

# Principles of Program Analysis:

## Data Flow Analysis

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## Example Language

### Syntax of While-programs

$$a ::= x \mid n \mid a_1 \ op_a \ a_2$$
$$b ::= \text{true} \mid \text{false} \mid \text{not } b \mid b_1 \ op_b \ b_2 \mid a_1 \ op_r \ a_2$$
$$\begin{aligned} S ::= & [x := a]^\ell \mid [\text{skip}]^\ell \mid S_1; S_2 \mid \\ & \text{if } [b]^\ell \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2 \mid \text{while } [b]^\ell \text{ do } S \end{aligned}$$

**Example:**  $[z:=1]^1; \text{while } [x>0]^2 \text{ do } ([z:=z*y]^3; [x:=x-1]^4)$

*Abstract syntax* – parentheses are inserted to disambiguate the syntax

# Building an “Abstract Flowchart”

Example:  $[z:=1]^1; \text{while } [x>0]^2 \text{ do } ([z:=z*y]^3; [x:=x-1]^4)$

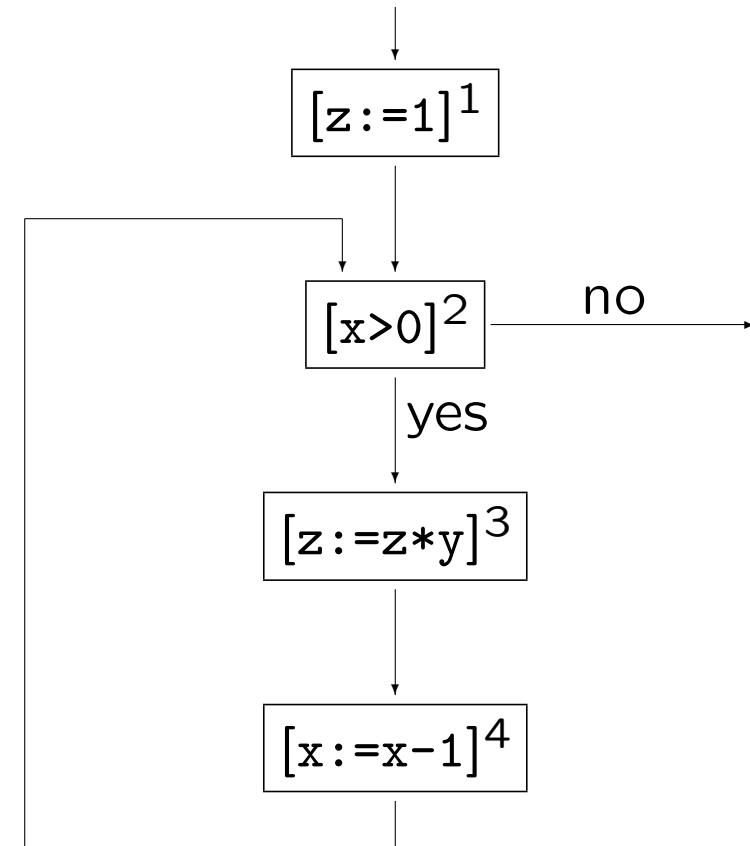
$$\text{init}(\dots) = 1$$

$$\text{final}(\dots) = \{2\}$$

$$\text{labels}(\dots) = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$\text{flow}(\dots) = \{(1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 4), (4, 2)\}$$

$$\text{flow}^R(\dots) = \{(2, 1), (2, 4), (3, 2), (4, 3)\}$$



## Initial labels

*init*( $S$ ) is the label of the first elementary block of  $S$ :

$$\text{init} : \text{Stmt} \rightarrow \text{Lab}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{init}([x := a]^\ell) &= \ell \\ \text{init}([\text{skip}]^\ell) &= \ell \\ \text{init}(S_1; S_2) &= \text{init}(S_1) \\ \text{init}(\text{if } [b]^\ell \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2) &= \ell \\ \text{init}(\text{while } [b]^\ell \text{ do } S) &= \ell\end{aligned}$$

Example:

$$\text{init}([z:=1]^1; \text{while } [x>0]^2 \text{ do } ([z:=z*y]^3; [x:=x-1]^4)) = 1$$

## Final labels

*final*( $S$ ) is the set of labels of the last elementary blocks of  $S$ :

$$\text{final} : \text{Stmt} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\text{Lab})$$

$$\text{final}([x := a]^\ell) = \{\ell\}$$

$$\text{final}([\text{skip}]^\ell) = \{\ell\}$$

$$\text{final}(S_1; S_2) = \text{final}(S_2)$$

$$\text{final}(\text{if } [b]^\ell \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2) = \text{final}(S_1) \cup \text{final}(S_2)$$

$$\text{final}(\text{while } [b]^\ell \text{ do } S) = \{\ell\}$$

Example:

$$\text{final}([z := 1]^1; \text{while } [x > 0]^2 \text{ do } ([z := z * y]^3; [x := x - 1]^4)) = \{2\}$$

# Labels

*labels*( $S$ ) is the entire set of labels in the statement  $S$ :

$$\text{labels} : \text{Stmt} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\text{Lab})$$

$$\text{labels}([x := a]^\ell) = \{\ell\}$$

$$\text{labels}([\text{skip}]^\ell) = \{\ell\}$$

$$\text{labels}(S_1; S_2) = \text{labels}(S_1) \cup \text{labels}(S_2)$$

$$\text{labels}(\text{if } [b]^\ell \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2) = \{\ell\} \cup \text{labels}(S_1) \cup \text{labels}(S_2)$$

$$\text{labels}(\text{while } [b]^\ell \text{ do } S) = \{\ell\} \cup \text{labels}(S)$$

## Example

$$\text{labels}([z:=1]^1; \text{while } [x>0]^2 \text{ do } ([z:=z*y]^3; [x:=x-1]^4)) = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

## Flows and reverse flows

$\text{flow}(S)$  and  $\text{flow}^R(S)$  are representations of how control flows in  $S$ :

$$\text{flow}, \text{flow}^R : \text{Stmt} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\text{Lab} \times \text{Lab})$$

$$\text{flow}([x := a]^\ell) = \emptyset$$

$$\text{flow}([\text{skip}]^\ell) = \emptyset$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{flow}(S_1; S_2) &= \text{flow}(S_1) \cup \text{flow}(S_2) \\ &\quad \cup \{(\ell, \text{init}(S_2)) \mid \ell \in \text{final}(S_1)\}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{flow}(\text{if } [b]^\ell \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2) &= \text{flow}(S_1) \cup \text{flow}(S_2) \\ &\quad \cup \{(\ell, \text{init}(S_1)), (\ell, \text{init}(S_2))\}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{flow}(\text{while } [b]^\ell \text{ do } S) &= \text{flow}(S) \cup \{(\ell, \text{init}(S))\} \\ &\quad \cup \{(\ell', \ell) \mid \ell' \in \text{final}(S)\}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{flow}^R(S) = \{(\ell, \ell') \mid (\ell', \ell) \in \text{flow}(S)\}$$

# Elementary blocks

A statement consists of a set of *elementary blocks*

$$\text{blocks} : \text{Stmt} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\text{Blocks})$$

$$\text{blocks}([x := a]^\ell) = \{[x := a]^\ell\}$$

$$\text{blocks}([\text{skip}]^\ell) = \{[\text{skip}]^\ell\}$$

$$\text{blocks}(S_1; S_2) = \text{blocks}(S_1) \cup \text{blocks}(S_2)$$

$$\text{blocks}(\text{if } [b]^\ell \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2) = \{[b]^\ell\} \cup \text{blocks}(S_1) \cup \text{blocks}(S_2)$$

$$\text{blocks}(\text{while } [b]^\ell \text{ do } S) = \{[b]^\ell\} \cup \text{blocks}(S)$$

A statement  $S$  is *label consistent* if and only if any two elementary statements  $[S_1]^\ell$  and  $[S_2]^\ell$  with the same label in  $S$  are equal:  $S_1 = S_2$

A statement *where all labels are unique* is automatically label consistent

# Intraprocedural Analysis

Classical analyses:

- Available Expressions Analysis
- Reaching Definitions Analysis
- Very Busy Expressions Analysis
- Live Variables Analysis

Derived analysis:

- Use-Definition and Definition-Use Analysis

# Available Expressions Analysis

The aim of the *Available Expressions Analysis* is to determine

For each program point, which expressions must have already been computed, and not later modified, on all paths to the program point.

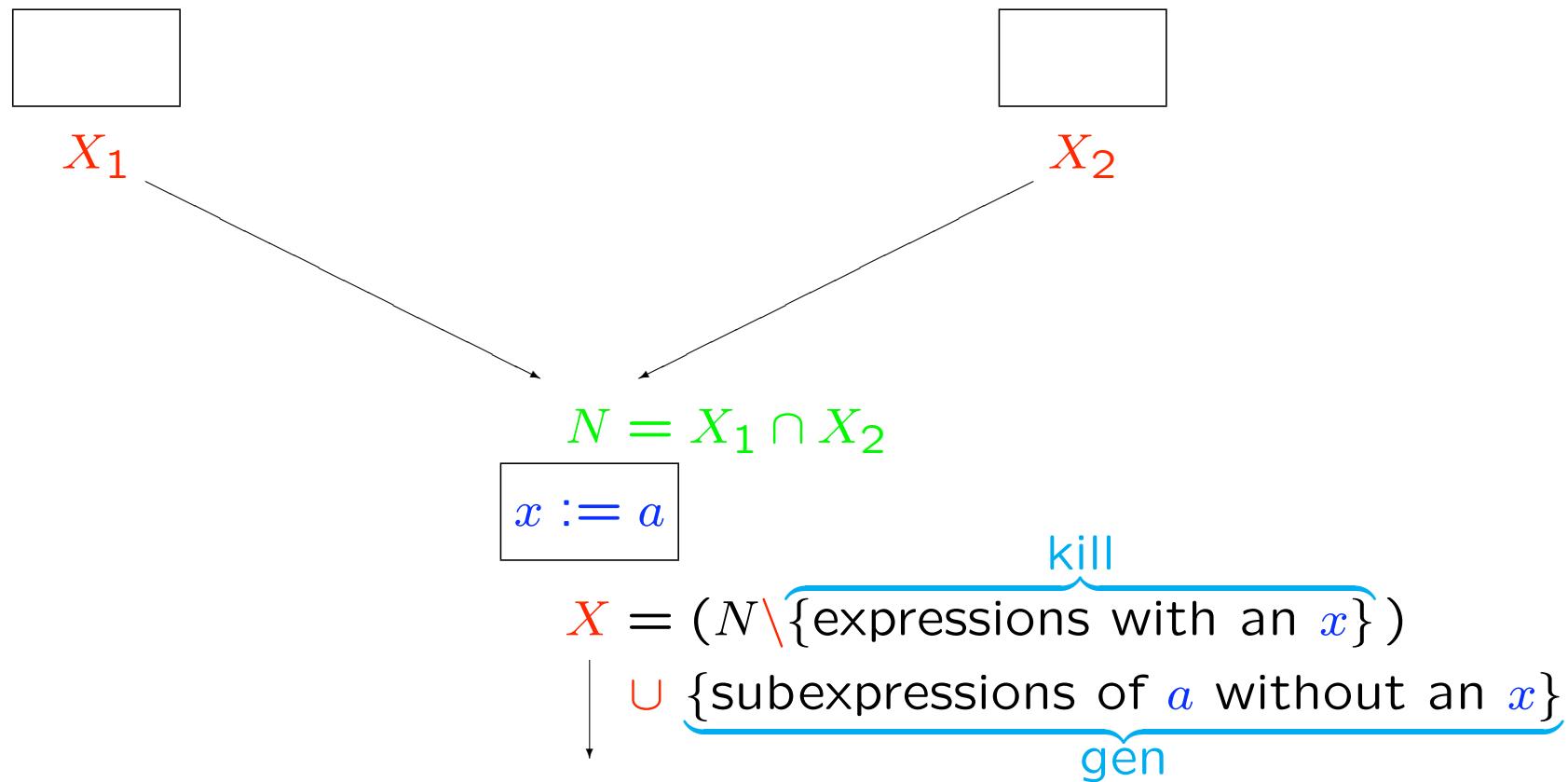
Example: point of interest

$[x := a+b]^1; [y := a*b]^2; \text{while } [y > a+b]^3 \text{ do } ([a := a+1]^4; [x := a+b]^5)$

The analysis enables a transformation into

$[x := a+b]^1; [y := a*b]^2; \text{while } [y > x]^3 \text{ do } ([a := a+1]^4; [x := a+b]^5)$

# Available Expressions Analysis – the basic idea



# Available Expressions Analysis

*kill* and *gen* functions

$$\text{kill}_{\text{AE}}([x := a]^\ell) = \{a' \in \text{AExp}_\star \mid x \in FV(a')\}$$

$$\text{kill}_{\text{AE}}([\text{skip}]^\ell) = \emptyset$$

$$\text{kill}_{\text{AE}}([b]^\ell) = \emptyset$$

$$\text{gen}_{\text{AE}}([x := a]^\ell) = \{a' \in \text{AExp}(a) \mid x \notin FV(a')\}$$

$$\text{gen}_{\text{AE}}([\text{skip}]^\ell) = \emptyset$$

$$\text{gen}_{\text{AE}}([b]^\ell) = \text{AExp}(b)$$

data flow equations:  $\text{AE} =$

$$\text{AE}_{\text{entry}}(\ell) = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } \ell = \text{init}(S_\star) \\ \cap\{\text{AE}_{\text{exit}}(\ell') \mid (\ell', \ell) \in \text{flow}(S_\star)\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{AE}_{\text{exit}}(\ell) = (\text{AE}_{\text{entry}}(\ell) \setminus \text{kill}_{\text{AE}}(B^\ell)) \cup \text{gen}_{\text{AE}}(B^\ell)$$

where  $B^\ell \in \text{blocks}(S_\star)$

## Example:

$[x := a+b]^1; [y := a*b]^2; \text{while } [y > a+b]^3 \text{ do } ([a := a+1]^4; [x := a+b]^5)$

*kill* and *gen* functions:

$\ell$	$kill_{AE}(\ell)$	$gen_{AE}(\ell)$
1	$\emptyset$	$\{a+b\}$
2	$\emptyset$	$\{a*b\}$
3	$\emptyset$	$\{a+b\}$
4	$\{a+b, a*b, a+1\}$	$\emptyset$
5	$\emptyset$	$\{a+b\}$

## Example (cont.):

$[x := a + b]^1; [y := a * b]^2; \text{while } [y > a + b]^3 \text{ do } ([a := a + 1]^4; [x := a + b]^5)$

Equations:

$$AE_{entry}(1) = \emptyset$$

$$AE_{entry}(2) = AE_{exit}(1)$$

$$AE_{entry}(3) = AE_{exit}(2) \cap AE_{exit}(5)$$

$$AE_{entry}(4) = AE_{exit}(3)$$

$$AE_{entry}(5) = AE_{exit}(4)$$

$$AE_{exit}(1) = AE_{entry}(1) \cup \{a + b\}$$

$$AE_{exit}(2) = AE_{entry}(2) \cup \{a * b\}$$

$$AE_{exit}(3) = AE_{entry}(3) \cup \{a + b\}$$

$$AE_{exit}(4) = AE_{entry}(4) \setminus \{a + b, a * b, a + 1\}$$

$$AE_{exit}(5) = AE_{entry}(5) \cup \{a + b\}$$

## Example (cont.):

$[x := a+b]^1; [y := a*b]^2; \text{while } [y > a+b]^3 \text{ do } ([a := a+1]^4; [x := a+b]^5)$

Largest solution:

$\ell$	$AE_{entry}(\ell)$	$AE_{exit}(\ell)$
1	$\emptyset$	$\{a+b\}$
2	$\{a+b\}$	$\{a+b, a*b\}$
3	$\{a+b\}$	$\{a+b\}$
4	$\{a+b\}$	$\emptyset$
5	$\emptyset$	$\{a+b\}$

# Why largest solution?

$[z := x + y]^\ell; \text{while } [\text{true}]^{\ell'} \text{ do } [\text{skip}]^{\ell''}$

Equations:

$$\text{AE}_{\text{entry}}(\ell) = \emptyset$$

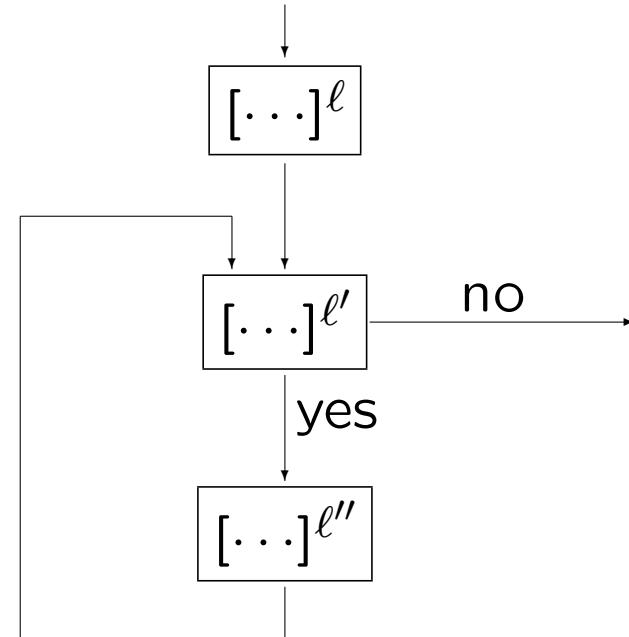
$$\text{AE}_{\text{entry}}(\ell') = \text{AE}_{\text{exit}}(\ell) \cap \text{AE}_{\text{exit}}(\ell'')$$

$$\text{AE}_{\text{entry}}(\ell'') = \text{AE}_{\text{exit}}(\ell')$$

$$\text{AE}_{\text{exit}}(\ell) = \text{AE}_{\text{entry}}(\ell) \cup \{x + y\}$$

$$\text{AE}_{\text{exit}}(\ell') = \text{AE}_{\text{entry}}(\ell')$$

$$\text{AE}_{\text{exit}}(\ell'') = \text{AE}_{\text{entry}}(\ell'')$$



After some simplification:  $\text{AE}_{\text{entry}}(\ell') = \{x + y\} \cap \text{AE}_{\text{entry}}(\ell')$

Two solutions to this equation:  $\{x + y\}$  and  $\emptyset$

# Reaching Definitions Analysis

The aim of the *Reaching Definitions Analysis* is to determine

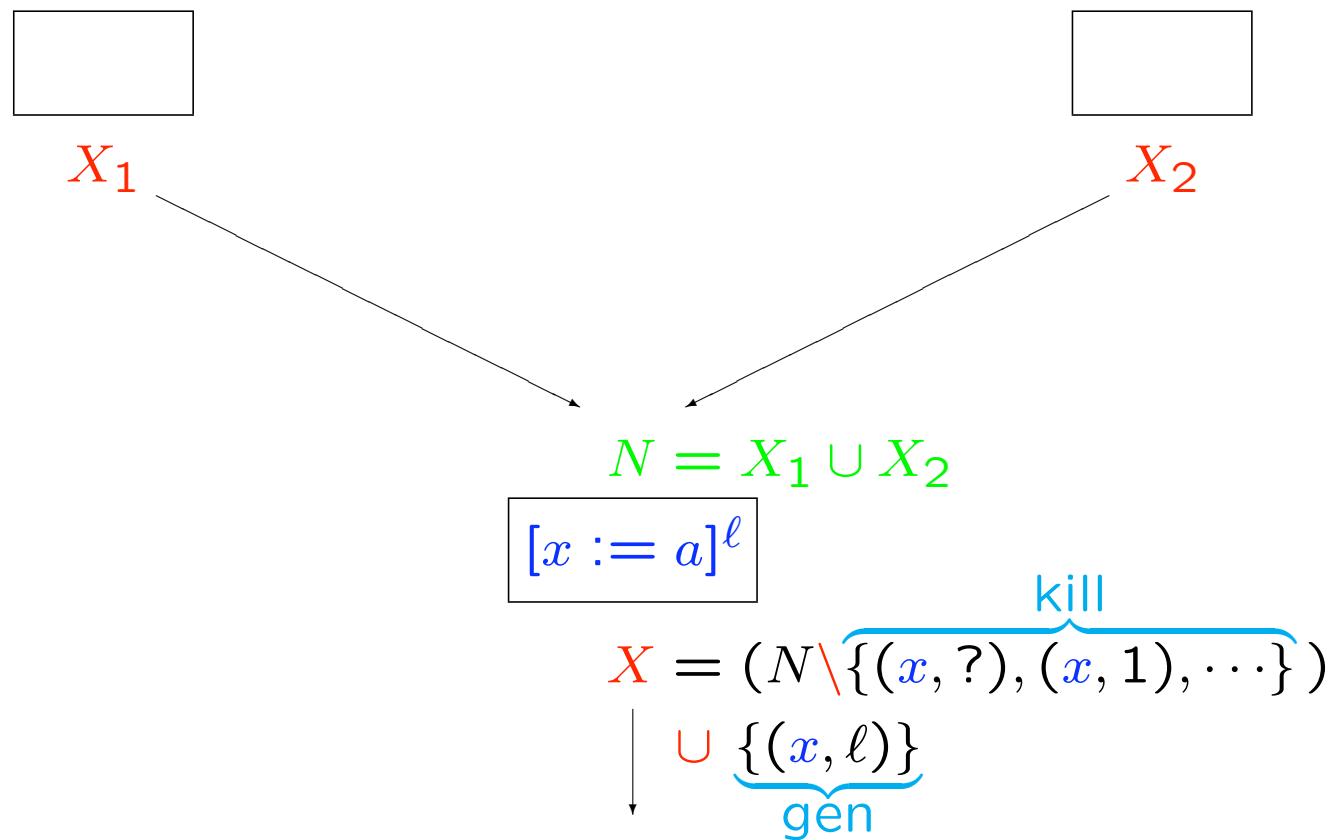
For each program point, which assignments may have been made and not overwritten, when program execution reaches this point along some path.

Example:

point of interest  
↓  
[x:=5]<sup>1</sup>; [y:=1]<sup>2</sup>; while [x>1]<sup>3</sup> do ([y:=**x**\***y**]<sup>4</sup>; [x:=x-1]<sup>5</sup>)

useful for definition-use chains and use-definition chains

# Reaching Definitions Analysis – the basic idea



# Reaching Definitions Analysis

*kill* and *gen* functions

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$$\text{kill}_{\text{RD}}([x := a]^\ell) = \{(x, ?)\} \cup \{(x, \ell') \mid B^{\ell'} \text{ is an assignment to } x \text{ in } S_\star\}$$

$$\text{kill}_{\text{RD}}([\text{skip}]^\ell) = \emptyset$$

$$\text{kill}_{\text{RD}}([b]^\ell) = \emptyset$$

$$\text{gen}_{\text{RD}}([x := a]^\ell) = \{(x, \ell)\}$$

$$\text{gen}_{\text{RD}}([\text{skip}]^\ell) = \emptyset$$

$$\text{gen}_{\text{RD}}([b]^\ell) = \emptyset$$

data flow equations:  $\text{RD} =$

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$$\text{RD}_{\text{entry}}(\ell) = \begin{cases} \{(x, ?) \mid x \in FV(S_\star)\} & \text{if } \ell = \text{init}(S_\star) \\ \bigcup \{\text{RD}_{\text{exit}}(\ell') \mid (\ell', \ell) \in \text{flow}(S_\star)\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{RD}_{\text{exit}}(\ell) = (\text{RD}_{\text{entry}}(\ell) \setminus \text{kill}_{\text{RD}}(B^\ell)) \cup \text{gen}_{\text{RD}}(B^\ell)$$

where  $B^\ell \in \text{blocks}(S_\star)$

## Example:

$[x := 5]^1; [y := 1]^2; \text{while } [x > 1]^3 \text{ do } ([y := x * y]^4; [x := x - 1]^5)$

*kill* and *gen* functions:

$\ell$	$\text{kill}_{\text{RD}}(\ell)$	$\text{gen}_{\text{RD}}(\ell)$
1	$\{(x, ?), (x, 1), (x, 5)\}$	$\{(x, 1)\}$
2	$\{(y, ?), (y, 2), (y, 4)\}$	$\{(y, 2)\}$
3	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
4	$\{(y, ?), (y, 2), (y, 4)\}$	$\{(y, 4)\}$
5	$\{(x, ?), (x, 1), (x, 5)\}$	$\{(x, 5)\}$

## Example (cont.):

$[x := 5]^1; [y := 1]^2; \text{while } [x > 1]^3 \text{ do } ([y := x * y]^4; [x := x - 1]^5)$

Equations:

$$RD_{entry}(1) = \{(x, ?), (y, ?)\}$$

$$RD_{entry}(2) = RD_{exit}(1)$$

$$RD_{entry}(3) = RD_{exit}(2) \cup RD_{exit}(5)$$

$$RD_{entry}(4) = RD_{exit}(3)$$

$$RD_{entry}(5) = RD_{exit}(4)$$

$$RD_{exit}(1) = (RD_{entry}(1) \setminus \{(x, ?), (x, 1), (x, 5)\}) \cup \{(x, 1)\}$$

$$RD_{exit}(2) = (RD_{entry}(2) \setminus \{(y, ?), (y, 2), (y, 4)\}) \cup \{(y, 2)\}$$

$$RD_{exit}(3) = RD_{entry}(3)$$

$$RD_{exit}(4) = (RD_{entry}(4) \setminus \{(y, ?), (y, 2), (y, 4)\}) \cup \{(y, 4)\}$$

$$RD_{exit}(5) = (RD_{entry}(5) \setminus \{(x, ?), (x, 1), (x, 5)\}) \cup \{(x, 5)\}$$

## Example (cont.):

$[x:=5]^1; [y:=1]^2; \text{while } [x>1]^3 \text{ do } ([y:=x*y]^4; [x:=x-1]^5)$

Smallest solution:

$\ell$	$RD_{entry}(\ell)$	$RD_{exit}(\ell)$
1	$\{(x, ?), (y, ?)\}$	$\{(y, ?), (x, 1)\}$
2	$\{(y, ?), (x, 1)\}$	$\{(x, 1), (y, 2)\}$
3	$\{(x, 1), (y, 2), (y, 4), (x, 5)\}$	$\{(x, 1), (y, 2), (y, 4), (x, 5)\}$
4	$\{(x, 1), (y, 2), (y, 4), (x, 5)\}$	$\{(x, 1), (y, 4), (x, 5)\}$
5	$\{(x, 1), (y, 4), (x, 5)\}$	$\{(y, 4), (x, 5)\}$

## Why smallest solution?

$[z := x + y]^\ell; \text{while } [\text{true}]^{\ell'} \text{ do } [\text{skip}]^{\ell''}$

Equations:

$$\text{RD}_{\text{entry}}(\ell) = \{(x, ?), (y, ?), (z, ?)\}$$

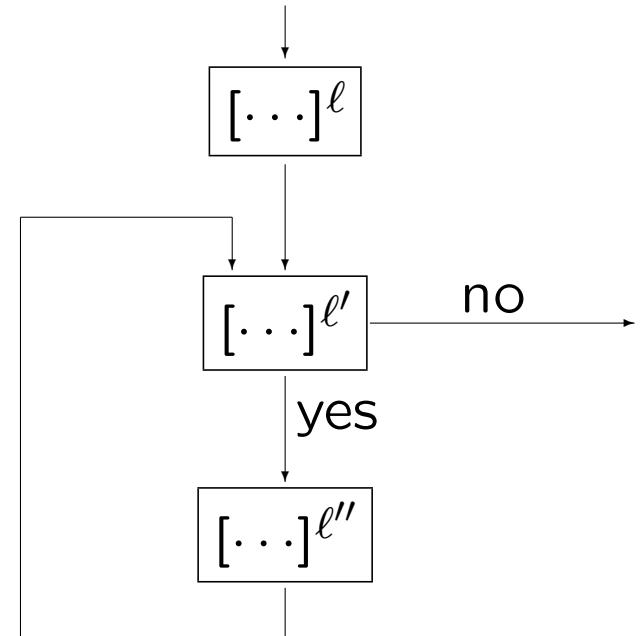
$$\text{RD}_{\text{entry}}(\ell') = \text{RD}_{\text{exit}}(\ell) \cup \text{RD}_{\text{exit}}(\ell'')$$

$$\text{RD}_{\text{entry}}(\ell'') = \text{RD}_{\text{exit}}(\ell')$$

$$\text{RD}_{\text{exit}}(\ell) = (\text{RD}_{\text{entry}}(\ell) \setminus \{(z, ?)\}) \cup \{(z, \ell)\}$$

$$\text{RD}_{\text{exit}}(\ell') = \text{RD}_{\text{entry}}(\ell')$$

$$\text{RD}_{\text{exit}}(\ell'') = \text{RD}_{\text{entry}}(\ell'')$$



After some simplification:  $\text{RD}_{\text{entry}}(\ell') = \{(x, ?), (y, ?), (z, \ell)\} \cup \text{RD}_{\text{entry}}(\ell')$

Many solutions to this equation: any superset of  $\{(x, ?), (y, ?), (z, \ell)\}$

# Very Busy Expressions Analysis

An expression is *very busy* at the exit from a label if, no matter what path is taken from the label, the expression is always used before any of the variables occurring in it are redefined.

The aim of the *Very Busy Expressions Analysis* is to determine

For each program point, which expressions must be very busy at the exit from the point.

## Example:

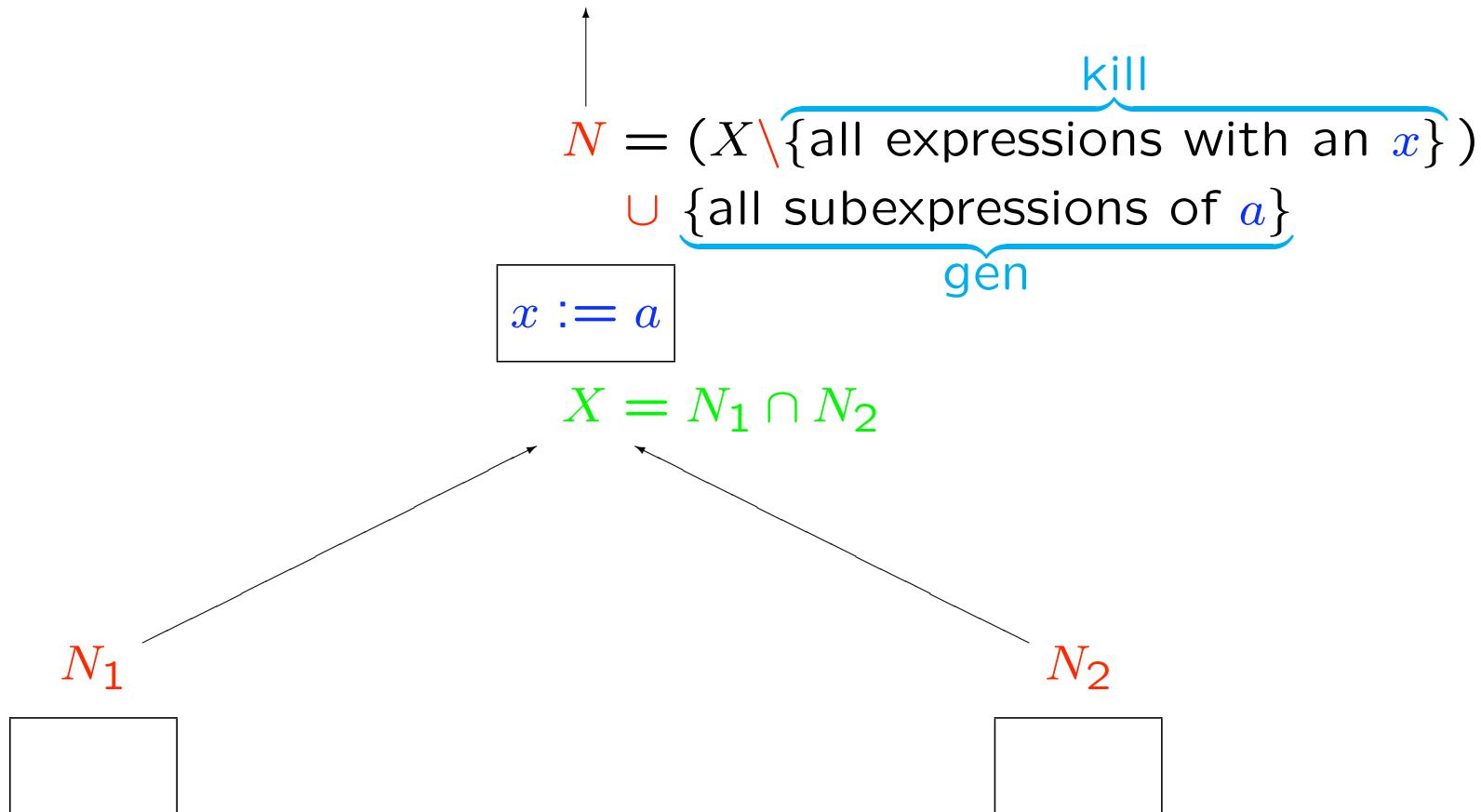
point of interest

↓ if  $[a>b]^1$  then  $([x:=\boxed{b-a}]^2; [y:=\boxed{a-b}]^3)$  else  $([y:=\boxed{b-a}]^4; [x:=\boxed{a-b}]^5)$

The analysis enables a transformation into

$[t1:=\boxed{b-a}]^A; [t2:=\boxed{b-a}]^B;$   
if  $[a>b]^1$  then  $([x:=t1]^2; [y:=t2]^3)$  else  $([y:=t1]^4; [x:=t2]^5)$

# Very Busy Expressions Analysis – the basic idea



# Very Busy Expressions Analysis

*kill* and *gen* functions

$$\text{kill}_{\text{VB}}([x := a]^\ell) = \{a' \in \text{AExp}_\star \mid x \in FV(a')\}$$

$$\text{kill}_{\text{VB}}([\text{skip}]^\ell) = \emptyset$$

$$\text{kill}_{\text{VB}}([b]^\ell) = \emptyset$$

$$\text{gen}_{\text{VB}}([x := a]^\ell) = \text{AExp}(a)$$

$$\text{gen}_{\text{VB}}([\text{skip}]^\ell) = \emptyset$$

$$\text{gen}_{\text{VB}}([b]^\ell) = \text{AExp}(b)$$

data flow equations:  $\text{VB} =$

$$\text{VB}_{\text{exit}}(\ell) = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } \ell \in \text{final}(S_\star) \\ \cap\{\text{VB}_{\text{entry}}(\ell') \mid (\ell', \ell) \in \text{flow}^R(S_\star)\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{VB}_{\text{entry}}(\ell) = (\text{VB}_{\text{exit}}(\ell) \setminus \text{kill}_{\text{VB}}(B^\ell)) \cup \text{gen}_{\text{VB}}(B^\ell)$$

where  $B^\ell \in \text{blocks}(S_\star)$

## Example:

if  $[a>b]^1$  then  $([x:=b-a]^2; [y:=a-b]^3)$  else  $([y:=b-a]^4; [x:=a-b]^5)$

*kill* and *gen* function:

$\ell$	$kill_{VB}(\ell)$	$gen_{VB}(\ell)$
1	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
2	$\emptyset$	$\{b-a\}$
3	$\emptyset$	$\{a-b\}$
4	$\emptyset$	$\{b-a\}$
5	$\emptyset$	$\{a-b\}$

## Example (cont.):

if  $[a>b]^1$  then  $([x:=b-a]^2; [y:=a-b]^3)$  else  $([y:=b-a]^4; [x:=a-b]^5)$

Equations:

$$\text{VB}_{\text{entry}}(1) = \text{VB}_{\text{exit}}(1)$$

$$\text{VB}_{\text{entry}}(2) = \text{VB}_{\text{exit}}(2) \cup \{b-a\}$$

$$\text{VB}_{\text{entry}}(3) = \{a-b\}$$

$$\text{VB}_{\text{entry}}(4) = \text{VB}_{\text{exit}}(4) \cup \{b-a\}$$

$$\text{VB}_{\text{entry}}(5) = \{a-b\}$$

$$\text{VB}_{\text{exit}}(1) = \text{VB}_{\text{entry}}(2) \cap \text{VB}_{\text{entry}}(4)$$

$$\text{VB}_{\text{exit}}(2) = \text{VB}_{\text{entry}}(3)$$

$$\text{VB}_{\text{exit}}(3) = \emptyset$$

$$\text{VB}_{\text{exit}}(4) = \text{VB}_{\text{entry}}(5)$$

$$\text{VB}_{\text{exit}}(5) = \emptyset$$

## Example (cont.):

if  $[a>b]^1$  then  $([x:=b-a]^2; [y:=a-b]^3)$  else  $([y:=b-a]^4; [x:=a-b]^5)$

Largest solution:

$\ell$	$VB_{entry}(\ell)$	$VB_{exit}(\ell)$
1	{a-b, b-a}	{a-b, b-a}
2	{a-b, b-a}	{a-b}
3	{a-b}	$\emptyset$
4	{a-b, b-a}	{a-b}
5	{a-b}	$\emptyset$

## Why largest solution?

(while  $[x > 1]^\ell$  do [skip] $^{\ell'}$ );  $[x := x + 1]^{\ell''}$

Equations:

$$\text{VB}_{\text{entry}}(\ell) = \text{VB}_{\text{exit}}(\ell)$$

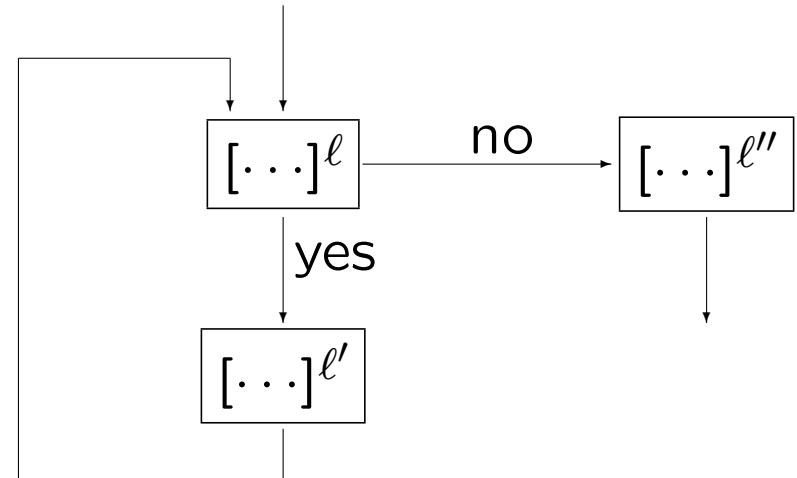
$$\text{VB}_{\text{entry}}(\ell') = \text{VB}_{\text{exit}}(\ell')$$

$$\text{VB}_{\text{entry}}(\ell'') = \{x + 1\}$$

$$\text{VB}_{\text{exit}}(\ell) = \text{VB}_{\text{entry}}(\ell') \cap \text{VB}_{\text{entry}}(\ell'')$$

$$\text{VB}_{\text{exit}}(\ell') = \text{VB}_{\text{entry}}(\ell)$$

$$\text{VB}_{\text{exit}}(\ell'') = \emptyset$$



After some simplifications:  $\text{VB}_{\text{exit}}(\ell) = \text{VB}_{\text{exit}}(\ell) \cap \{x + 1\}$

Two solutions to this equation:  $\{x + 1\}$  and  $\emptyset$

# Live Variables Analysis

A variable is *live* at the exit from a label if there is a path from the label to a use of the variable that does not re-define the variable.

The aim of the *Live Variables Analysis* is to determine

For each program point, which variables may be live at the exit from the point.

## Example:

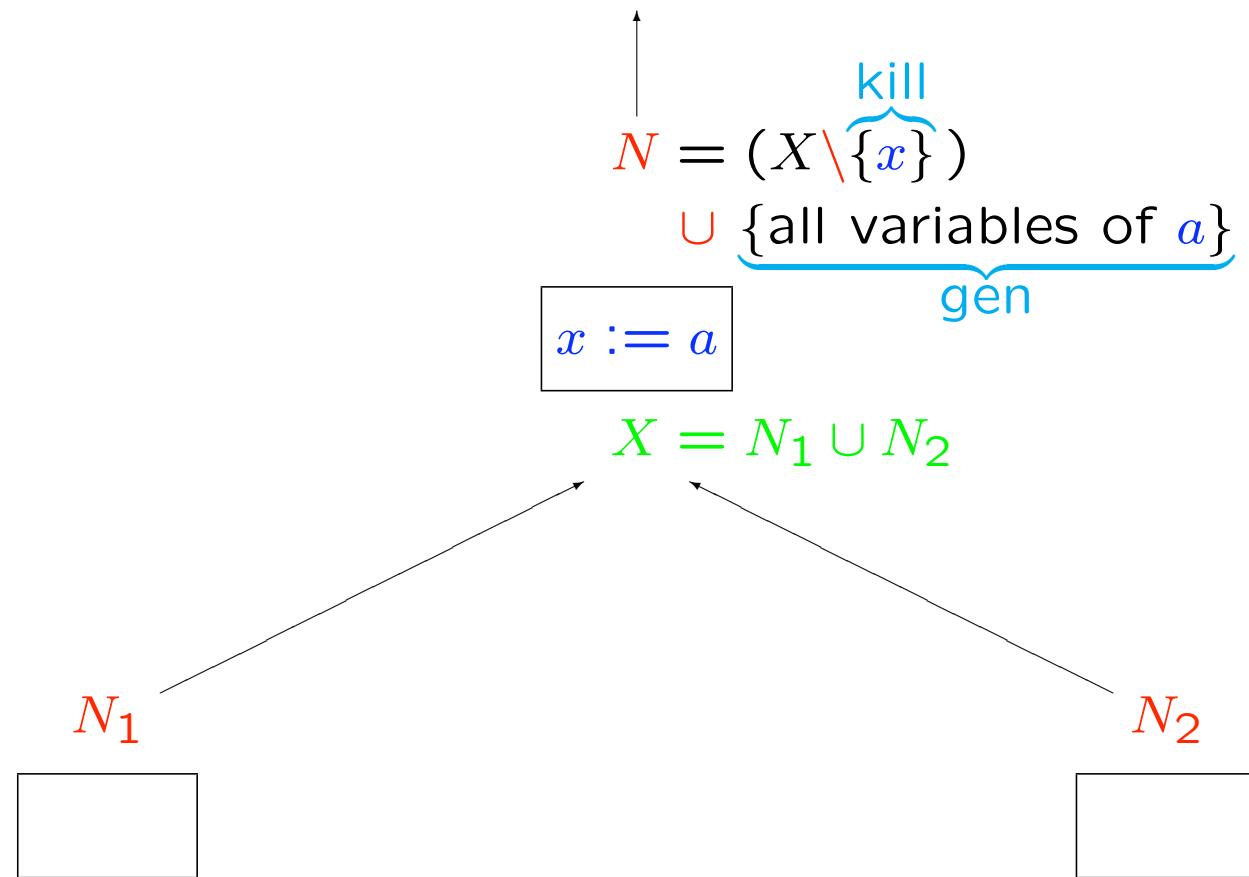
point of interest

↓  
[x := 2]<sup>1</sup>; [y := 4]<sup>2</sup>; [x := 1]<sup>3</sup>; (if [y > x]<sup>4</sup> then [z := y]<sup>5</sup> else [z := y \* y]<sup>6</sup>); [x := z]<sup>7</sup>

The analysis enables a transformation into

[y := 4]<sup>2</sup>; [x := 1]<sup>3</sup>; (if [y > x]<sup>4</sup> then [z := y]<sup>5</sup> else [z := y \* y]<sup>6</sup>); [x := z]<sup>7</sup>

# Live Variables Analysis – the basic idea



# Live Variables Analysis

*kill* and *gen* functions

$$\text{kill}_{\text{LV}}([x := a]^\ell) = \{x\}$$

$$\text{kill}_{\text{LV}}([\text{skip}]^\ell) = \emptyset$$

$$\text{kill}_{\text{LV}}([b]^\ell) = \emptyset$$

$$\text{gen}_{\text{LV}}([x := a]^\ell) = FV(a)$$

$$\text{gen}_{\text{LV}}([\text{skip}]^\ell) = \emptyset$$

$$\text{gen}_{\text{LV}}([b]^\ell) = FV(b)$$

data flow equations:  $\text{LV} =$

$$\text{LV}_{\text{exit}}(\ell) = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } \ell \in \text{final}(S_\star) \\ \cup \{\text{LV}_{\text{entry}}(\ell') \mid (\ell', \ell) \in \text{flow}^R(S_\star)\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{LV}_{\text{entry}}(\ell) = (\text{LV}_{\text{exit}}(\ell) \setminus \text{kill}_{\text{LV}}(B^\ell)) \cup \text{gen}_{\text{LV}}(B^\ell)$$

where  $B^\ell \in \text{blocks}(S_\star)$

## Example:

$[x:=2]^1; [y:=4]^2; [x:=1]^3; (\text{if } [y>x]^4 \text{ then } [z:=y]^5 \text{ else } [z:=y*y]^6); [x:=z]^7$

*kill* and *gen* functions:

$\ell$	$kill_{LV}(\ell)$	$gen_{LV}(\ell)$
1	{x}	$\emptyset$
2	{y}	$\emptyset$
3	{x}	$\emptyset$
4	$\emptyset$	{x, y}
5	{z}	{y}
6	{z}	{y}
7	{x}	{z}

## Example (cont.):

$[x:=2]^1; [y:=4]^2; [x:=1]^3; (\text{if } [y>x]^4 \text{ then } [z:=y]^5 \text{ else } [z:=y*y]^6); [x:=z]^7$

Equations:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{LV}_{\text{entry}}(1) = \text{LV}_{\text{exit}}(1) \setminus \{x\} & \text{LV}_{\text{exit}}(1) = \text{LV}_{\text{entry}}(2) \\ \text{LV}_{\text{entry}}(2) = \text{LV}_{\text{exit}}(2) \setminus \{y\} & \text{LV}_{\text{exit}}(2) = \text{LV}_{\text{entry}}(3) \\ \text{LV}_{\text{entry}}(3) = \text{LV}_{\text{exit}}(3) \setminus \{x\} & \text{LV}_{\text{exit}}(3) = \text{LV}_{\text{entry}}(4) \\ \text{LV}_{\text{entry}}(4) = \text{LV}_{\text{exit}}(4) \cup \{x, y\} & \text{LV}_{\text{exit}}(4) = \text{LV}_{\text{entry}}(5) \cup \text{LV}_{\text{entry}}(6) \\ \text{LV}_{\text{entry}}(5) = (\text{LV}_{\text{exit}}(5) \setminus \{z\}) \cup \{y\} & \text{LV}_{\text{exit}}(5) = \text{LV}_{\text{entry}}(7) \\ \text{LV}_{\text{entry}}(6) = (\text{LV}_{\text{exit}}(6) \setminus \{z\}) \cup \{y\} & \text{LV}_{\text{exit}}(6) = \text{LV}_{\text{entry}}(7) \\ \text{LV}_{\text{entry}}(7) = \{z\} & \text{LV}_{\text{exit}}(7) = \emptyset \end{array}$$

## Example (cont.):

$[x := 2]^1; [y := 4]^2; [x := 1]^3; (\text{if } [y > x]^4 \text{ then } [z := y]^5 \text{ else } [z := y * y]^6); [x := z]^7$

Smallest solution:

$\ell$	$LV_{entry}(\ell)$	$LV_{exit}(\ell)$
1	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
2	$\emptyset$	$\{y\}$
3	$\{y\}$	$\{x, y\}$
4	$\{x, y\}$	$\{y\}$
5	$\{y\}$	$\{z\}$
6	$\{y\}$	$\{z\}$
7	$\{z\}$	$\emptyset$

# Why smallest solution?

(while  $[x > 1]^\ell$  do [skip] $^{\ell'}$ );  $[x := x + 1]^{\ell''}$

Equations:

$$\text{LV}_{\text{entry}}(\ell) = \text{LV}_{\text{exit}}(\ell) \cup \{x\}$$

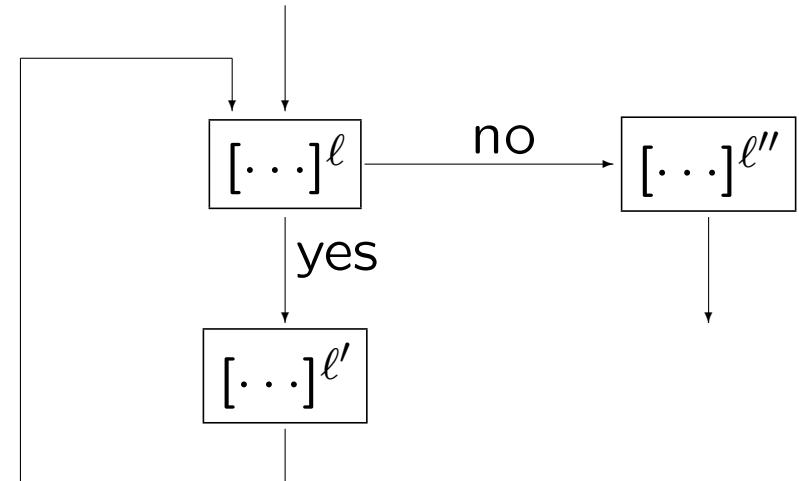
$$\text{LV}_{\text{entry}}(\ell') = \text{LV}_{\text{exit}}(\ell')$$

$$\text{LV}_{\text{entry}}(\ell'') = \{x\}$$

$$\text{LV}_{\text{exit}}(\ell) = \text{LV}_{\text{entry}}(\ell') \cup \text{LV}_{\text{entry}}(\ell'')$$

$$\text{LV}_{\text{exit}}(\ell') = \text{LV}_{\text{entry}}(\ell)$$

$$\text{LV}_{\text{exit}}(\ell'') = \emptyset$$



After some calculations:  $\text{LV}_{\text{exit}}(\ell) = \text{LV}_{\text{exit}}(\ell) \cup \{x\}$

Many solutions to this equation: any superset of  $\{x\}$

# Derived Data Flow Information

- *Use-Definition chains* or *ud* chains:

each **use** of a variable is linked to all **assignments** that reach it

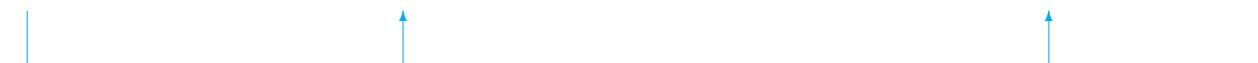
$[x:=0]^1; [x:=3]^2; (\text{if } [z=x]^3 \text{ then } [z:=0]^4 \text{ else } [z:=x]^5); [y:=x]^6; [x:=y+z]^7$



- *Definition-Use chains* or *du* chains:

each **assignment** to a variable is linked to all **uses** of it

$[x:=0]^1; [x:=3]^2; (\text{if } [z=x]^3 \text{ then } [z:=0]^4 \text{ else } [z:=x]^5); [y:=x]^6; [x:=y+z]^7$



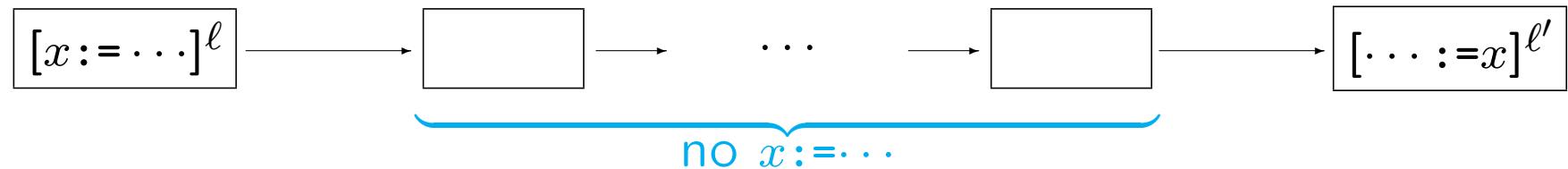
## ud chains

$$\textcolor{red}{ud} : \text{Var}_\star \times \text{Lab}_\star \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\text{Lab}_\star)$$

given by

$$\begin{aligned}\textcolor{red}{ud}(x, \ell') = & \{ \ell \mid \textcolor{blue}{def}(x, \ell) \wedge \exists \ell'': (\ell, \ell'') \in \textcolor{green}{flow}(S_\star) \wedge \textcolor{blue}{clear}(x, \ell'', \ell') \} \\ \cup & \{ ? \mid \textcolor{blue}{clear}(x, \textcolor{green}{init}(S_\star), \ell') \}\end{aligned}$$

where



- $\text{def}(x, \ell)$  means that the block  $\ell$  assigns a value to  $x$
- $\text{clear}(x, \ell, \ell')$  means that none of the blocks on a path from  $\ell$  to  $\ell'$  contains an assignments to  $x$  but that the block  $\ell'$  uses  $x$  (in a test or on the right hand side of an assignment)

## ud chains - an alternative definition

$$\text{UD} : \text{Var}_\star \times \text{Lab}_\star \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\text{Lab}_\star)$$

is defined by:

$$\text{UD}(x, \ell) = \begin{cases} \{\ell' \mid (x, \ell') \in \text{RD}_{\text{entry}}(\ell)\} & \text{if } x \in \text{gen}_{\text{LV}}(B^\ell) \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

One can show that:

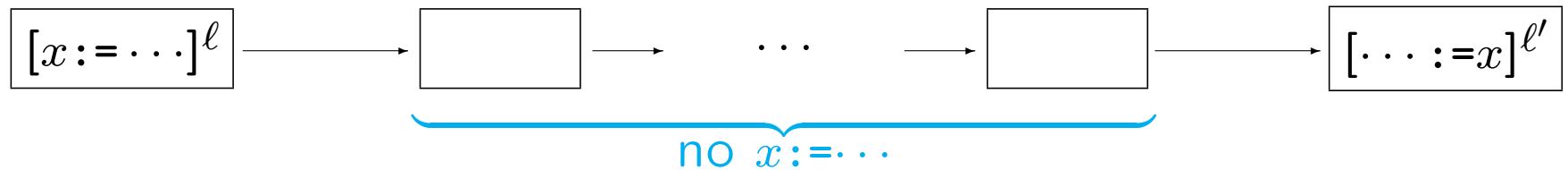
$$ud(x, \ell) = \text{UD}(x, \ell)$$

## du chains

$$\textcolor{red}{du} : \text{Var}_\star \times \text{Lab}_\star \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\text{Lab}_\star)$$

given by

$$\textcolor{red}{du}(x, \ell) = \begin{cases} \{\ell' \mid \textcolor{blue}{def}(x, \ell) \wedge \exists \ell'': (\ell, \ell'') \in \textcolor{green}{flow}(S_\star) \wedge \textcolor{blue}{clear}(x, \ell'', \ell')\} \\ \quad \text{if } \ell \neq ? \\ \{\ell' \mid \textcolor{blue}{clear}(x, \textcolor{green}{init}(S_\star), \ell')\} \\ \quad \text{if } \ell = ? \end{cases}$$



One can show that:

$$\textcolor{red}{du}(x, \ell) = \{\ell' \mid \ell \in \textcolor{red}{ud}(x, \ell')\}$$

## Example:

$[x := 0]^1; [x := 3]^2; (\text{if } [z = x]^3 \text{ then } [z := 0]^4 \text{ else } [z := x]^5); [y := x]^6; [x := y + z]^7$

$ud(x, \ell)$	x	y	z	$du(x, \ell)$	x	y	z
1	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	1	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
2	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	2	$\{3, 5, 6\}$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
3	$\{2\}$	$\emptyset$	$\{?\}$	3	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
4	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	4	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\{7\}$
5	$\{2\}$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	5	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\{7\}$
6	$\{2\}$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	6	$\emptyset$	$\{7\}$	$\emptyset$
7	$\emptyset$	$\{6\}$	$\{4, 5\}$	7	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
				?	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\{3\}$

# Theoretical Properties

- Structural Operational Semantics
- Correctness of Live Variables Analysis

# The Semantics

A *state* is a mapping from variables to integers:

$$\sigma \in \text{State} = \text{Var} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$$

The semantics of arithmetic and boolean expressions

$$\mathcal{A} : \text{AExp} \rightarrow (\text{State} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}) \quad (\text{no errors allowed})$$

$$\mathcal{B} : \text{BExp} \rightarrow (\text{State} \rightarrow \mathbf{T}) \quad (\text{no errors allowed})$$

The *transitions* of the semantics are of the form

$$\langle S, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma' \quad \text{and} \quad \langle S, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S', \sigma' \rangle$$

## Transitions

$$\langle [x := a]^\ell, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma[x \mapsto \mathcal{A}[\![a]\!]\sigma]$$

$$\langle [\text{skip}]^\ell, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma$$

$$\frac{\langle S_1, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S'_1, \sigma' \rangle}{\langle S_1; S_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S'_1; S_2, \sigma' \rangle}$$

$$\frac{\langle S_1, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma'}{\langle S_1; S_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S_2, \sigma' \rangle}$$

$$\langle \text{if } [b]^\ell \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S_1, \sigma \rangle \quad \text{if } \mathcal{B}[\![b]\!]\sigma = \text{true}$$

$$\langle \text{if } [b]^\ell \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle S_2, \sigma \rangle \quad \text{if } \mathcal{B}[\![b]\!]\sigma = \text{false}$$

$$\langle \text{while } [b]^\ell \text{ do } S, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \langle (S; \text{while } [b]^\ell \text{ do } S), \sigma \rangle \quad \text{if } \mathcal{B}[\![b]\!]\sigma = \text{true}$$

$$\langle \text{while } [b]^\ell \text{ do } S, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma \quad \text{if } \mathcal{B}[\![b]\!]\sigma = \text{false}$$

## Example:

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<[y:=x]1; [z:=1]2; while [y>1]3 do ([z:=z*y]4; [y:=y-1]5); [y:=0]6, σ300>
→ <[z:=1]2; while [y>1]3 do ([z:=z*y]4; [y:=y-1]5); [y:=0]6, σ330>
→ <while [y>1]3 do ([z:=z*y]4; [y:=y-1]5); [y:=0]6, σ331>
→ <[z:=z*y]4; [y:=y-1]5;
    while [y>1]3 do ([z:=z*y]4; [y:=y-1]5); [y:=0]6, σ331>
→ <[y:=y-1]5; while [y>1]3 do ([z:=z*y]4; [y:=y-1]5); [y:=0]6, σ333>
→ <while [y>1]3 do ([z:=z*y]4; [y:=y-1]5); [y:=0]6, σ323>
→ <[z:=z*y]4; [y:=y-1]5;
    while [y>1]3 do ([z:=z*y]4; [y:=y-1]5); [y:=0]6, σ323>
→ <[y:=y-1]5; while [y>1]3 do ([z:=z*y]4; [y:=y-1]5); [y:=0]6, σ326>
→ <while [y>1]3 do ([z:=z*y]4; [y:=y-1]5); [y:=0]6, σ316>
→ <[y:=0]6, σ316>
→ σ306
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# Equations and Constraints

Equation system  $\text{LV}^=(S_*)$ :

$$\text{LV}_{\text{exit}}(\ell) = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } \ell \in \text{final}(S_*) \\ \cup\{\text{LV}_{\text{entry}}(\ell') \mid (\ell', \ell) \in \text{flow}^R(S_*)\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{LV}_{\text{entry}}(\ell) = (\text{LV}_{\text{exit}}(\ell) \setminus \text{kill}_{\text{LV}}(B^\ell)) \cup \text{gen}_{\text{LV}}(B^\ell)$$

where  $B^\ell \in \text{blocks}(S_*)$

Constraint system  $\text{LV}^{\subseteq}(S_*)$ :

$$\text{LV}_{\text{exit}}(\ell) \supseteq \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } \ell \in \text{final}(S_*) \\ \cup\{\text{LV}_{\text{entry}}(\ell') \mid (\ell', \ell) \in \text{flow}^R(S_*)\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{LV}_{\text{entry}}(\ell) \supseteq (\text{LV}_{\text{exit}}(\ell) \setminus \text{kill}_{\text{LV}}(B^\ell)) \cup \text{gen}_{\text{LV}}(B^\ell)$$

where  $B^\ell \in \text{blocks}(S_*)$

## Lemma

Each solution to the equation system  $\text{LV}^=(S_*)$  is also a solution to the constraint system  $\text{LV}^\subseteq(S_*)$ .

**Proof:** Trivial.

## Lemma

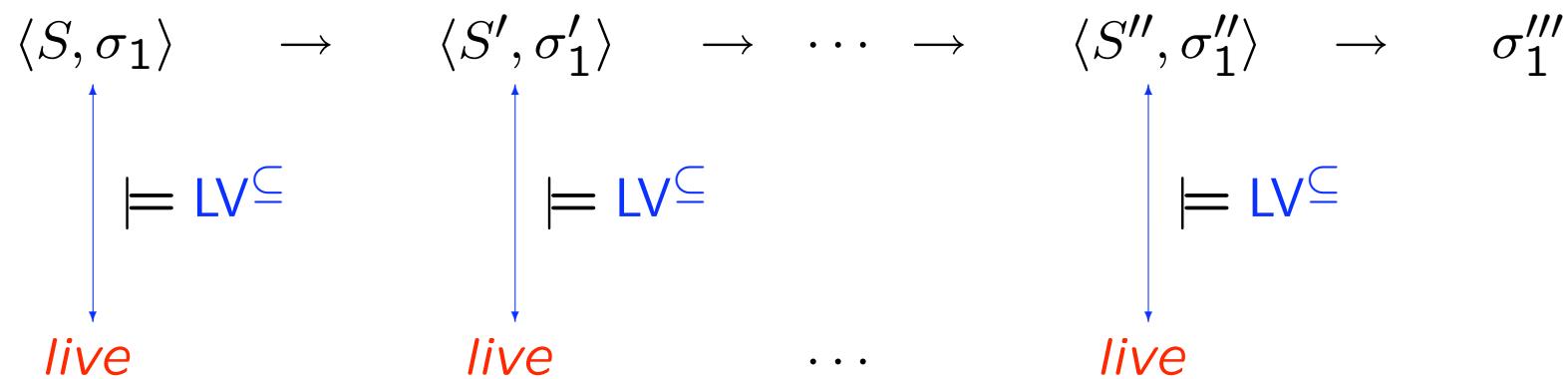
The **least** solution to the equation system  $\text{LV}^=(S_*)$  is also the **least** solution to the constraint system  $\text{LV}^\subseteq(S_*)$ .

**Proof:** Use Tarski's Theorem.

**Naive Proof:** Proceed by contradiction. Suppose some LHS is strictly greater than the RHS. Replace the LHS by the RHS in the solution. Argue that you still have a solution. This establishes the desired contradiction.

## Lemma

A solution *live* to the constraint system is preserved during computation



Proof: requires a lot of machinery — see the book.

## Correctness Relation

$$\sigma_1 \sim_V \sigma_2$$

means that for all practical purposes the two states  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  are equal: only the values of the live variables of  $V$  matters and here the two states are equal.

### Example:

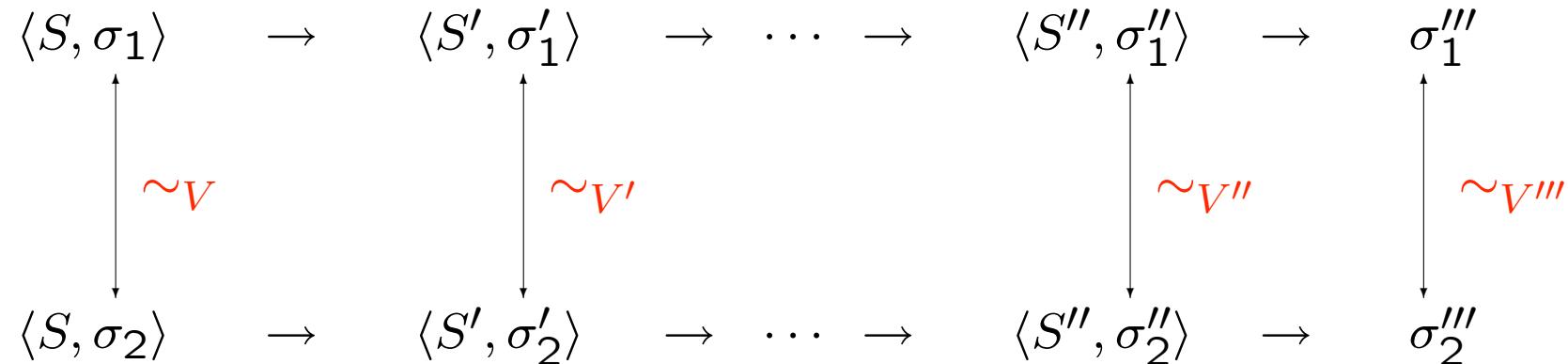
Consider the statement  $[x := y + z]^\ell$

Let  $V_1 = \{y, z\}$ . Then  $\sigma_1 \sim_{V_1} \sigma_2$  means  $\sigma_1(y) = \sigma_2(y) \wedge \sigma_1(z) = \sigma_2(z)$

Let  $V_2 = \{x\}$ . Then  $\sigma_1 \sim_{V_2} \sigma_2$  means  $\sigma_1(x) = \sigma_2(x)$

# Correctness Theorem

The relation “ $\sim$ ” is *invariant* under computation: the live variables for the initial configuration remain live throughout the computation.



$$V = \text{live}_{\text{entry}}(\text{init}(S))$$

$$V'' = \text{live}_{\text{entry}}(\text{init}(S''))$$

$$V' = \text{live}_{\text{entry}}(\text{init}(S'))$$

$$V''' = \text{live}_{\text{exit}}(\text{init}(S'''))$$

$$= \text{live}_{\text{exit}}(\ell)$$

for some  $\ell \in \text{final}(S)$

# Monotone Frameworks

- Monotone and Distributive Frameworks
- Instances of Frameworks
- Constant Propagation Analysis

# The Overall Pattern

Each of the four classical analyses take the form

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Analysis}_o(\ell) &= \begin{cases} \iota & \text{if } \ell \in E \\ \sqcup \{\text{Analysis}_o(\ell') \mid (\ell', \ell) \in F\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ \text{Analysis}_o(\ell) &= f_\ell(\text{Analysis}_o(\ell))\end{aligned}$$

where

- $\sqcup$  is  $\cap$  or  $\cup$  (and  $\sqcap$  is  $\cup$  or  $\cap$ ),
- $F$  is either  $\text{flow}(S_*)$  or  $\text{flow}^R(S_*)$ ,
- $E$  is  $\{\text{init}(S_*)\}$  or  $\text{final}(S_*)$ ,
- $\iota$  specifies the initial or final analysis information, and
- $f_\ell$  is the transfer function associated with  $B^\ell \in \text{blocks}(S_*)$ .

## The Principle: forward versus backward

- The *forward analyses* have  $F$  to be  $\text{flow}(S_*)$  and then  $\text{Analysis}_o$  concerns entry conditions and  $\text{Analysis}_e$  concerns exit conditions; the equation system presupposes that  $S_*$  has isolated entries.
- The *backward analyses* have  $F$  to be  $\text{flow}^R(S_*)$  and then  $\text{Analysis}_o$  concerns exit conditions and  $\text{Analysis}_e$  concerns entry conditions; the equation system presupposes that  $S_*$  has isolated exits.

## The Principle: union versus intersection

- When  $\sqcup$  is  $\cap$  we require the **greatest sets** that solve the equations and we are able to detect properties satisfied by *all execution paths* reaching (or leaving) the entry (or exit) of a label; the analysis is called a **must**-analysis.
- When  $\sqcup$  is  $\cup$  we require the **smallest sets** that solve the equations and we are able to detect properties satisfied by *at least one execution path* to (or from) the entry (or exit) of a label; the analysis is called a **may**-analysis.

# Property Spaces

The *property space*,  $L$ , is used to represent the data flow information, and the *combination operator*,  $\sqcup: \mathcal{P}(L) \rightarrow L$ , is used to combine information from different paths.

- $L$  is a *complete lattice*, that is, a partially ordered set,  $(L, \sqsubseteq)$ , such that each subset,  $Y$ , has a least upper bound,  $\sqcup Y$ .
- $L$  satisfies the *Ascending Chain Condition*; that is, each ascending chain eventually stabilises (meaning that if  $(l_n)_n$  is such that  $l_1 \sqsubseteq l_2 \sqsubseteq l_3 \sqsubseteq \dots$ , then there exists  $n$  such that  $l_n = l_{n+1} = \dots$ ).

## Example: Reaching Definitions

- $L = \mathcal{P}(\text{Var}_\star \times \text{Lab}_\star)$  is partially ordered by subset inclusion so  $\sqsubseteq$  is  $\subseteq$
- the least upper bound operation  $\sqcup$  is  $\cup$  and the least element  $\perp$  is  $\emptyset$
- $L$  satisfies the Ascending Chain Condition because  $\text{Var}_\star \times \text{Lab}_\star$  is finite (unlike  $\text{Var} \times \text{Lab}$ )

## Example: Available Expressions

- $L = \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{AExp}_\star)$  is partially ordered by superset inclusion so  $\sqsubseteq$  is  $\supseteq$
- the least upper bound operation  $\sqcup$  is  $\cap$  and the least element  $\perp$  is  $\mathbf{AExp}_\star$
- $L$  satisfies the Ascending Chain Condition because  $\mathbf{AExp}_\star$  is finite (unlike  $\mathbf{AExp}$ )

# Transfer Functions

The set of transfer functions,  $\mathcal{F}$ , is a set of **monotone functions** over  $L$ , meaning that

$$l \sqsubseteq l' \text{ implies } f_\ell(l) \sqsubseteq f_\ell(l')$$

and furthermore they fulfil the following conditions:

- $\mathcal{F}$  contains *all* the transfer functions  $f_\ell : L \rightarrow L$  in question (for  $\ell \in \text{Lab}_\star$ )
- $\mathcal{F}$  contains the *identity function*
- $\mathcal{F}$  is *closed under composition* of functions

# Frameworks

A *Monotone Framework* consists of:

- a complete lattice,  $L$ , that satisfies the Ascending Chain Condition; we write  $\sqcup$  for the least upper bound operator
- a set  $\mathcal{F}$  of monotone functions from  $L$  to  $L$  that contains the identity function and that is closed under function composition

A *Distributive Framework* is a Monotone Framework where additionally all functions  $f$  in  $\mathcal{F}$  are required to be *distributive*:

$$f(l_1 \sqcup l_2) = f(l_1) \sqcup f(l_2)$$

## Instances

An *instance* of a Framework consists of:

- the complete lattice,  $L$ , of the framework
- the space of functions,  $\mathcal{F}$ , of the framework
- a finite flow,  $F$  (typically  $\text{flow}(S_*)$  or  $\text{flow}^R(S_*)$ )
- a finite set of *extremal labels*,  $E$  (typically  $\{\text{init}(S_*)\}$  or  $\text{final}(S_*)$ )
- an *extremal value*,  $\iota \in L$ , for the extremal labels
- a mapping,  $f_\cdot$ , from the labels  $\text{Lab}_*$  to transfer functions in  $\mathcal{F}$

## Equations of the Instance:

$$\text{Analysis}_o(\ell) = \bigsqcup\{\text{Analysis}_\bullet(\ell') \mid (\ell', \ell) \in F\} \sqcup \iota_E^\ell$$

where  $\iota_E^\ell = \begin{cases} \iota & \text{if } \ell \in E \\ \perp & \text{if } \ell \notin E \end{cases}$

$$\text{Analysis}_\bullet(\ell) = f_\ell(\text{Analysis}_o(\ell))$$

## Constraints of the Instance:

$$\text{Analysis}_o(\ell) \sqsupseteq \bigsqcup\{\text{Analysis}_\bullet(\ell') \mid (\ell', \ell) \in F\} \sqcup \iota_E^\ell$$

where  $\iota_E^\ell = \begin{cases} \iota & \text{if } \ell \in E \\ \perp & \text{if } \ell \notin E \end{cases}$

$$\text{Analysis}_\bullet(\ell) \sqsupseteq f_\ell(\text{Analysis}_o(\ell))$$

# The Examples Revisited

	Available Expressions	Reaching Definitions	Very Busy Expressions	Live Variables
$L$	$\mathcal{P}(\text{AExp}_\star)$	$\mathcal{P}(\text{Var}_\star \times \text{Lab}_\star)$	$\mathcal{P}(\text{AExp}_\star)$	$\mathcal{P}(\text{Var}_\star)$
$\sqsubseteq$	$\supseteq$	$\subseteq$	$\supseteq$	$\subseteq$
$\sqcup$	$\cap$	$\cup$	$\cap$	$\cup$
$\perp$	$\text{AExp}_\star$	$\emptyset$	$\text{AExp}_\star$	$\emptyset$
$\iota$	$\emptyset$	$\{(x, ?) \mid x \in FV(S_\star)\}$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
$E$	$\{\text{init}(S_\star)\}$	$\{\text{init}(S_\star)\}$	$\text{final}(S_\star)$	$\text{final}(S_\star)$
$F$	$\text{flow}(S_\star)$	$\text{flow}(S_\star)$	$\text{flow}^R(S_\star)$	$\text{flow}^R(S_\star)$
$\mathcal{F}$	$\{f : L \rightarrow L \mid \exists l_k, l_g : f(l) = (l \setminus l_k) \cup l_g\}$			
$f_\ell$	$f_\ell(l) = (l \setminus \text{kill}(B^\ell)) \cup \text{gen}(B^\ell)$ where $B^\ell \in \text{blocks}(S_\star)$			

# Bit Vector Frameworks

A *Bit Vector Framework* has

- $L = \mathcal{P}(D)$  for  $D$  finite
- $\mathcal{F} = \{f \mid \exists l_k, l_g : f(l) = (l \setminus l_k) \cup l_g\}$

## Examples:

- Available Expressions
- Live Variables
- Reaching Definitions
- Very Busy Expressions

**Lemma:** Bit Vector Frameworks are always Distributive Frameworks

**Proof**

$$\begin{aligned} f(l_1 \sqcup l_2) &= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(l_1 \cup l_2) \\ f(l_1 \cap l_2) \end{array} \right. & = & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} ((l_1 \cup l_2) \setminus l_k) \cup l_g \\ ((l_1 \cap l_2) \setminus l_k) \cup l_g \end{array} \right. \\ &= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} ((l_1 \setminus l_k) \cup (l_2 \setminus l_k)) \cup l_g \\ ((l_1 \setminus l_k) \cap (l_2 \setminus l_k)) \cup l_g \end{array} \right. & = & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} ((l_1 \setminus l_k) \cup l_g) \cup ((l_2 \setminus l_k) \cup l_g) \\ ((l_1 \setminus l_k) \cup l_g) \cap ((l_2 \setminus l_k) \cup l_g) \end{array} \right. \\ &= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(l_1) \cup f(l_2) \\ f(l_1) \cap f(l_2) \end{array} \right. & = & f(l_1) \sqcup f(l_2) \end{aligned}$$

- $id(l) = (l \setminus \emptyset) \cup \emptyset$
- $f_2(f_1(l)) = (((l \setminus l_k^1) \cup l_g^1) \setminus l_k^2) \cup l_g^2 = (l \setminus (l_k^1 \cup l_k^2)) \cup ((l_g^1 \setminus l_k^2) \cup l_g^2)$
- monotonicity follows from distributivity
- $\mathcal{P}(D)$  satisfies the Ascending Chain Condition because  $D$  is finite

# The Constant Propagation Framework

An example of a Monotone Framework that is **not** a Distributive Framework

The aim of the *Constant Propagation Analysis* is to determine

For each program point, whether or not a variable has a constant value whenever execution reaches that point.

## Example:

$$[x:=6]^1; [y:=3]^2; \text{while } [x > y]^3 \text{ do } ([x:=x - 1]^4; [z:=y * y]^6)$$

The analysis enables a transformation into

$$[x:=6]^1; [y:=3]^2; \text{while } [x > 3]^3 \text{ do } ([x:=x - 1]^4; [z:=9]^6)$$

## Elements of $L$

$$\widehat{\text{State}}_{\text{CP}} = ((\text{Var}_* \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}^T)_{\perp}, \sqsubseteq)$$

Idea:

- $\perp$  is the least element: no information is available
- $\hat{\sigma} \in \text{Var}_* \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}^T$  specifies for each variable whether it is constant:
  - $\hat{\sigma}(x) \in \mathbf{Z}$ :  $x$  is constant and the value is  $\hat{\sigma}(x)$
  - $\hat{\sigma}(x) = T$ :  $x$  might not be constant

## Partial Ordering on $L$

The partial ordering  $\sqsubseteq$  on  $(\text{Var}_* \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}^\top)_\perp$  is defined by

$$\forall \hat{\sigma} \in (\text{Var}_* \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}^\top)_\perp : \perp \sqsubseteq \hat{\sigma}$$

$$\forall \hat{\sigma}_1, \hat{\sigma}_2 \in \text{Var}_* \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}^\top : \hat{\sigma}_1 \sqsubseteq \hat{\sigma}_2 \quad \text{iff} \quad \forall x : \hat{\sigma}_1(x) \sqsubseteq \hat{\sigma}_2(x)$$

where  $\mathbf{Z}^\top = \mathbf{Z} \cup \{\top\}$  is partially ordered as follows:

$$\forall z \in \mathbf{Z}^\top : z \sqsubseteq \top$$

$$\forall z_1, z_2 \in \mathbf{Z} : (z_1 \sqsubseteq z_2) \Leftrightarrow (z_1 = z_2)$$

## Transfer Functions in $\mathcal{F}$

$\mathcal{F}_{CP} = \{f \mid f \text{ is a monotone function on } \widehat{\text{State}}_{CP}\}$

### Lemma

Constant Propagation as defined by  $\widehat{\text{State}}_{CP}$  and  $\mathcal{F}_{CP}$  is a Monotone Framework

## Instances

Constant Propagation is a forward analysis, so for the program  $S_*$ :

- the flow,  $F$ , is  $\text{flow}(S_*)$ ,
- the extremal labels,  $E$ , is  $\{\text{init}(S_*)\}$ ,
- the extremal value,  $\nu_{CP}$ , is  $\lambda x.T$ , and
- the mapping,  $f_{\cdot}^{CP}$ , of labels to transfer functions is as shown next

# Constant Propagation Analysis

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{CP}} : \text{AExp} \rightarrow (\widehat{\text{State}}_{\text{CP}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}^\top)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{CP}}[x]\hat{\sigma} = \begin{cases} \perp & \text{if } \hat{\sigma} = \perp \\ \hat{\sigma}(x) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{CP}}[n]\hat{\sigma} = \begin{cases} \perp & \text{if } \hat{\sigma} = \perp \\ n & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{CP}}[a_1 \ op_a \ a_2]\hat{\sigma} = \mathcal{A}_{\text{CP}}[a_1]\hat{\sigma} \ \widehat{\text{op}}_a \ \mathcal{A}_{\text{CP}}[a_2]\hat{\sigma}$$

transfer functions:  $f_\ell^{\text{CP}}$

$$[x := a]^\ell : f_\ell^{\text{CP}}(\hat{\sigma}) = \begin{cases} \perp & \text{if } \hat{\sigma} = \perp \\ \hat{\sigma}[x \mapsto \mathcal{A}_{\text{CP}}[a]\hat{\sigma}] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$[\text{skip}]^\ell : f_\ell^{\text{CP}}(\hat{\sigma}) = \hat{\sigma}$$

$$[b]^\ell : f_\ell^{\text{CP}}(\hat{\sigma}) = \hat{\sigma}$$

## Lemma

Constant Propagation is **not** a Distributive Framework

## Proof

Consider the transfer function  $f_\ell^{\text{CP}}$  for  $[y := x * x]^\ell$

Let  $\hat{\sigma}_1$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_2$  be such that  $\hat{\sigma}_1(x) = 1$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_2(x) = -1$

Then  $\hat{\sigma}_1 \sqcup \hat{\sigma}_2$  maps  $x$  to  $\top$  —  $f_\ell^{\text{CP}}(\hat{\sigma}_1 \sqcup \hat{\sigma}_2)$  maps  $y$  to  $\top$

Both  $f_\ell^{\text{CP}}(\hat{\sigma}_1)$  and  $f_\ell^{\text{CP}}(\hat{\sigma}_2)$  map  $y$  to  $1$  —  $f_\ell^{\text{CP}}(\hat{\sigma}_1) \sqcup f_\ell^{\text{CP}}(\hat{\sigma}_2)$  maps  $y$  to  $1$