

Static Program Analysis

Part 8 – distributive analysis frameworks

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Agenda

- **Distributive analysis**
- IFDS
- IDE

Key ideas

the function summary effect in
interprocedural dataflow analysis

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compact representations of distributive functions

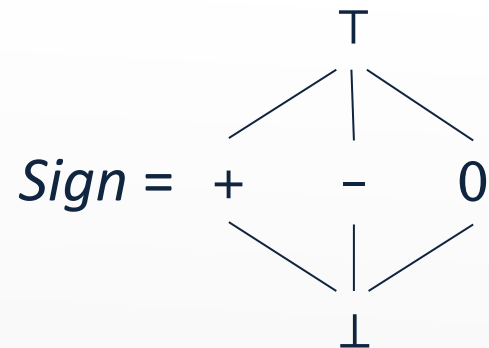
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efficient analysis algorithms

Context sensitive dataflow analysis

Recall our context-sensitive interprocedural sign analysis:

- Lattice for abstract values:



- Lattice for abstract states:

$$State = Var \rightarrow Sign$$

- Analysis lattice:

$$(Context \rightarrow lift(State))^n$$



For each CFG node v we have a map m_v from call contexts to abstract states (or *unreachable*)
“If the current function is called in context c , then the abstract state at v is $m_v(c)$ ”

Example, revisited:

interprocedural sign analysis with the functional approach

Lattice for abstract states: $Context \rightarrow lift(Var \rightarrow Sign)$

where $Context = Var \rightarrow Sign$

```
f(z) {  
  var t1, t2;  
  t1 = z*6;  
  t2 = t1*7;  
  return t2;  
}
```

...

```
x = f(0);  
y = f(87);  
z = f(42);
```

...

The abstract state at the exit of f
can be used as a function summary

$[\perp[z \mapsto 0] \mapsto \perp[z \mapsto 0, t1 \mapsto 0, t2 \mapsto 0, result \mapsto 0],$
 $\perp[z \mapsto +] \mapsto \perp[z \mapsto +, t1 \mapsto +, t2 \mapsto +, result \mapsto +],$
all other contexts \mapsto unreachable]

At this call, we can reuse the already computed
exit abstract state of f for the context $\perp[z \mapsto +]$

Possibly-uninitialized variables analysis



(very similar to *taint analysis*)

- Let's make an analysis to detect possibly-uninitialized variables
 - remember the initialized variables analysis?*
- We want
 - flow-sensitivity
 - full context-sensitivity (with the functional approach)
- Lattice of abstract states: $State = \mathcal{P}(Var)$
- Analysis lattice: $(Context \rightarrow lift(State))^n =$
 $(\mathcal{P}(Var) \rightarrow lift(\mathcal{P}(Var)))^n$
 - as usual, n is the number of CFG nodes
 - recall that the full functional approach has $Context = State$
 - intuitively, the context is the set of possibly uninitialized variables at the entry of the current function

*) In this analysis, a variable is *possibly-uninitialized* if its value may be computed from an uninitialized variable

Possibly-uninitialized variables – example

```
main() {  
    var x,y,z;  
    x = input;  
    z = p(x,y);  
    return z;  
}  
  
p(a,b) {  
    if (a > 0) {  
        b = input;  
        a = a - b;  
        b = p(a,b);  
        output(a);  
        output(b);  
    }  
    return b;  
}
```

- When p is called from main, a is initialized and b is uninitialized
- When p is called from p, a and b are both initialized
- A context-insensitive analysis concludes that b may be uninitialized at output(b) 
- A fully context-sensitive analysis concludes that b is definitely initialized at output(b) 

Possibly-uninitialized variables analysis

A forward, may analysis – context-insensitive version:

- variable declarations, $\text{var } x$: $\llbracket v \rrbracket = \text{JOIN}(v) \cup \{x\}$

- assignments, $x = E$:

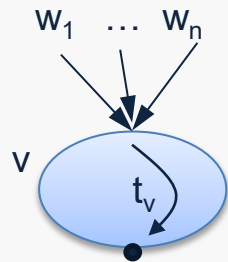
$$t_v(S) = \begin{cases} S \cup \{x\} & \text{if } \text{vars}(E) \cap S \neq \emptyset \\ S \setminus \{x\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\llbracket v \rrbracket = t_v(\text{JOIN}(v))$$

- function entries: $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{ } \\ \text{ } \end{array} \right\} \text{ see SPA Section 8.1}$
- after-call nodes: $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{ } \\ \text{ } \end{array} \right\} \text{ see SPA Section 8.1}$

- all others: $\llbracket v \rrbracket = \text{JOIN}(v)$

$$\text{where } \text{JOIN}(v) = \bigsqcup_{w \in \text{pred}(v)} \llbracket w \rrbracket$$



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$$\llbracket v \rrbracket(c) = \begin{cases} t_v(\text{JOIN}(v, c)) & \text{if } \text{JOIN}(v, c) \in \text{State} \\ \text{unreachable} & \text{if } \text{JOIN}(v, c) = \text{unreachable} \end{cases}$$

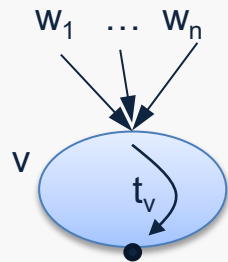
- program entry: $\llbracket v \rrbracket(c) \neq \text{unreachable}$

- other function entries: $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{ } \end{array} \right\} \text{ see SPA Section 8.4}$

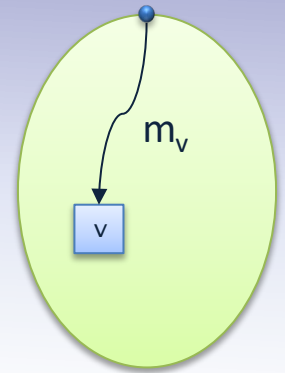
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$$\text{where } \text{JOIN}(v, c) = \bigsqcup_{w \in \text{pred}(v)} \llbracket w \rrbracket(c)$$



Pre-analysis



- The analysis lattice is $(\text{lift}(\mathcal{P}(\text{Var}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\text{Var})))^n$
- *Idea*: run a *context-insensitive(!)* analysis that computes, for each CFG node v , a map $m_v: \mathcal{P}(\text{Var}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\text{Var})$ with the following property:

If the function containing v is executed in an initial abstract state where $S \subseteq \text{Var}$ are the possibly-uninitialized variables at the entry, then $m_v(S)$ is the set of possibly-uninitialized variables at v

The ‘unreachable’ element means that the function containing v is unreachable from the program entry

- If we have such an analysis, then we can easily compute the sets of possibly-uninitialized variables for all CFG nodes (without doing a full context-sensitive analysis)
- It suffices to compute m_v for CFG nodes in reachable functions

Distributive functions and analyses

Exercise 4.20: A function $f: L_1 \rightarrow L_2$ where L_1 and L_2 are lattices is *distributive* when $\forall x, y \in L_1: f(x) \sqcup f(y) = f(x \sqcup y)$.

- (a) Show that every distributive function is also monotone.
- (b) Show that not every monotone function is also distributive.

Exercise 5.26: An analysis is distributive if all its constraint functions are distributive according to the definition from Exercise 4.20. Show that live variables analysis is distributive.

Is possibly-uninitialized variables analysis distributive?

Distributive functions and analyses

Exercise 5.34: Which among the following analyses are distributive, if any?

- (a) Available expressions analysis.
- (b) Very busy expressions analysis.
- (c) Reaching definitions analysis.
- (d) Sign analysis.
- (e) Constant propagation analysis.

Exercise 11.6: Recall from Exercise 5.26 that an analysis is distributive if all its constraint functions are distributive. Show that Andersen's analysis is *not* distributive. (Hint: consider the constraint for the statement $x = *y$ or $*x = y$.)

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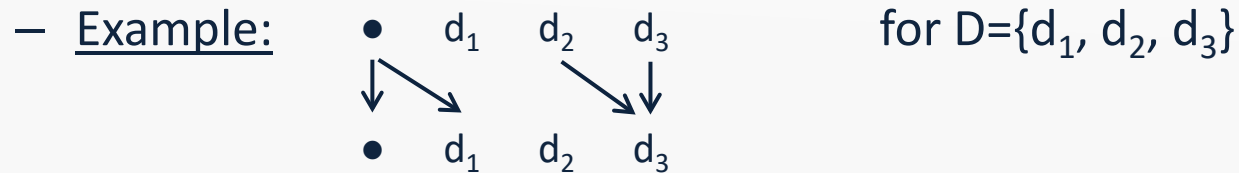
- Distributive analysis
- **IFDS**
- IDE

IFDS (Interprocedural Finite Distributive Subset problems)

- *Precise Interprocedural Dataflow Analysis via Graph Reachability*, Reps, Horwitz, Sagiv, POPL 1995
- Setting:
 - lattice of abstract states: $State = \mathcal{P}(D)$ where D is a finite set (i.e., a powerset lattice)
 - all transfer functions, $f_v: State \rightarrow State$, are distributive
- Great idea #1:
 - such analysis constraints can be represented compactly!
 - distributivity is closed under composition and least upper bound, so function summaries can also be represented compactly and without loss of precision!
- Great idea #2:
 - tabulation solver (building the m_v maps)
- Bonus: can be made demand-driven

Compact representation

- Assume $f: \mathcal{P}(D) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(D)$ where D is a finite set and f is distributive
- A naive representation of f would be a table with $2^{|D|}$ entries (if D is, for example, the set of program variables, then such a table is big!)
- f can be decomposed into a function $g: (D \cup \{\bullet\}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(D)$
 - Define $g(\bullet) = f(\emptyset)$ and $g(d) = f(\{d\}) \setminus f(\emptyset)$ for $d \in D$
 - Now $f(X) = g(\bullet) \cup \bigcup_{y \in X} g(y)$
- Can be represented compactly as a graph with $2(|D|+1)$ nodes



means that $g(\bullet) = \{d_1\}$, $g(d_1)=\emptyset$, $g(d_2)=\{d_3\}$, and $g(d_3)=\{d_3\}$
 (the edge from \bullet to \bullet is always present)

so $f(S) = \{d_1, d_3\}$ if $d_2 \in S$ or $d_3 \in S$, and $f(S) = \{d_1\}$ otherwise

- In general, the edges are:

$$\{\bullet \rightsquigarrow \bullet\} \cup \{\bullet \rightsquigarrow y \mid y \in f(\emptyset)\} \cup \{x \rightsquigarrow y \mid y \in f(\{x\}) \wedge y \notin f(\emptyset)\}$$

Compact representation

Exercise:

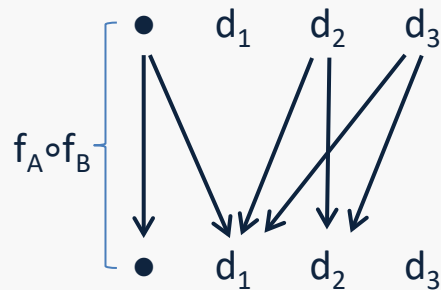
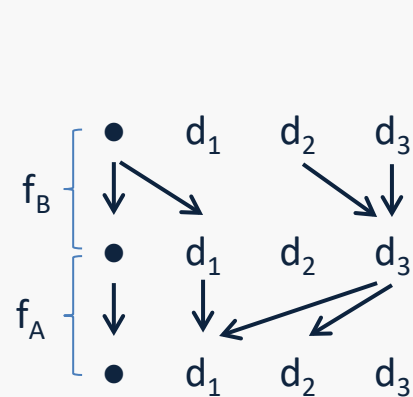
For uninitialized-variables analysis,
what is the IFDS graph representation of

1) an assignment, $X = E$, or

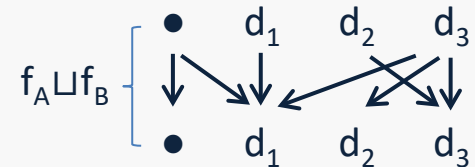
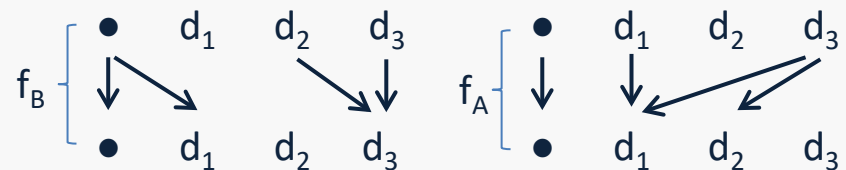
2) a variable declaration, `var X ?`

Composition and l.u.b.

- Distributivity is closed under function composition and l.u.b.
Assume $f_A: \mathcal{P}(D) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(D)$ and $f_B: \mathcal{P}(D) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(D)$ where D is a finite set and both f and are distributive
 - $f_A \circ f_B: \mathcal{P}(D) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(D)$ is also distributive $(f_A \circ f_B)(S) = f_A(f_B(S))$
 - $f_A \sqcup f_B: \mathcal{P}(D) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(D)$ is also distributive $(f_A \sqcup f_B)(S) = f_A(S) \sqcup f_B(S)$
- Proof? (exercise)
- With the graph representation:



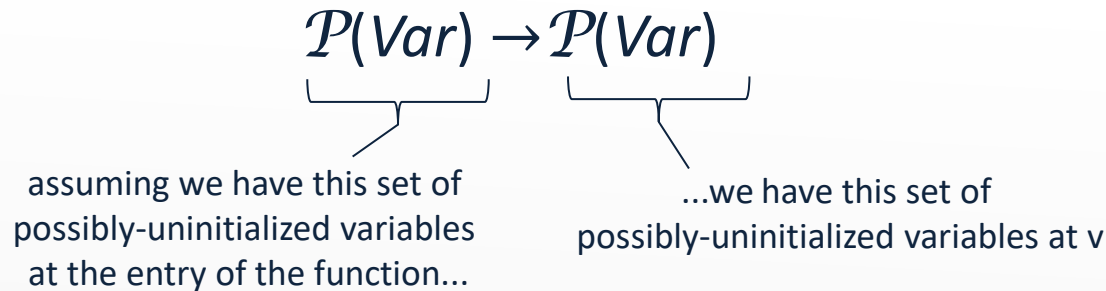
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Possibly-uninitialized variables analysis

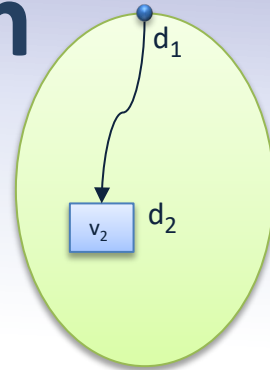
- The analysis lattice is $(\text{lift}(\mathcal{P}(\text{Var}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\text{Var})))^n$
- For each reachable CFG node, the analysis computes an element of



- With the graph representation, all such functions can be represented compactly and constructed efficiently!
- Using the ordinary worklist algorithm from monotone frameworks amounts to propagating sets of possibly-uninitialized variables for different contexts (Exercise: worst-case time complexity?)
- A smarter approach: ***the tabulation algorithm***

The IFDS Tabulation Algorithm

- The idea: with a worklist algorithm, incrementally build a set of *path edges* $\langle v_1, d_1 \rangle \rightsquigarrow \langle v_2, d_2 \rangle$ where
 - v_1 is a function entry node, v_2 is a CFG node in the same function as v_1 , and $d_1, d_2 \in D \cup \{\bullet\}$
 - the edge means: **if dataflow fact d_1 holds at v_1 then d_2 holds at v_2**
- Only requires function composition and l.u.b.
- At each call node, use the path edges for the return nodes of the function being called as a function summary!
- See pseudo-code in [Reps et al., 1995]
- Worst-case time complexity: $O(|E| \cdot |D|^3)$
where $|E|$ is the number of CFG edges
- After the table is built, it is easy to compute the dataflow facts for any given CFG node



Example [Reps et al., 1995]

```
declare g: integer
```

```
program main
begin
  declare x: integer
  read(x)
  call P(x)
end
```

```
procedure P(value a: integer)
begin
  if (a > 0) then
    read(g)
    a := a - g
    call P(a)
    print(a, g)
  fi
end
```

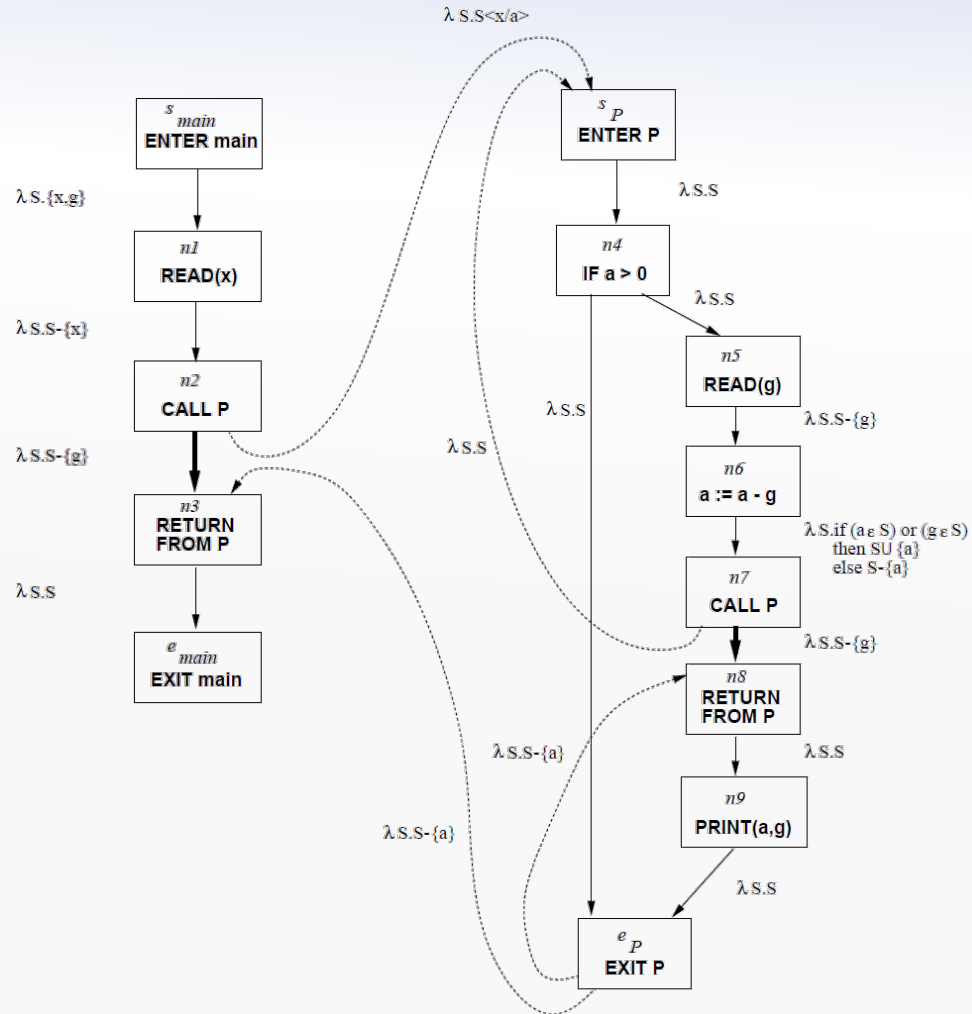
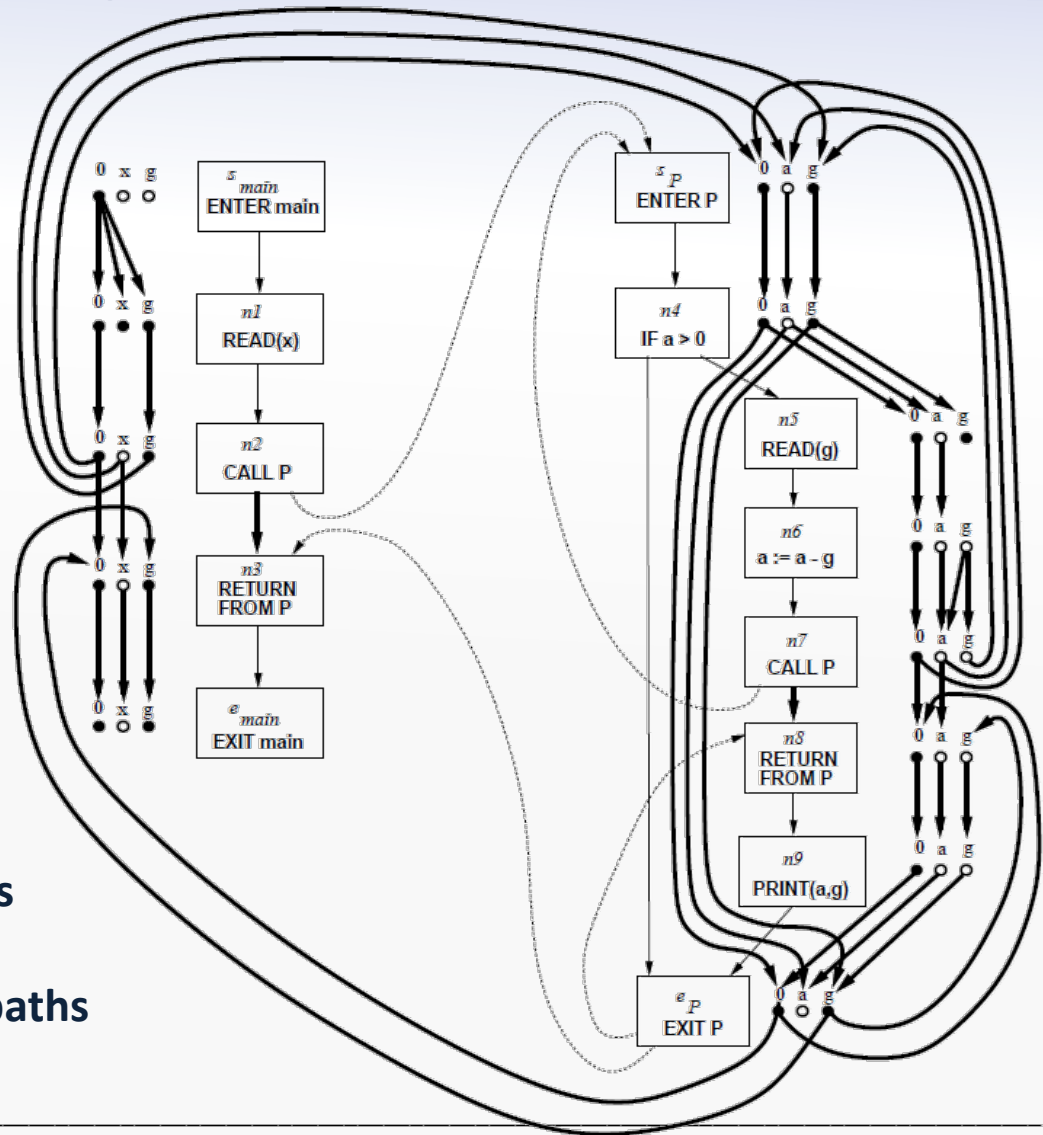


Figure 1. An example program and its supergraph G^* . The supergraph is annotated with the dataflow functions for the "possibly-uninitialized variables" problem. The notation $S \langle x/a \rangle$ denotes the set S with x renamed to a .

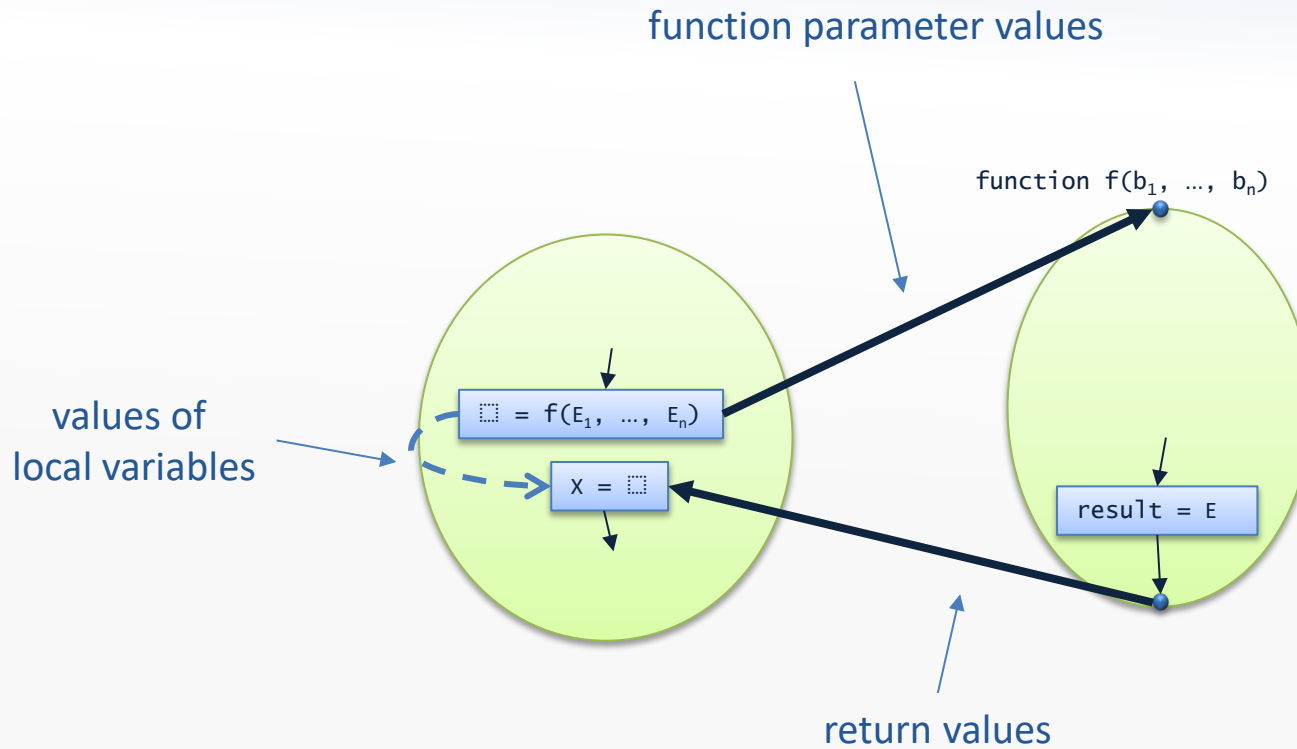
Example [Reps et al., 1995]



Computing the possibly-uninitialized variables amounts to finding realizable (i.e., interprocedurally valid) paths in this graph!

Figure 2. The exploded supergraph that corresponds to the instance of the possibly-uninitialized variables problem shown in Figure 1. Closed circles represent nodes of $G_{IP}^\#$ that are reachable along realizable paths from $\langle s_{main}, 0 \rangle$. Open circles represent nodes not reachable along such paths.

Dataflow at function calls



IFDS constraint-based specification

Phase 1

- **E** represents the program being analyzed:
 $\langle v_1, d_1 \rangle \rightsquigarrow \langle v_2, d_2 \rangle \in \mathbf{E}$ means that $v_2 \in \text{succ}(v_1)$ and
if dataflow fact d_1 holds at v_1 then d_2 holds at v_2
(obtained from the graph representation of the transfer functions)
- **P** is the set of path edges (see slide 19)

IFDS constraint-based specification

Phase 1

- v is a program entry node:

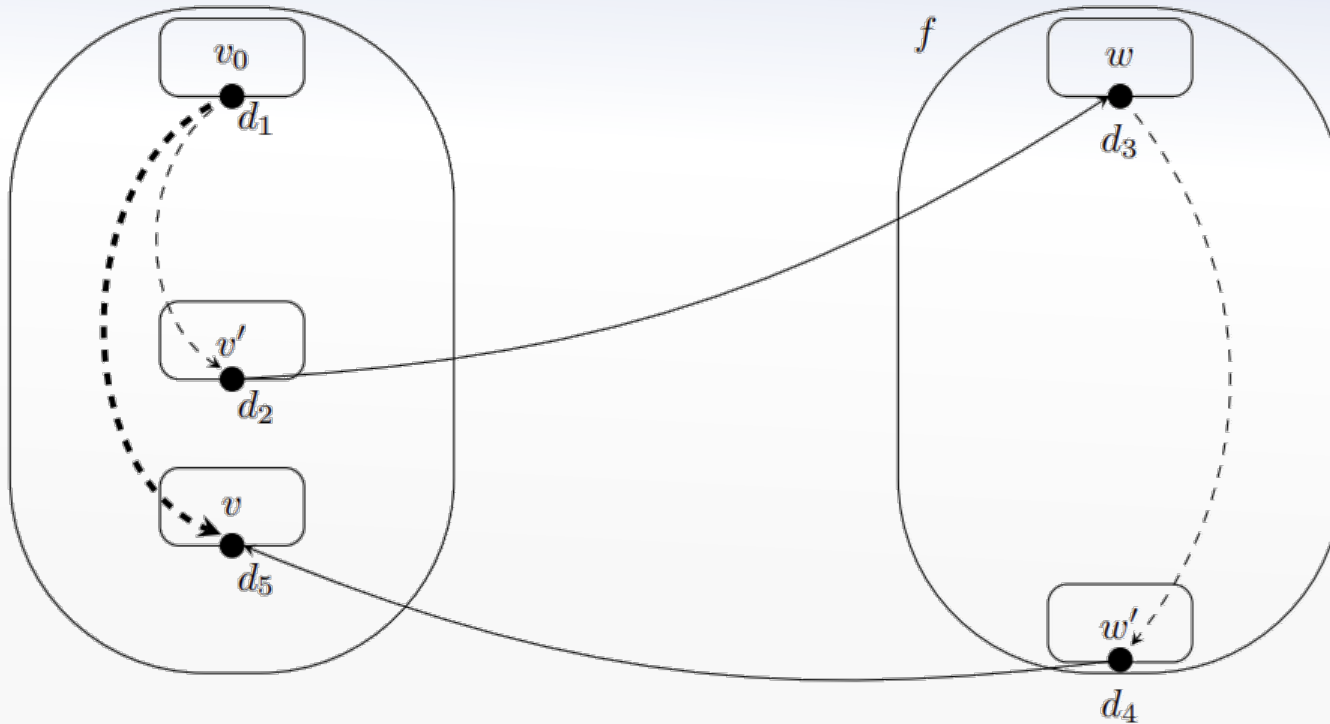
$$\langle v, \bullet \rangle \rightsquigarrow \langle v, \bullet \rangle \in \mathbf{P}$$

- v is a function entry node, v_1 is a call node that calls the function containing v , and v_0 is the entry node of the function containing v_1 :

$$\langle v_0, d_1 \rangle \rightsquigarrow \langle v_1, d_2 \rangle \in \mathbf{P} \wedge \langle v_1, d_2 \rangle \rightsquigarrow \langle v, d_3 \rangle \in \mathbf{E} \Rightarrow \langle v, d_3 \rangle \rightsquigarrow \langle v, d_3 \rangle \in \mathbf{P} \quad \text{for all } d_1, d_2, d_3$$

IFDS constraint-based specification

Phase 1



- v is an after-call node belonging to a call node v' , v_0 is the entry node of the function containing v and v' , w is the entry node of the function being called, and w' is the exit node of that function:

$$\langle v_0, d_1 \rangle \rightsquigarrow \langle v', d_2 \rangle \in \mathbf{P} \wedge \langle v', d_2 \rangle \rightsquigarrow \langle w, d_3 \rangle \in \mathbf{E} \wedge \langle w, d_3 \rangle \rightsquigarrow \langle w', d_4 \rangle \in \mathbf{P} \wedge \langle w', d_4 \rangle \rightsquigarrow \langle v, d_5 \rangle \in \mathbf{E} \\ \Rightarrow \langle v_0, d_1 \rangle \rightsquigarrow \langle v, d_5 \rangle \in \mathbf{P} \quad \text{for all } d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4, d_5$$

IFDS constraint-based specification

Phase 1

- v is an after-call node belonging to a call node v'
or v is another node with a predecessor $v' \in \text{pred}(v)$
and v_0 is the entry node of the function containing v and v' :
$$\langle v_0, d_1 \rangle \rightsquigarrow \langle v', d_2 \rangle \in \mathbf{P} \wedge \langle v', d_2 \rangle \rightsquigarrow \langle v, d_3 \rangle \in \mathbf{E} \Rightarrow \langle v_0, d_1 \rangle \rightsquigarrow \langle v, d_3 \rangle \in \mathbf{P} \quad \text{for all } d_1, d_2, d_3$$

IFDS constraint-based specification

Phase 2

$$\langle v_0, d_1 \rangle \rightsquigarrow \langle v, d_2 \rangle \in \mathbf{P} \Rightarrow d_2 \in \llbracket v \rrbracket$$

where v_0 is the entry node in the function containing v

$\llbracket v \rrbracket$ now contains the set of dataflow facts that may hold at v

Exercise

Exercise 9.19: Explain step-by-step how IFDS-based possibly-uninitialized variables analysis runs on the example programs from Exercise 9.3 and Exercise 9.17.

IFDS constraint-based specification

```
PathEdge(d1, m, d3) :-  
    CFG(n, m),  
    PathEdge(d1, n, d2),  
    d3 <- eshIntra(n, d2).  
PathEdge(d1, m, d3) :-  
    CFG(n, m),  
    PathEdge(d1, n, d2),  
    SummaryEdge(n, d2, d3).  
PathEdge(d3, start, d3) :-  
    PathEdge(d1, call, d2),  
    CallGraph(call, target),  
    EshCallStart(call, d2, target, d3),  
    StartNode(target, start).  
SummaryEdge(call, d4, d5) :-  
    CallGraph(call, target),  
    StartNode(target, start),  
    EndNode(target, end),  
    EshCallStart(call, d4, target, d1),  
    PathEdge(d1, end, d2),  
    d5 <- eshEndReturn(target, d2, call).  
  
EshCallStart(call, d, target, d2) :-  
    PathEdge(_, call, d),  
    CallGraph(call, target),  
    d2 <- eshCallStart(call, d, target).  
  
Result(n, d2) :-  
    PathEdge(_, n, d2).
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Figure 5. FLIX implementation of the IFDS analysis

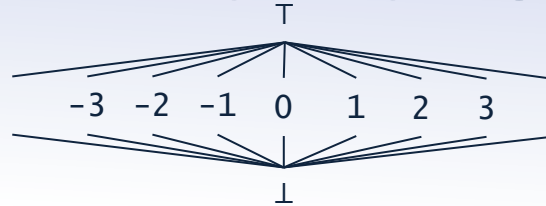
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IDE (Interprocedural Distributive Environment problems)

- *Precise Interprocedural Dataflow Analysis with Applications to Constant Propagation*, Sagiv, Reps, Horwitz, TCS 1996
- Generalization of IFDS,
in practice more efficient also for some IFDS problems!
- Setting:
 - lattice of abstract states: $State = D \rightarrow L$ where D is a finite set and L is a lattice (generalization of IFDS)
 - all transfer functions, $f_v: State \rightarrow State$, are distributive (as with IFDS)
- Great idea #1:
 - also allows compact representation and summarization!
- Great idea #2:
 - the tabulation solver can easily be generalized...

Copy-constant propagation analysis



- Constant propagation analysis is not distributive
- ... but *copy-constant propagation analysis* is!
- Like constant propagation analysis, but only handles
 - constant assignments, e.g., $x = 42$
 - copy assignments, e.g., $x = y$
- All other assignments just give T
- A variant: *linear-constant propagation analysis*
- Also handles linear expressions, e.g., $x = 5*y+17$

Exercise: prove that these two analyses are indeed distributive

A generalization of IFDS

- The powerset lattice $\mathcal{P}(D)$ is isomorphic to the map lattice $D \rightarrow \{T, F\}$ where $F \sqsubset T$ T="true", F="false"
- So $(\mathcal{P}(D) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(D))^n$ is isomorphic to $((D \rightarrow \{T, F\}) \rightarrow (D \rightarrow \{T, F\}))^n$
- In IDE we have $State = D \rightarrow L$ where D is a finite set and L is a (finite-height) complete lattice
- IFDS thus corresponds to the special case $L = \{T, F\}$
- We have seen how to compactly represent distributive functions of the form $f: \mathcal{P}(D) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(D)$
- How can we generalize that to distributive functions of the form $f: (D \rightarrow L) \rightarrow (D \rightarrow L)$ for arbitrary lattices?

Compact representation

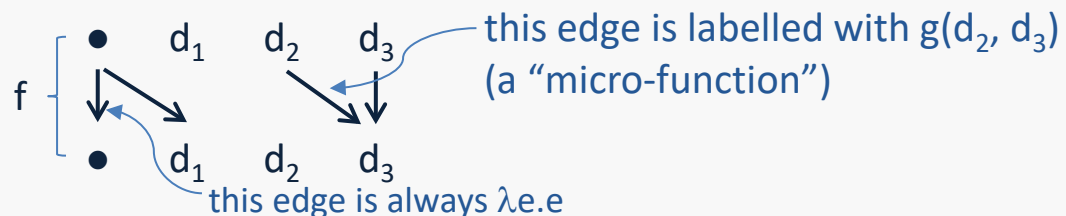
- Assume $f: (D \rightarrow L) \rightarrow (D \rightarrow L)$ is distributive, D is a finite set, and L is a complete lattice
- Define $g: (D \cup \{\bullet\}) \times (D \cup \{\bullet\}) \rightarrow (L \rightarrow L)$ by

$$g(a, b)(e) = f(\perp[a \mapsto e])(b) \text{ for } a, b \in D \text{ and } e \in L$$

$$g(\bullet, b)(e) = f(\perp)(b) \text{ for } b \in D \text{ and } e \in L$$

$$g(\bullet, \bullet)(e) = e \text{ for } e \in L$$

$$g(a, \bullet)(e) = \perp \text{ for } a \in D \text{ and } e \in L$$
- Now $f(m)(b) = g(\bullet, b)(\perp) \sqcup \bigsqcup_{a \in D} g(a, b)(m(a))$
- Similar graph representation as in IFDS, but now each edge is a function $L \rightarrow L$ (an absent edge represents the function $\lambda e. \perp$)



Compact representation

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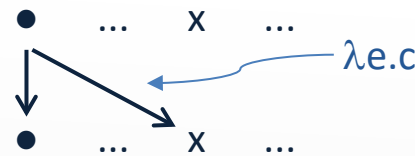
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Compact representation

Exercise:

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- If E is a constant c :

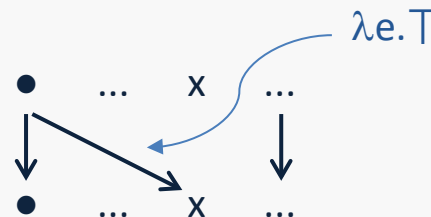


- If E is a variable y :



(default edge label: $\lambda e.e$)

- Any other expression:



- How to also handle assignments like $x = 5*y+1$?
(for linear-constant propagation analysis)

Composition and l.u.b.

- Function composition and least upper bound can be performed efficiently on the graph representation
 - here it is useful that $\bullet \rightsquigarrow \bullet$ is always labelled with $\lambda e.e$
- ...assuming efficiently representable lattice elements
 - for copy-constant propagation analysis we only need the identity function and constant functions, and those are trivially closed under composition and l.u.b.

Exercise: what about linear-constant propagation analysis?

Implementation: `TIP/src/tip/lattices/EdgeLattice`

Example [Sagiv et al., 1996]

```

declare x: integer
program main
begin
  call P(7)
  print (x) /* x is a constant here */
end

procedure P (value a : integer)
begin /* a is not a constant here */
  if a > 0 then
    a := a - 2
    call P (a)
    a := a + 2
  fi
  x := -2 * a + 5
  /* x is not a constant here */
end

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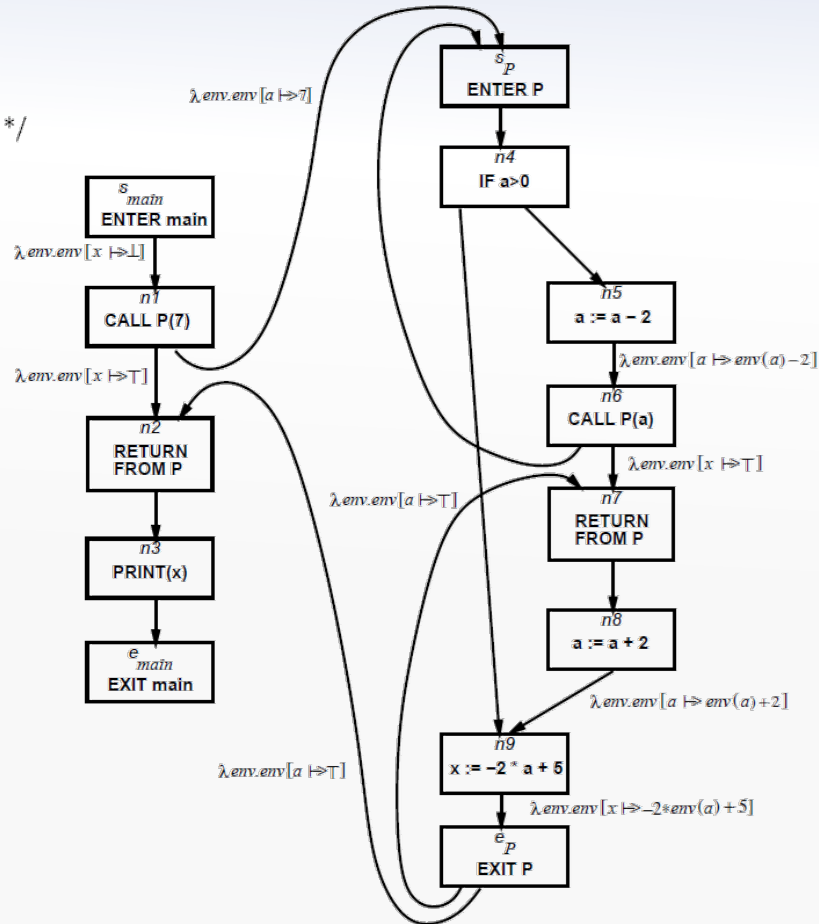


Figure 1: An example program and its labeled supergraph G^* . The environment transformer for all unlabeled edges is $\lambda env.env$.

Example [Sagiv et al., 1996]

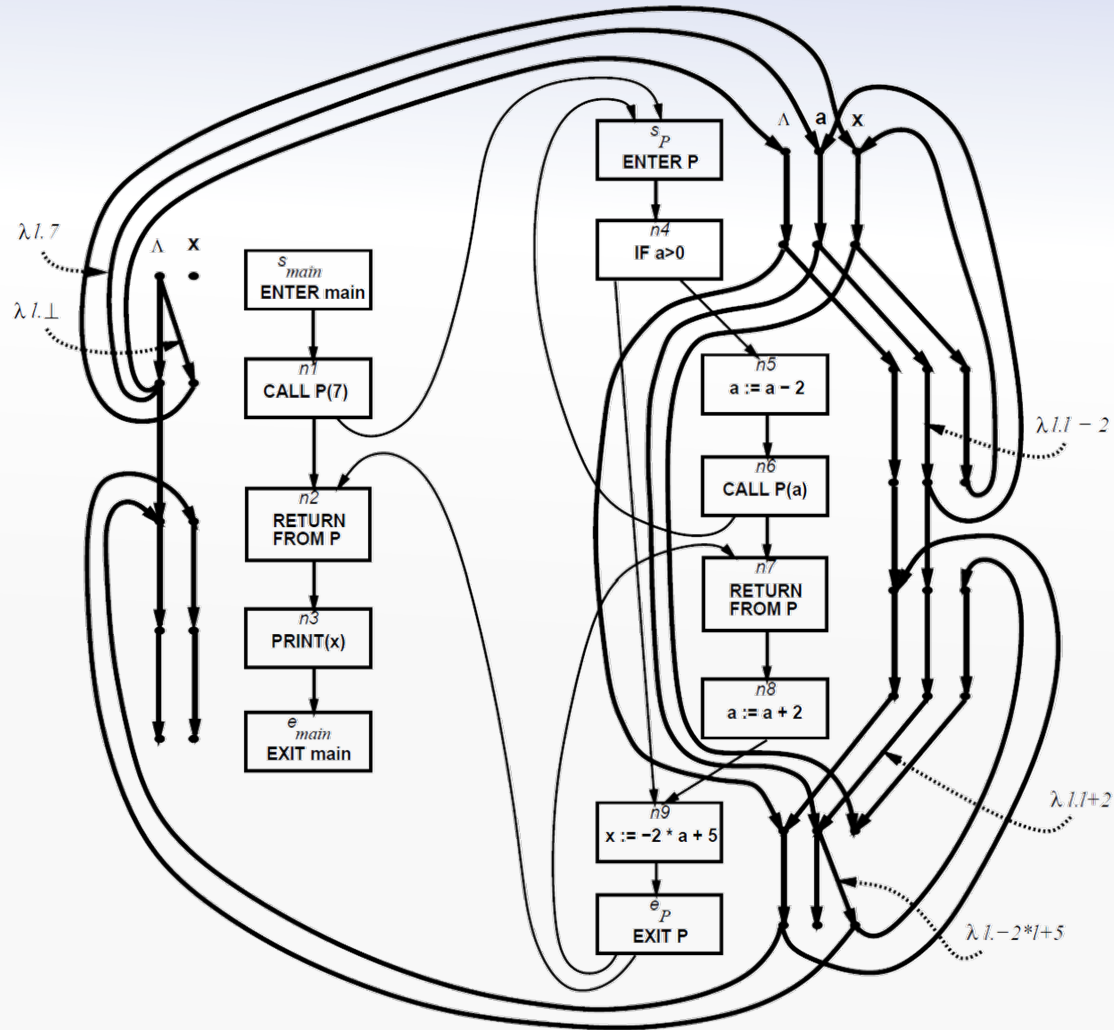


Figure 4: The labeled exploded supergraph for the running example program for the linear-constant-propagation problem. The edge functions are all $\lambda l.l$ except where indicated.

IDE constraint-based specification

- Edges in **E** and **P** are now labelled with $L \rightarrow L$ functions
- $[[\langle v_1, d_1 \rangle \rightsquigarrow \langle v_2, d_2 \rangle]]_{\mathbf{P}} : L \rightarrow L$ denotes the label of the edge in **P** from $\langle v_1, d_1 \rangle$ to $\langle v_2, d_2 \rangle$.
- $[\langle v_1, d_1 \rangle \rightarrow \langle v_2, d_2 \rangle]_{\mathbf{E}} : L \rightarrow L$ denotes the label of the edge in **E** from $\langle v_1, d_1 \rangle$ to $\langle v_2, d_2 \rangle$.

IDE constraint-based specification

Phase 1

For the program entry:

$$id \sqsubseteq \llbracket \langle entry_{\text{main}}, \bullet \rangle \rightsquigarrow \langle entry_{\text{main}}, \bullet \rangle \rrbracket_{\mathbf{P}}$$

IDE constraint-based specification

Phase 1

If v is a function entry node, v_1 is a call node that calls the function containing v , and v_0 is the entry node of the function containing v_1 :

$$\begin{aligned} \forall d_1, d_2, d_3: \llbracket \langle v_0, d_1 \rangle \rightsquigarrow \langle v_1, d_2 \rangle \rrbracket_{\mathbf{P}} \neq \perp \wedge [\langle v_1, d_2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle v, d_3 \rangle]_{\mathbf{E}} \neq \perp \\ \implies id \sqsubseteq \llbracket \langle v, d_3 \rangle \rightsquigarrow \langle v, d_3 \rangle \rrbracket_{\mathbf{P}} \end{aligned}$$

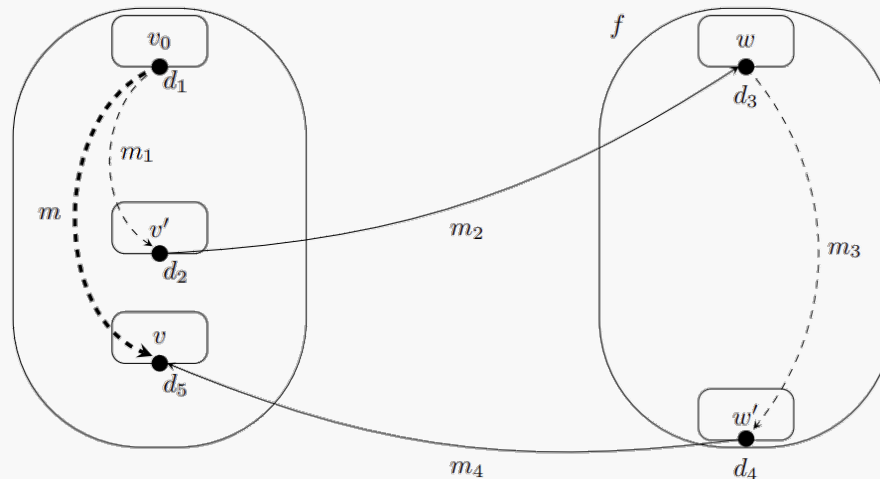
IDE constraint-based specification

Phase 1

If v is an after-call node belonging to a call node v' , v_0 is the entry node of the function containing v and v' , w is the entry node of the function being called, and w' is the exit node of that function:

$\forall d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4, d_5$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_1 &= \llbracket \langle v_0, d_1 \rangle \rightsquigarrow \langle v', d_2 \rangle \rrbracket_{\mathbf{P}} \neq \perp \wedge m_2 = \llbracket \langle v', d_2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle w, d_3 \rangle \rrbracket_{\mathbf{E}} \neq \perp \\
 \wedge m_3 &= \llbracket \langle w, d_3 \rangle \rightsquigarrow \langle w', d_4 \rangle \rrbracket_{\mathbf{P}} \neq \perp \wedge m_4 = \llbracket \langle w', d_4 \rangle \rightarrow \langle v, d_5 \rangle \rrbracket_{\mathbf{E}} \neq \perp \\
 \implies m_4 \circ m_3 \circ m_2 \circ m_1 &\subseteq \llbracket \langle v_0, d_1 \rangle \rightsquigarrow \langle v, d_5 \rangle \rrbracket_{\mathbf{P}}
 \end{aligned}$$



IDE constraint-based specification

Phase 1

If v is an after-call node belonging to a call node v'
or v is another node with a predecessor $v' \in \text{pred}(v)$
and v_0 is the entry node of the function containing v and v' :

$$\begin{aligned} \forall d_1, d_2, d_3: m_1 = \llbracket \langle v_0, d_1 \rangle \rightsquigarrow \langle v', d_2 \rangle \rrbracket_{\mathbf{P}} \neq \perp \wedge m_2 = \llbracket \langle v', d_2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle v, d_3 \rangle \rrbracket_{\mathbf{E}} \neq \perp \\ \implies m_2 \circ m_1 \sqsubseteq \llbracket \langle v_0, d_1 \rangle \rightsquigarrow \langle v, d_3 \rangle \rrbracket_{\mathbf{P}} \end{aligned}$$

Similar for any other node v with predecessor v' where
 v_0 is the entry node of the function containing v and v'

IDE constraint-based specification

Phase 2

Computes abstract values: $\llbracket \langle v, d \rangle \rrbracket \in \text{lift}(L)$

Program entry: $\forall d: \llbracket \langle \text{entry}_{\text{main}}, d \rangle \rrbracket \neq \text{unreachable}$

For any node v where v_0 is the entry of the function containing v :

$$\forall d_0, d: \llbracket \langle v_0, d_0 \rangle \rrbracket \neq \text{unreachable} \wedge m = \llbracket \langle v_0, d_0 \rangle \rightsquigarrow \langle v, d \rangle \rrbracket_{\mathbf{P}} \\ \implies m(\llbracket \langle v_0, d_0 \rangle \rrbracket) \sqsubseteq \llbracket \langle v, d \rangle \rrbracket$$

If v is a function entry node and v_1 is a call node to v :

$$\forall d_1, d: \llbracket \langle v_1, d_1 \rangle \rrbracket \neq \text{unreachable} \wedge m = \llbracket \langle v_1, d_1 \rangle \rightarrow \langle v, d \rangle \rrbracket_{\mathbf{E}} \\ \implies m(\llbracket \langle v_1, d_1 \rangle \rrbracket) \sqsubseteq \llbracket \langle v, d \rangle \rrbracket$$

Combine into abstract states: $\llbracket v \rrbracket_2(d) = \llbracket \langle v, d \rangle \rrbracket \in L$ for $d \in D$

IDE constraint-based specification

```
JumpFn(d1, m, d3, comp(long, short)) :-  
    CFG(n, m),  
    JumpFn(d1, n, d2, long),  
    (d3, short) <- eshIntra(n, d2).  
JumpFn(d1, m, d3, comp(caller, summary)) :-  
    CFG(n, m),  
    JumpFn(d1, n, d2, caller),  
    SummaryFn(n, d2, d3, summary).  
JumpFn(d3, start, d3, identity()) :-  
    JumpFn(d1, call, d2, _),  
    CallGraph(call, target),  
    EshCallStart(call, d2, target, d3, _),  
    StartNode(target, start),  
SummaryFn(call, d4, d5, comp(comp(cs, se), er)) :-  
    CallGraph(call, target),  
    StartNode(target, start),  
    EndNode(target, end),  
    EshCallStart(call, d4, target, d1, cs),  
    JumpFn(d1, end, d2, se),  
    (d5, er) <- eshEndReturn(target, d2, call).  
  
EshCallStart(call, d, target, d2, cs) :-  
    JumpFn(_, call, d, _),  
    CallGraph(call, target),  
    (d2, cs) <- eshCallStart(call, d, target).  
  
InProc(p, start) :- StartNode(p, start).  
InProc(p, m) :- InProc(p, n), CFG(n, m).  
  
Result(n, d, apply(fn, vp)) :-  
    ResultProc(proc, dp, vp),  
    InProc(proc, n),  
    JumpFn(dp, n, d, fn).  
  
ResultProc(proc, dp, apply(cs, v)) :-  
    Result(call, d, v),  
    EshCallStart(call, d, proc, dp, cs).
```

Figure 6. FLIX implementation of the IDE analysis

Asymptotic running time

$$O(|E| \cdot |D|^3)$$

Same as IFDS!

[Sagiv et al., 1996]

Copy-constant propagation analysis with IDE

Implementation: `TIP/src/tip/analysis/CopyConstantPropagationAnalysis`

Copy-constant propagation – example

```
main() {  
    var x,y;  
    x = p(42);  
    y = p(117);  
    return x + y;  
}  
  
p(a) {  
    return a;  
}
```

Context sensitive analysis with IDE
concludes that x and y are constants
at the exit of main

IFDS vs. IDE

- IDE is more general than IFDS
- ...and sometimes faster also for IFDS problems!

Example:

- Copy-constant propagation analysis fits into IFDS (the set of constants that appear as literals in the program is finite), but the set of dataflow facts is $Var \times Literal$ (where *Literal* is the set of literals in the program)
- In contrast, IDE only needs one micro-function per CFG edge and program variable and a map $Var \rightarrow Const$ for each CFG node (where *Const* is the constant propagation lattice)

Possibly-uninitialized variables analysis reformulated in IDE

- Lattice of abstract states: $State = \mathcal{P}(Var)$
which is isomorphic to: $Var \rightarrow \{T, F\}$
...and to: $\{\star\} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Var)$

- The transfer function for assignments:

$$t_{x=E}(S) = \begin{cases} S \cup \{x\} & \text{if } \text{vars}(E) \cap S \neq \emptyset \\ S \setminus \{x\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Exercise: How can such a transfer function be represented using micro-functions?
 - Hint: consider either of the two isomorphic lattice variants
- (Micro-functions for the other transfer functions are easy...)

Demand-driven analysis

An alternative to exhaustive analysis

- IFDS: *“does dataflow fact d hold at program point v ?”*
- IDE: *“what is the abstract value of x at program point v ?”*

Use dynamic programming... [Reps et al., 1995], [Sagiv et al., 1996]

Implementations

- Soot: <https://github.com/Sable/heros>
- WALA: <https://github.com/amauremi/IDE>
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