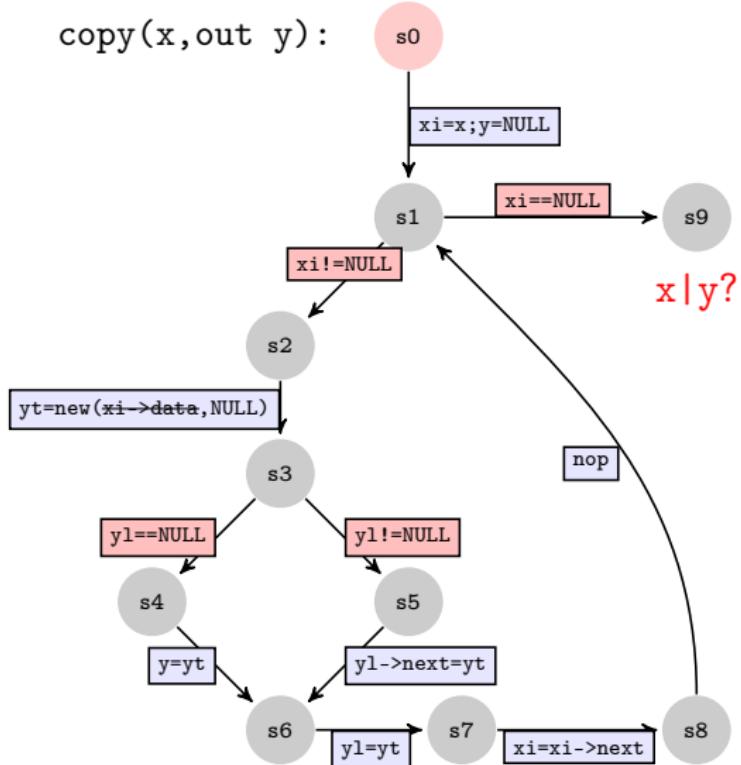
s1 extracted:

CP	$v^\#$	W
s0	x y   xi yt	
s1	x xi   yl yt	
s2	x xi   yl yt	✓
s3	⊥	
s4	⊥	
s5	⊥	
s6	⊥	
s7	⊥	
s8	⊥	
s9	x xi   yl yt	✓

$$\overline{\text{post}}_{xi==NULL}^\#(v^\#) = \overline{\text{post}}_{xi!=NULL}^\#(v^\#) = v^\#$$

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s2 extracted:

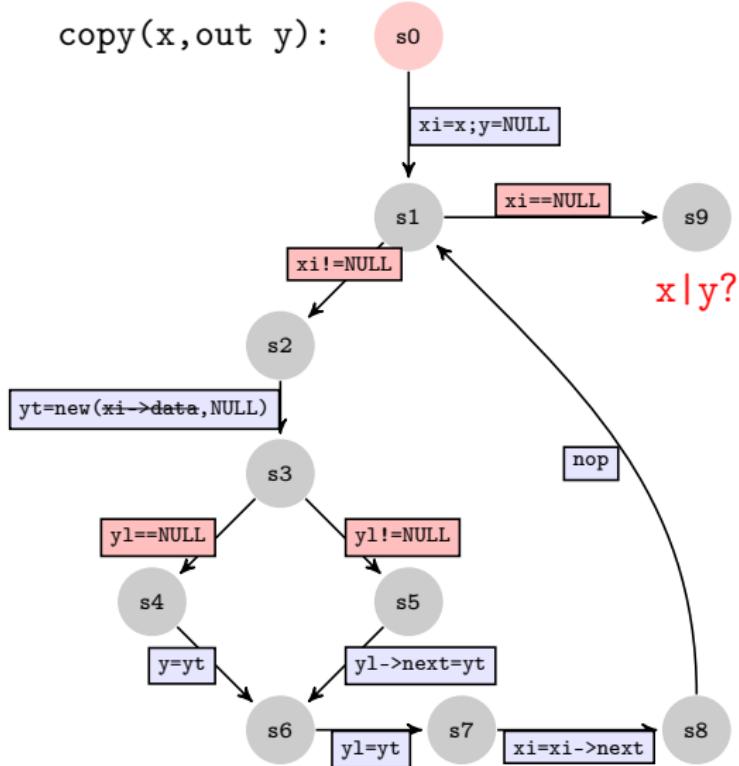
CP	$v^\#$	W
s0	x y   xi yl yt	
s1	x xi   y   yl yt	
s2	x xi   y   yl yt	
s3	x xi   y   yl   yt	
s4	⊥	✓
s5	⊥	
s6	⊥	
s7	⊥	
s8	⊥	
s9	x xi   y   yl yt	✓

$$\overline{\text{post}}_{\text{yt}=\text{new...}}^\#(v^\#) = \text{Extract(yt}, v^\#)$$



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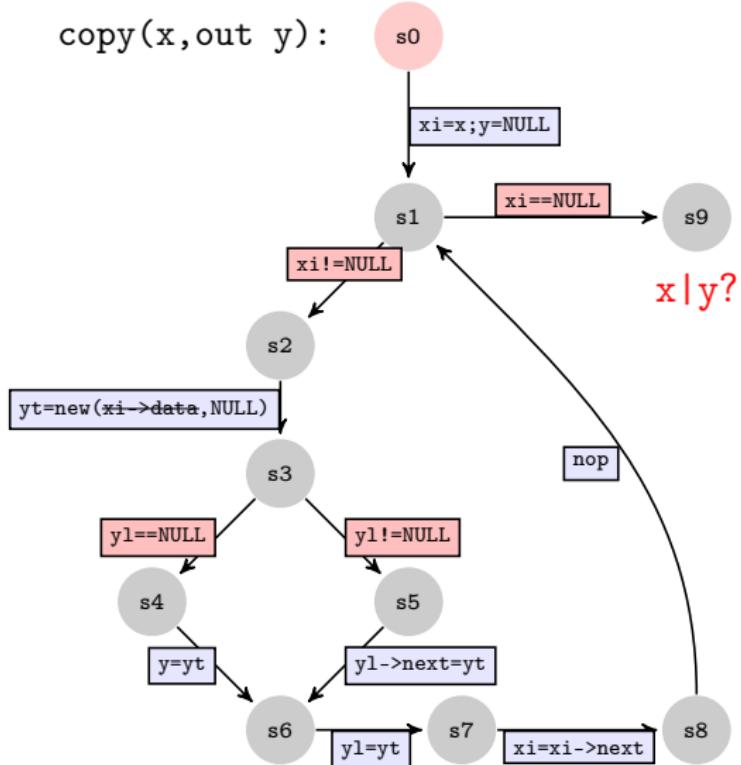
$v^\# \sqcup^\# u^\#$  based on union-find

`s3` extracted:

CP	$v^\#$	W
<code>s0</code>	<code>x y xi y1 yt</code>	
<code>s1</code>	<code>x xi y y1 yt</code>	
<code>s2</code>	<code>x xi y y1 yt</code>	
<code>s3</code>	<code>x xi y y1 yt</code>	
<code>s4</code>	<code>x xi y y1 yt</code>	✓
<code>s5</code>	<code>x xi y y1 yt</code>	✓
<code>s6</code>	$\perp$	
<code>s7</code>	$\perp$	
<code>s8</code>	$\perp$	
<code>s9</code>	<code>x xi y y1 yt</code>	✓

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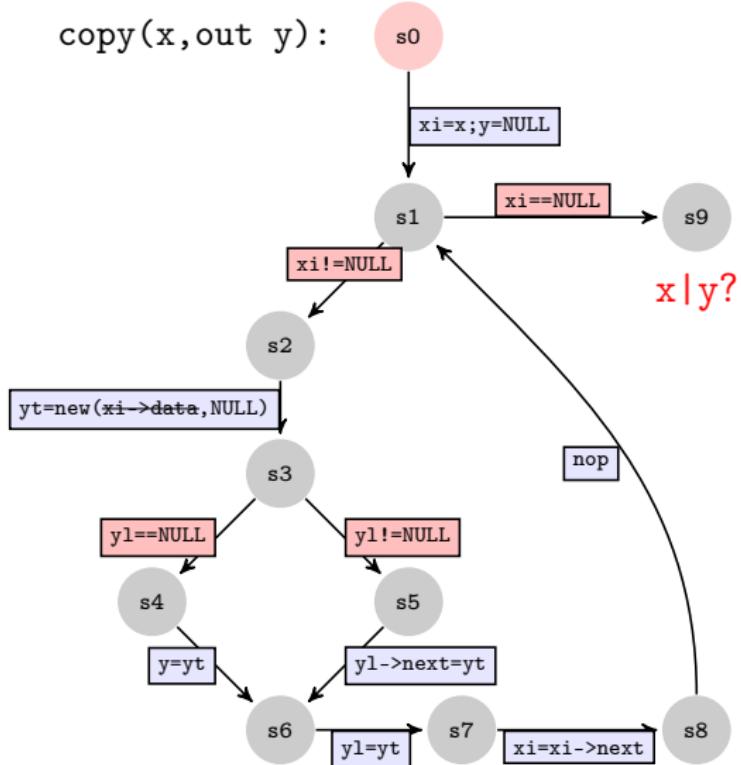
s4 extracted:

CP	$v^\#$	W
s0	x y   xi yt	
s1	x xi   yl yt	
s2	x xi   yl yt	
s3	x xi   yllyt	
s4	x xi   yllyt	✓
s5	x xi   yllyt	
s6	x xi   yllyt	✓
s7	⊥	
s8	⊥	
s9	x xi   yl yt	✓

$$\overline{\text{post}}_{y=yt}^\#(v^\#) = \text{Extract}(y, v^\#) \sqcup^\# \{y, yt\}$$

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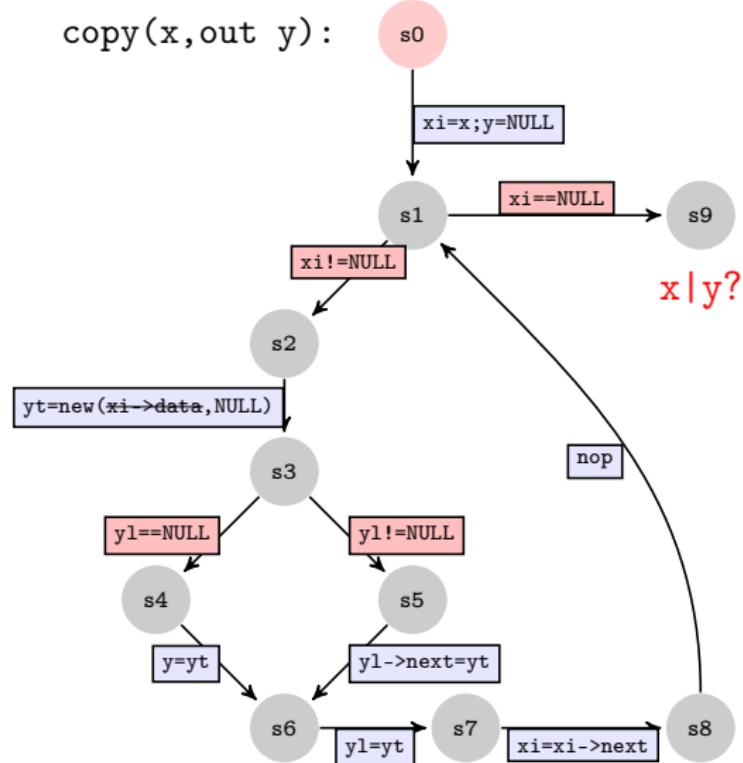
s5 extracted:

CP	$v^\#$	W
s0	x y   xi yt	
s1	x xi   yl yt	
s2	x xi   yl yt	
s3	x xi   yl   yt	
s4	x xi   yl   yt	
s5	x xi   yl   yt	✓
s6	x xi   yt yt	
s7	⊥	
s8	⊥	
s9	x xi   yl yt	✓

$$\overline{\text{post}}_{y1 \rightarrow \text{next}=yt}^\#(v^\#) = v^\# \sqcup^\# \{y1, yt\}$$



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$v^\# \sqsubseteq^\# u^\#$  iff  $\forall p \in v^\# \exists q \in u^\# . p \subseteq q$

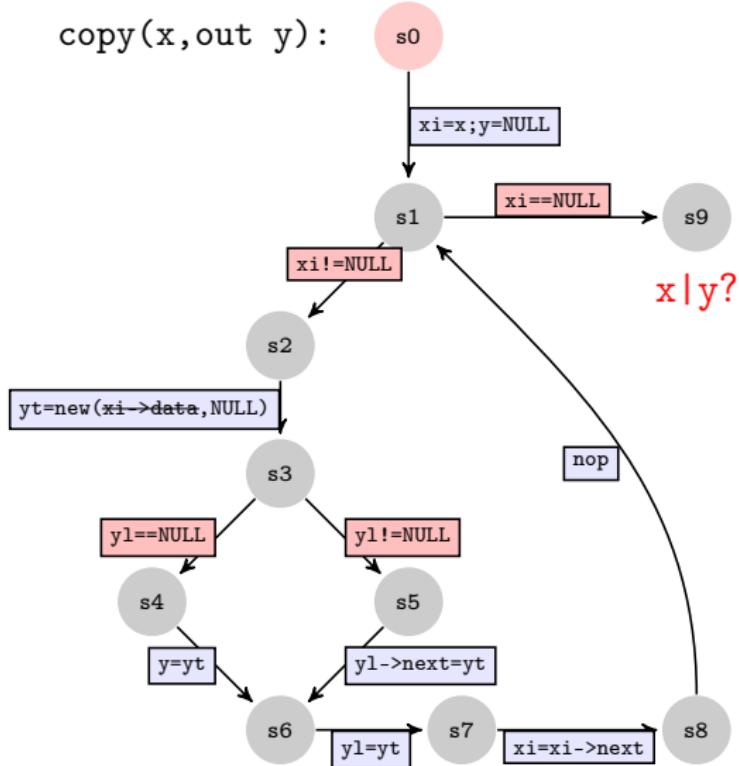
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s6 extracted:

CP	$v^\#$	W
s0	x y   xi yt	
s1	x xi   yl yt	
s2	x xi   yl yt	
s3	x xi   yl   yt	
s4	x xi   yl   yt	
s5	x xi   yl   yt	
s6	x xi   yl yt	
s7	x xi   yl yt	✓
s8	⊥	
s9	x xi   yl yt	✓

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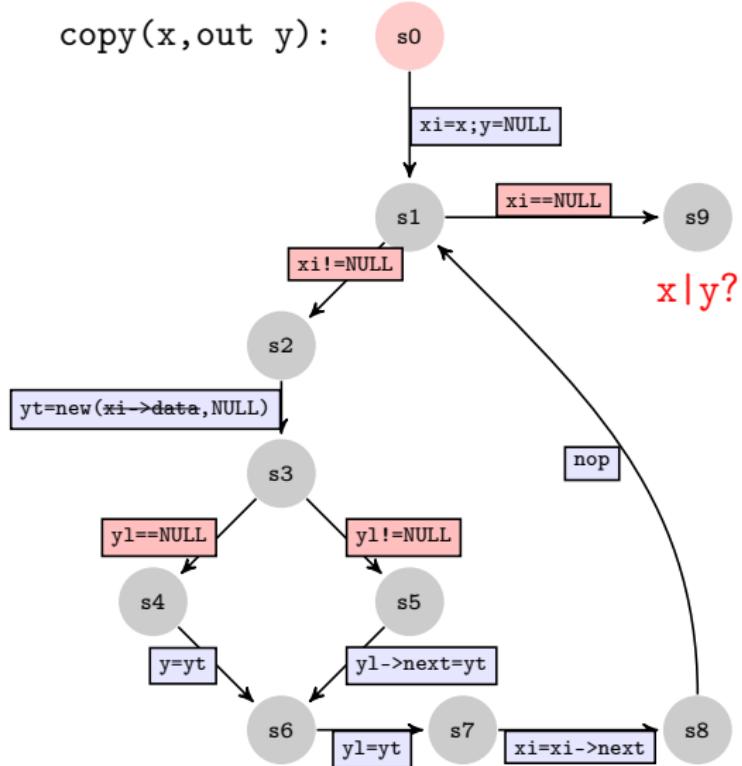
$v^\# \sqcup^\# u^\#$  based on union-find

s7 extracted:

CP	$v^\#$	W
s0	x y   xi yt	
s1	x xi   y yt	
s2	x xi   y yt	
s3	x xi   y ll yt	
s4	x xi   y ll yt	
s5	x xi   y ll yt	
s6	x xi   y yt	
s7	x xi   y yt	✓
s8	x xi   y yt	
s9	x xi   y yt	✓

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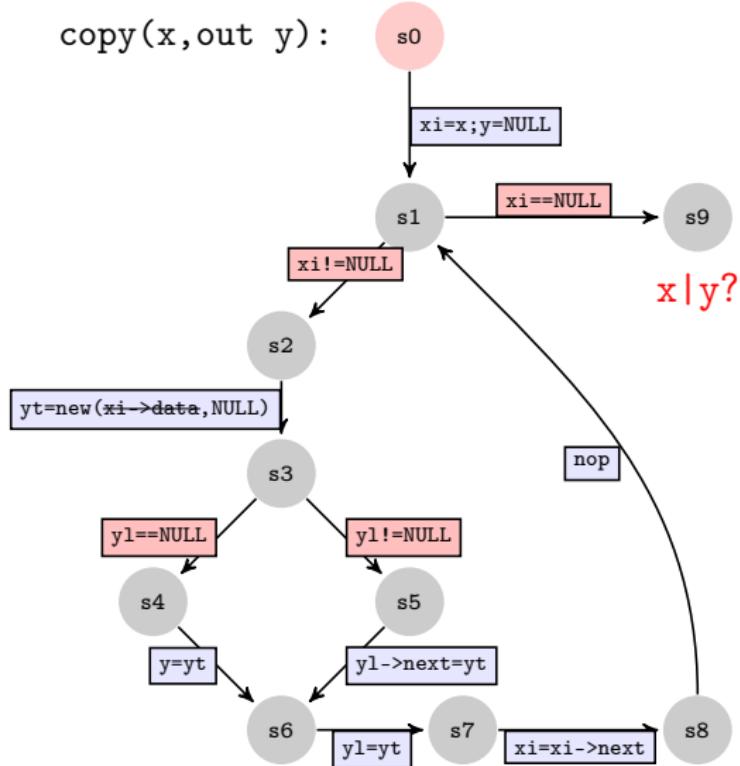
$v^\# \sqcup^\# u^\#$  based on union-find

s8 extracted:

CP	$v^\#$	W
s0	x y   xi yt	
s1	x xi y yt	✓
s2	x xi y   yl yt	
s3	x xi y   yl   yt	
s4	x xi y   yl   yt	
s5	x xi y   yl   yt	
s6	x xi y yt	
s7	x xi y yt	
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s9	x xi y   yl yt	✓

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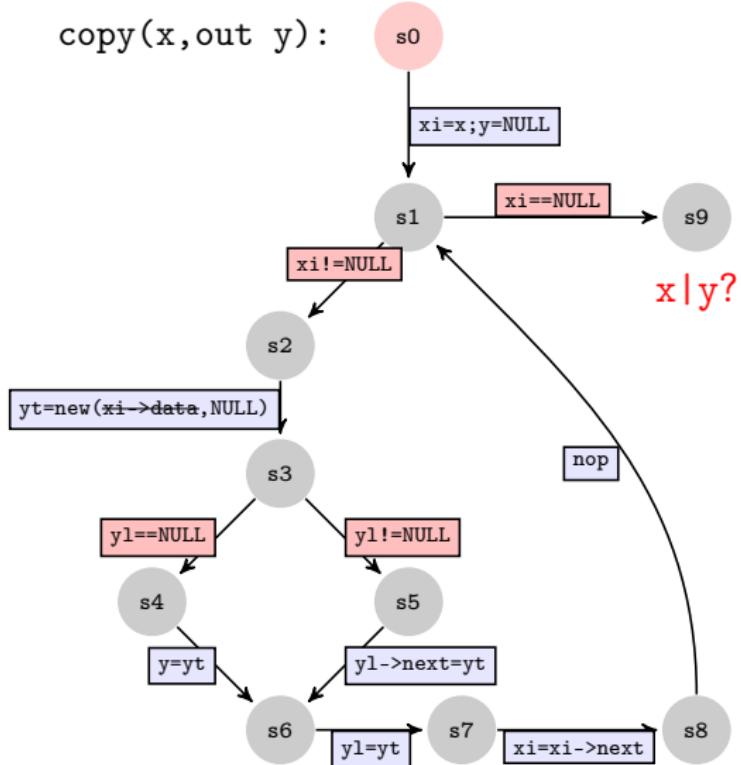
$v^\# \sqcup^\# u^\#$  based on union-find

s1 extracted:

CP	$v^\#$	W
s0	x y   xi yt	
s1	x xi y yt	
s2	x xi y yt	✓
s3	x xi y   yl yt	
s4	x xi y   yl yt	
s5	x xi y   yl yt	
s6	x xi y yt	
s7	x xi y yt	
s8	x xi y yt	
s9	x xi y   yl yt	✓

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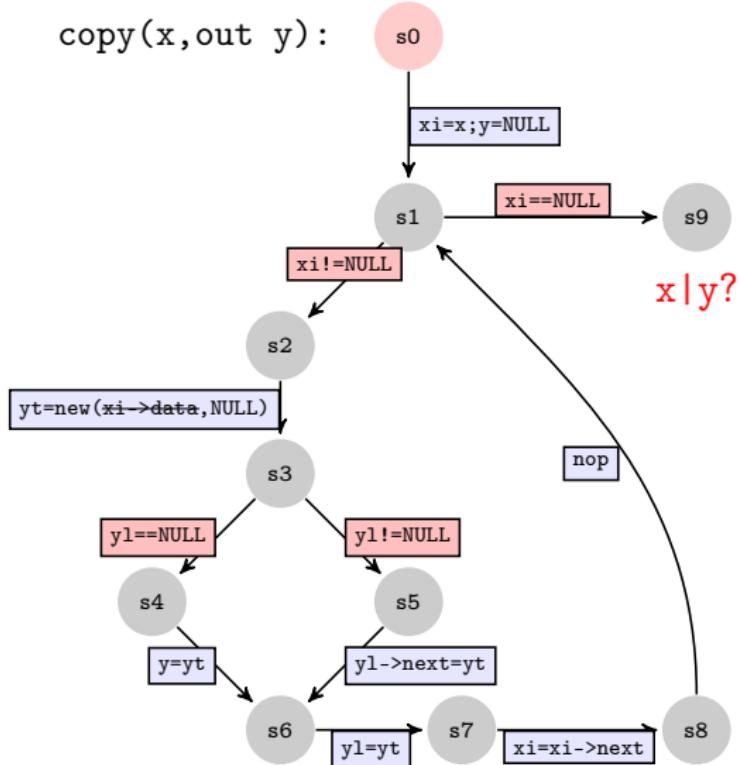
$v^\# \sqcup^\# u^\#$  based on union-find

... and a 2nd tour:

CP	$v^\#$	W
s0	x y   xi yt	
s1	x xi y yt	
s2	x xi y yt	
s3	x xi y ll yt	
s4	x xi y ll yt	
s5	x xi y ll yt	
s6	x xi y yt	
s7	x xi y yt	
s8	x xi y yt	
s9	x xi y yt	✓

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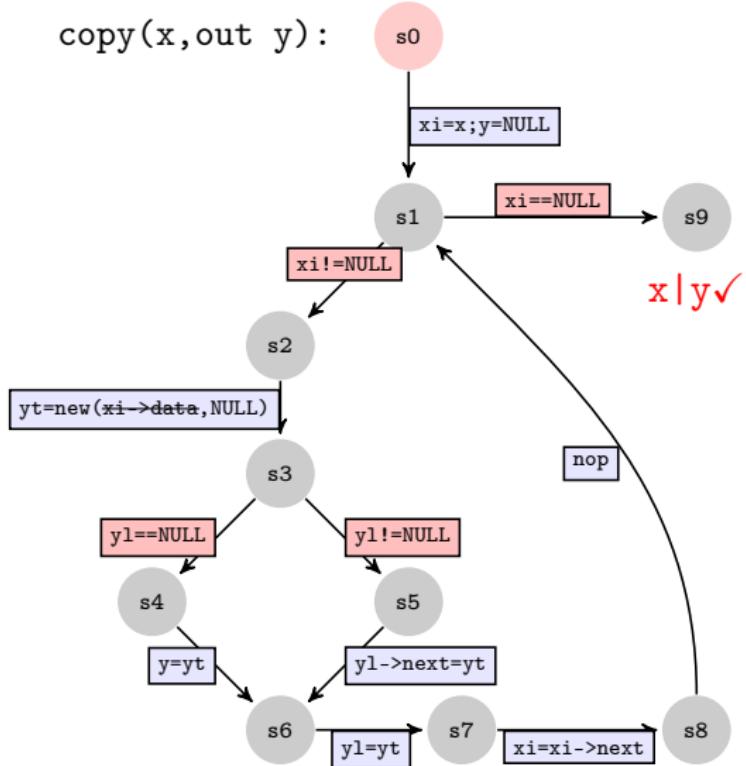
$v^\# \sqcup^\# u^\#$  based on union-find

s9 extracted:

CP	$v^\#$	W
s0	x y   xi yt	
s1	x xi y yt	
s2	x xi y yt	
s3	x xi y ll yt	
s4	x xi y ll yt	
s5	x xi y ll yt	
s6	x xi y yt	
s7	x xi y yt	
s8	x xi y yt	
s9	x xi y yt	

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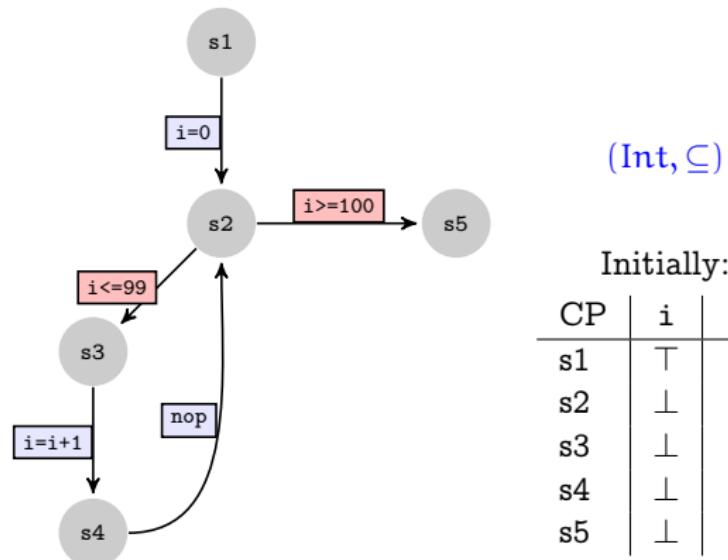
$x|y\checkmark$

CP	$v^\#$	W
s0	x y xi yt	
s1	x xi y yt	
s2	x xi y yt	
s3	x xi y yl yt	
s4	x xi y yl yt	
s5	x xi y yl yt	
s6	x xi y yt yl	
s7	x xi y yt yl	
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s9	x xi y yl yt	

## EXAMPLE: NUMERIC ANALYSIS WITH INTERVALS

Recall:

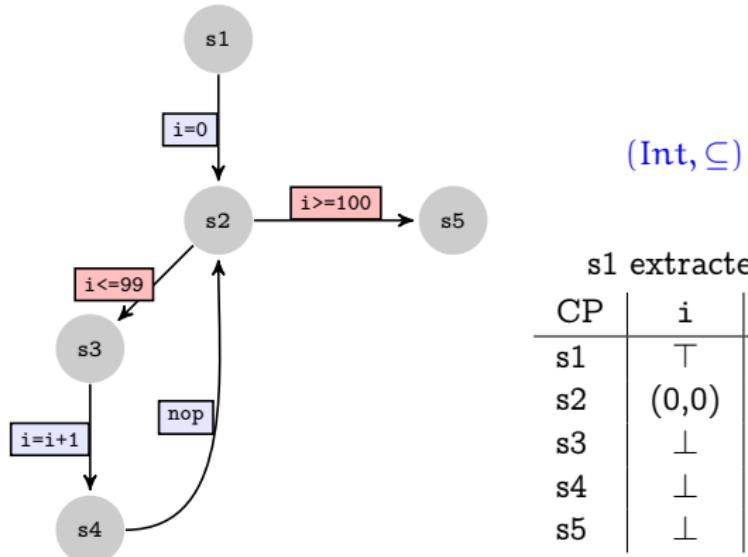
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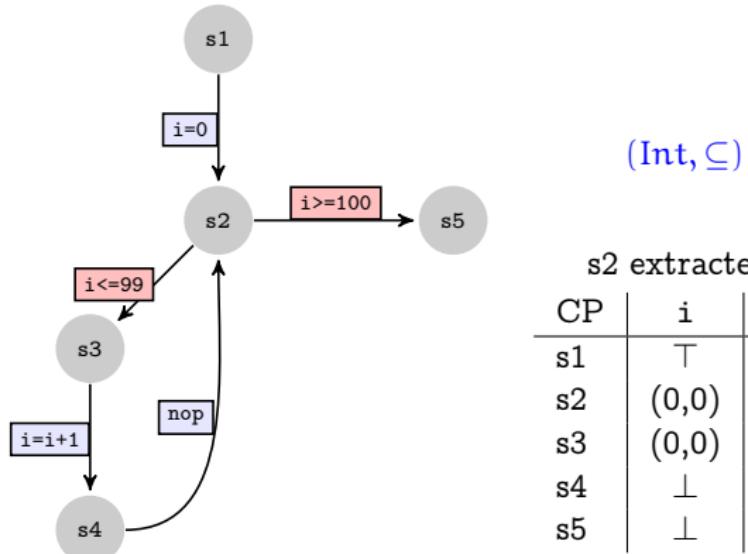
s1 extracted:

CP	i	W
s1	T	
s2	(0,0)	✓
s3	⊥	
s4	⊥	
s5	⊥	

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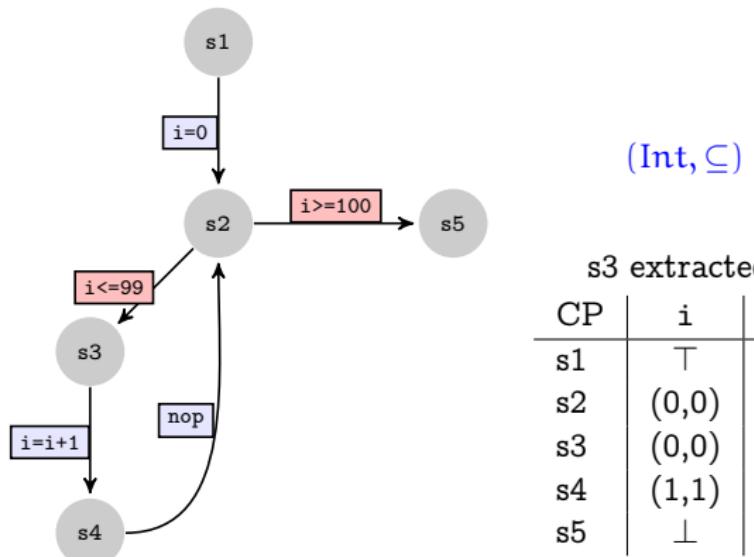
s2 extracted:

CP	i	W
s1	⊤	
s2	(0,0)	
s3	(0,0)	✓
s4	⊥	
s5	⊥	

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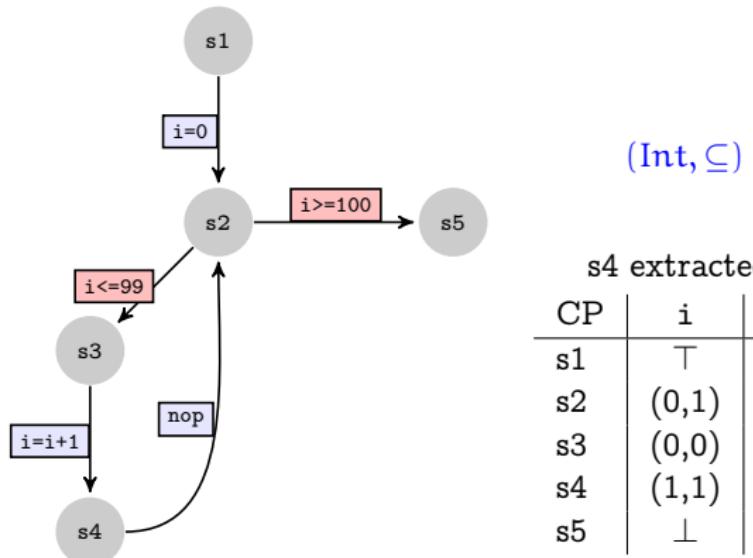
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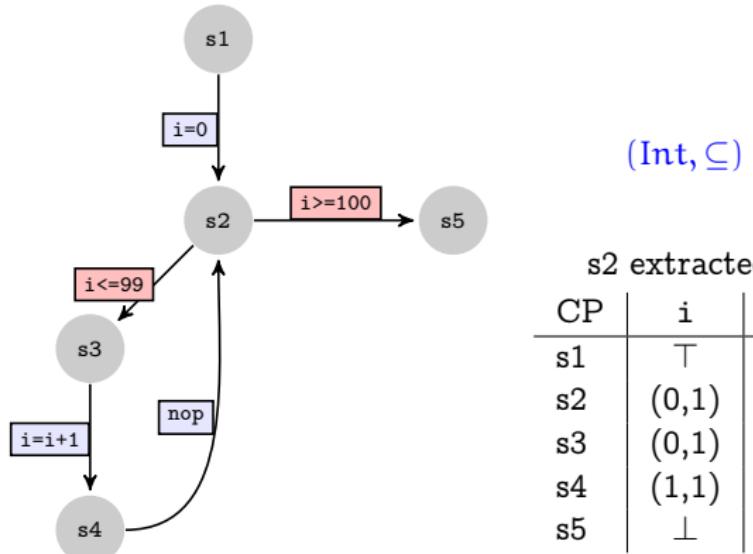


$$\text{Recall: } (0, 0) \sqcup^\sharp (1, 1) = (0, 1).$$

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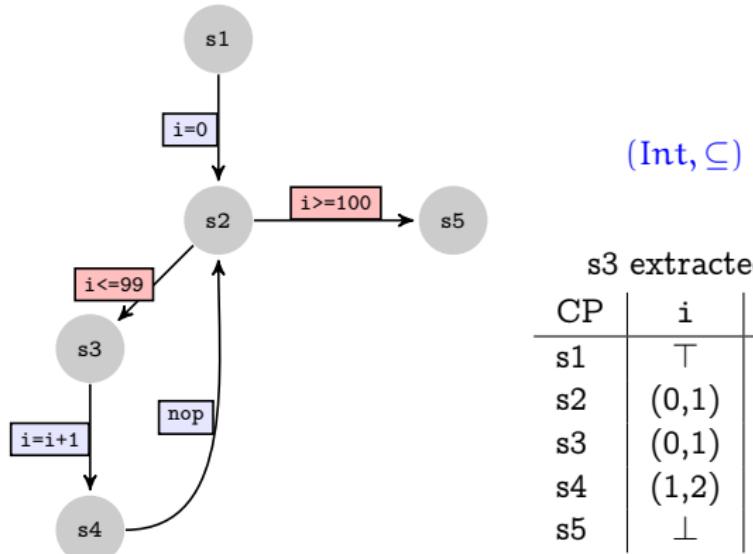
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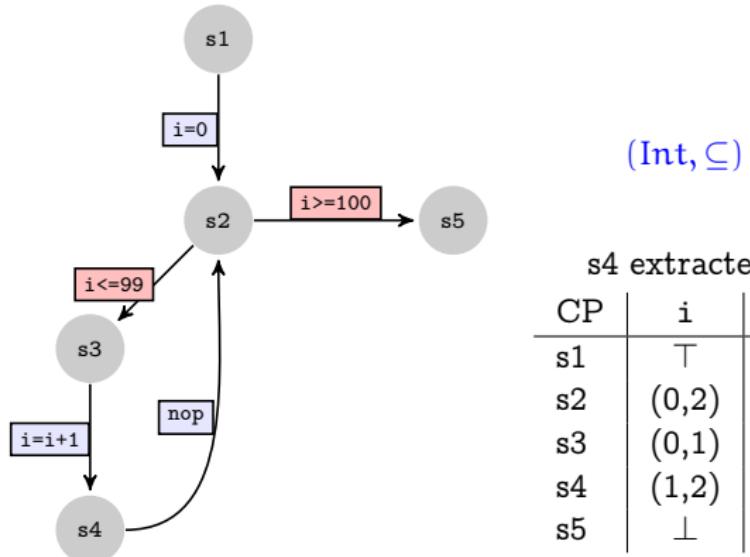
s3 extracted:

CP	i	W
s1	$\top$	
s2	$(0,1)$	
s3	$(0,1)$	
s4	$(1,2)$	✓
s5	$\perp$	

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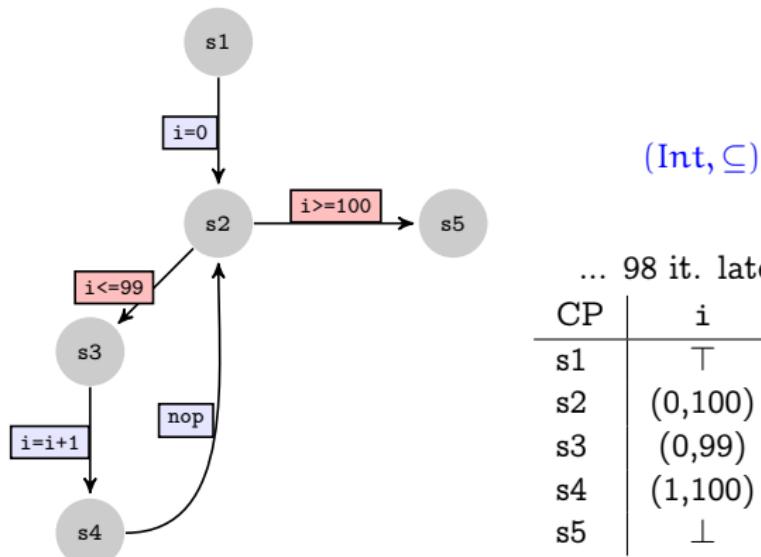
s4 extracted:

CP	i	W
s1	$\top$	
s2	$(0, 2)$	✓
s3	$(0, 1)$	
s4	$(1, 2)$	
s5	$\perp$	

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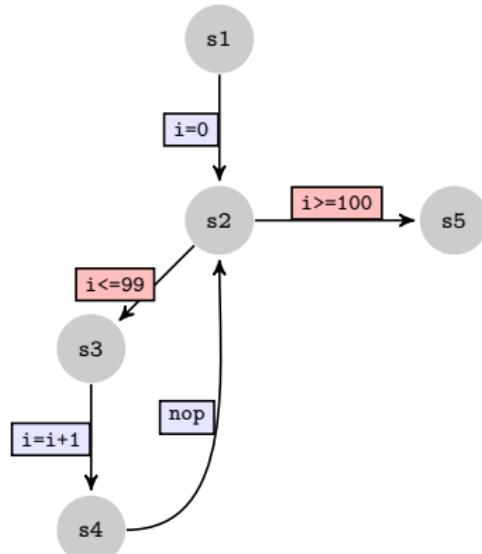
... 98 it. later 😞

CP	i	W
s1	⊤	
s2	(0, 100)	✓
s3	(0, 99)	
s4	(1, 100)	
s5	⊥	

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$(\text{Int}, \subseteq)$

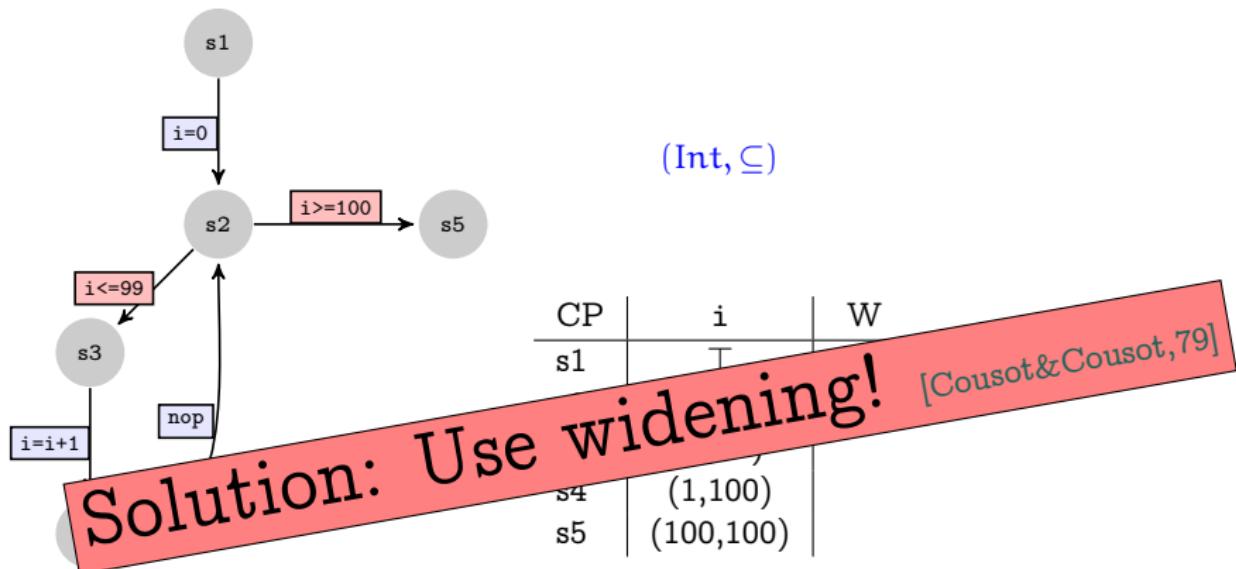
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s5	$(100, 100)$	✓

## EXAMPLE: NUMERIC ANALYSIS WITH INTERVALS

Recall:

Termination not guaranteed because  $(\text{Int}, \subseteq)$  does not satisfy a.c.c.!



## Definition

Given a complete lattice  $(L, \sqsubseteq)$ , a **widening** operator  $\triangledown : L \times L \rightarrow L$  satisfies

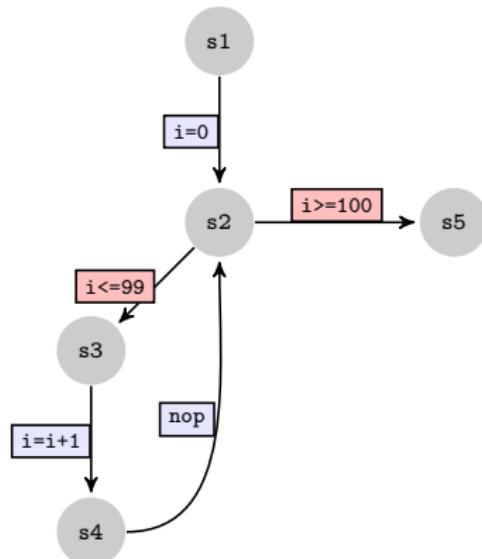
- $\forall x, y \in L. x \sqcup y \sqsubseteq x \triangledown y$
- for all sequences  $(l_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , the (ascending) chain  $(w_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$   
 $w_0 = l_0, w_{i+1} = w_i \triangleright l_{i+1}$  for  $i > 0$   
stabilises eventually.

Widening for  $(\text{Int}, \sqsubseteq)$ :  $(l_0, u_0) \triangleright (l_1, u_1) = (l_2, u_2)$  where

$$l_2 = \begin{cases} l_0 & \text{if } l_0 \leq l_1 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad u_2 = \begin{cases} u_0 & \text{if } u_0 \geq u_1 \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Example of widening chain:  $\perp \subseteq (0, 0) \subseteq (0, 0) \triangleright (0, 1) = (0, +\infty)$

## EXAMPLE: NUMERIC ANALYSIS WITH INTERVALS



(Int,  $\subseteq$ )

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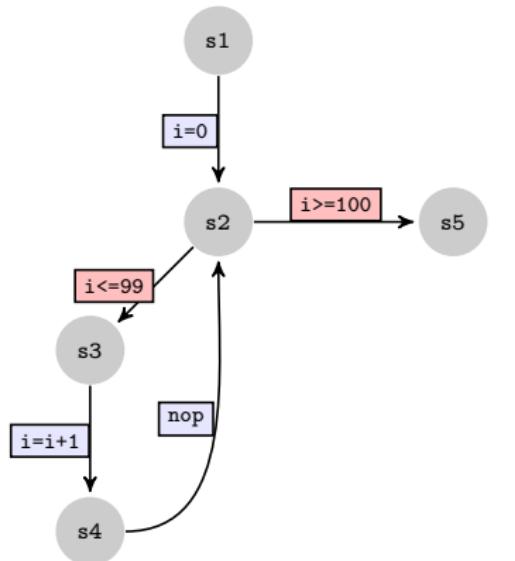
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Solution (naive): Apply widening instead  $\sqcup$  in the workset algorithm.

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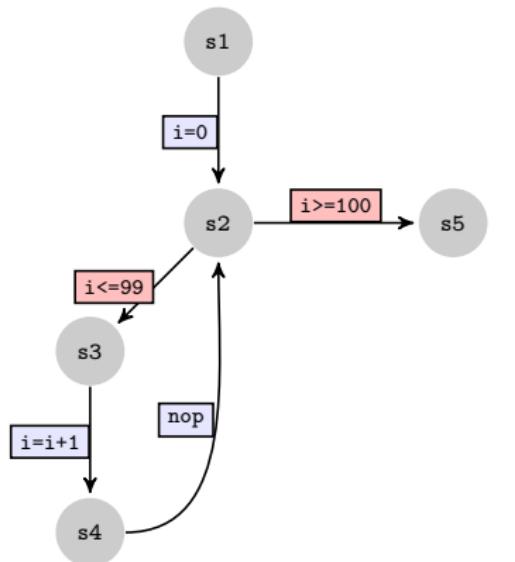
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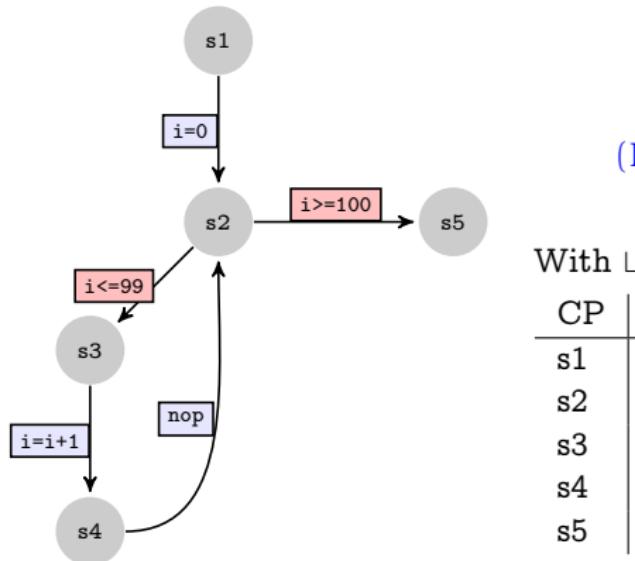
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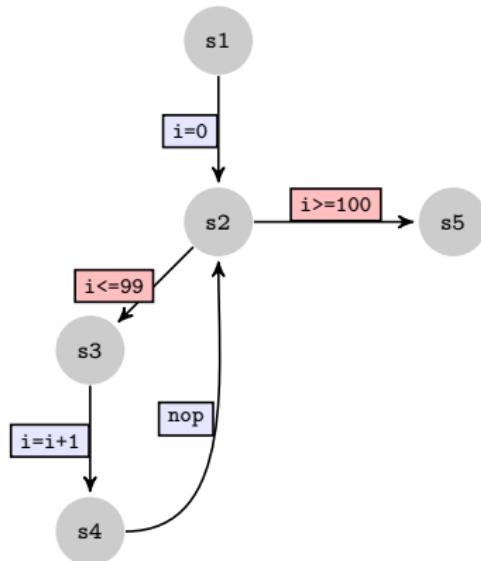
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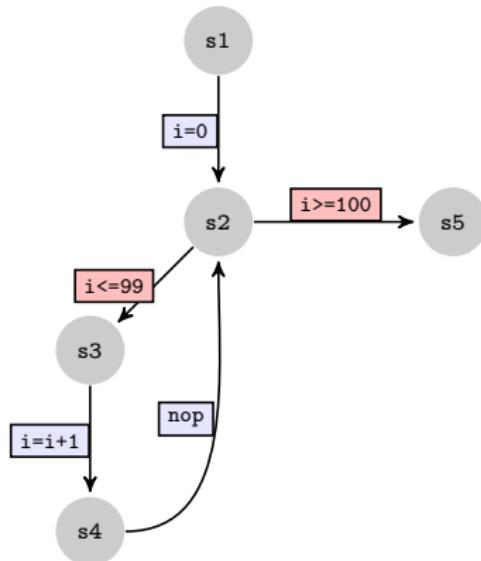
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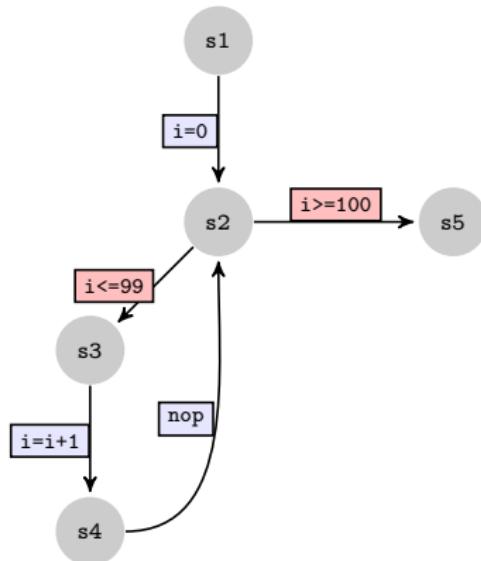
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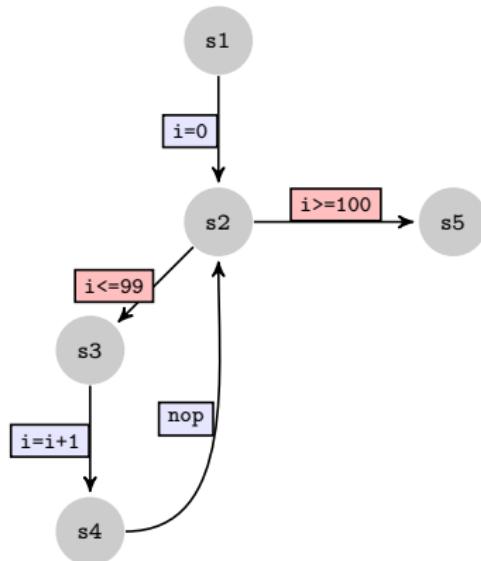
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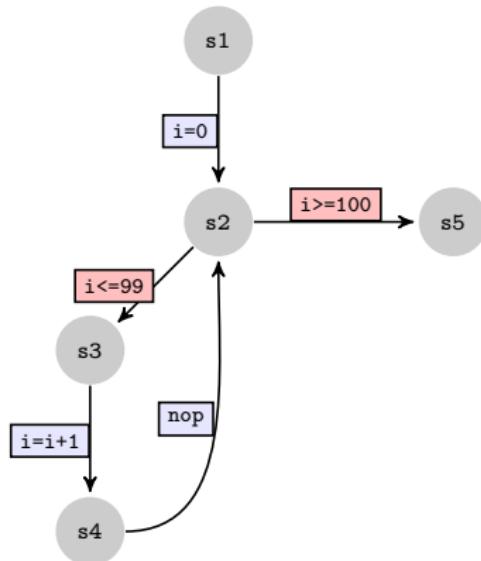
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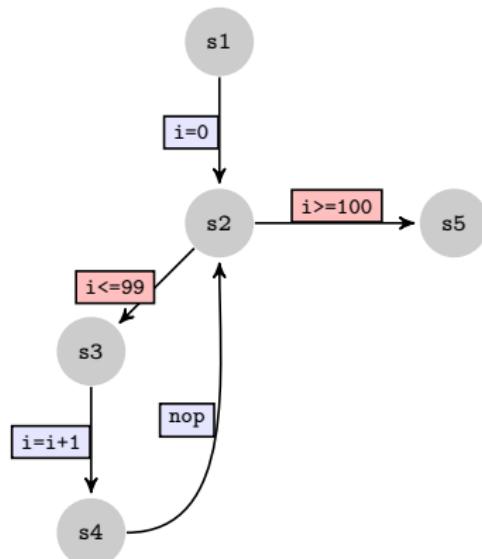
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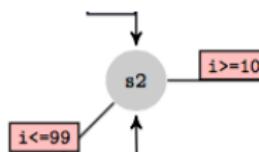
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Conclusion: Use widening carefully if precision is needed!

## OTHER SOLUTIONS FOR FAST AND PRECISE TERMINATION

Widening on “loop separators”: *i.e.*, one point by ICFG cycle, *e.g.*



Widening “up to”: take into account constants in boolean conditions

→ [Jeannet *et al*,11]

Delayed widening: apply  $\nabla$  after  $k \geq 2$  iterations

Narrowing: iterate again from the result obtained by widening

Accelerate: introduce iteration variables for loops

→ [Gonnord & Halbwachs,06]

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[Cousot&Cousot,77]

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[Miné'01]

Polyhedra:  $\wedge \sum_{x_i \in V} c_i x_i \leq c$

[Cousot& Halbwachs,78]

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Polyhedra:  $\wedge \sum_{x_i \in V} c_i x_i \leq c$  [Cousot & Halbwachs, 78]  $O(2^n)$

In general, more precision leads to higher costs (in  $n = |V|$ ) of lattice operations.

## SOME FREE IMPLEMENTATIONS

**Apron:** numerical domains (C, C++, and Ocaml), normalised interface, wrapper PPL, tools for arithmetical expressions  
→ [apron.cri.ensmp.fr](http://apron.cri.ensmp.fr), [Jeannet & Miné, 09]

**Fixpoint:** engine for computing lfp from ICFG and lattice  
→ [pop-art.inrialpes.fr/people/bjeannet](http://pop-art.inrialpes.fr/people/bjeannet)

**Interproc:** on-line analyser for a simple language  
→ [pop-art.inrialpes.fr/people/bjeannet](http://pop-art.inrialpes.fr/people/bjeannet)

**Frama-C:** platform for verifying and analysing C programs  
→ [frama-c.com](http://frama-c.com)

**PPL:** numerical domains (C++)  
→ [bugseng.com/products/ppl/](http://bugseng.com/products/ppl/), [Bagnara *et al.*, 08]

# GENERAL INTERFACE FOR ABSTRACT DOMAINS

```
module AbsDom is
  type D;
  operations
    copy : D -> D
    size : D -> int

    minimize : D -> unit
    hash     : D -> unit

    bot, top : int -> D
    of_itv   : itv -> D

    is_bot, is_top : D -> bool
    is_leq, is_eq : D -> D -> bool
    sat_itv : D -> itv -> bool

    itv_of_var : D -> V -> itv
    to_itv    : D -> itv

    meet, join : D -> D -> D

    post_bexp, pre_bexp : D -> bexpr -> D
    post_astmt, pre_astmt : D -> var -> expr -> D

    widen      : D -> D -> D
    widen_upto : D -> D -> expr -> D

    add_dim, prj_dim : D -> var list -> D

    print : D -> ostream -> unit
end module
```

≈ Apron [Jeannet& Miné,09]

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## Programs with Lists and Data

### — Invariant Synthesis by Abstract Interpretation —

joint work with A. Bouajjani, C. Drăgoi, C. Enea

CAV'10, PLDI'11

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### CELIA tool:

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### Other tools:

- **TVLA** [Sagiv *et al*, 07, 11]  
→ fixed set of data constraints, no size constraints
- **SLAyer, Infer** [Berdine, Cook & Ishtiaq, 11]  
→ no data or size constraints

# COMPARISON WITH NUMERICAL ANALYSES

```
/* @assume: n≥1 */
int fib(int n) {
    int fp = 1; int fl = 1; int i = 1;
    /* n≥i≥1 ∧ 1≤i,fp≤fl */
    while(i<n) {
        /* 1≤i< n ∧ i,fp≤fl */
        int t = fp+fl;
        /* 1≤i< n ∧ 1≤i,fp≤fl≤t */
        fp = fl; /* 1≤i< n ∧ 1,i≤fp=fl≤t */
        fl = t; /* 1≤i< n ∧ 1≤i,fp≤fl=t */
        i = i+1; /* 1≤i≤n ∧ 1≤i,fp≤fl*/
    }
    /* 1≤n=i ∧ 1≤i,fp≤fl */
    return fl;
} /* @assert: fib(n)≥n≥1 */
```

$(L^\sharp, \sqsubseteq^\sharp)$

Octogonal constraints:  
 $\bigwedge \pm x \pm y \leq c$

Tool

✓ Interproc & Apron

# INTRA-PROCEDURAL ANALYSIS MODEL

Recall the formal model of IMPR:

Control points  $\mathbf{CP} \ni \ell, \ell'$

$\ni \textcolor{red}{start}_P, \textcolor{red}{end}_P$  for each procedure  $P \in \mathbf{P}$

Stack

$\mathbf{Stacks} \triangleq [(\mathbf{CP} \times \mathbf{P} \times (\mathbf{DV} \leftrightarrow \mathbb{D} \cup \mathbf{RV} \leftrightarrow \mathbb{L}))^*] \ni \mathbf{S}$

Heap

$\mathbf{Heaps} \triangleq [(\mathbb{L} \times \mathbf{FS}) \leftrightarrow (\mathbb{D} \cup \mathbb{L})] \ni \mathbf{H}$

Memory

$\mathbf{Mem} \triangleq \mathbf{Stacks} \times \mathbf{Heaps} \ni \mathbf{m}$

Configurations

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## Definition

A **heap graph** is a tuple  $\langle \mathcal{N}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{L} \rangle$  where  $\mathcal{N} = \mathbb{L}$  is a set of (typed) graph *nodes*,  $\mathcal{E} : \mathcal{N} \times \text{RF} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  is a set of (reference field) *labeled edges*, and  $\mathcal{L} : (\mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\text{RV})) \cup (\mathcal{N} \times \text{DF} \rightarrow \mathbb{D})$  is *node labeling function*.

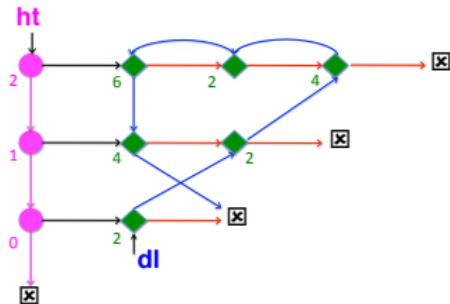
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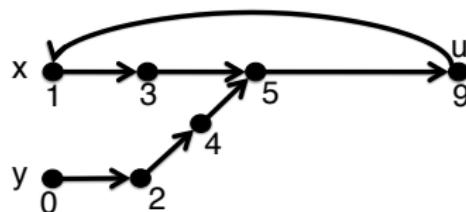
## HEAP GRAPHS FOR LISTS OF INTEGERS (1/2)

For programs with lists of integers, *i.e.*,

$\text{RT} = \{\text{list}\}$  with  $\text{RF} = \{\text{next}\}$  and  $\text{DF} = \{\text{data}\}$ ,

the **heap graph model** is a labeled functional graph, *i.e.*,  $\langle \mathcal{N}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{L} \rangle$  where:

- $\mathcal{N} = \mathbb{L}$
- $\mathcal{E} : \mathcal{N} \setminus \{\boxtimes\} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$
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Particular case

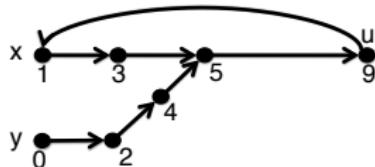
A heap graph without data labels on nodes is called **pure heap graph**.

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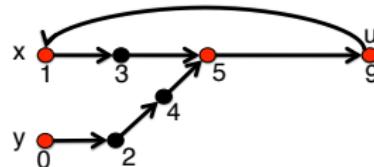


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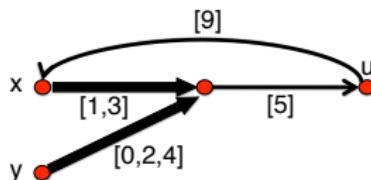


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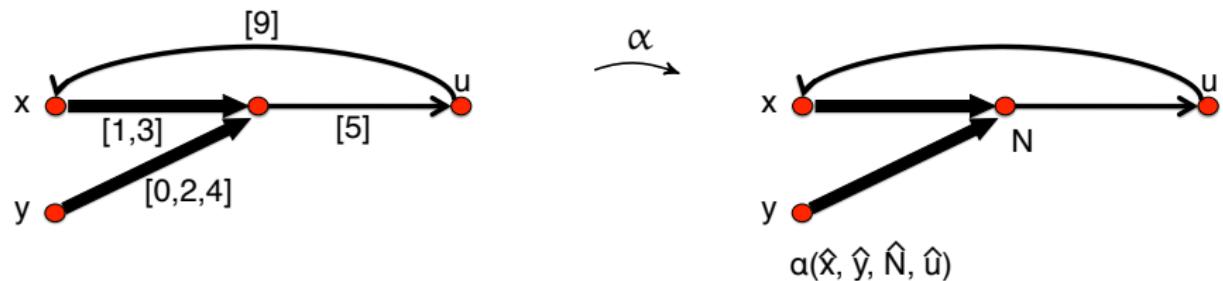


### Property

The number of pure heap graphs with only cut nodes is finite (for finite **RV**).  
→ Idea: reverse edges!

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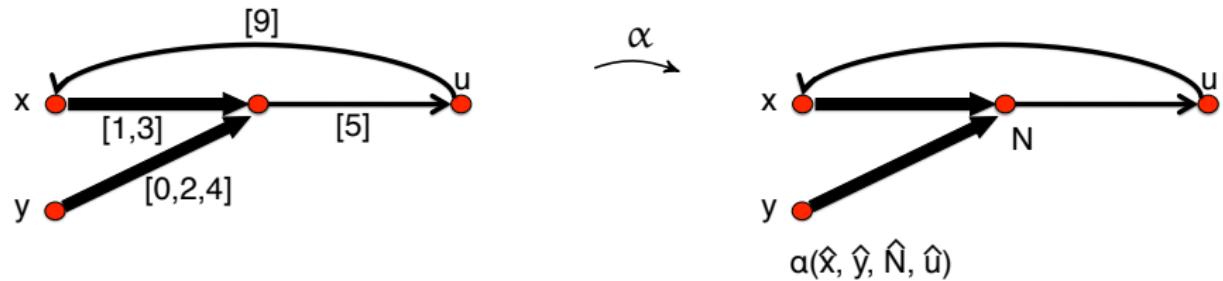
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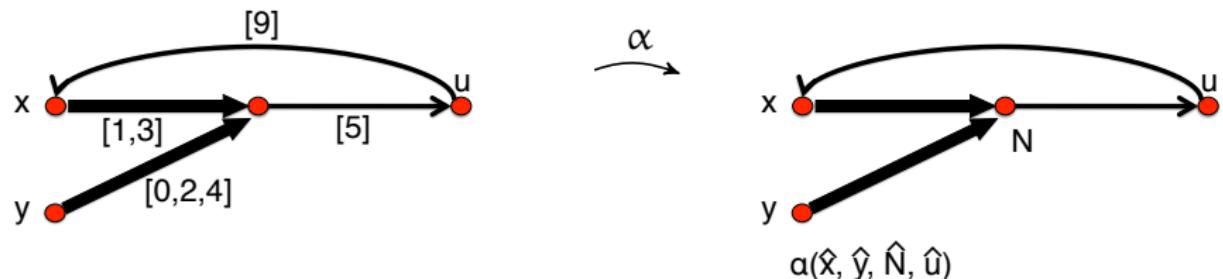
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Universal constraints abstraction

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{N}, \hat{u}) = & |\hat{u}| = 1 \wedge |\hat{N}| = 1 \wedge |\hat{x}| \leq |\hat{y}| \wedge \\ & \hat{u}[0] \geq \hat{N}[0] \wedge \hat{x}[0] \geq 1 \wedge \hat{y}[0]\%2 = 0 \wedge \\ & \forall i. 0 < i < |\hat{x}| \implies \hat{x}[i] \geq 1 \wedge \\ & \forall i. 0 < i < |\hat{y}| \implies \hat{y}[i]\%2 = 0\end{aligned}$$

## ABSTRACT HEAP GRAPHS: IDEA

The only source of infinity are the integer words  $\rightarrow$  abstract them!



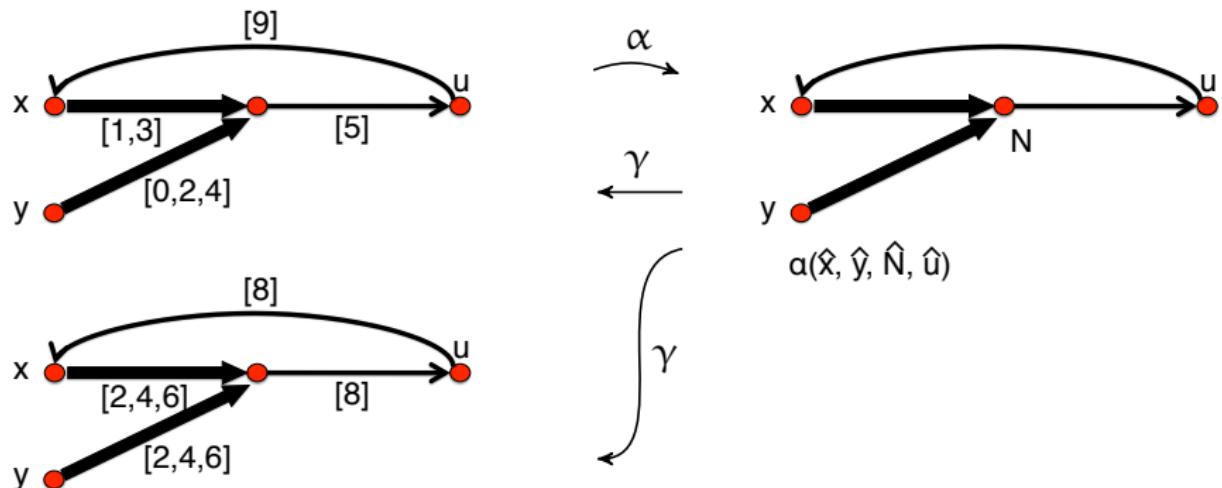
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Sum constraints abstraction

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{N}, \hat{u}) = \Sigma(\hat{N}) - \Sigma(\hat{x}) &\geq 1 \wedge \Sigma(\hat{y}) \leq \Sigma(\hat{u}) \wedge \\ |\hat{x}| &\leq |\hat{y}| \wedge |\hat{x}| \leq \Sigma(\hat{N})\end{aligned}$$

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$\gamma$  is defined using models of integer words constraints.



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## ABSTRACT HEAP DOMAIN $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{H}}(\mathcal{A}_W)$

### Definition

Given  $\mathcal{A}_W$  an abstract domain on words, the domain of **abstract heaps** is:

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{H}}(\mathcal{A}_W) = (L^{\mathbb{H}}, \sqsubseteq^{\mathbb{H}}, \sqcup^{\mathbb{H}}, \sqcap^{\mathbb{H}}, T^{\mathbb{H}}, \perp^{\mathbb{H}})$$

where

$\forall (G, W) \in L^{\mathbb{H}} \implies G \in \text{pure heap graph without anonymous, } W \in L^W$

$$(G_1, W_1) \sqsubseteq^{\mathbb{H}} (G_2, W_2) \text{ iff } G_1 \approx_{\text{iso}} G_2 \text{ and } W_1 \sqsubseteq^W W_2$$

$$(G_1, W_1) \sqcup^{\mathbb{H}} (G_2, W_2) = \begin{cases} (G_1, W_1 \sqcup^W W_2) & \text{if } G_1 \approx_{\text{iso}} G_2 \\ T^{\mathbb{H}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and  $\sqcap^{\mathbb{H}}$  defined similarly.  $T^{\mathbb{H}}$  and  $\perp^{\mathbb{H}}$  are special values such that

$$\forall v^{\mathbb{H}} \in L^{\mathbb{H}}. \perp^{\mathbb{H}} \sqsubseteq^{\mathbb{H}} v^{\mathbb{H}} \sqsubseteq^{\mathbb{H}} T^{\mathbb{H}}$$

## ABSTRACT HEAP SET DOMAIN $\mathcal{A}_{\text{HS}}(\mathcal{A}_W)$

### Definition

The **abstract heap set** domain  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{HS}}(\mathcal{A}_W)$  is the power-set domain of  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{H}}(\mathcal{A}_W)$  such that for any  $v^{\text{HS}} \in L^{\text{HS}}$ ,  $v^{\text{HS}}$  does not contain two abstract heaps with isomorphic pure heap graphs.

## LOGICAL VIEW: HEAP GRAPHS

Main logics for specifying heap graphs:

- FO(G)+TC
  - decidable fragment LRP
  - decidable fragment CSL

[Immerman *et al*, 87, 04]  
[Yorsh *et al*, 06]  
[Bouajjani *et al*, 09]
- Calculus of reachability
  - conjunction of reachability predicates  $p \xrightarrow[x]{\text{nxt}} q$  is decidable
  - extension for well-founded lists

[Nelson, 93]  
[Lahiri & Quadeer, 06]
- Separation Logic
  - decidable if no quantification

[Reynolds *et al*, 99]  
[Calcagno, Yang & O'Hearn, 01]

# SEPARATION LOGIC: FRAGMENT OF SYMBOLIC HEAPS

**Assertions:**  $\exists \vec{X}. \Pi \wedge \Sigma$  where

$E, F ::= x   X$	$x \in RV, X$ logical variable
$\Pi ::= E = F   E \neq F   \Pi \wedge \Pi$	pure formulas
$\Sigma ::= emp   E \mapsto \{(f_i, F_i)\}_i   \Sigma * \Sigma$	spatial formulas

**No Aliasing:**  $(S, H) \models E \neq F$  iff  $S(E) \neq S(F)$

**Empty heap:**  $(S, H) \models emp$  iff  $\text{dom}(H) = \emptyset$

**An allocated cell:**  $(S, H) \models E \mapsto \{(f_i, F_i)\}_i$   
iff  $\text{dom}(H) = S(E)$ ,  $H(S(E), f_i) = S(F_i)$  for any  $i$

**Separating conjunction:**  $(S, H) \models \Sigma_1 * \Sigma_2$  iff  
 $H = H_1 \cup H_2$  s.t.  $\text{dom}(H_1) \cap \text{dom}(H_2) = \emptyset$  and  
 $(S, H_1) \models \Sigma_1, (S, H_2) \models \Sigma_2$

## SEPARATION LOGIC: FRAGMENT OF SYMBOLIC HEAPS

To specify unbounded heap graphs, use inductive predicates defined by a **set of rules** of the form  $P(\overrightarrow{E}) \triangleq \exists \overrightarrow{X}. \Pi \wedge \Sigma$

$$\begin{array}{ll} E, F ::= x | X & x \in \mathbf{RV}, X \text{ logical var.} \\ \Pi ::= E = F | E \neq F | \Pi \wedge \Pi & \text{pure formulas} \\ \Sigma ::= emp | E \mapsto \{(f_i, F_i)\}_i | \Sigma * \Sigma | P(\overrightarrow{E}) & \text{spatial formulas} \end{array}$$

### Examples:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathsf{ls}(E, F) & \triangleq E = F \wedge \mathit{emp} \\ \mathsf{ls}(E, F) & \triangleq \exists X. E \neq F * E \mapsto \{(\mathsf{next}, X)\} * \mathsf{ls}(X, F) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathsf{ls}^+(E, F) & \triangleq E \neq F \wedge E \mapsto \{(\mathsf{next}, F)\} \\ \mathsf{ls}^+(E, F) & \triangleq \exists X. E \neq F * E \mapsto \{(\mathsf{next}, X)\} * \mathsf{ls}^+(X, F) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathsf{nll}(E, F, B) & \triangleq E = F \wedge \mathit{emp} \\ \mathsf{nll}(E, F, B) & \triangleq \exists X, Y. E \neq F * E \mapsto \{(\mathsf{next}, X), (s, Y)\} * \mathsf{ls}^+(Y, B) * \mathsf{nll}(X, F, B) \end{array}$$



## SEPARATION LOGIC FRAGMENT

The fragment of SL using only  $1s^+$  (also true for  $1s$ ) has good properties:

- ① Compositional reasoning due to separation conjunction \*

$$\frac{\{P\} \text{ stmt } \{Q\}}{\{P * R\} \text{ stmt } \{Q * R\}}$$

- ② Satisfiability and entailment are in PTIME [Cook *et al.*, 11]
- ③ Closure under post image of IMPR due to logic variables
- ④ Efficient symbolic representation: functional graphs
- ⑤ Not closed under  $\neg$ , **not stably infinite**  
→ combination with other logic theories is difficult

## LOGICAL VIEW: ARRAY PROPERTIES

Some decidable logics for specifying arrays of integers:

- ① Quantifier free with permutation predicate [Suzuki & Jefferson, 80]

$$\text{store}(a, i, v) \wedge a[j] = b[j] \implies \text{perm}(a, b)$$

- ② Array Property Fragment [Bradley, Manna & Sipma, 06]

$$n \geq 0 \wedge a[\ell] \leq k \wedge \forall i_1, i_2. n \leq i_1 \leq i_2 < \ell \implies \varphi(a[i_2], a[i_1], a[\ell])$$

- ③ Logic of Integer Arrays [Habermehl, Iosif & Vojnar, 08]

$$\forall \vec{i}. i \equiv_2 0 \implies a[i] - a[i + 1] \leq k$$

## LOGICAL VIEW

Any element of  $L^{\text{HS}}$  has a logical representation by a formula:

$$\bigvee_i \exists \vec{X}_i. (\varphi_{\text{SL}}^i \wedge \psi_{\text{AL}}^i)$$

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## Decidability Issues

$$\forall i. 0 \leq i < n - 2 \implies \widehat{lf}[i] = \widehat{lf}[i + 1] + \widehat{lf}[i + 2]$$

is not in a decidable array logic!

Solution: use sound but incomplete procedures for satisfiability (*i.e.*,  $= \perp^{\text{AL}}$ ) and entailment (*i.e.*,  $\sqsubseteq^{\text{AL}}$ )

## DOMAIN OF ARRAY LOGIC FOR $\mathcal{A}_W$

- “all the values in  $n$  are greater than 3”

$$\forall i. \ 0 \leq i < |\hat{n}| \implies \hat{n}[i] \geq 3$$

- “ $n$  contains a Fibonacci sequence”

$$\forall i_1, i_2, i_3. \ 0 \leq i_1, i_2, i_3 < |\hat{n}| \wedge i_1 <_1 i_2 <_1 i_3 \implies \hat{n}[i_3] = \hat{n}[i_2] + \hat{n}[i_1]$$

$$\forall i_1, i_2. \ 0 \leq i_1, i_2 < |\hat{n}| \wedge i_1 < i_2 \implies \hat{n}[i_2] - \hat{n}[i_1] \geq i_2 - i_1$$

- “lists  $n$  and  $m$  have the same content”

$$|\hat{n}| = |\hat{m}| \wedge \forall i, i'. \ 0 \leq i < |\hat{n}| \wedge 0 \leq i' < |\hat{m}| \wedge i = i' \implies \hat{n}[i] = \hat{m}[i']$$

$$E(\vec{N}) \wedge \bigwedge_{g \in \mathcal{G}} \forall \vec{i}. \ g(\vec{i}, \vec{N}) \implies u(\vec{N}, \vec{i})$$

# DOMAIN OF ARRAY LOGIC FOR $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{W}}$

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{U}} = (\mathbf{A}^{\mathbb{U}}, \sqsubseteq^{\mathbb{U}}, \sqcup^{\mathbb{U}}, \sqcap^{\mathbb{U}}, \top^{\mathbb{U}}, \perp^{\mathbb{U}})$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{\mathbb{U}} \ni E(\vec{N}) \wedge \bigwedge_{g \in \mathcal{G}} \forall \vec{i}. \ g(\vec{i}, \vec{N}) \implies U(\vec{N}, \vec{i})$$

is parameterised by

- a set of **guard patterns**  $\mathcal{G}$ , e.g.,  $\mathcal{G} = \{g_{\text{all}}, g_{<}, g_{+1}\}$  with

$$g_{\text{all}}(i, \hat{n}) ::= 0 < i < |\hat{n}|$$

$$g_{<}(i_1, i_2, \hat{n}) ::= 0 < i_1 < i_2 < |\hat{n}|$$

$$g_{+1}(i_1, i_2, i_3, \hat{n}) ::= 0 < i_1 <_1 i_2 <_1 i_3 < |\hat{n}|$$

- a numerical abstract domain  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ , e.g., polyhedra, octagons, ...

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}} \ni E(\vec{N}), U(\vec{N}, \vec{i})$$

# DOMAIN OF ARRAY LOGIC FOR $\mathcal{A}_W$

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with sound but incomplete lattice operations:

- $E^1 \wedge (g_i \mapsto U_i^1)_i \sqsubseteq^{\mathbb{U}} E^2 \wedge (g_i \mapsto U_i^2)_i$   
if  $E^1 \sqsubseteq^{\mathbb{Z}} E^2$  and for any  $i$ ,  $(E^1 \wedge U_i^1) \sqsubseteq^{\mathbb{Z}} (E^2 \wedge U_i^2)$
- $E^1 \wedge (g_i \mapsto U_i^1)_i \sqcup^{\mathbb{U}} E^2 \wedge (g_i \mapsto U_i^2)_i$   
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- $E \wedge (g_i \mapsto U_i)_i = \top^{\mathbb{U}}$   
if  $E = \top^{\mathbb{Z}}$  and for any  $i$ ,  $U_i = \top^{\mathbb{Z}}$
- $E \wedge (g_i \mapsto U_i)_i = \perp^{\mathbb{U}}$   
if  $E = \perp^{\mathbb{Z}}$  or exists  $i$  such that  $E \wedge U_i = \perp^{\mathbb{Z}}$

sound, but weaker than sat testing  $\longrightarrow$  may delay termination!



## WIDENING OF ABSTRACT HEAPS

Recall: Widening not needed for pure heap graphs (finite lattice)!

Like for lattice operations,  $\nabla^{\mathbb{H}}$  is applied for values with isomorphic graphs, *i.e.*

$$(G_0, W_0) \nabla^{\mathbb{H}} (G_1, W_1) \triangleq (G_1, W_0 \nabla^{\mathbb{U}} W_1) \quad \text{if } G_0 \approx_{\text{iso}} G_1$$

where

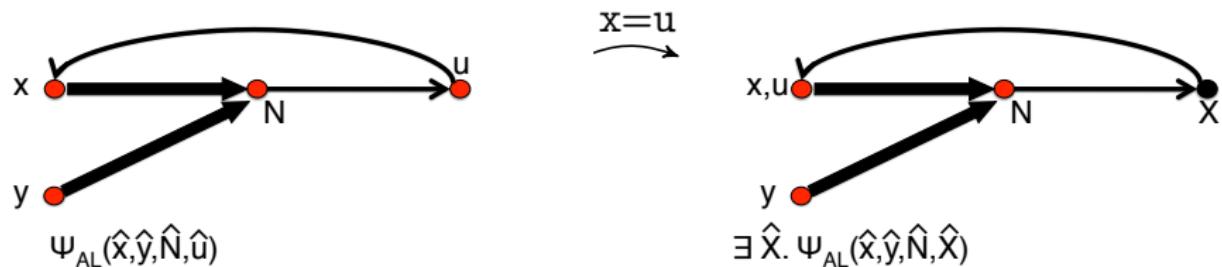
$$(E^0 \wedge (g_i \mapsto U_i^0)_i) \nabla^{\mathbb{U}} (E^1 \wedge (g_i \mapsto U_i^1)_i) \triangleq (E^2 \wedge (g_i \mapsto U_i^2)_i)$$

and

$$E^2 \triangleq E^0 \nabla^{\mathbb{Z}} E^1$$

$$U_i^2 \triangleq (E^0 \wedge U_i^0) \nabla^{\mathbb{Z}} (E^1 \wedge U_i^1)$$

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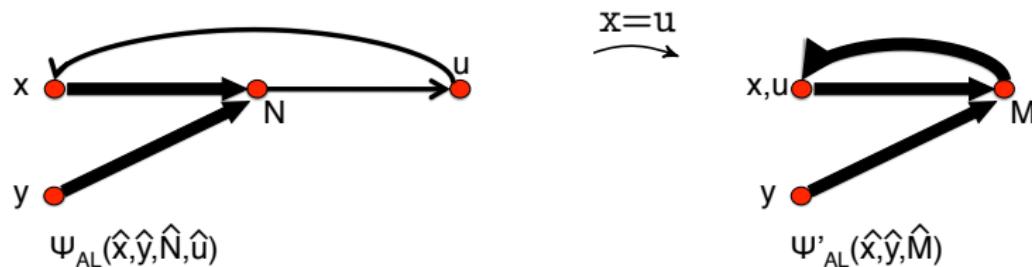
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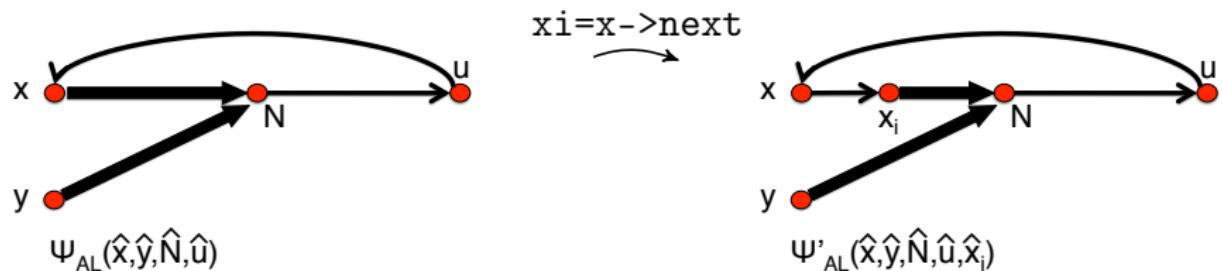
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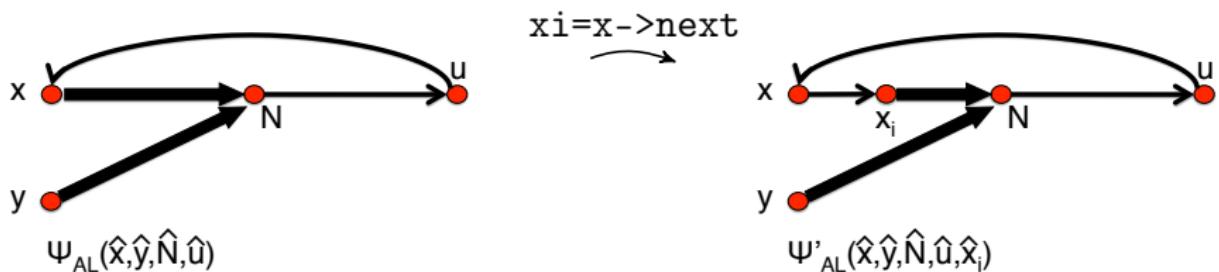
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## Issue 2:

Define a procedure for universal formula unfolding at  $i = 0$  (unfold).

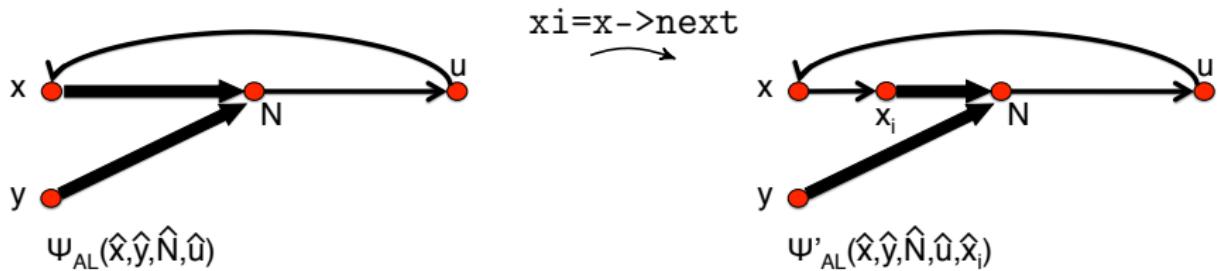
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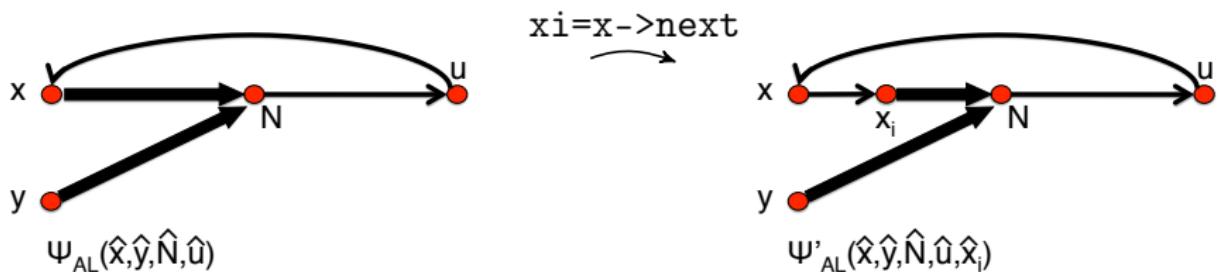


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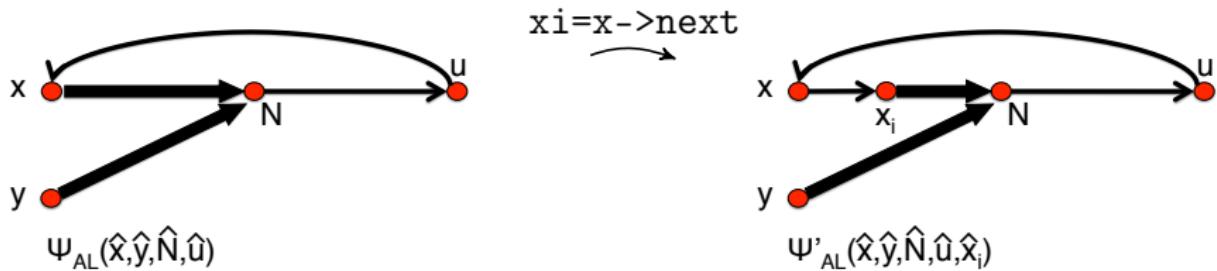
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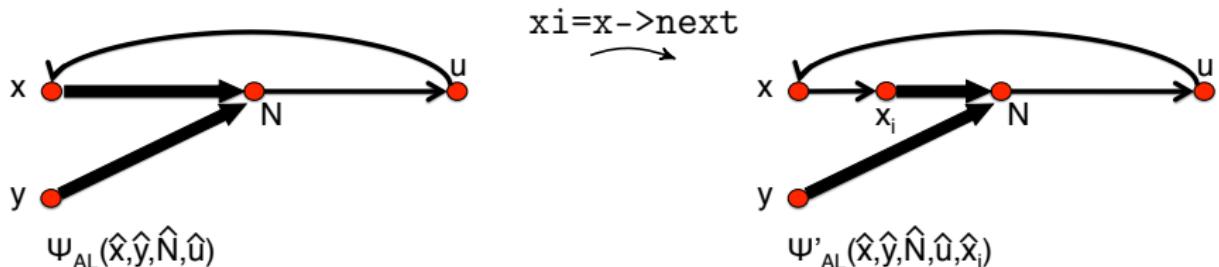


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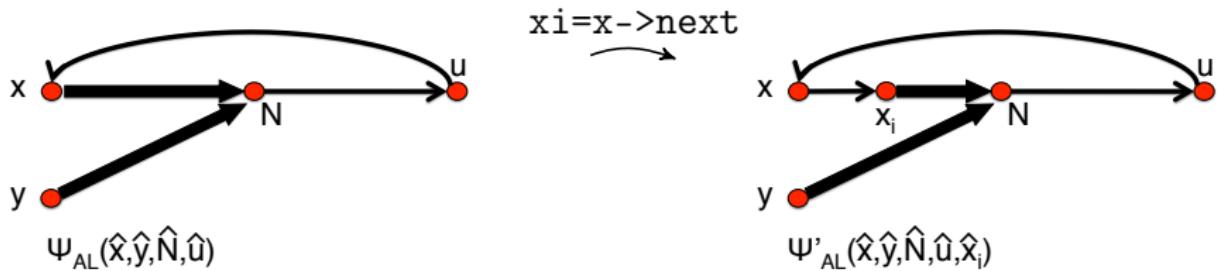
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## PRECISE unfold: MAIN IDEA

### Closure of $\mathcal{G}$

For each  $g(i_1, i_2, \dots, \overrightarrow{N}) \in \mathcal{G}$ , add to  $\mathcal{G}$  a new guard,  
 $g' \equiv g(1, i_2 + 1, \dots, \overrightarrow{N})$  which collects informations about unfolding of  
 $g \dots$  and so on for  $g'!$

**Example:** for  $g_{+1}(i_1, i_2, \hat{n}) ::= 0 < i_1 <_1 i_2 < |\hat{n}|$

→ add  $g_1(i, \hat{n}) ::= 0 < i_1 = 1 < |\hat{n}|$

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## EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

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<i>initFibo</i>	$\mathbb{U}$	poly	1	$g_<(i, i', \widehat{n}) \implies \widehat{n}[i'] - \widehat{n}[i] \geq i' - i$	1
	$\mathbb{U}$	poly	3	$g_{+1}(i_1, i_2, i_3, \widehat{n}) \implies \widehat{n}[i_3] = \widehat{n}[i_1] + \widehat{n}[i_2]$	0.5
	$\Sigma$	poly	0	$\sum_{i=1, N} F_i = 2 \times F_N + F_{N-1} - 1$	0.4
<i>init2N</i>	$\mathbb{U}$	poly	1	$g_{\text{all}}(i, \widehat{n}) \implies \widehat{n}[i] = 2 \times i$	0.4
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	$\mathbb{U}$	oct	2	$g_<(i_1, i_2, \widehat{n}) \implies \widehat{n}[i_1] \leq \widehat{n}[i_2]$	2
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<i>copyReverse</i>	$\mathbb{M}$	poly	0	$\text{ms}(\widehat{\text{rev}}) = \text{ms}(\widehat{n})$	0.4
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## RELATED WORKS ON ARRAY ANALYSIS

- predicate abstraction [Flanagan & Qadeer, 02], [Lahiri *et al*, 03]  
—> only fixed properties for data constraints
- abstract interpretation [Blanchet *et al*, 03], [Gopan *et al*, 04-07]  
—> *e.g.*, [Halbwachs & Péron, 08] infers
$$\forall i \in I. \varphi(a_1[i + k_1], \dots, a_m[i + k_m], k)$$
- symbol elimination in loop body [Kovacs *et al*, 09-11]  
—> slides at VTSA'14

## CONCLUSION OF INTRA-PROCEDURAL SHAPE ANALYSIS

- Abstract interpretation principles work for more complex constraints.
- Building new abstract domains may be a challenging task.
- Free numerical domains exists with a clear interface.
- Experimental results are good for realistic programs.

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# Programs with Lists and Data

## — Static Analysis for Decision Procedures —

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$\text{SLAD} \triangleq \text{Separation Logic}(1\text{s}^+) + \text{Array Logic}(\mathbb{Z})$

## Corollary

Satisfiability and entailment in SLAD are undecidable.

## Theorem

$\exists$  a **sound** procedure for checking satisfiability and entailment, which is **complete** when Array Logic has only  $\leq$ -constraints in  $g(\vec{i})$ .

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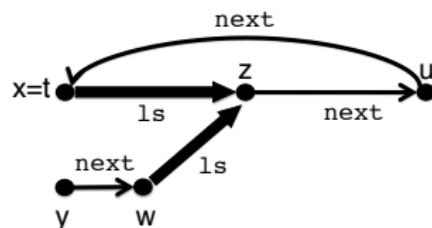
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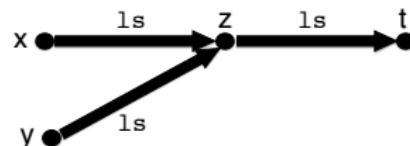
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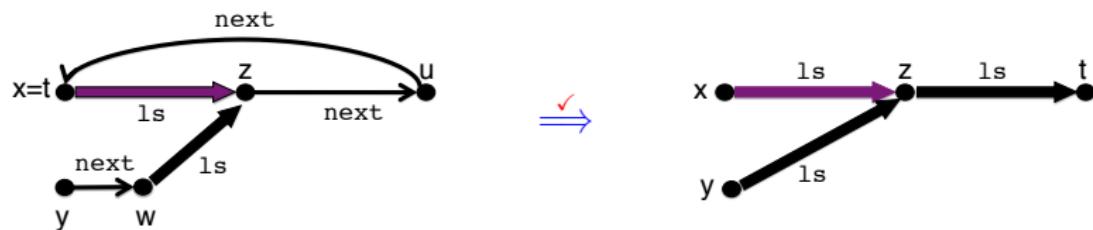
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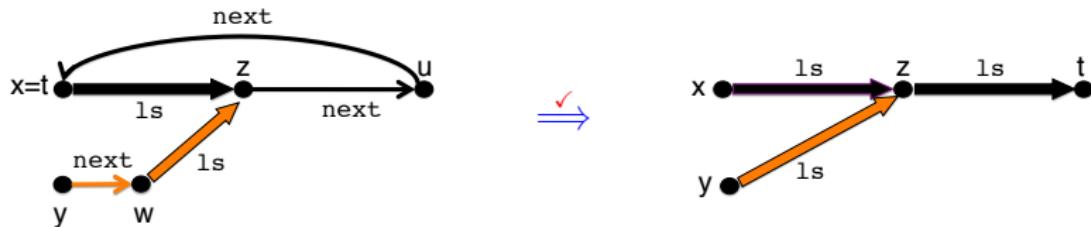
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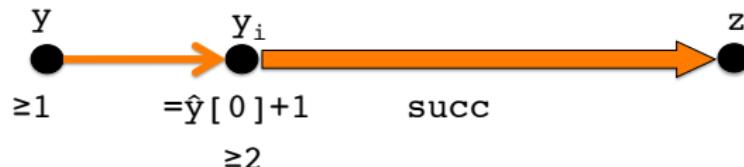


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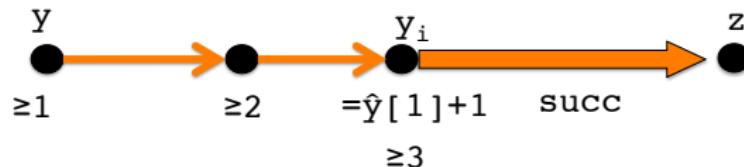
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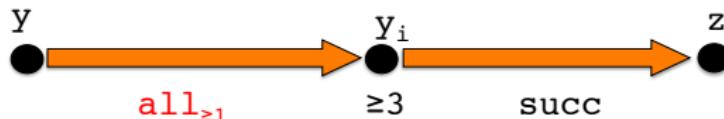
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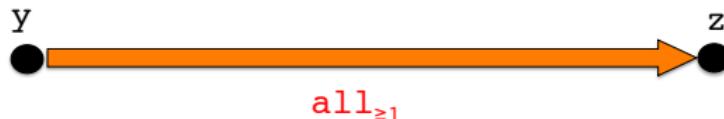
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## CONCLUSION OF THE PART

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- Efficiency is obtained using sound syntax-oriented procedures.
- Sound procedures for undecidable logic fragments may be obtained by applying static analysis.