

Compilation

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Lecture 11: Data Flow Analysis & Optimizations

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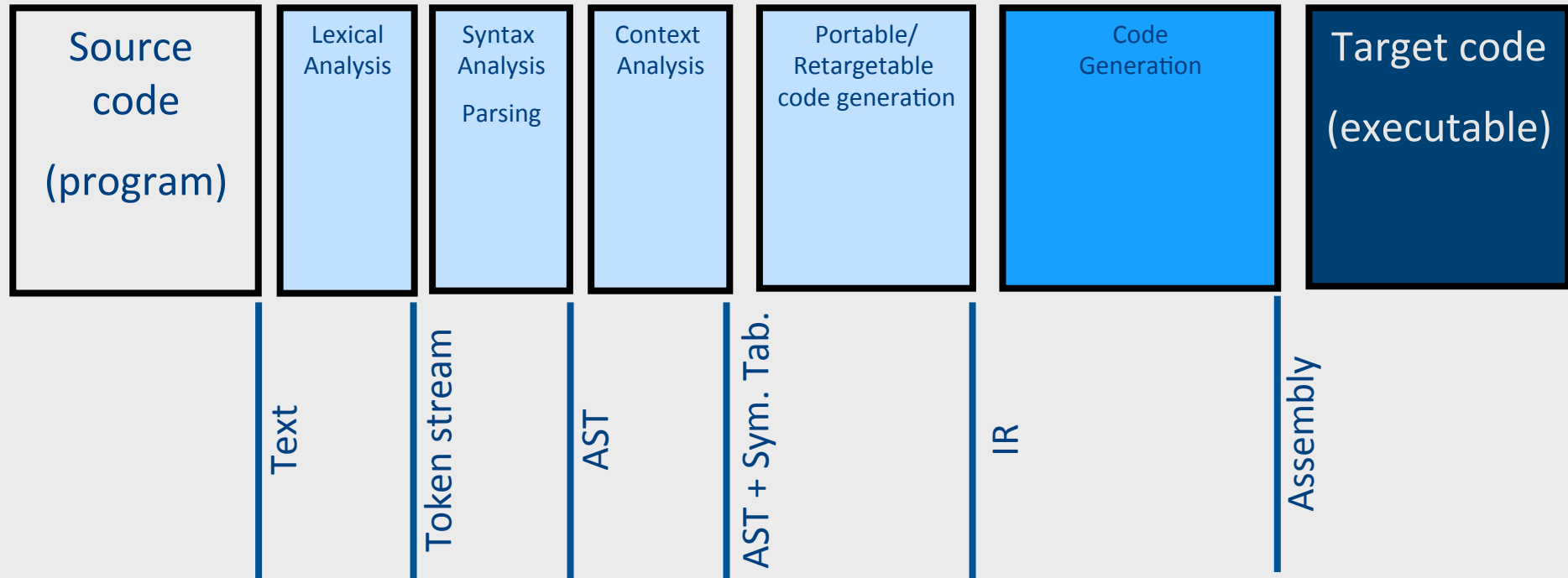
What is a compiler?

“A compiler is a computer program that transforms source code written in a programming language (source language) into another language (target language).

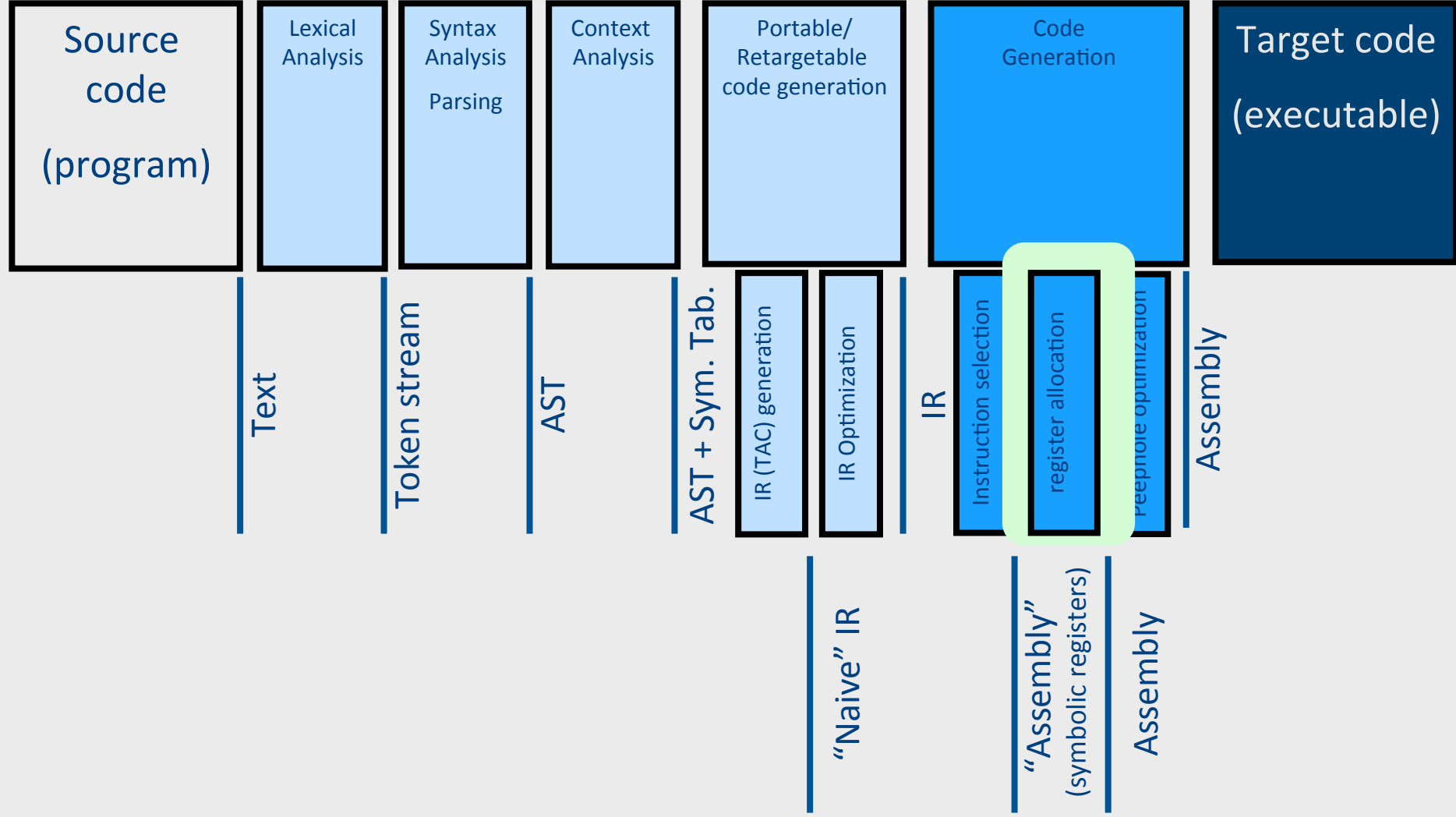
The most common reason for wanting to transform source code is to create an executable program.”

--Wikipedia

Stages of compilation



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Registers

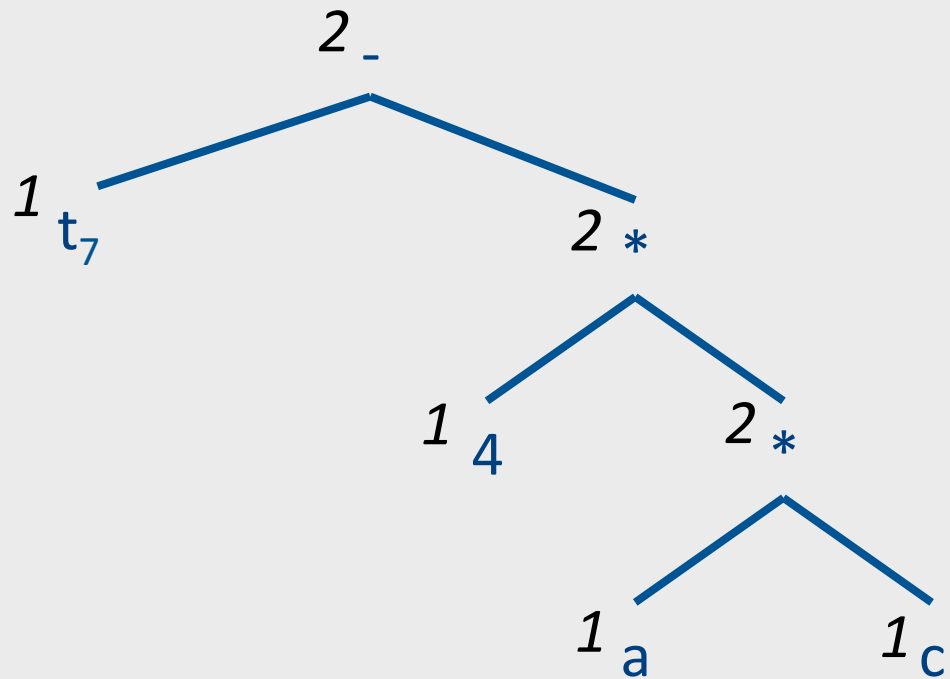
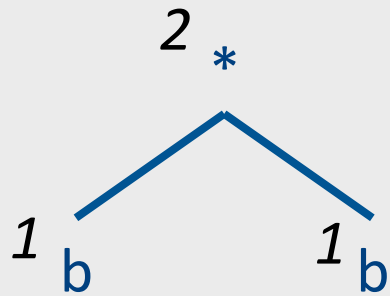
- Most machines have a set of registers, dedicated memory locations that
 - can be accessed quickly,
 - can have computations performed on them, and
 - are used for special purposes (e.g., parameter passing)
- Usages
 - Operands of instructions
 - Store temporary results
 - Can (should) be used as loop indexes due to frequent arithmetic operation
 - Used to manage administrative info
 - e.g., runtime stack

Register Allocation

- Machine-agnostic optimizations
 - Assume unbounded number of registers
 - Expression trees (tree-local)
 - Basic blocks (block-local)
- Machine-dependent optimization
 - K registers
 - Some have special purposes
 - Control flow graphs (global register allocation)

Register Allocation for Expression trees

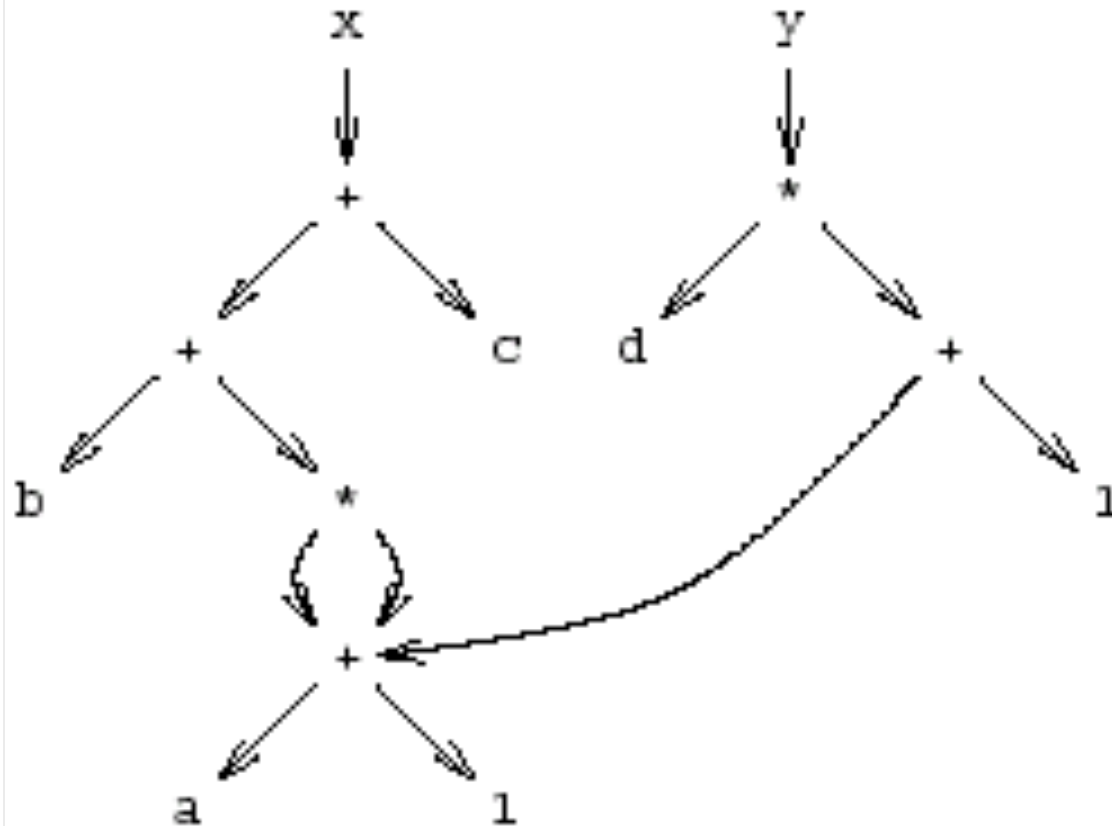
x := b*b-4*a*c



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`x := t7 - 4 * a * c`

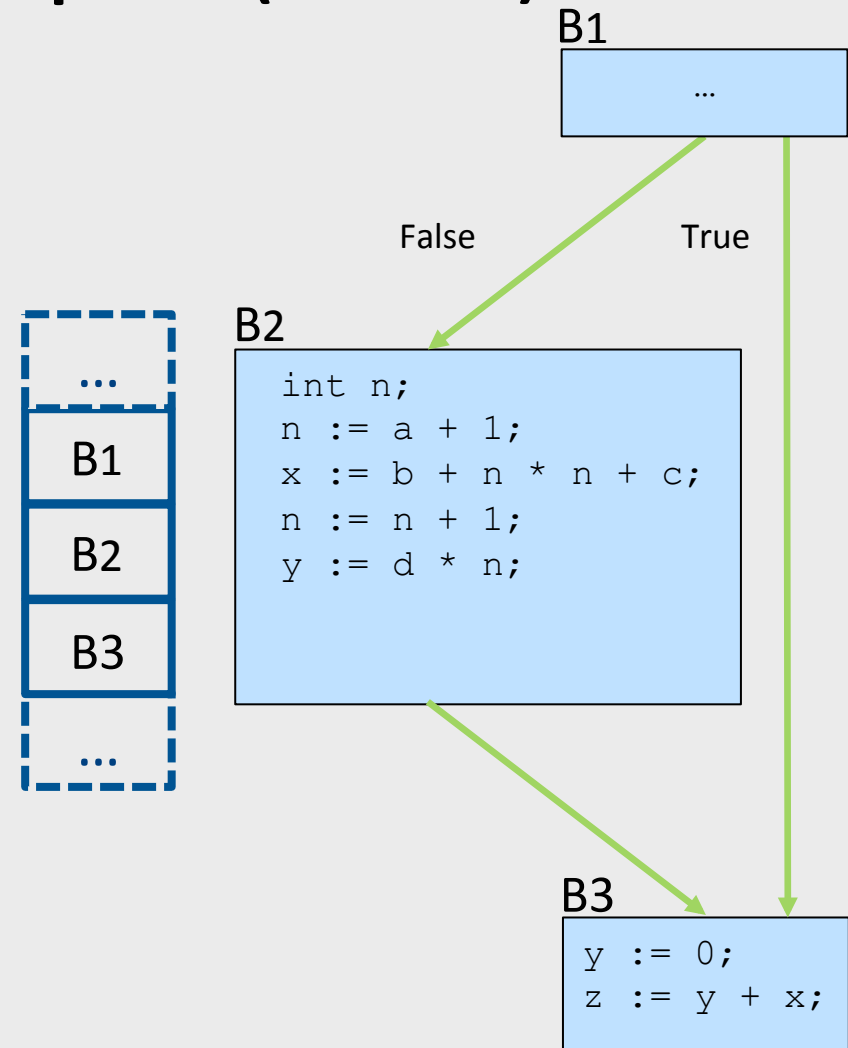
Register Allocation for Basic Blocks



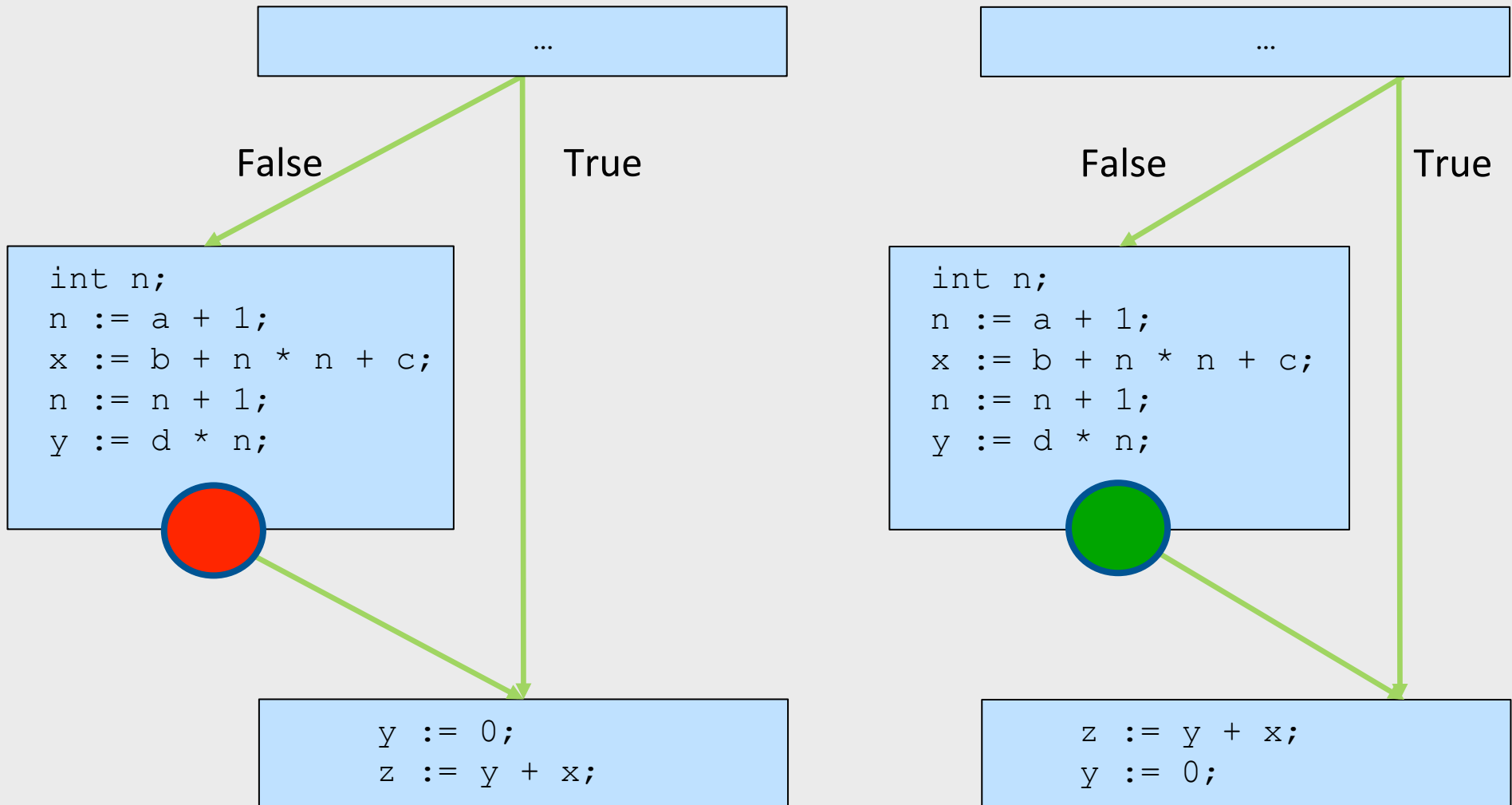
Load_Mem	a, R1
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Load_Reg	R1, X1
Load_Reg	X1, R1
Mult_Reg	X1, R1
Add_Mem	b, R1
Add_Mem	c, R1
Store_Reg	R1, x
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Control Flow Graphs (CFGs)

- A directed graph $G=(V,E)$
- nodes V = basic blocks
- edges E = control flow
 - $(B1,B2) \in E$ when control from B1 flows to B2
- Basic block = Sequence of instructions
 - Cannot jump *into* the middle of a BB
 - Cannot jump out of the middle of the BB
- Leader-based algorithm



y, dead or alive?



Variable Liveness

- A statement $x = y + z$
 - **defines** x
 - **uses** y and z
- A variable x is live at a program point if its value (at this point) is used at a later point

```
y = 42  
z = 73  
x = y + z  
print(x);
```

x undef, y live, z undef

x undef, y live, z live

x is live, y dead, z dead

x is dead, y dead, z dead

(showing state after the statement)

Global Register Allocation using Liveness Information

- For every node n in CFG, we have $out[n]$
 - Set of temporaries live out of n
- Two variables *interfere* if they appear in the same $out[n]$ of any node n
 - **Cannot be allocated to the same register**
- Conversely, if two variables do not interfere with each other, they can be assigned the same register
 - We say they have disjoint live ranges
- How to assign registers to variables?

Interference graph

R_1, R_2 pass parameters
 R_1 stores return value

```
int f(int a, int b) {
    int d=0;
    int e=a;
    do {d = d+b;
        e = e-1;
    } while (e>0);
    return d;
}
```



enter: $c \leftarrow r_3$ Callee-saved registers

$a \leftarrow r_1$
 $b \leftarrow r_2$ Caller-saved registers

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$e \leftarrow a$

loop: $d \leftarrow d + b$

$e \leftarrow e - 1$

if $e > 0$ goto loop

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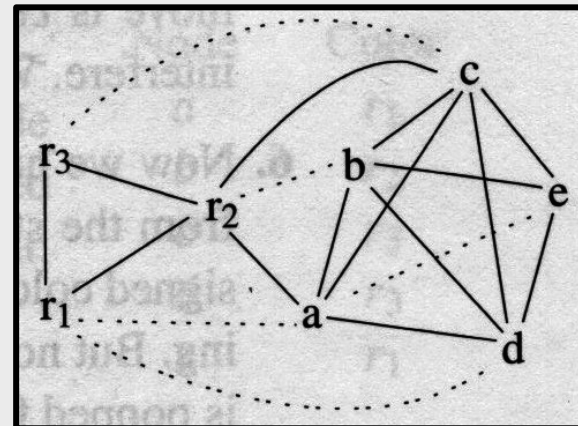
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return $(r_1, r_3 \text{ live out})$

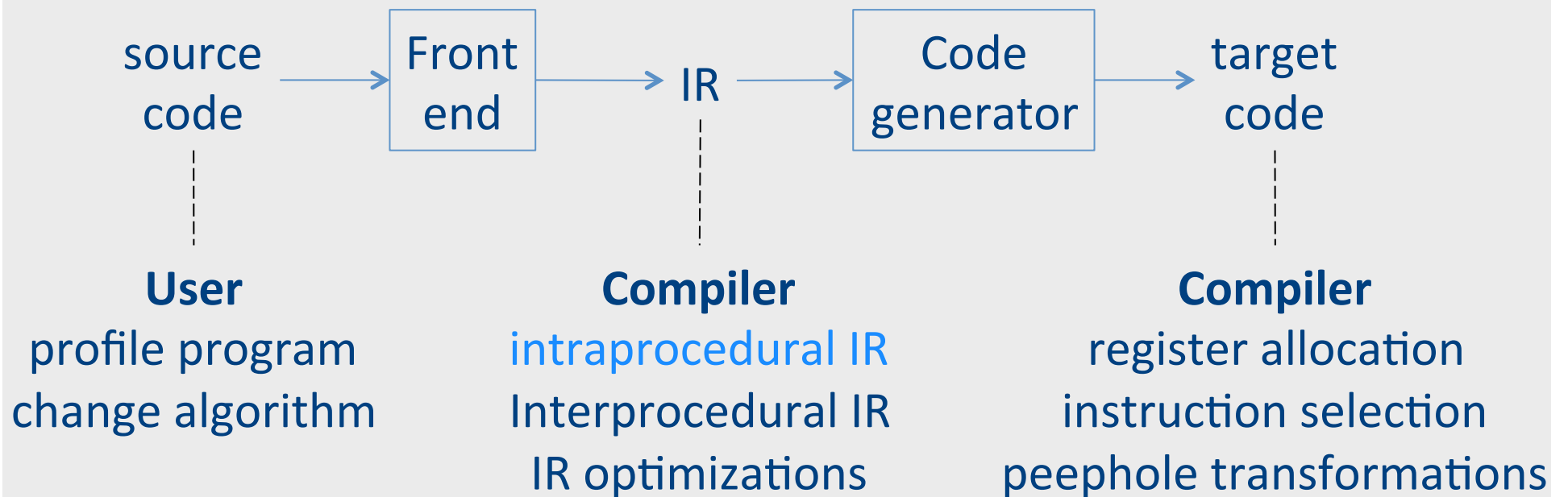
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Optimization points




today

Program Analysis

- In order to optimize a program, the compiler has to be able to reason about the properties of that program
- An analysis is called **sound** if it never asserts an incorrect fact about a program
- All the analyses we will discuss in this class are sound
 - *(Why?)*

Soundness

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int x;  
int y;  
  
if (y < 5)  
    x = 137;  
else  
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Print(x);
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“At this point in the program, **x** holds some integer value”

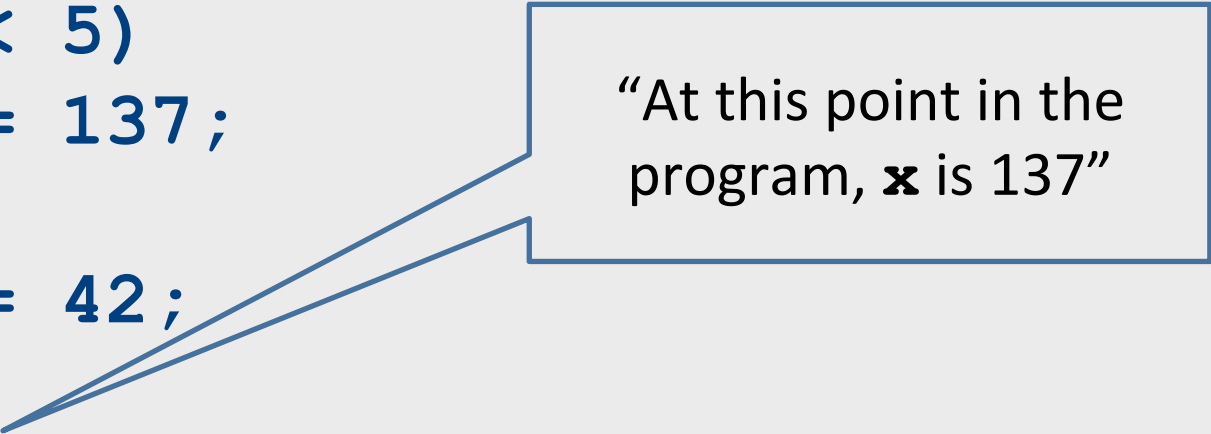
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(Un) Soundness

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Soundness & Precision

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“At this point in the program, **x** is either 137, 42, or 271”

Semantics-preserving optimizations

- An optimization is **semantics-preserving** if it does not alter the semantics (meaning) of the original program
 - ✓ Eliminating unnecessary temporary variables
 - ✓ Computing values that are known statically at compile-time instead of computing them at runtime
 - ✓ Evaluating iteration-independent expressions outside of a loop instead of inside
 - ✗ Replacing bubble sort with quicksort (why?)
- The optimizations we will consider in this class are all semantics-preserving

A formalism for IR optimization

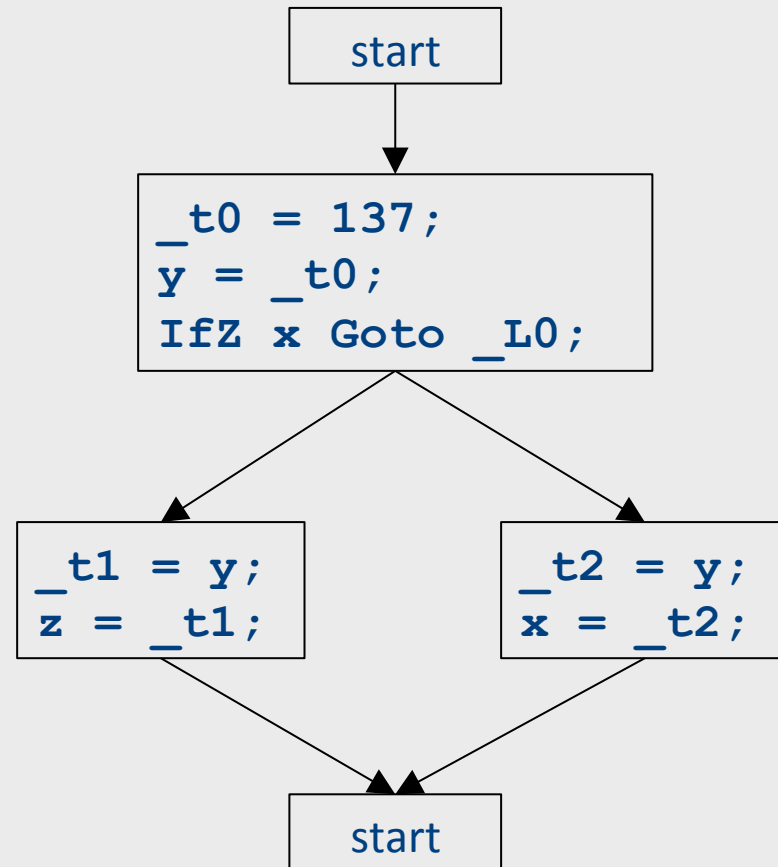
- Every phase of the compiler uses some new abstraction:
 - Scanning uses regular expressions
 - Parsing uses Context Free Grammars (CFGs)
 - Semantic analysis uses proof systems and symbol tables
 - IR generation uses ASTs
- In optimization, we need a formalism that captures the structure of a program in a way amenable to optimization
 - Control Flow Graphs (CFGs)

Types of optimizations

- An optimization is **local** if it works on just a single basic block
- An optimization is **global** if it works on an entire control-flow graph
- An optimization is **interprocedural** if it works across the control-flow graphs of multiple functions
 - We won't talk about this in this course

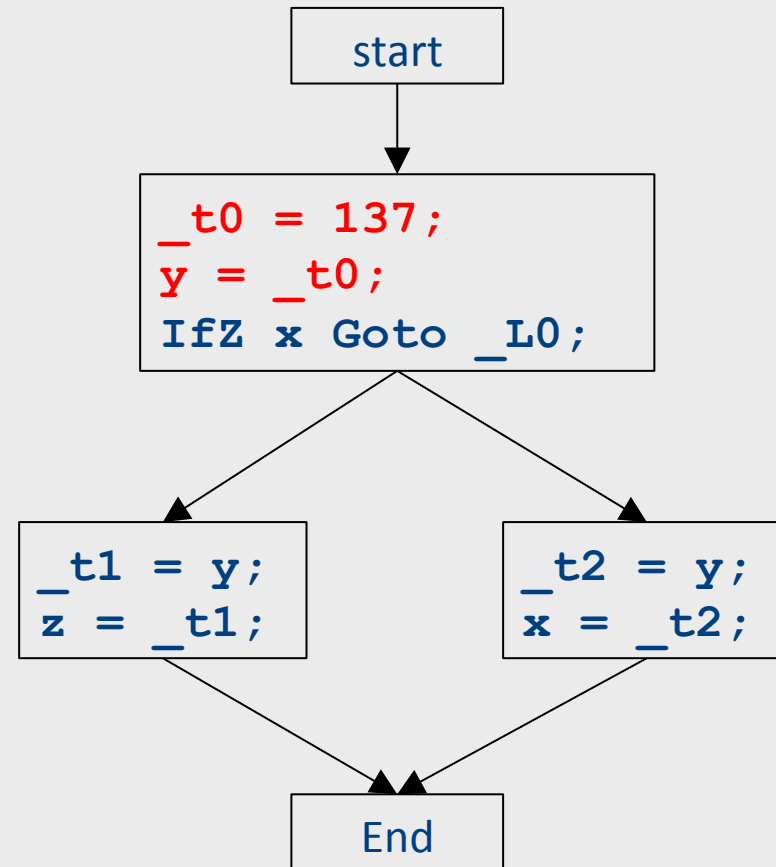
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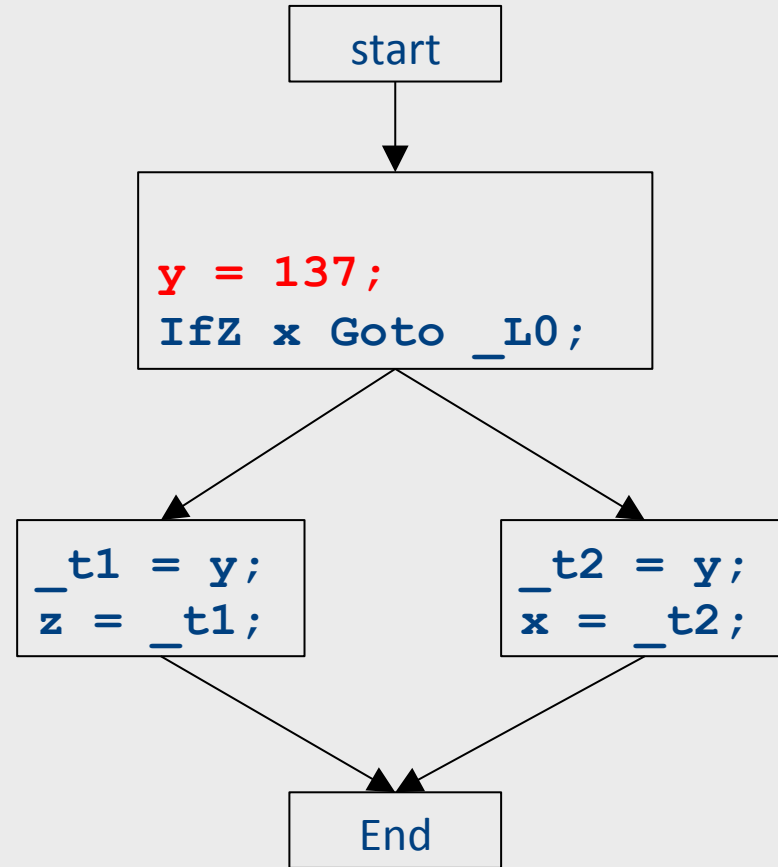
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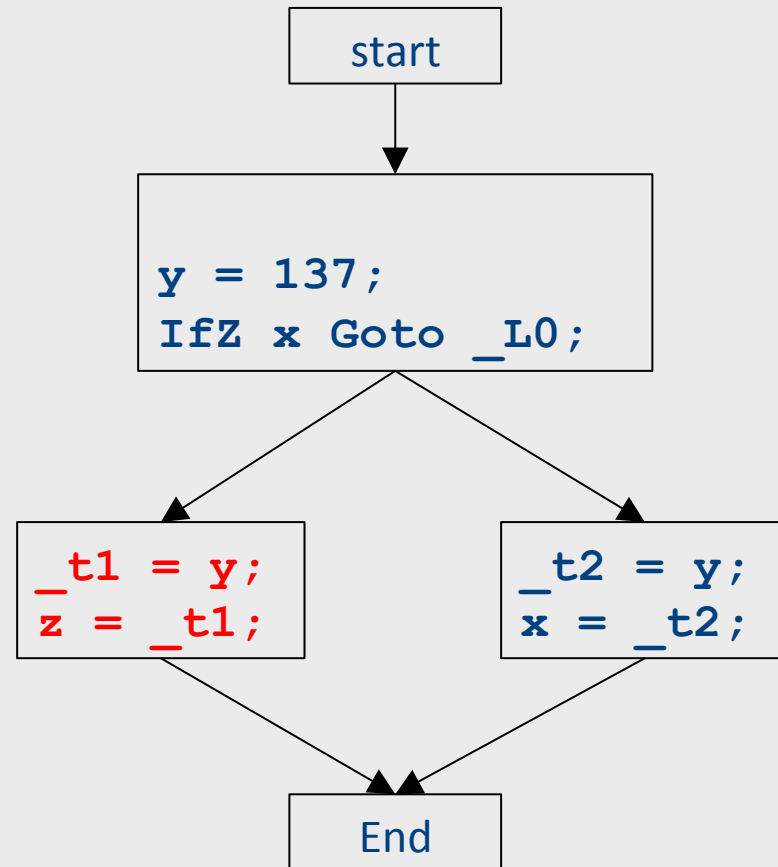
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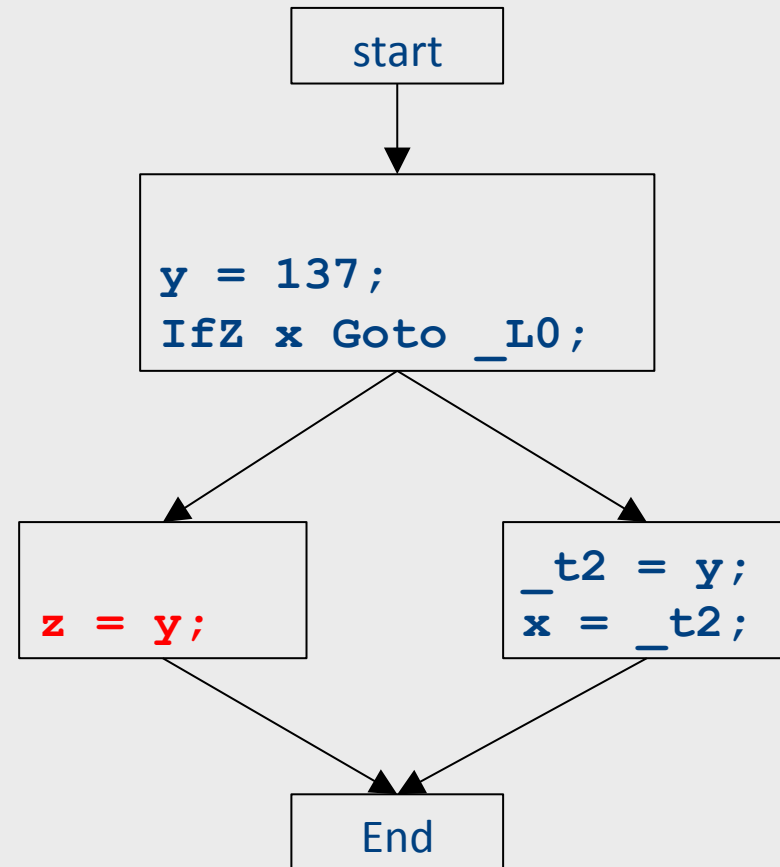
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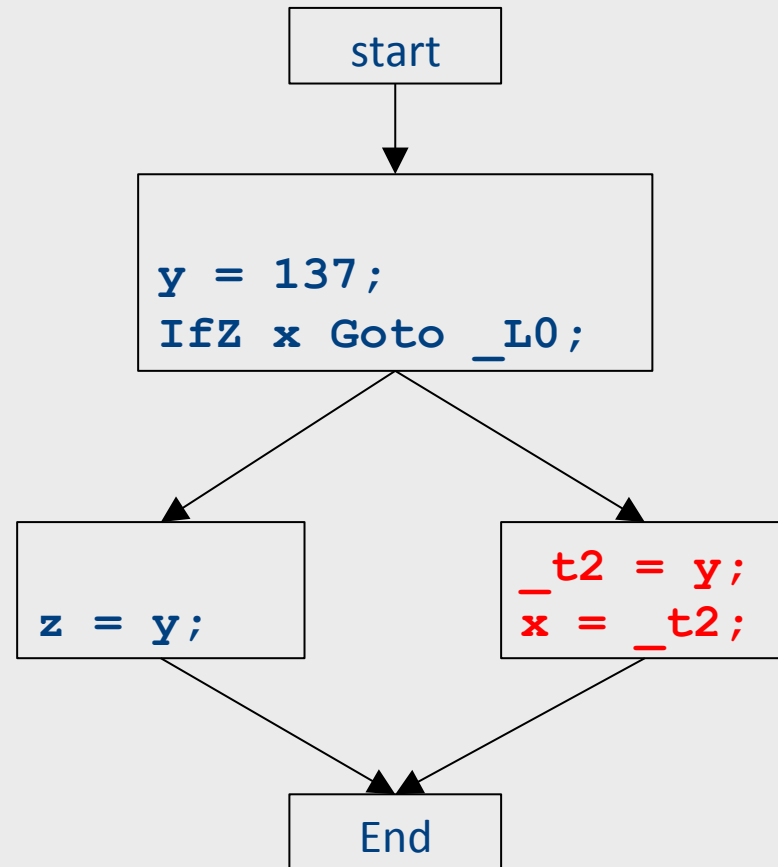
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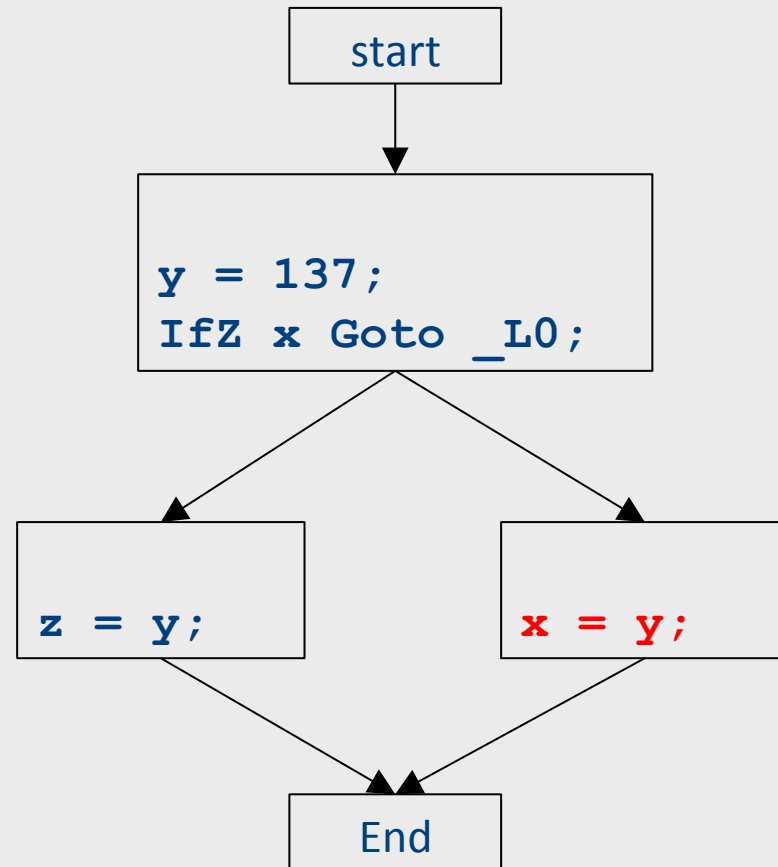
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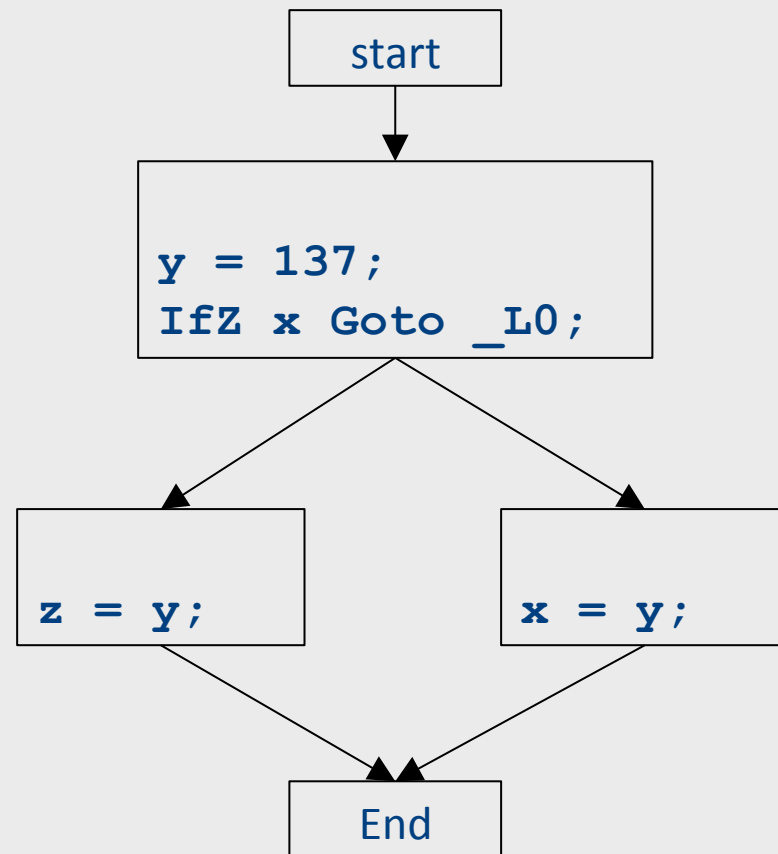
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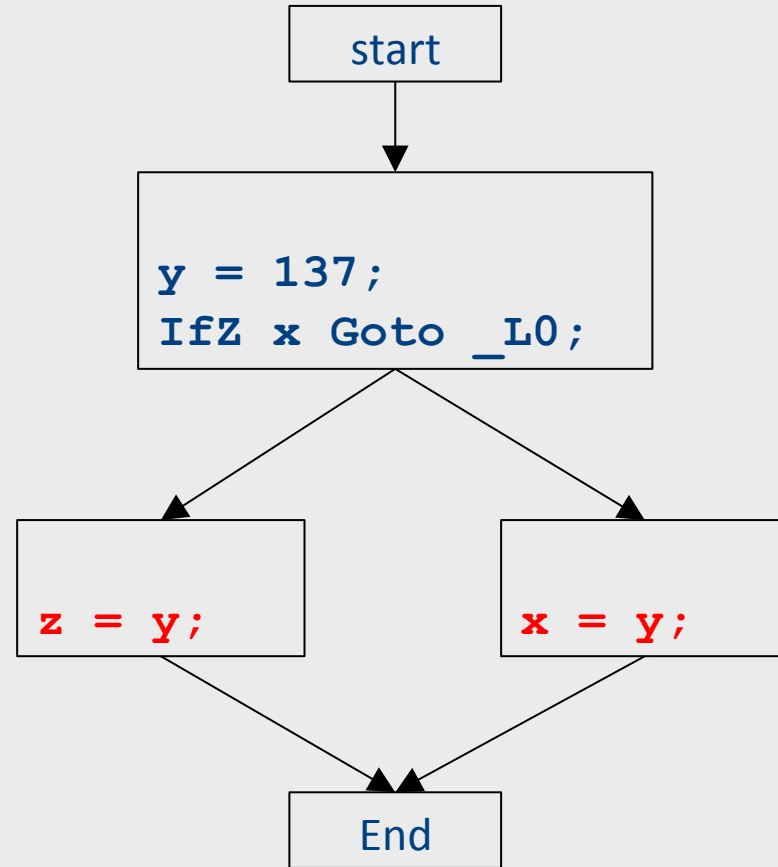
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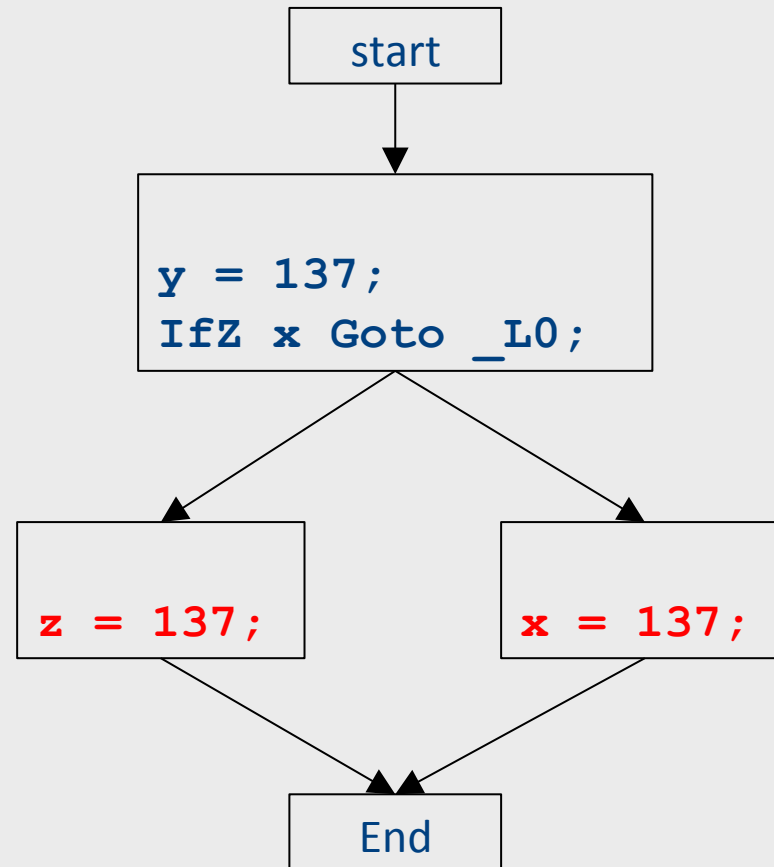
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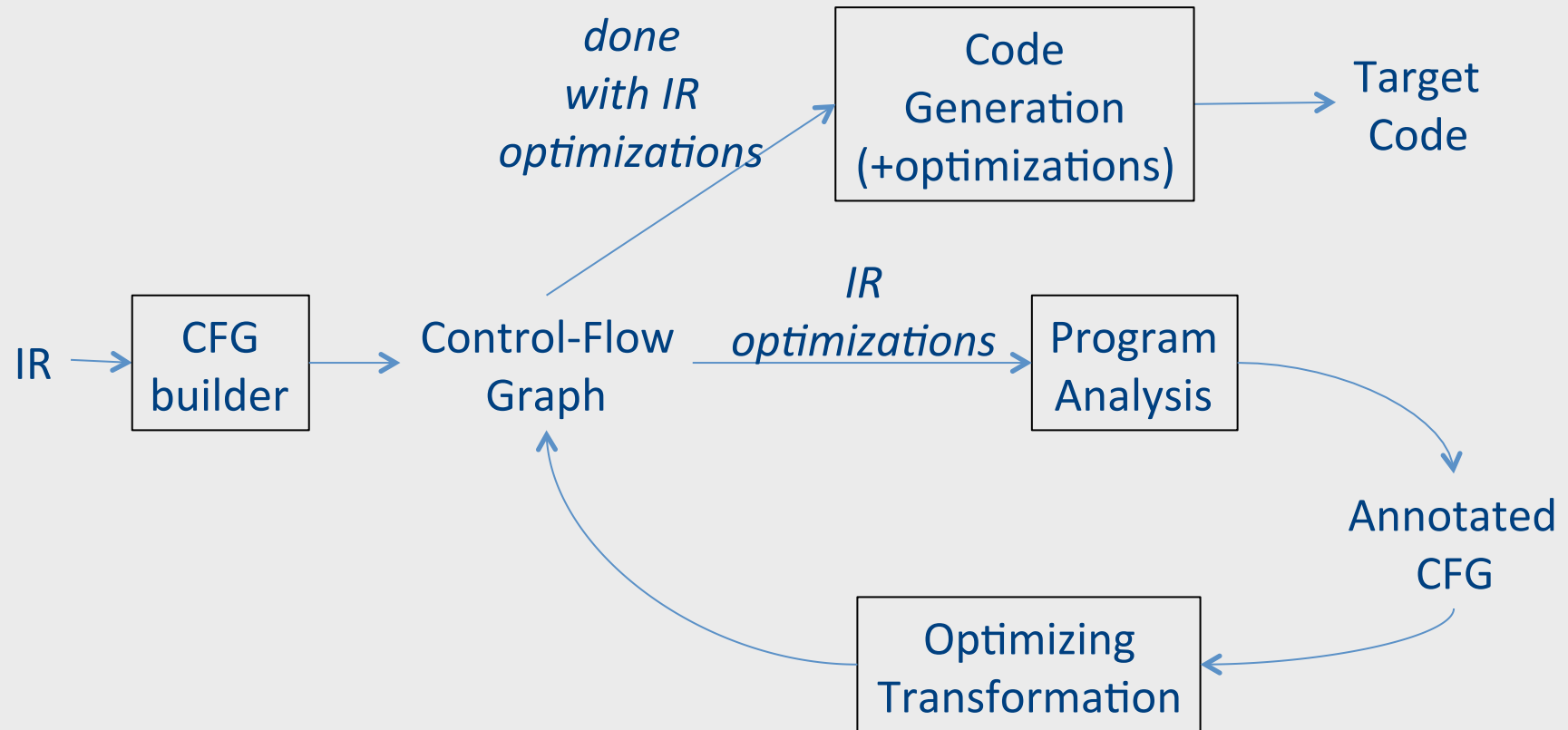
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Optimization path



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Common Subexpression Elimination

- If we have two variable assignments
v1 = a op b
...
v2 = a op b
- and the values of v1, a, and b have not changed between the assignments, rewrite the code as
v1 = a op b
...
v2 = v1
- Eliminates useless recalculation
- Paves the way for later optimizations

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_tmp3 = _tmp0;  
a = _tmp3;  
_tmp4 = _tmp3 + b;  
c = _tmp4;  
_tmp5 = c;  
_tmp6 = _tmp2;  
_tmp7 = *(_tmp6);  
Push c;  
Push _tmp1;  
Call _tmp7;
```

Copy Propagation

```
Object x;  
int a;  
int b;  
int c;  
  
x = new Object;  
a = 4;  
c = a + b;  
x.fn(a + b);
```

```
_tmp0 = 4;  
Push _tmp0;  
_tmp1 = Call _Alloc;  
Pop tmp2;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2;  
x = _tmp1;  
_tmp3 = _tmp0;  
a = _tmp3;  
_tmp4 = _tmp3 + b;  
c = _tmp4;  
_tmp5 = c;  
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_tmp3 = _tmp0;  
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_tmp3 = _tmp0;  
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c = _tmp4;  
_tmp5 = c;  
_tmp6 = _tmp2;  
_tmp7 = *(_tmp2);  
Push c;  
Push _tmp1;  
Call _tmp7;
```

Copy Propagation

- If we have a variable assignment
 $v1 = v2$
then as long as $v1$ and $v2$ are not
reassigned, we can rewrite expressions of
the form
 $a = \dots v1 \dots$
as
 $a = \dots v2 \dots$
provided that such a rewrite is legal

Dead Code Elimination

```
Object x;  
int a;  
int b;  
int c;  
  
x = new Object;  
a = 4;  
c = a + b;  
x.fn(a + b);
```

```
_tmp0 = 4;  
Push _tmp0;  
_tmp1 = Call _Alloc;  
Pop tmp2;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2;  
x = _tmp1;  
_tmp3 = _tmp0;  
a = _tmp0;  
_tmp4 = _tmp0 + b;  
c = _tmp4;  
_tmp5 = c;  
_tmp6 = _tmp2;  
_tmp7 = *(_tmp2);  
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Call _tmp7;
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Dead Code Elimination

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int a;  
int b;  
int c;  
  
x = new  
Object;  
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c = a + b;  
x.fn(a + b);
```

values
never
read

values
never
read

```
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Push _tmp0;  
_tmp1 = Call _Alloc;  
Pop tmp2;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2;  
x = _tmp1;  
_tmp3 = _tmp0;  
a = _tmp0;  
_tmp4 = _tmp0 + b;  
c = _tmp4;  
_tmp5 = c;  
_tmp6 = _tmp2;  
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Push _tmp1;  
Call _tmp7;
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Dead Code Elimination

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Object x;  
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int b;  
int c;  
  
x = new  
Object;  
a = 4;  
c = a + b;  
x.fn(a + b);
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Pop tmp2;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2;
```

```
_tmp4 = _tmp0 + b;  
c = _tmp4;
```

```
_tmp7 = *(_tmp2);  
Push c;  
Push _tmp1;  
Call _tmp7;
```

Dead Code Elimination

- An assignment to a variable v is called **dead** if the value of that assignment is never read anywhere
- **Dead code elimination** removes dead assignments from IR
- Determining whether an assignment is dead depends on what variable is being assigned to and when it's being assigned

Applying local optimizations

- The different optimizations we've seen so far all take care of just a small piece of the optimization
- Common subexpression elimination eliminates unnecessary statements
- Copy propagation helps identify dead code
- Dead code elimination removes statements that are no longer needed
- To get maximum effect, we may have to apply these optimizations numerous times

Applying local optimizations example

```
b = a * a;  
c = a * a;  
d = b + c;  
e = b + b;
```

Applying local optimizations example

```
b = a * a;  
c = a * a;  
d = b + c;  
e = b + b;
```

Which optimization should we apply here?

Applying local optimizations example

```
b = a * a;  
c = b;  
d = b + c;  
e = b + b;
```

Which optimization should we apply here?

Common sub-expression elimination

Applying local optimizations example

```
b = a * a;  
c = b;  
d = b + c;  
e = b + b;
```

Which optimization should we apply here?

Applying local optimizations example

```
b = a * a;  
c = b;  
d = b + b;  
e = b + b;
```

Which optimization should we apply here?

Copy propagation

Applying local optimizations example

```
b = a * a;  
c = b;  
d = b + b;  
e = b + b;
```

Which optimization should we apply here?

Applying local optimizations example

```
b = a * a;  
c = b;  
d = b + b;  
e = d;
```

Which optimization should we apply here?

Common sub-expression elimination (again)

Other types of local optimizations

- Arithmetic Simplification

- Replace “hard” operations with easier ones
- e.g. rewrite $\mathbf{x} = 4 * \mathbf{a};$ as $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{a} \ll 2;$

- Constant Folding

- Evaluate expressions at compile-time if they have a constant value.
- e.g. rewrite $\mathbf{x} = 4 * 5;$ as $\mathbf{x} = 20;$

Optimizations and analyses

- Most optimizations are only possible given some analysis of the program's behavior
- In order to implement an optimization, we will talk about the corresponding program analyses

Available expressions

- Both common subexpression elimination and copy propagation depend on an analysis of the **available expressions** in a program
- An expression is called **available** if some variable in the program holds the value of that expression
- In common subexpression elimination, we replace an available expression by the variable holding its value
- In copy propagation, we replace the use of a variable by the available expression it holds

Finding available expressions

- Initially, no expressions are available
- Whenever we execute a statement **$a = b \text{ op } c$** :
 - Any expression holding **a** is invalidated
 - The expression **$a = b \text{ op } c$** becomes available
- **Idea:** Iterate across the basic block, beginning with the empty set of expressions and updating available expressions at each variable

Available expressions example

{ }

a = b;

{ a = b }

c = b;

{ a = b, c = b }

d = a + b;

{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b }

e = a + b;

{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }

d = b;

{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b }

f = a + b;

{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b, f = a + b }

Common sub-expression elimination

{ }

a = b;

{ a = b }

c = b;

{ a = b, c = b }

d = a + b;

{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b }

e = a + b;

{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }

d = b;

{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b }

f = a + b;

{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b, f = a + b }

Common sub-expression elimination

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a = b;

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c = b;

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d = a + b;

{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b }

e = a + b;

{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }

d = b;

{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b }

f = a + b;

{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b, f = a + b }

Common sub-expression elimination

{ }

a = b;

{ a = b }

c = a;

{ a = b, c = b }

d = a + b;

{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b }

e = d;

{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }

d = a;

{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b }

f = e;

{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b, f = a + b }

Live variables

- The analysis corresponding to dead code elimination is called **liveness analysis**
- A variable is **live** at a point in a program if later in the program its value will be read before it is written to again
- Dead code elimination works by computing liveness for each variable, then eliminating assignments to dead variables

Computing live variables

- To know if a variable will be used at some point, we iterate across the statements in a basic block in reverse order
- Initially, some small set of values are known to be live (which ones depends on the particular program)
- When we see the statement $a = b \text{ op } c$:
 - Just before the statement, a is not alive, since its value is about to be overwritten
 - Just before the statement, both b and c are alive, since we're about to read their values
 - (what if we have $a = a + b$?)

Liveness analysis

```
{ b }  
a = b;  
{ a, b }  
c = a;  
{ a, b }  
d = a + b;  
{ a, b, d }  
e = d;  
{ a, b, e }  
d = a;  
{ b, d, e }  
f = e;  
{ b, d } - given
```

Which statements are dead?

Dead Code Elimination

```
{ b }  
a = b;  
{ a, b }  
c = a;  
{ a, b }  
d = a + b;  
{ a, b, d }  
e = d;  
{ a, b, e }  
d = a;  
{ b, d, e }  
f = e;  
{ b, d }
```

Which statements are dead?

`{ b }` **Dead Code Elimination**
`a = b;`

`{ a, b }`

`{ a, b }`

`d = a + b;`

`{ a, b, d }`

`e = d;`

`{ a, b, e }`

`d = a;`

`{ b, d, e }`

`{ b, d }`

```
{ b }  
a = b;
```

Liveness analysis II

Which statements are dead?

```
{ a, b }  
d = a + b;  
{ a, b, d }  
e = d;  
{ a, b }  
d = a;  
{ b, d }
```

Liveness analysis II

```
{ b }  
a = b;
```

Which statements are dead?

```
{ a, b }  
d = a + b;  
{ a, b, d }  
e = d;  
{ a, b }  
d = a;  
{ b, d }
```

```
{ b }  
a = b;
```

Dead code elimination

```
{ a, b }  
d = a + b;  
{ a, b, d }  
e = d;  
{ a, b }  
d = a;  
{ b, d }
```

Which statements are dead?

```
{ b }  
a = b;
```

Dead code elimination

```
{ a, b }  
d = a + b;  
{ a, b, d }
```

```
{ a, b }  
d = a;  
{ b, d }
```

Liveness analysis III

{ b }
a = b;

{ a, b }
d = a + b;

{ a, b }
d = a;
{ b, d }

Which statements are dead?

```
{ b }  
a = b;
```

Dead code elimination

```
{ a, b }  
d = a + b;
```

```
{ a, b }  
d = a;  
{ b, d }
```

Which statements are dead?

```
{ b }  
a = b;
```

Dead code elimination

```
{ a, b }
```

```
{ a, b }  
d = a;  
{ b, d }
```


Dead code elimination

`a = b;`

If we further apply
copy propagation
this statement can
be eliminated too

`d = a;`

A combined algorithm

- Start with initial live variables at end of block
- Traverse statements from end to beginning
- For each statement
 - If assigns to dead variables – eliminate it
 - Otherwise, compute live variables before statement and continue in reverse

A combined algorithm

`a = b;`

`c = a;`

`d = a + b;`

`e = d;`

`d = a;`

`f = e;`

A combined algorithm

`a = b;`

`c = a;`

`d = a + b;`

`e = d;`

`d = a;`

`f = e;`

`{ b, d }`

A combined algorithm

`a = b;`

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`d = a + b;`

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`d = a;`

`f = e;`

`{ b, d }`

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`{ b, d }`

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`{ a, b }`

`d = a;`

`{ b, d }`

A combined algorithm

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`c = a;`

`d = a + b;`

`e = d;`

`{ a, b }`

`d = a;`

`{ b, d }`

A combined algorithm

`a = b;`

`c = a;`

`d = a + b;`

`{ a, b }`

`d = a;`

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`a = b;` A combined algorithm

`{ a, b }`
`d = a;`

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{ b }
a = b;

A combined algorithm

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d = a;

{ b, d }

`a = b;`

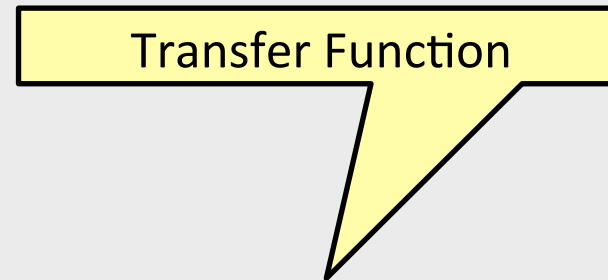
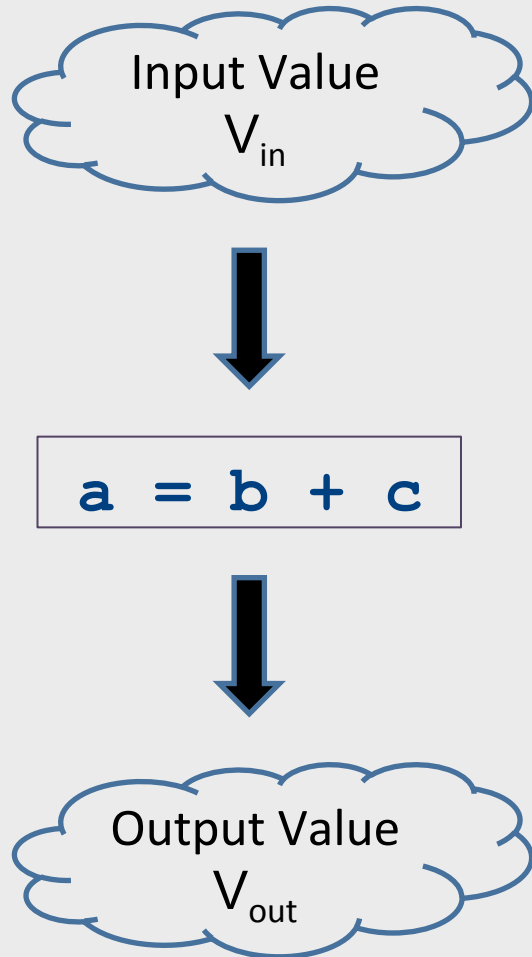
A combined algorithm

`d = a;`

High-level goals

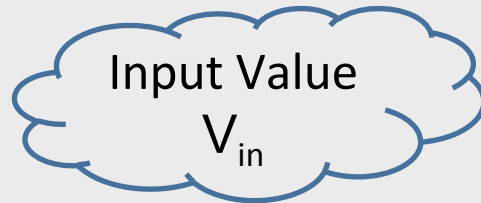
- Generalize analysis mechanism
 - Reuse common ingredients for many analyses
 - Reuse proofs of correctness
- Generalize from basic blocks to entire CFGs
 - Go from local optimizations to global optimizations

Formalizing local analyses



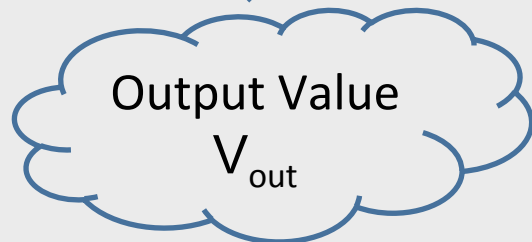
$$V_{out} = f_{a=b+c}(V_{in})$$

Available Expressions



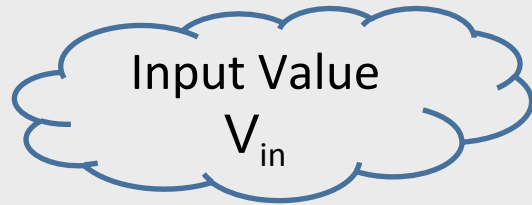
$a = b + c$

$$V_{out} = (V_{in} \setminus \{e \mid e \text{ contains } a\}) \cup \{a=b+c\}$$

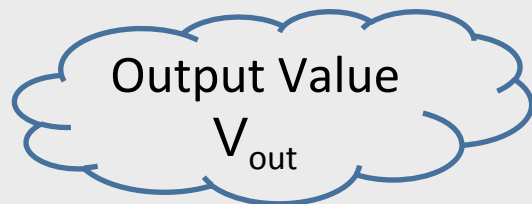


Expressions of the forms
 $a=...$ and $x=...a...$

Live Variables



$$a = b + c$$



$$V_{in} = (V_{out} \setminus \{a\}) \cup \{b, c\}$$

Information for a local analysis

- What direction are we going?
 - Sometimes forward (available expressions)
 - Sometimes backward (liveness analysis)
- How do we update information after processing a statement?
 - What are the new semantics?
 - What information do we know initially?

Formalizing local analyses

- Define an analysis of a basic block as a quadruple (D, V, F, I) where
 - **D** is a direction (forwards or backwards)
 - **V** is a set of values the program can have at any point
 - **F** is a family of transfer functions defining the meaning of any expression as a function $f : V \rightarrow V$
 - **I** is the initial information at the top (or bottom) of a basic block

Available Expressions

- **Direction:** Forward
- **Values:** Sets of expressions assigned to variables
- **Transfer functions:** Given a set of variable assignments V and statement $a = b + c$:
 - Remove from V any expression containing a as a subexpression
 - Add to V the expression $a = b + c$
 - Formally: $V_{\text{out}} = (V_{\text{in}} \setminus \{e \mid e \text{ contains } \mathbf{a}\}) \cup \{a = b + c\}$
- **Initial value:** Empty set of expressions

Liveness Analysis

- **Direction:** Backward
- **Values:** Sets of variables
- **Transfer functions:** Given a set of variable assignments V and statement $a = b + c$:
 - Remove a from V (any previous value of a is now dead.)
 - Add b and c to V (any previous value of b or c is now live.)
- Formally: $V_{in} = (V_{out} \setminus \{\mathbf{a}\}) \cup \{\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}\}$
- **Initial value:** Depends on semantics of language
 - E.g., function arguments and return values (pushes)
 - Result of local analysis of other blocks as part of a global analysis

Running local analyses

- Given an analysis **(D, V, F, I)** for a basic block
- Assume that **D** is “forward;” analogous for the reverse case
- Initially, set **OUT[entry]** to **I**
- For each statement **s**, in order:
 - Set **IN[s]** to **OUT[prev]**, where **prev** is the previous statement
 - Set **OUT[s]** to $f_s(\text{IN}[s])$, where f_s is the transfer function for statement **s**

Global Optimizations

Global analysis

- A global analysis is an analysis that works on a control-flow graph as a whole
- Substantially more powerful than a local analysis
 - (Why?)
- Substantially more complicated than a local analysis
 - (Why?)

Local vs. global analysis

- Many of the optimizations from local analysis can still be applied globally
 - Common sub-expression elimination
 - Copy propagation
 - Dead code elimination
- Certain optimizations are possible in global analysis that aren't possible locally:
 - e.g. code motion: Moving code from one basic block into another to avoid computing values unnecessarily
- Example global optimizations:
 - Global constant propagation
 - Partial redundancy elimination

Loop invariant code motion example

```
while (t < 120) {  
    z = z + x - y;  
}
```



```
w = x - y;  
while (t < 120) {  
    z = z + w;  
}
```

value of expression $x - y$ is
not changed by loop body

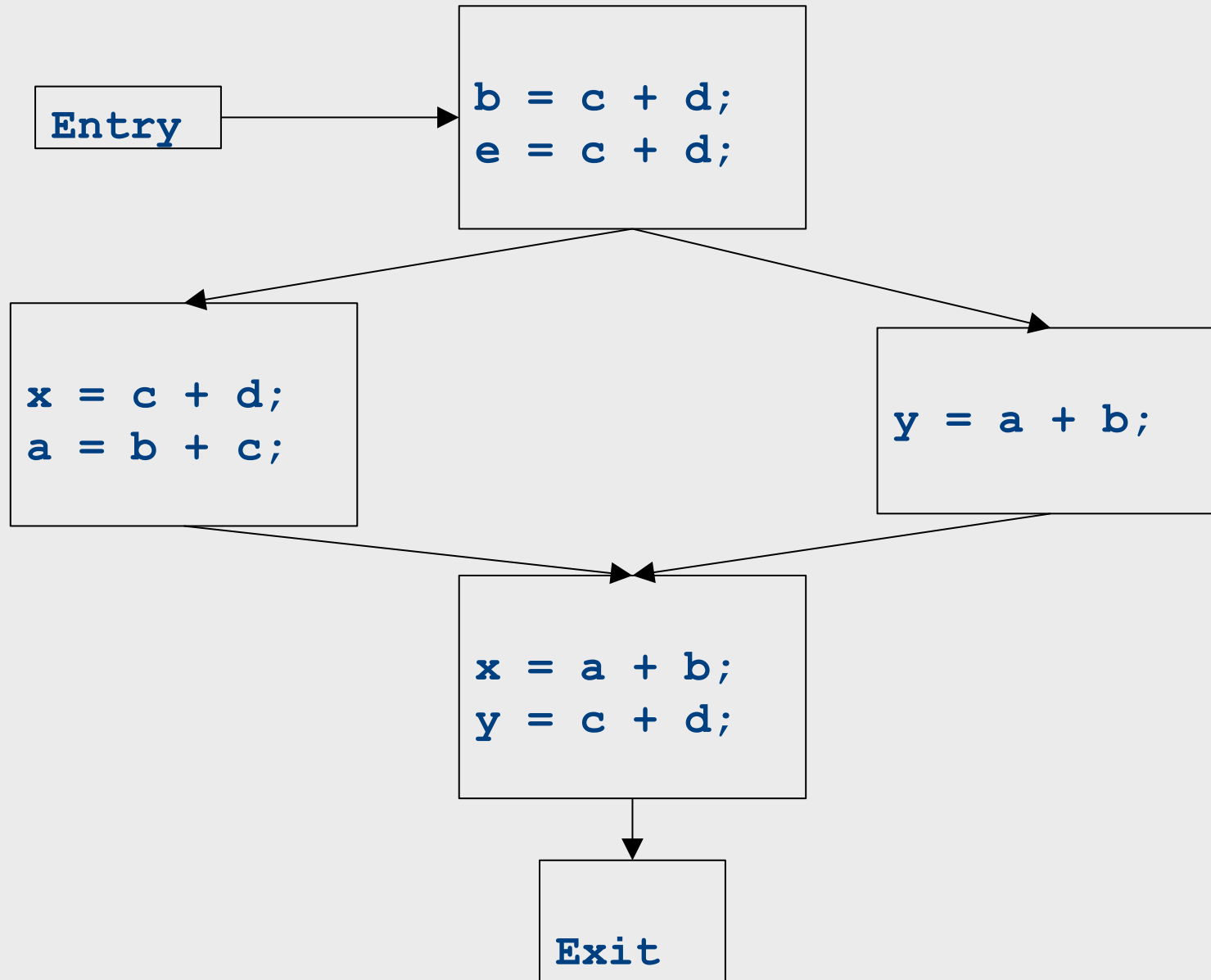
Why global analysis is hard

- Need to be able to handle multiple predecessors/successors for a basic block
- Need to be able to handle multiple paths through the control-flow graph, and may need to iterate multiple times to compute the final value (but the analysis still needs to terminate!)
- Need to be able to assign each basic block a reasonable default value for before we've analyzed it

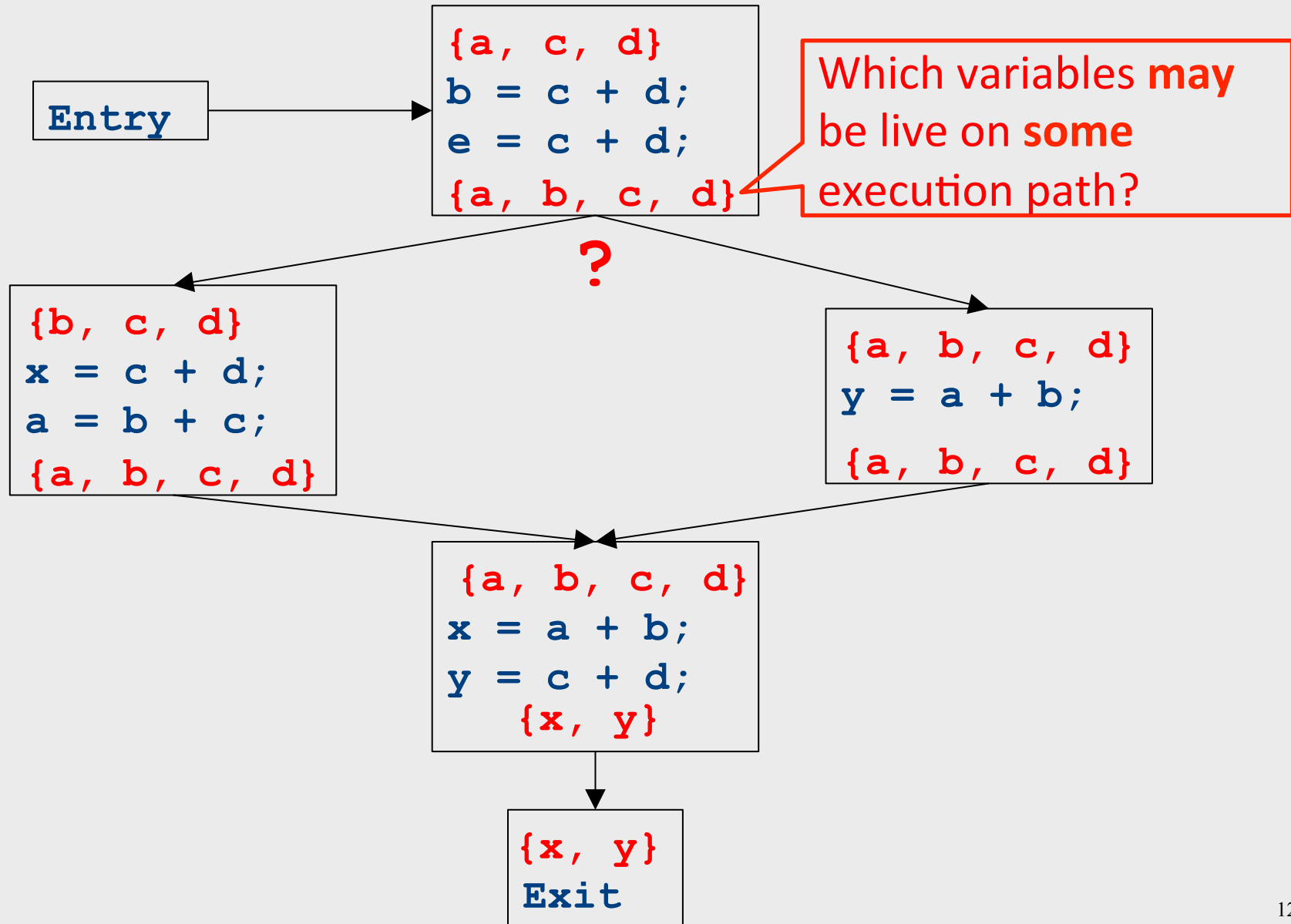
Global dead code elimination

- Local dead code elimination needed to know what variables were live on exit from a basic block
- This information can only be computed as part of a global analysis
- How do we modify our liveness analysis to handle a CFG?

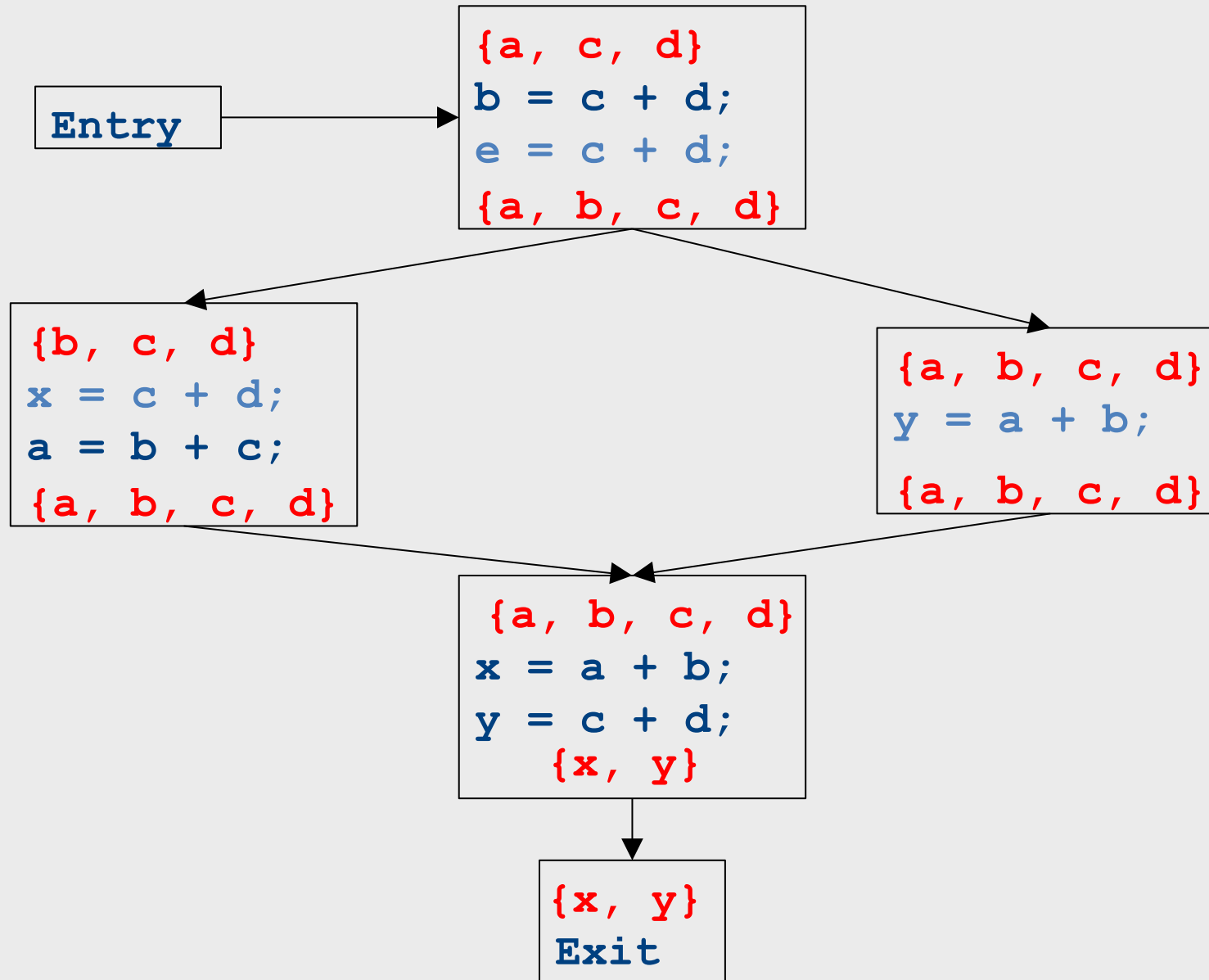
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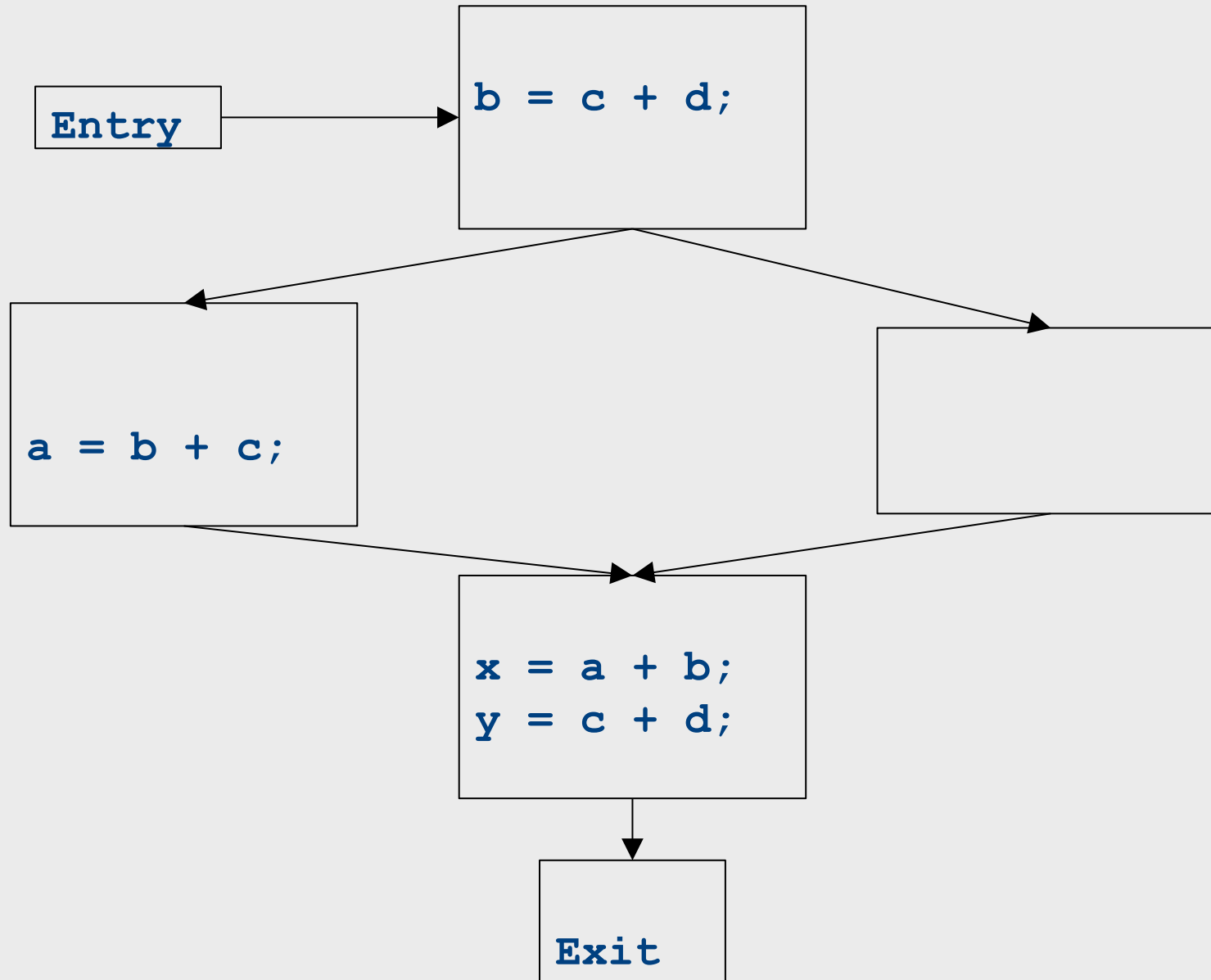
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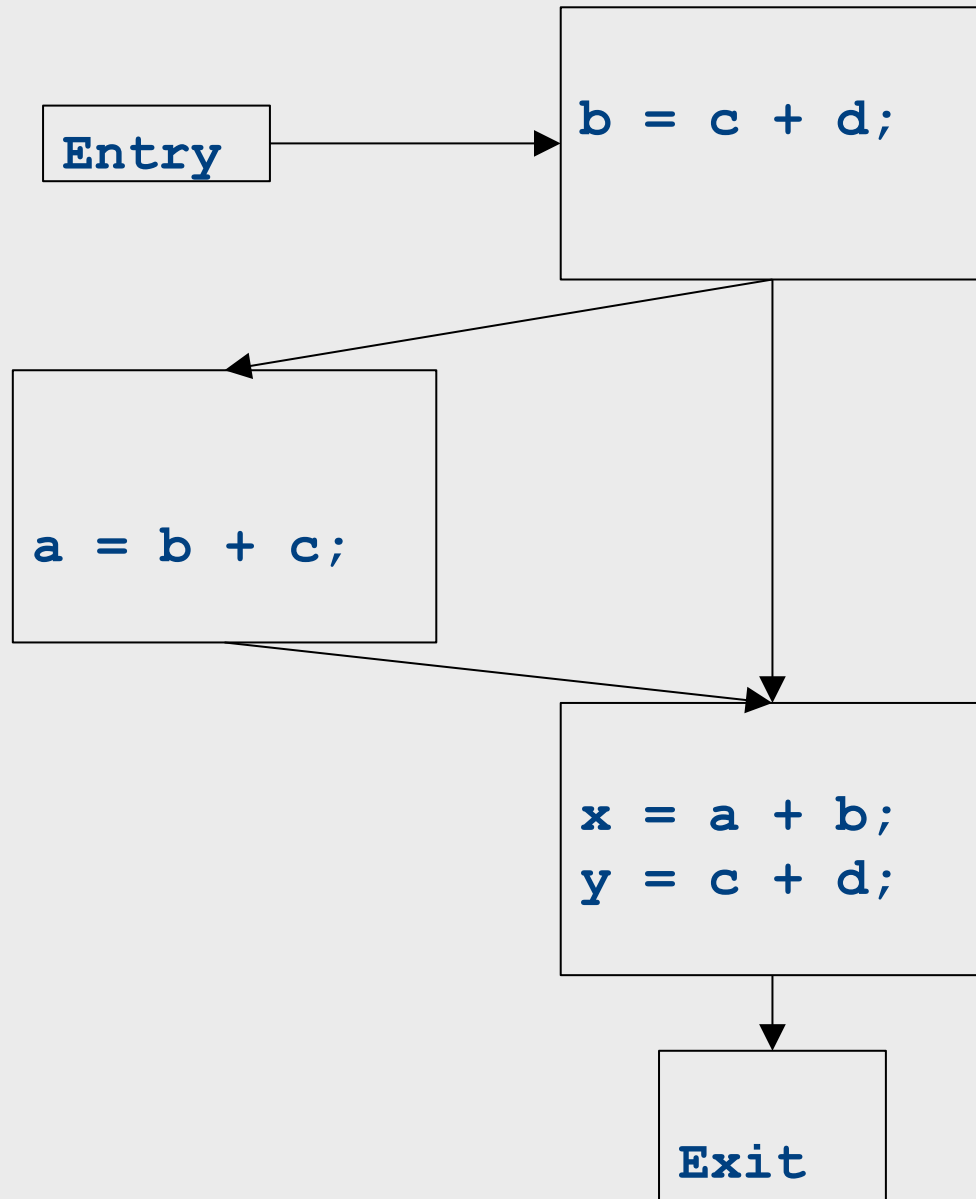
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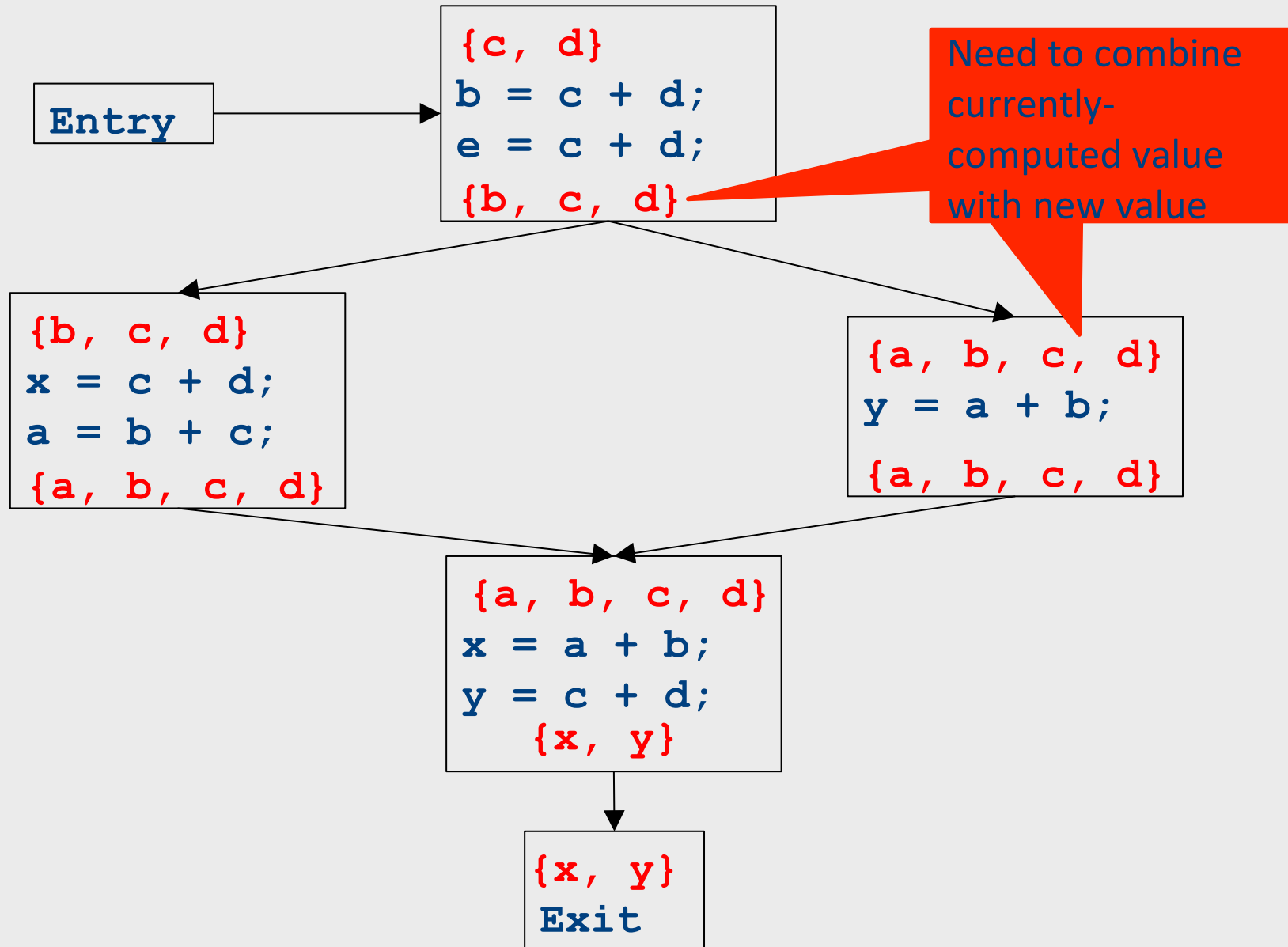
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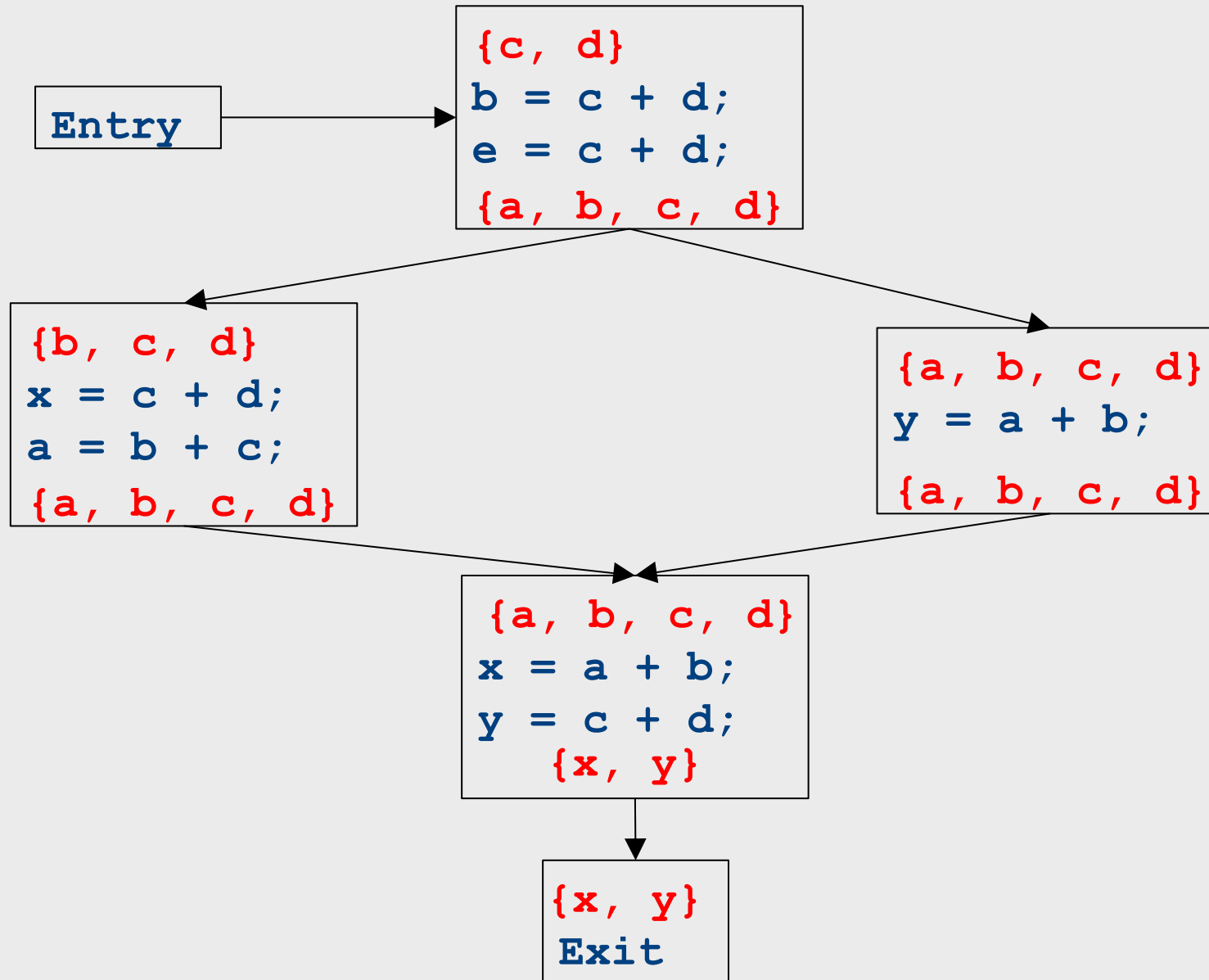
Major changes – part 1

- In a local analysis, each statement has exactly one predecessor
- In a global analysis, each statement may have **multiple** predecessors
- A global analysis must have some means of **combining information** from all predecessors of a basic block

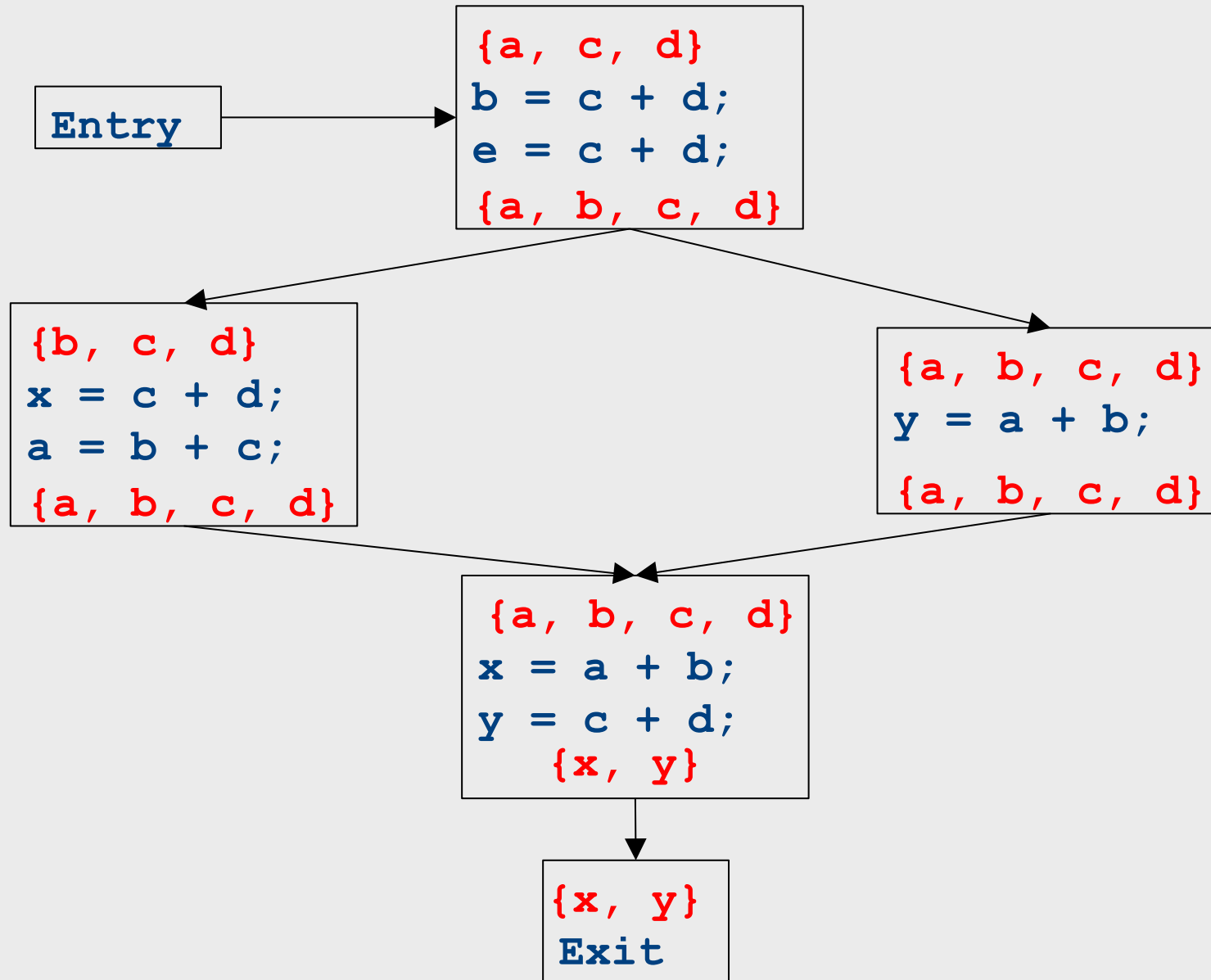
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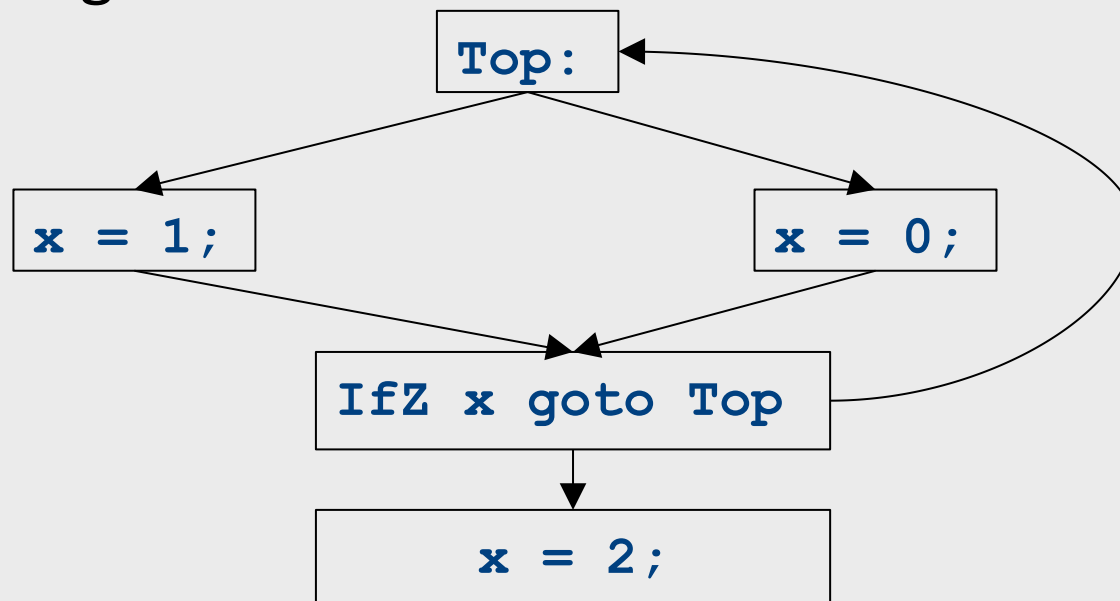


Major changes – part 2

- In a local analysis, there is only one possible path through a basic block
- In a global analysis, there may be **many** paths through a CFG
- May need to recompute values multiple times as more information becomes available
- Need to be careful when doing this not to loop infinitely!
 - (More on that later)

CFGs with loops

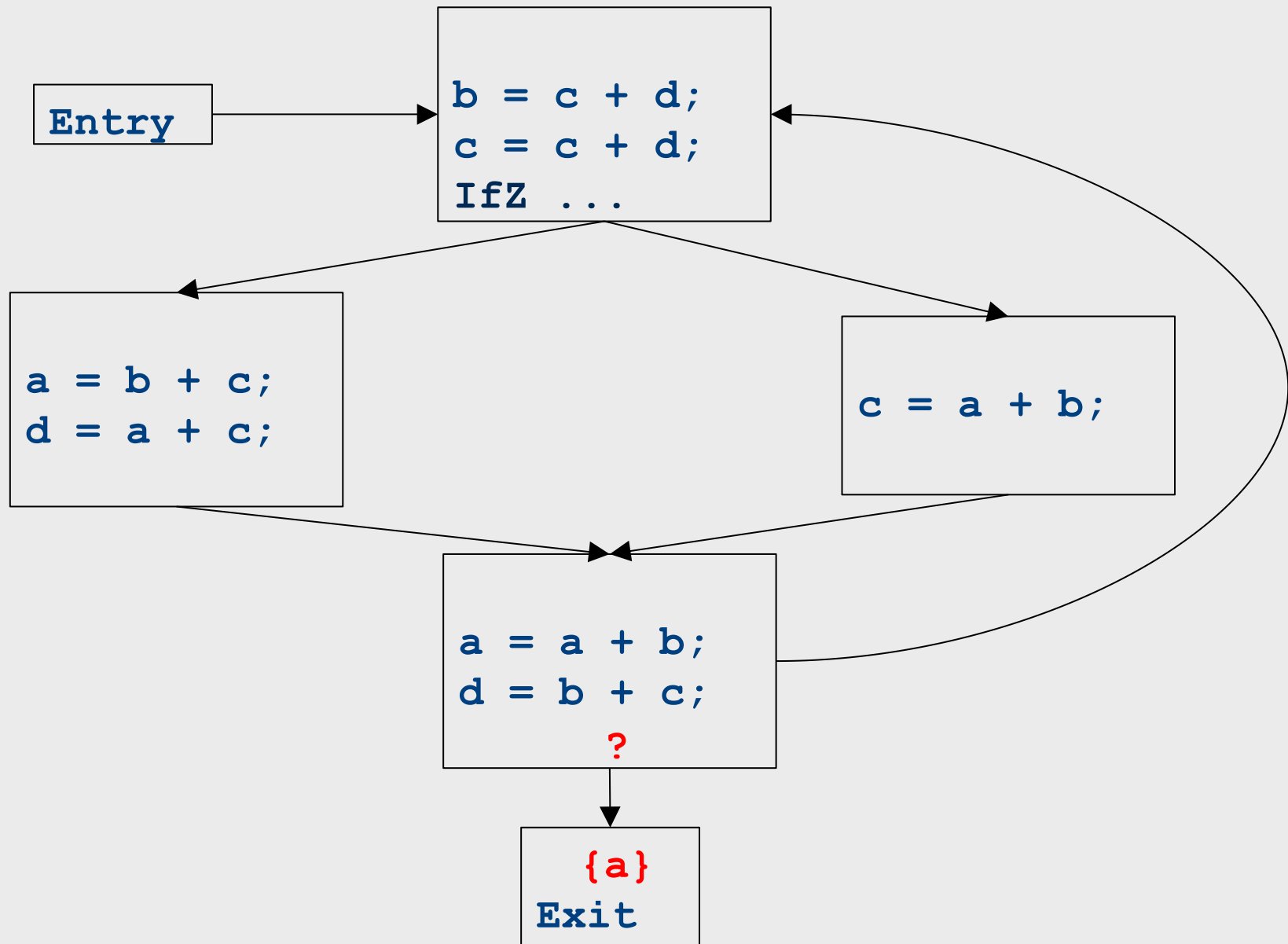
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- When we add loops into the picture, this is no longer true
- Not all possible loops in a CFG can be realized in the actual program



CFGs with loops

- Up to this point, we've considered loop-free CFGs, which have only finitely many possible paths
- When we add loops into the picture, this is no longer true
- Not all possible loops in a CFG can be realized in the actual program
- **Sound approximation:** Assume that every possible path through the CFG corresponds to a valid execution
 - Includes all realizable paths, but some additional paths as well
 - May make our analysis less precise (but still sound)
 - Makes the analysis feasible; we'll see how later

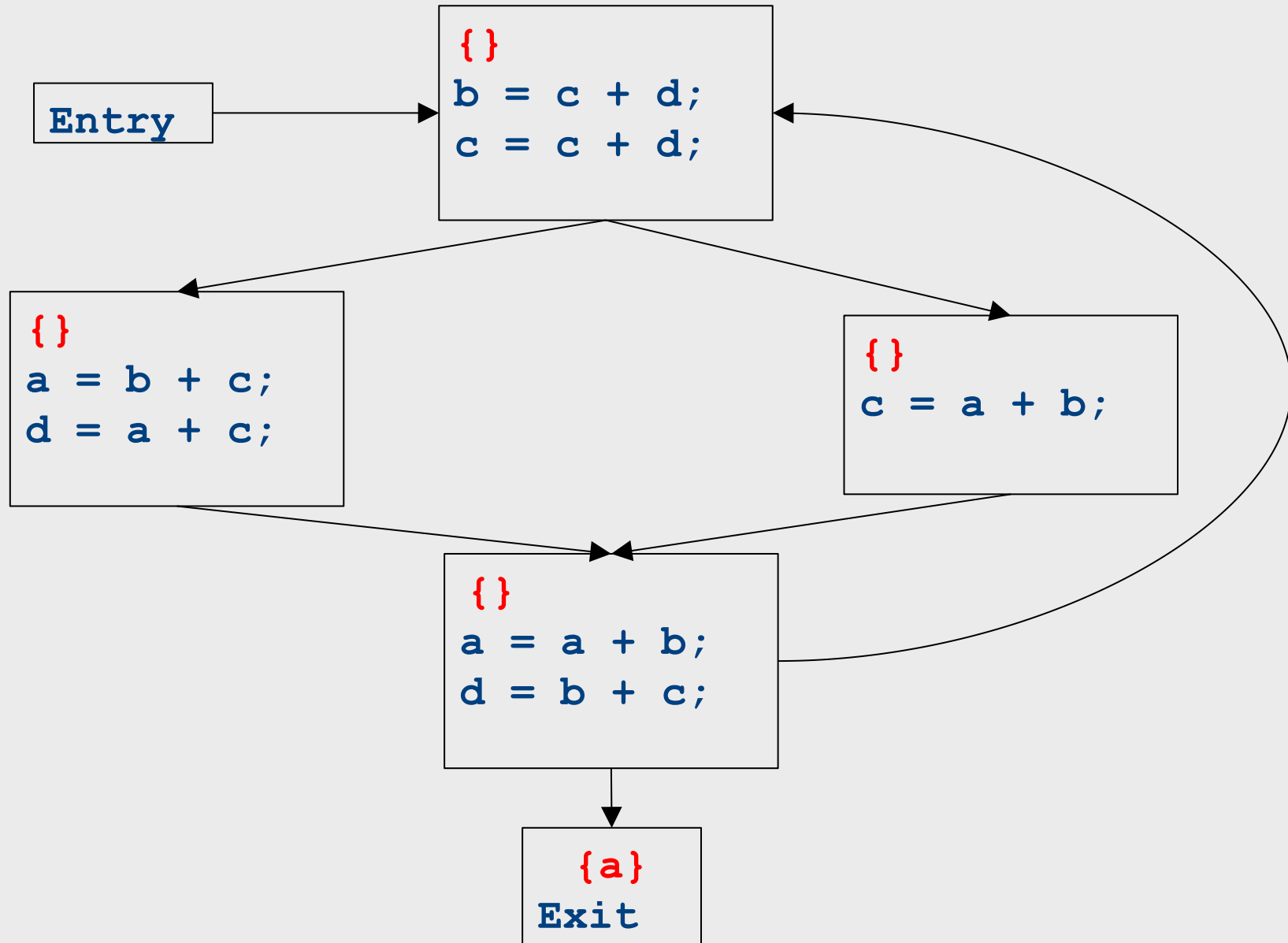
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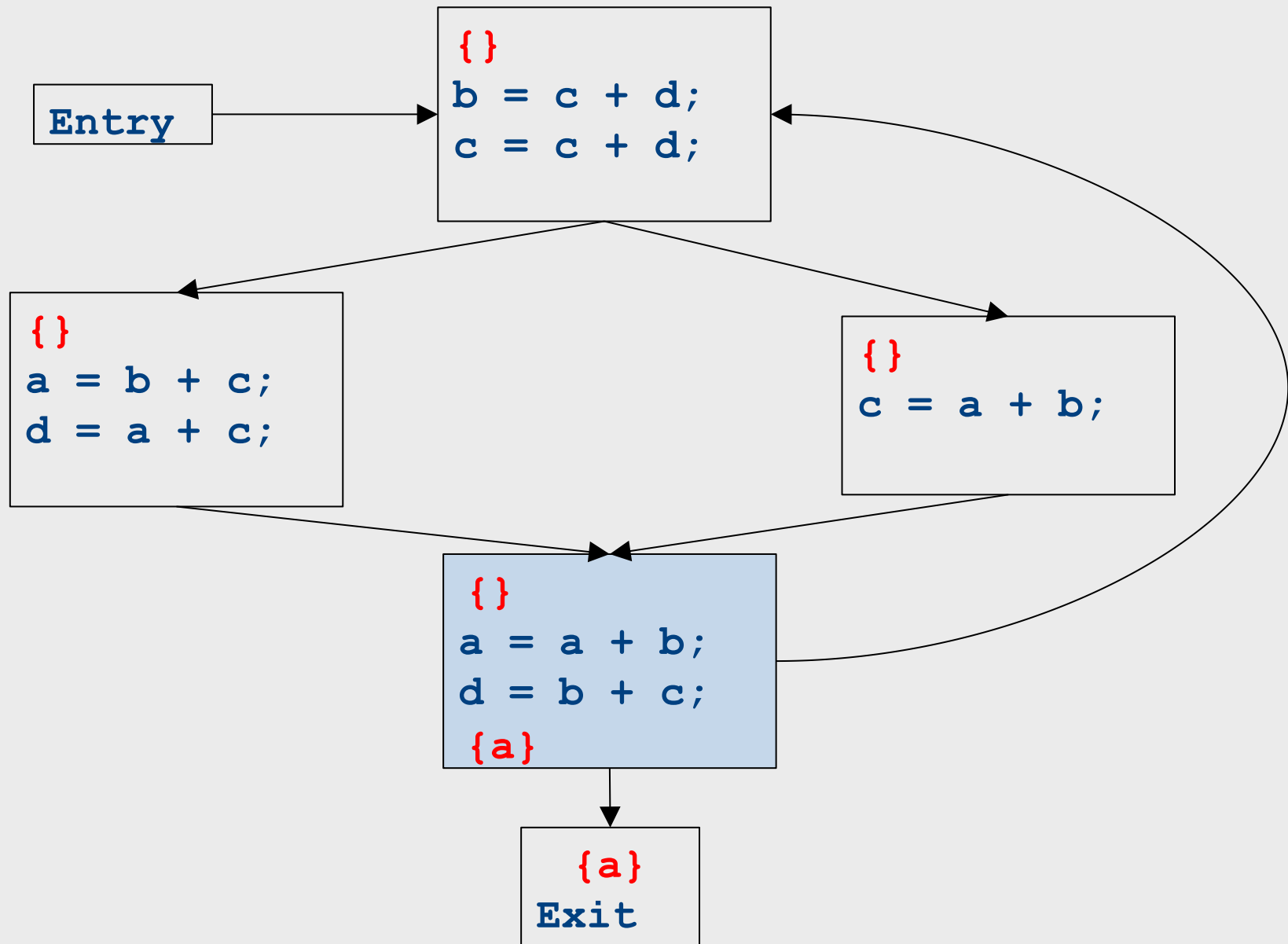
Major changes – part 3

- In a local analysis, there is always a well defined “first” statement to begin processing
- In a global analysis with loops, every basic block might depend on every other basic block
- To fix this, we need to assign initial values to all of the blocks in the CFG

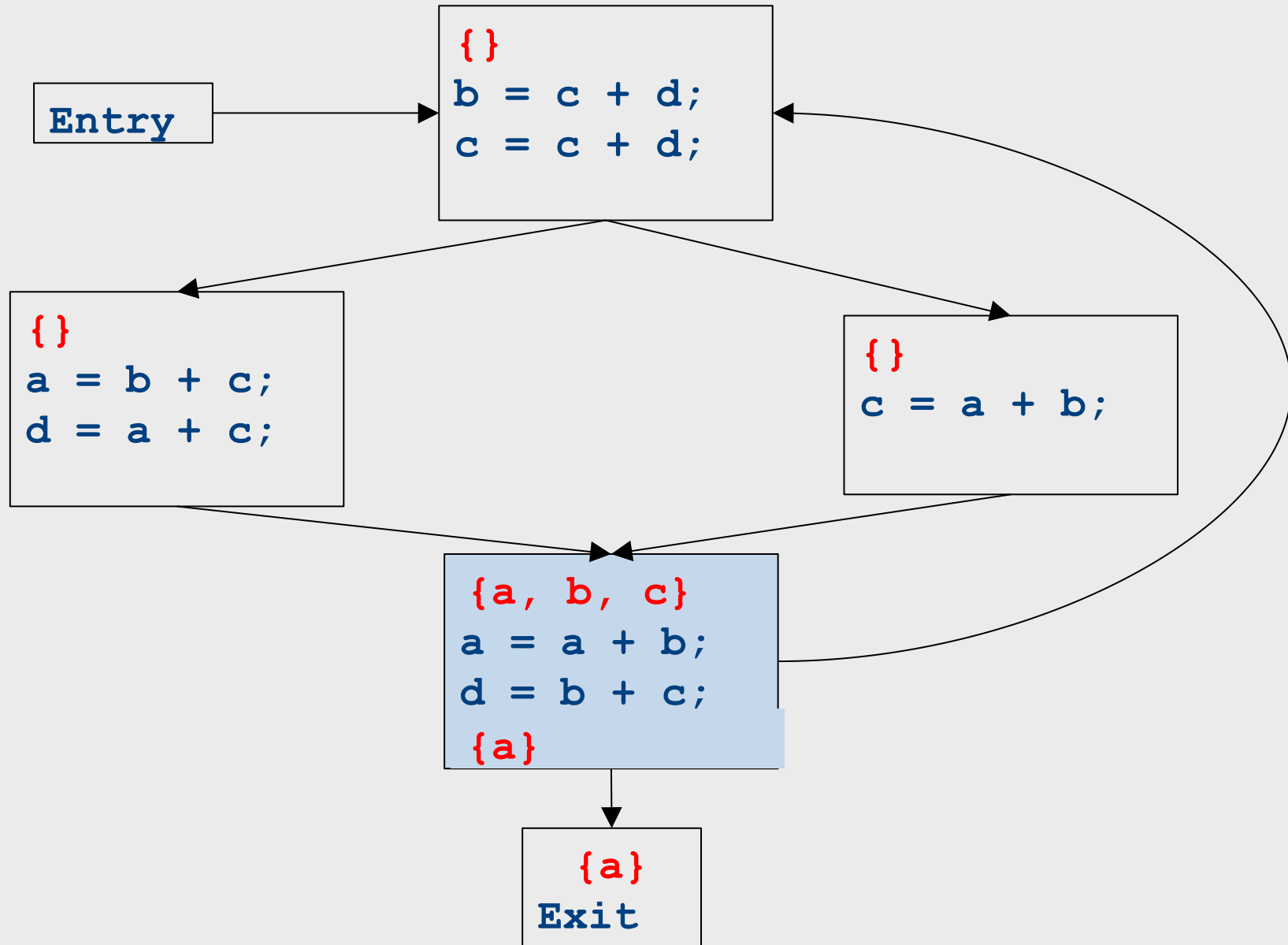
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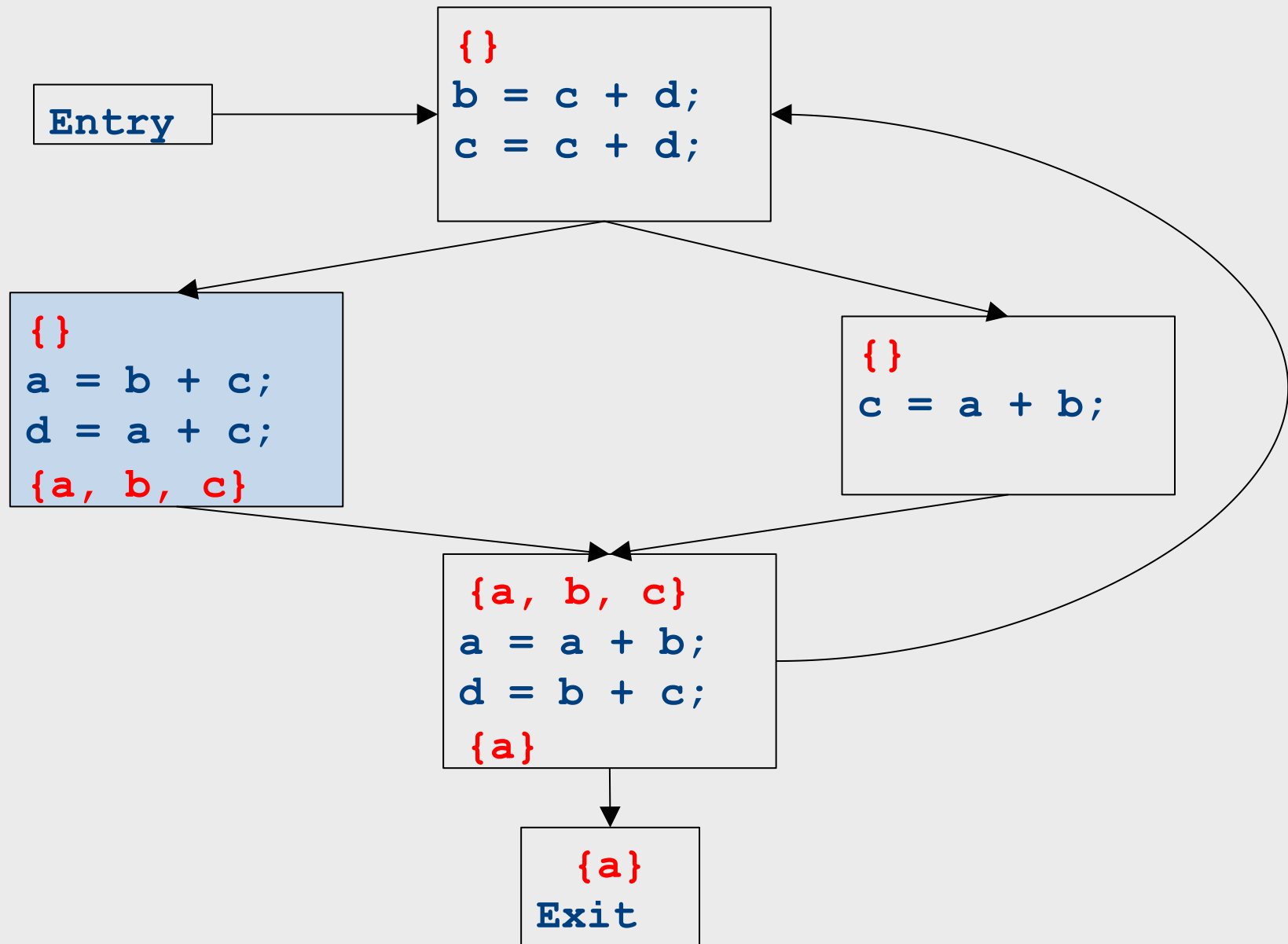
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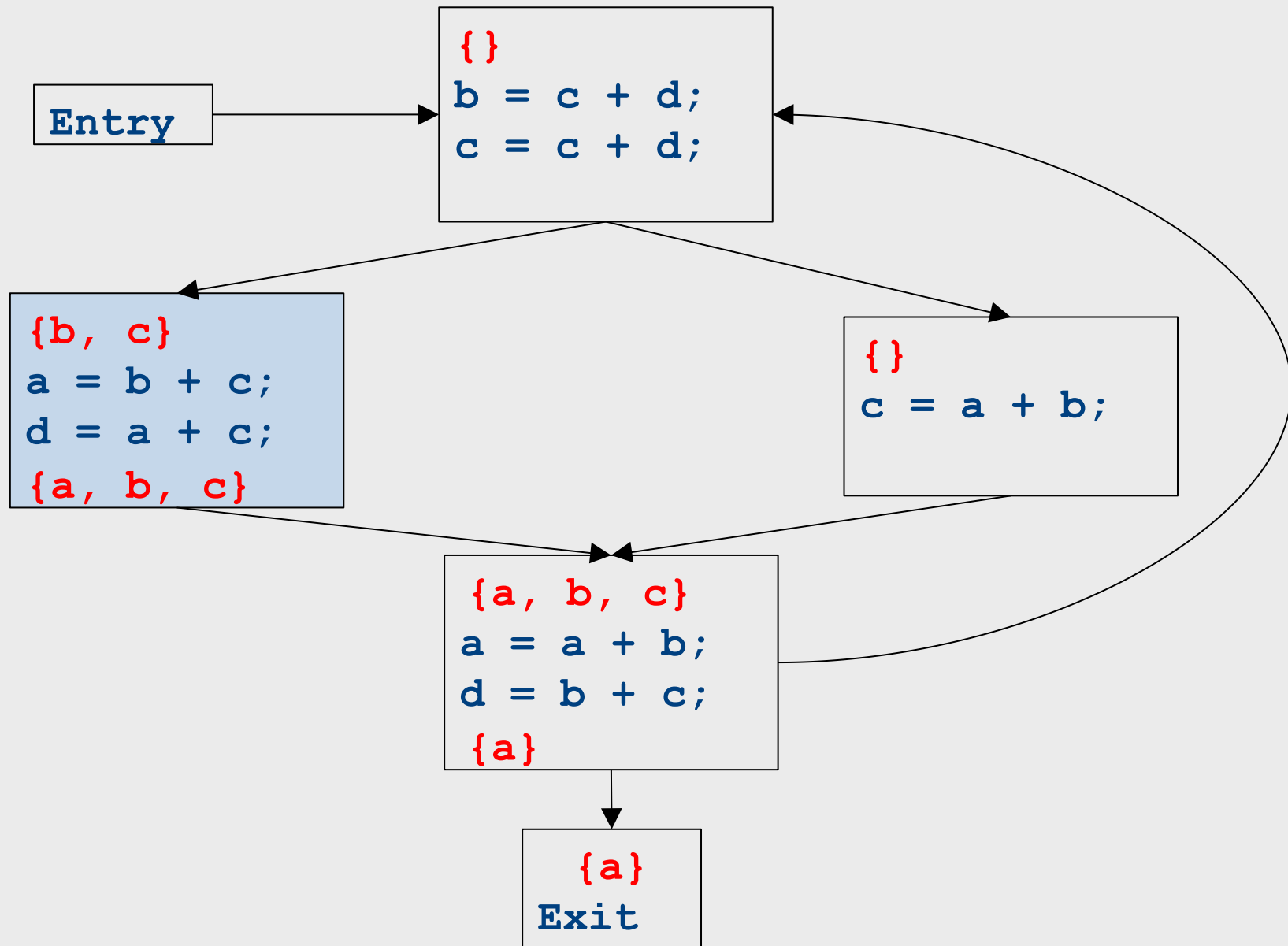
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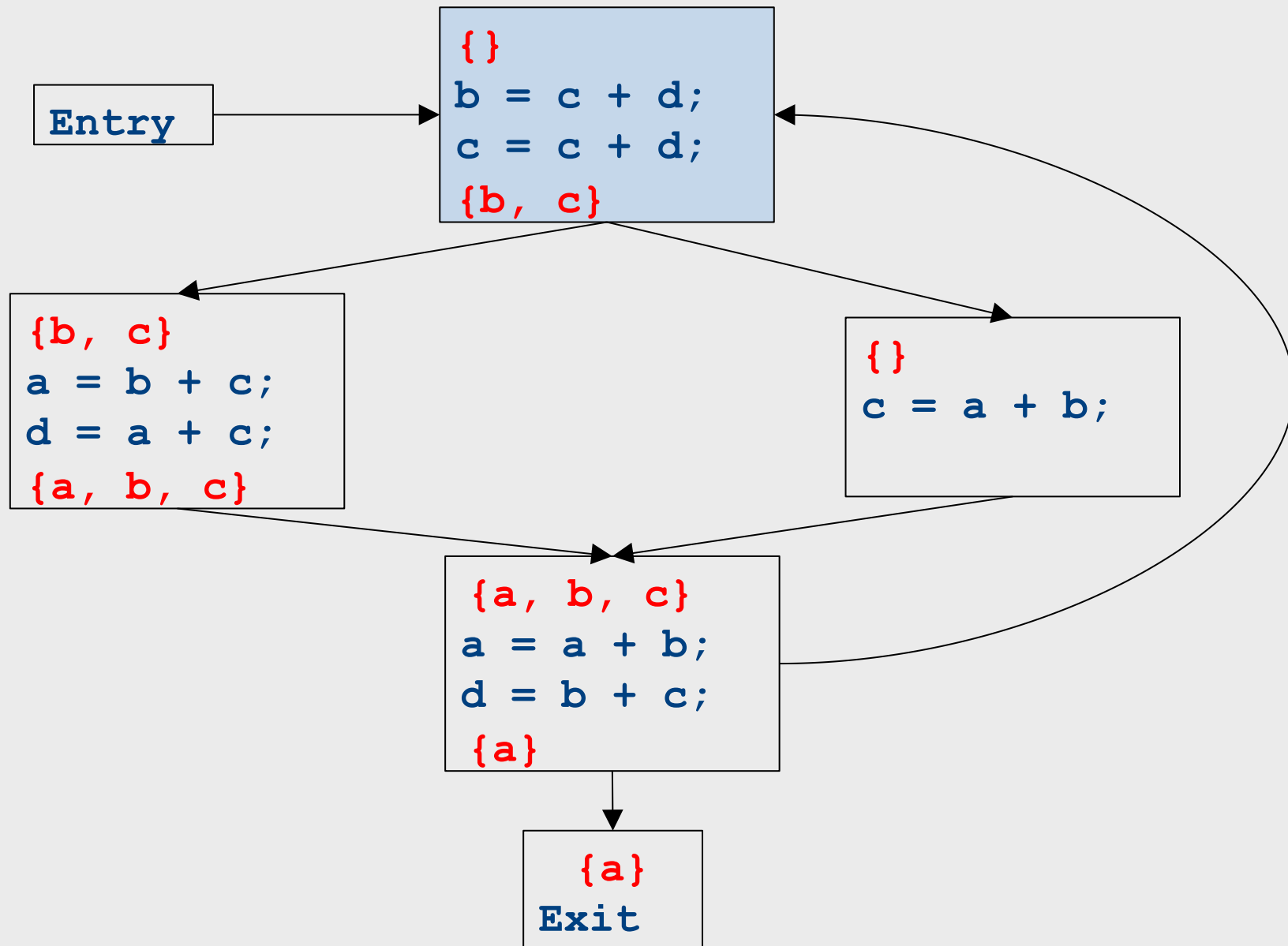
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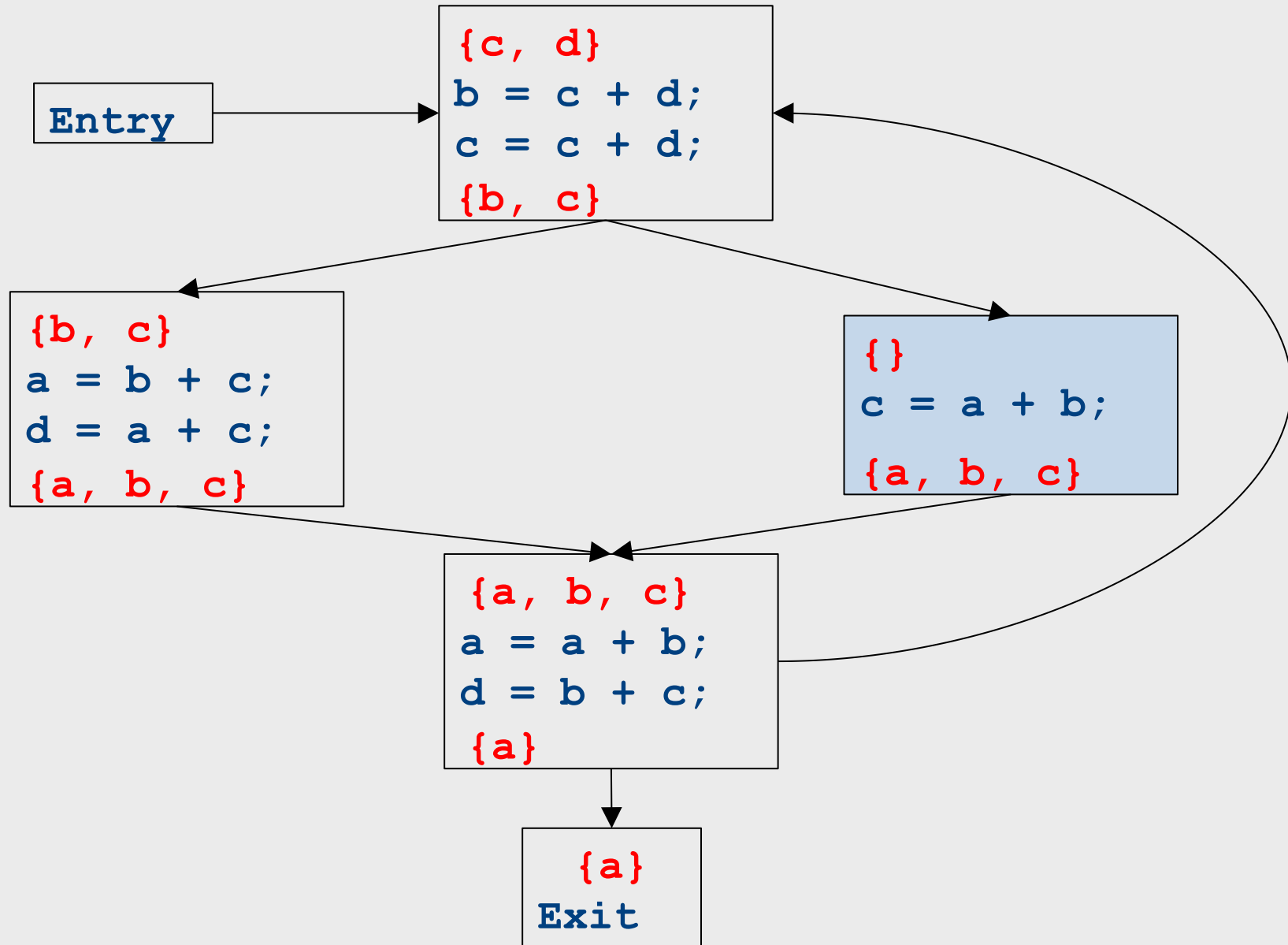
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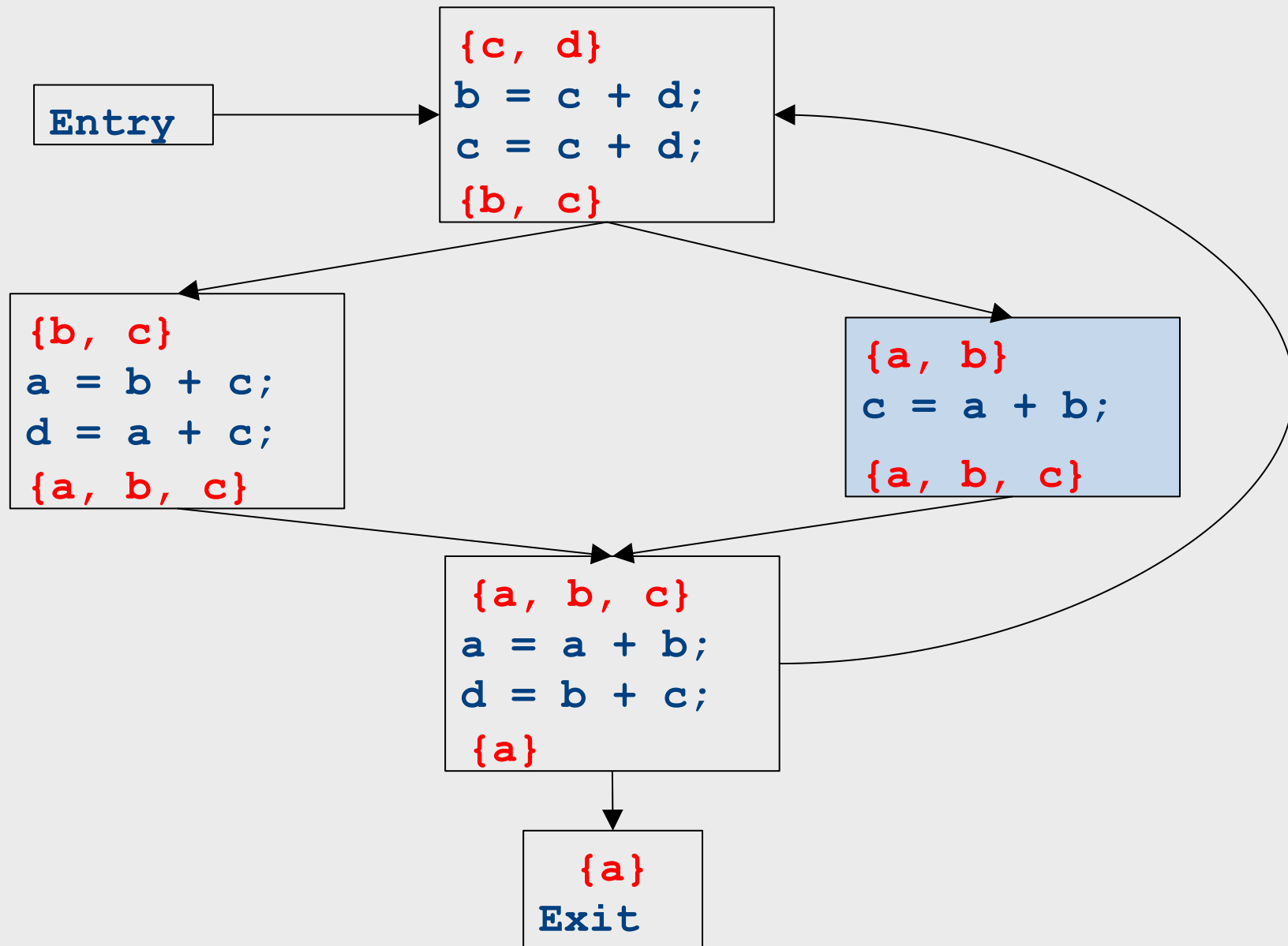
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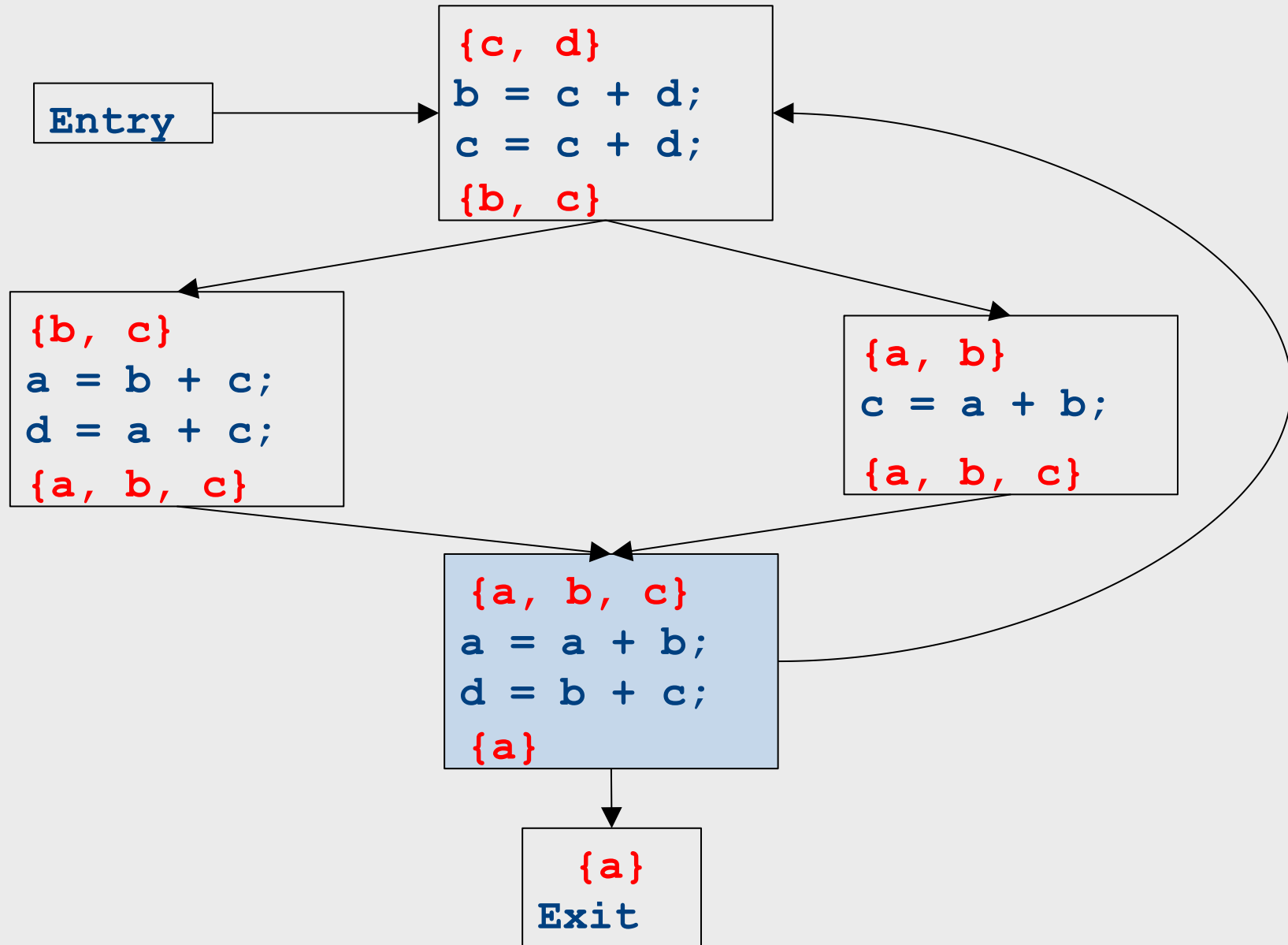
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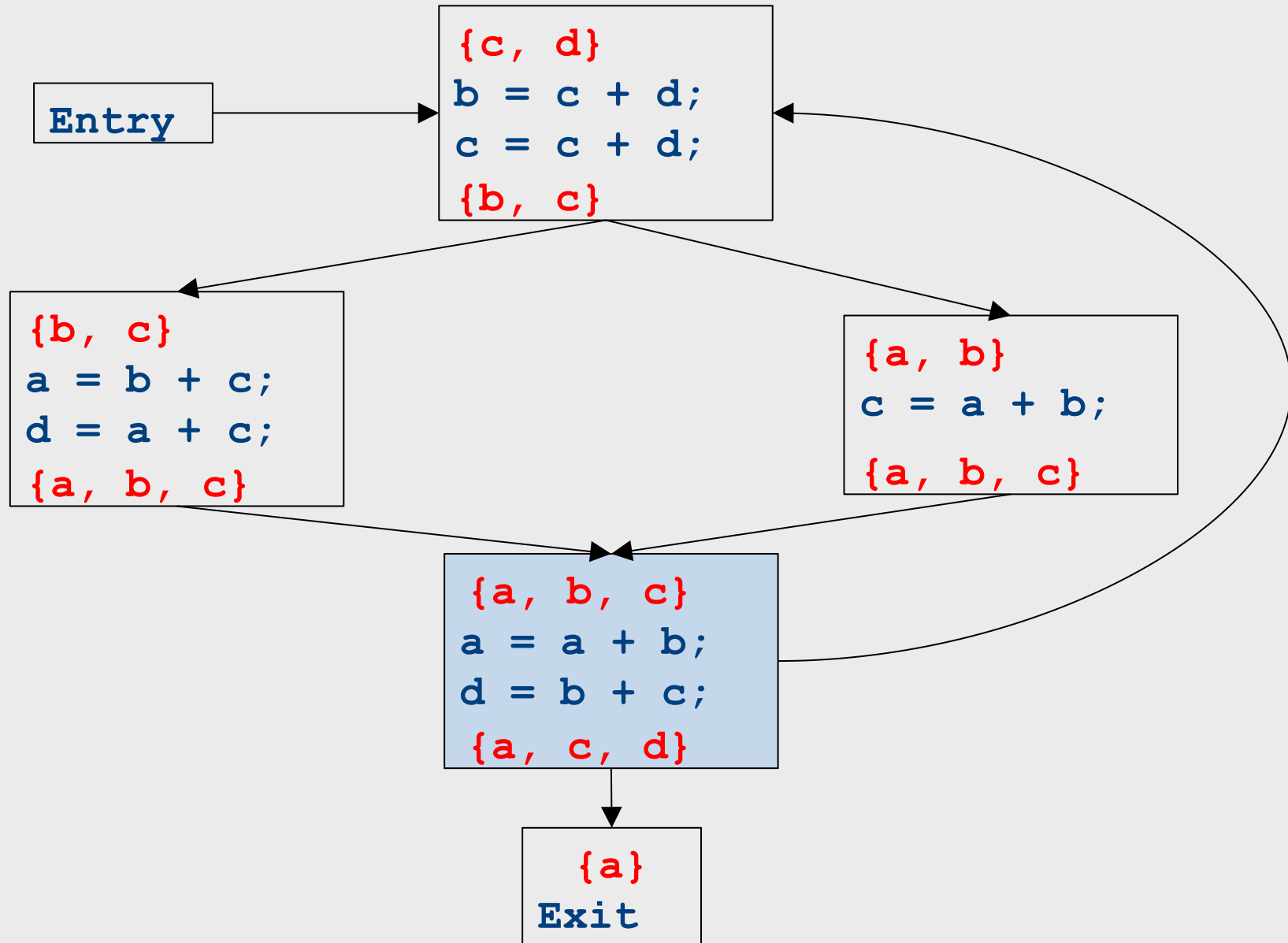
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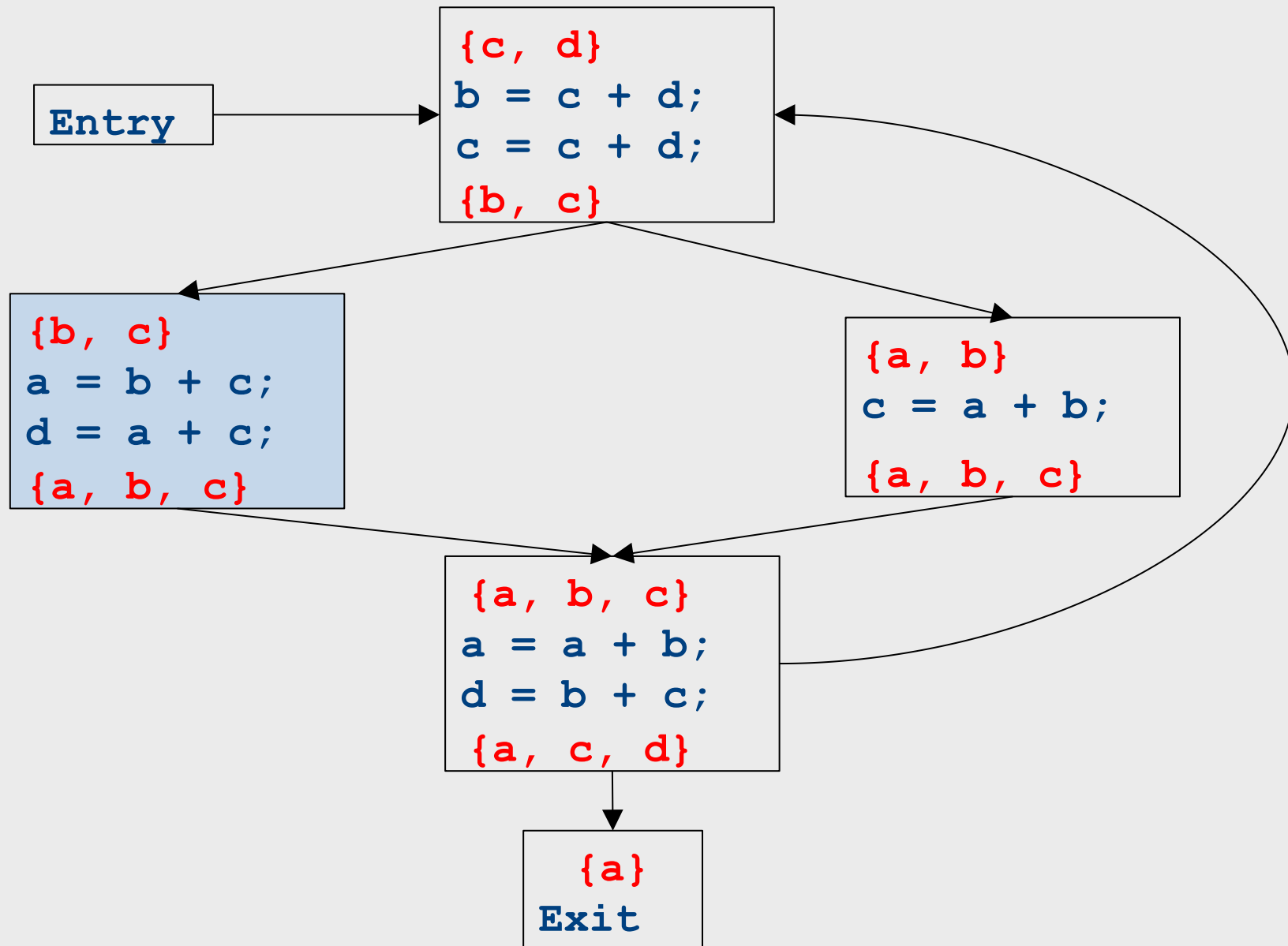
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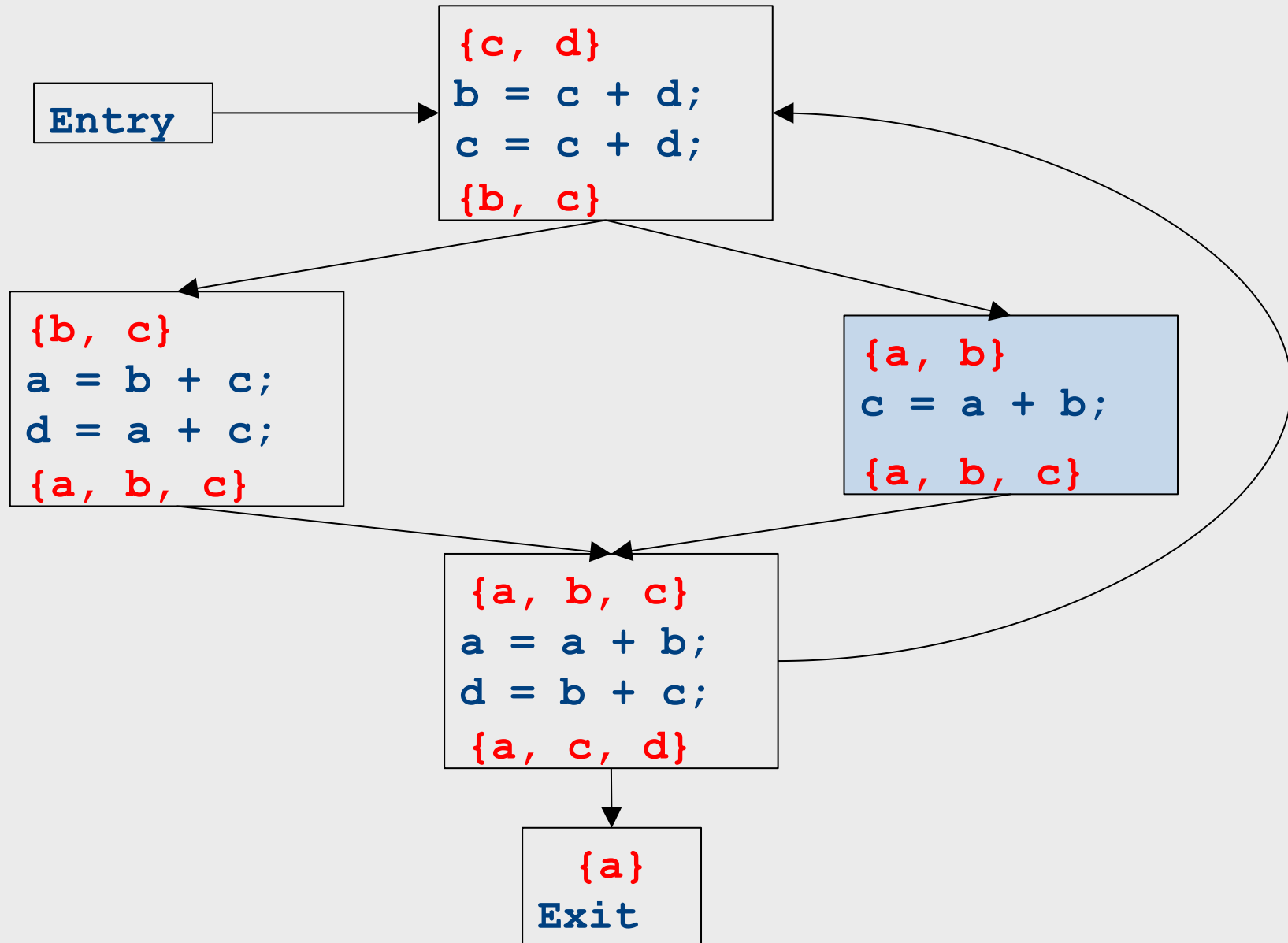
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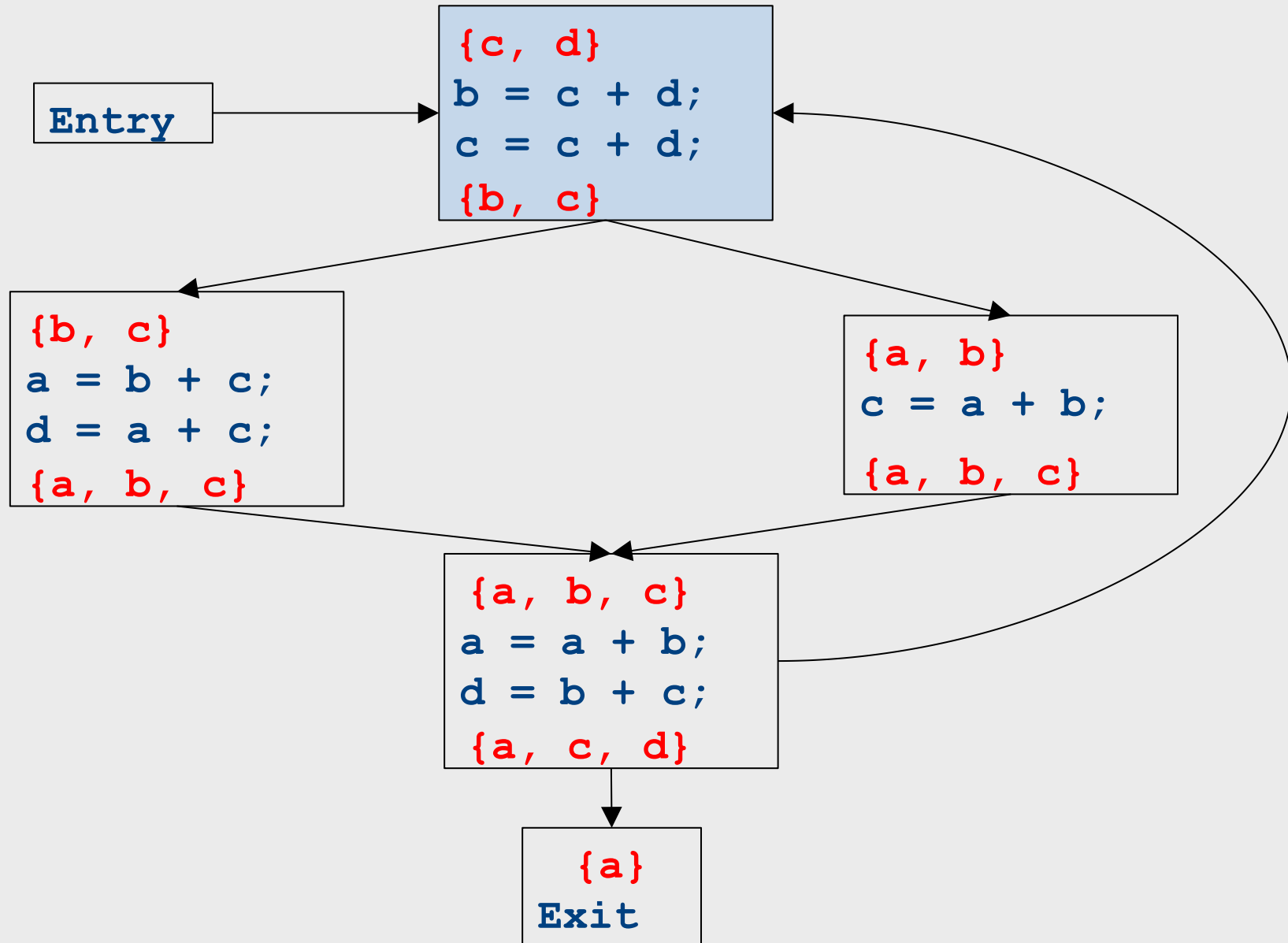
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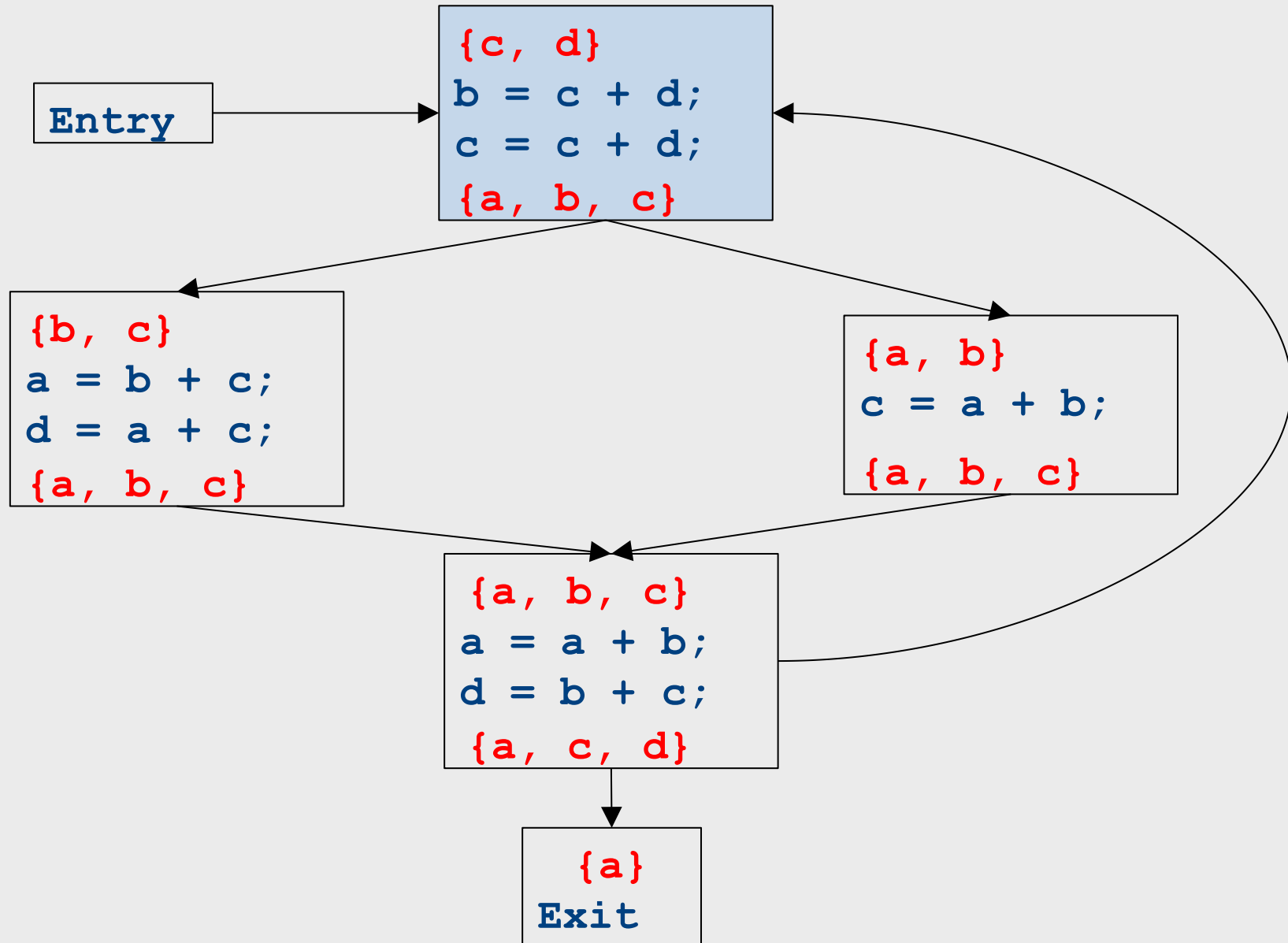
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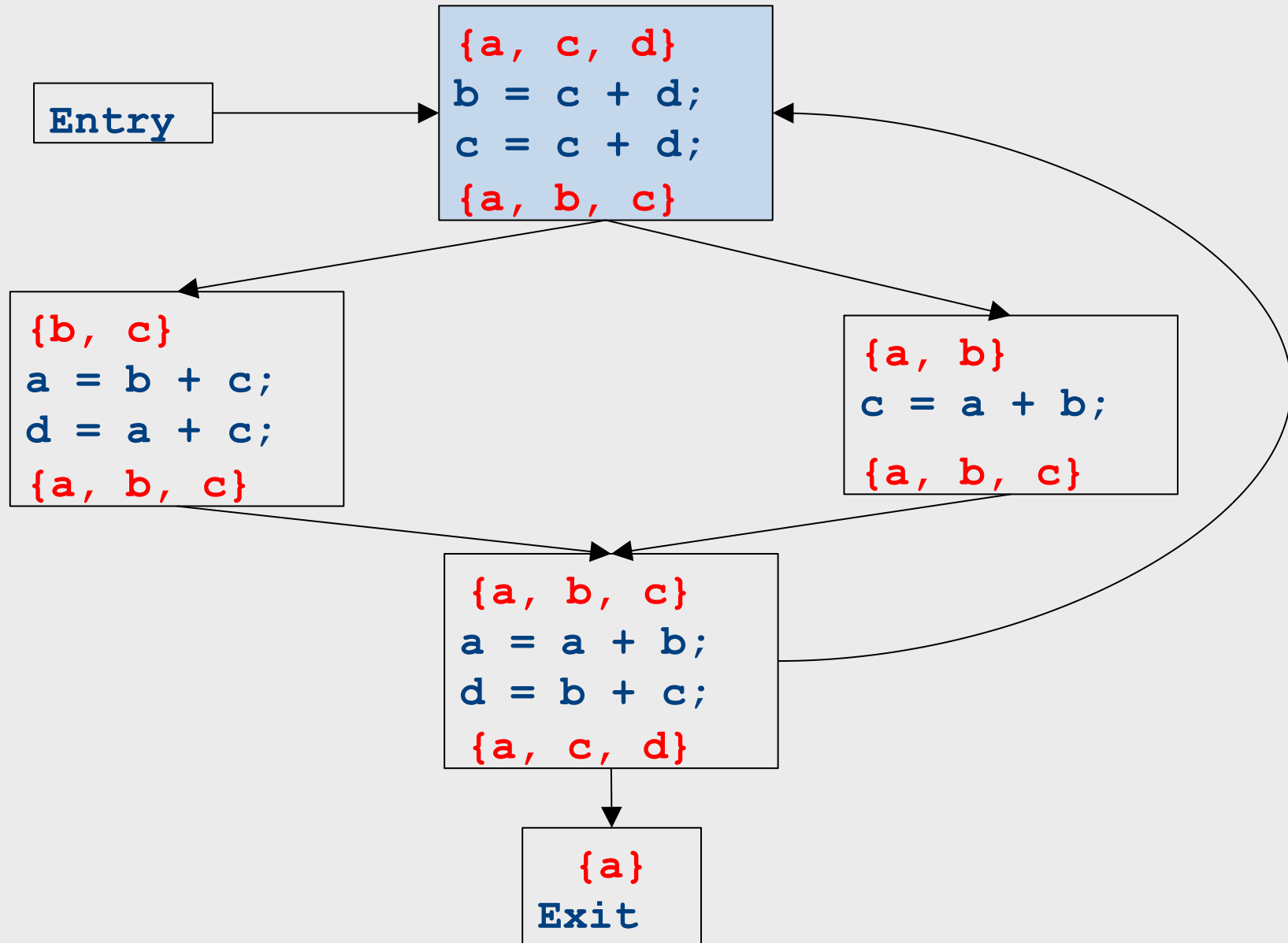
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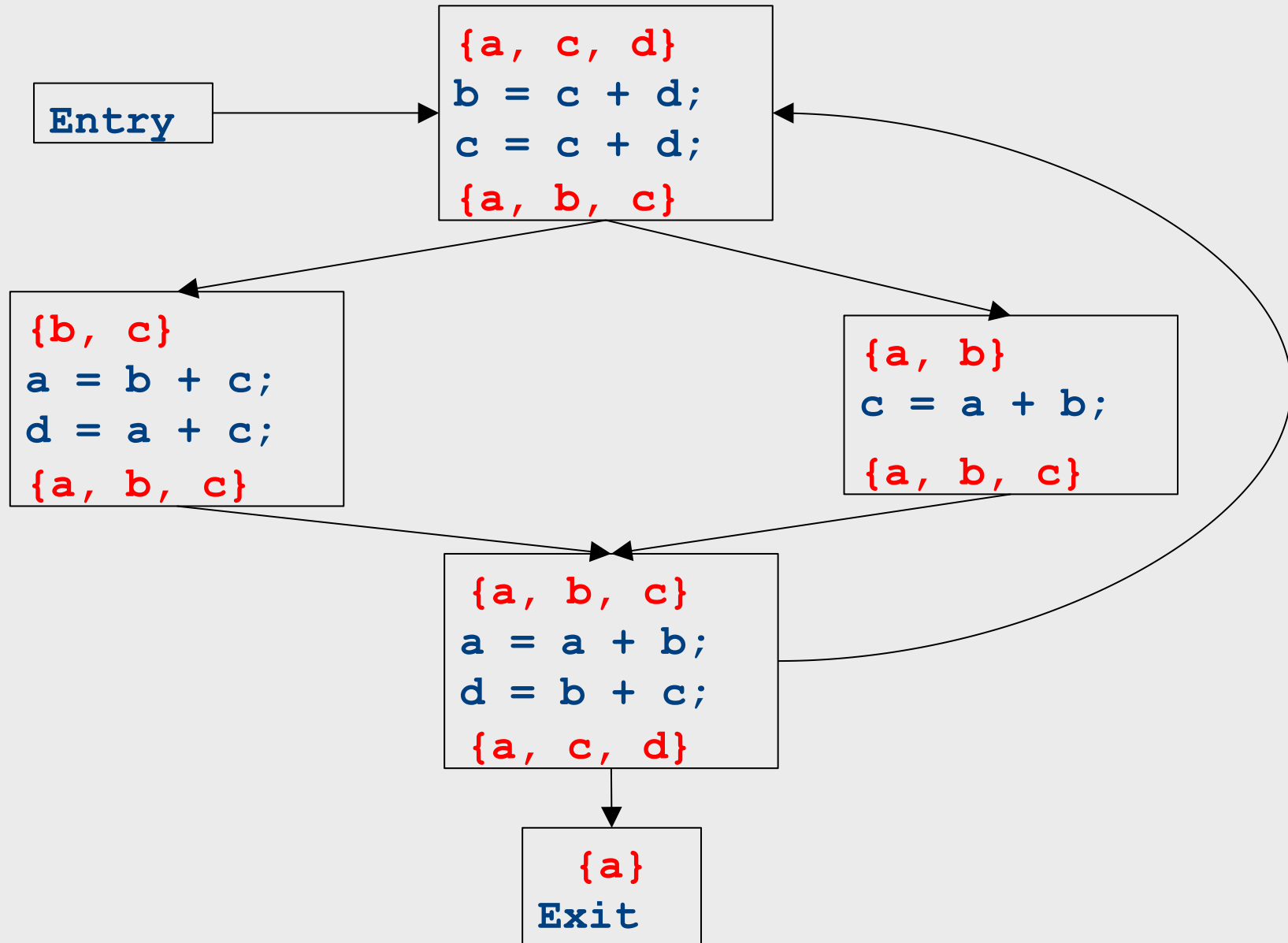
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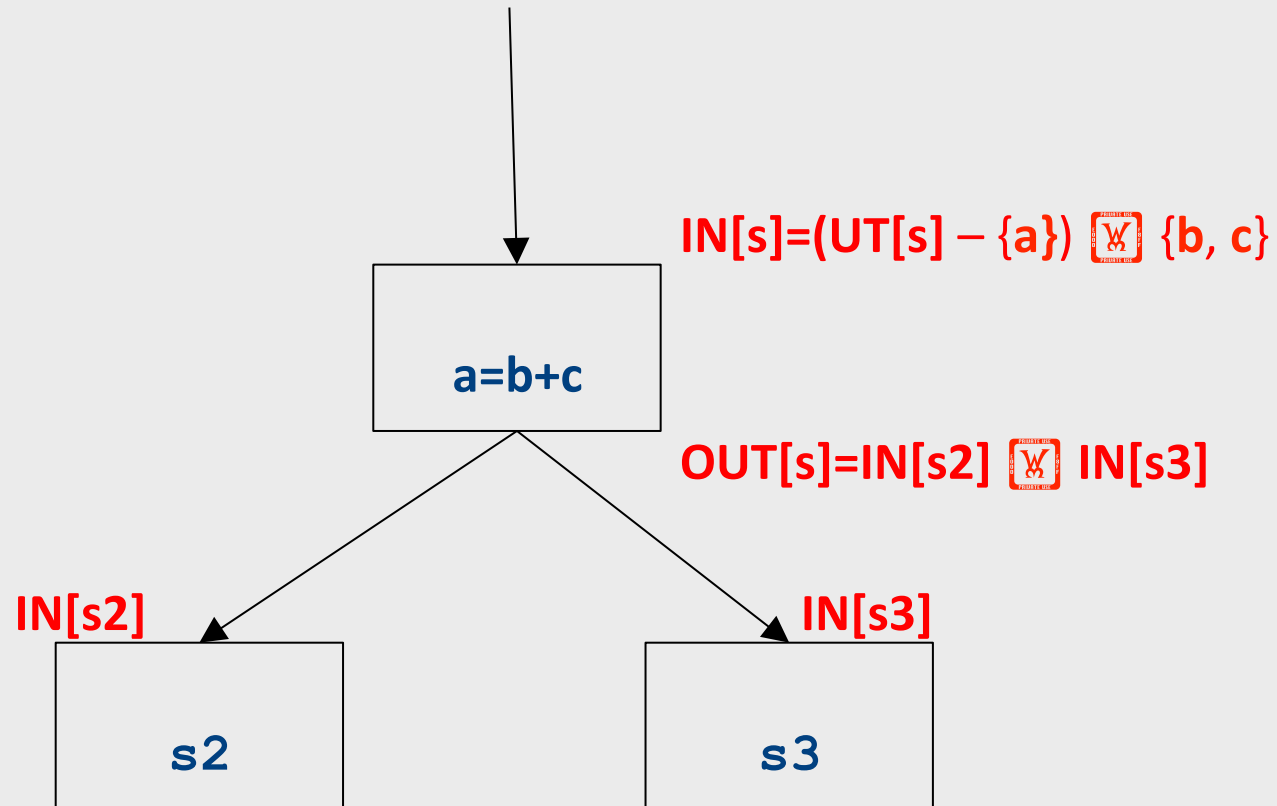
Summary of differences

- Need to be able to handle multiple predecessors/successors for a basic block
- Need to be able to handle multiple paths through the control-flow graph, and may need to iterate multiple times to compute the final value
 - But the analysis still needs to terminate!
- Need to be able to assign each basic block a reasonable default value for before we've analyzed it

Global liveness analysis

- Initially, set $IN[s] = \{ \}$ for each statement s
- Set $IN[exit]$ to the set of variables known to be live on exit (language-specific knowledge)
- Repeat until no changes occur:
 - For each statement s of the form $a = b + c$, in any order you'd like:
 - Set $OUT[s]$ to set union of $IN[p]$ for each successor p of s
 - Set $IN[s]$ to $(OUT[s] - a) \cap \{b, c\}$.
- Yet another fixed-point iteration!

Global liveness analysis



Why does this work?

- To show correctness, we need to show that
 - The algorithm eventually terminates, and
 - When it terminates, it has a sound answer
- Termination argument:
 - Once a variable is discovered to be live during some point of the analysis, it always stays live
 - Only finitely many variables and finitely many places where a variable can become live
- Soundness argument (sketch):
 - Each individual rule, applied to some set, correctly updates liveness in that set
 - When computing the union of the set of live variables, a variable is only live if it was live on some path leaving the statement

Abstract Interpretation

- Theoretical foundations of program analysis
- Cousot and Cousot 1977
- Abstract meaning of programs
 - Executed at compile time

Another view of local optimization

- In local optimization, we want to reason about some property of the runtime behavior of the program
- Could we run the program and just watch what happens?
- **Idea:** Redefine the semantics of our programming language to give us information about our analysis

Properties of local analysis

- The only way to find out what a program will actually do is to run it
- Problems:
 - The program might not terminate
 - The program might have some behavior we didn't see when we ran it on a particular input
- However, this is not a problem inside a basic block
 - Basic blocks contain no loops
 - There is only one path through the basic block

Assigning new semantics

- Example: Available Expressions
- Redefine the statement **$a = b + c$** to mean “ **a now holds the value of $b + c$, and any variable holding the value a is now invalid**”
- Run the program assuming these new semantics
- Treat the optimizer as an interpreter for these new semantics

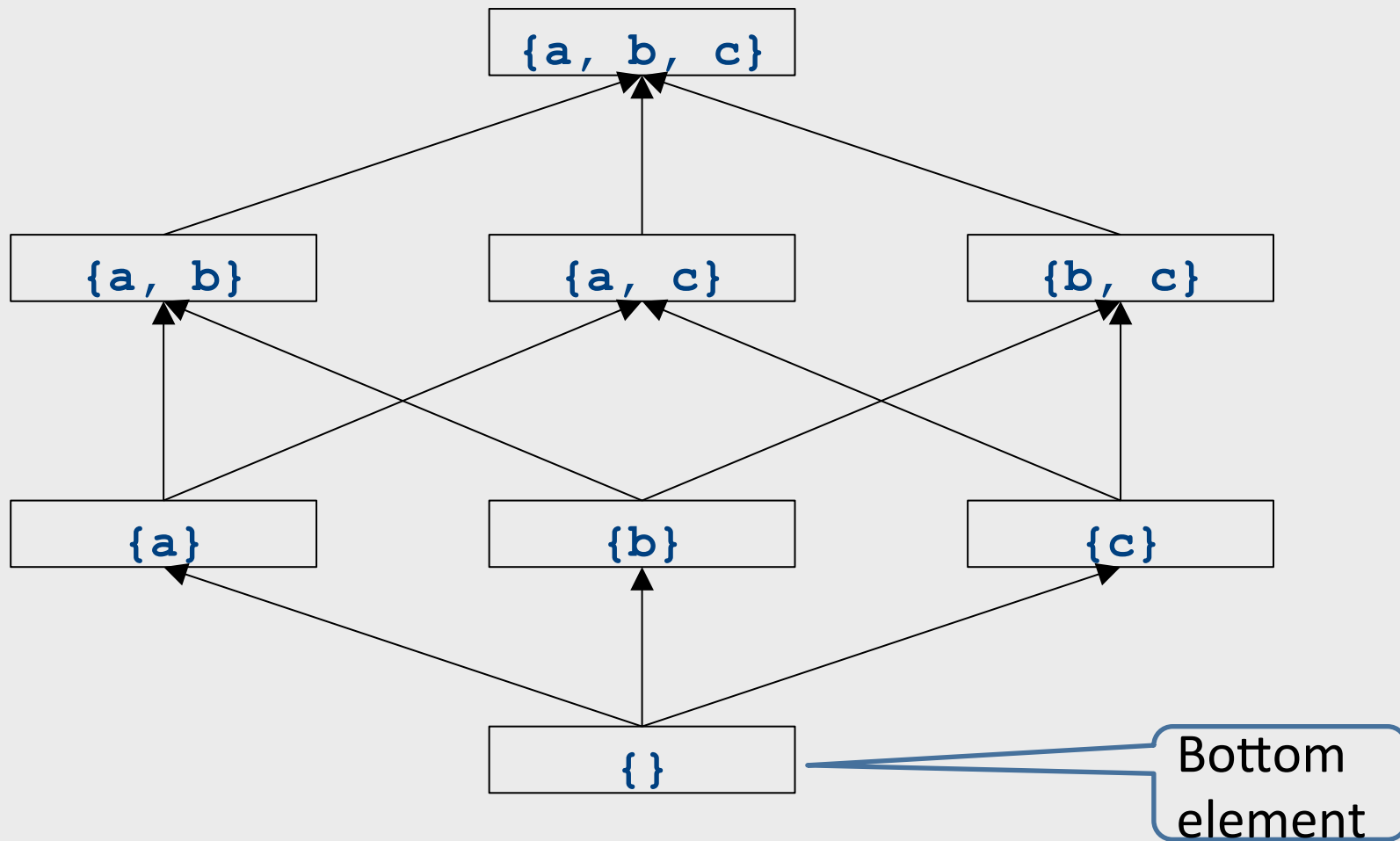
Theory to the rescue

- Building up all of the machinery to design this analysis was tricky
- The key ideas, however, are mostly independent of the analysis:
 - We need to be able to compute functions describing the behavior of each statement
 - We need to be able to merge several subcomputations together
 - We need an initial value for all of the basic blocks
- There is a beautiful formalism that captures many of these properties

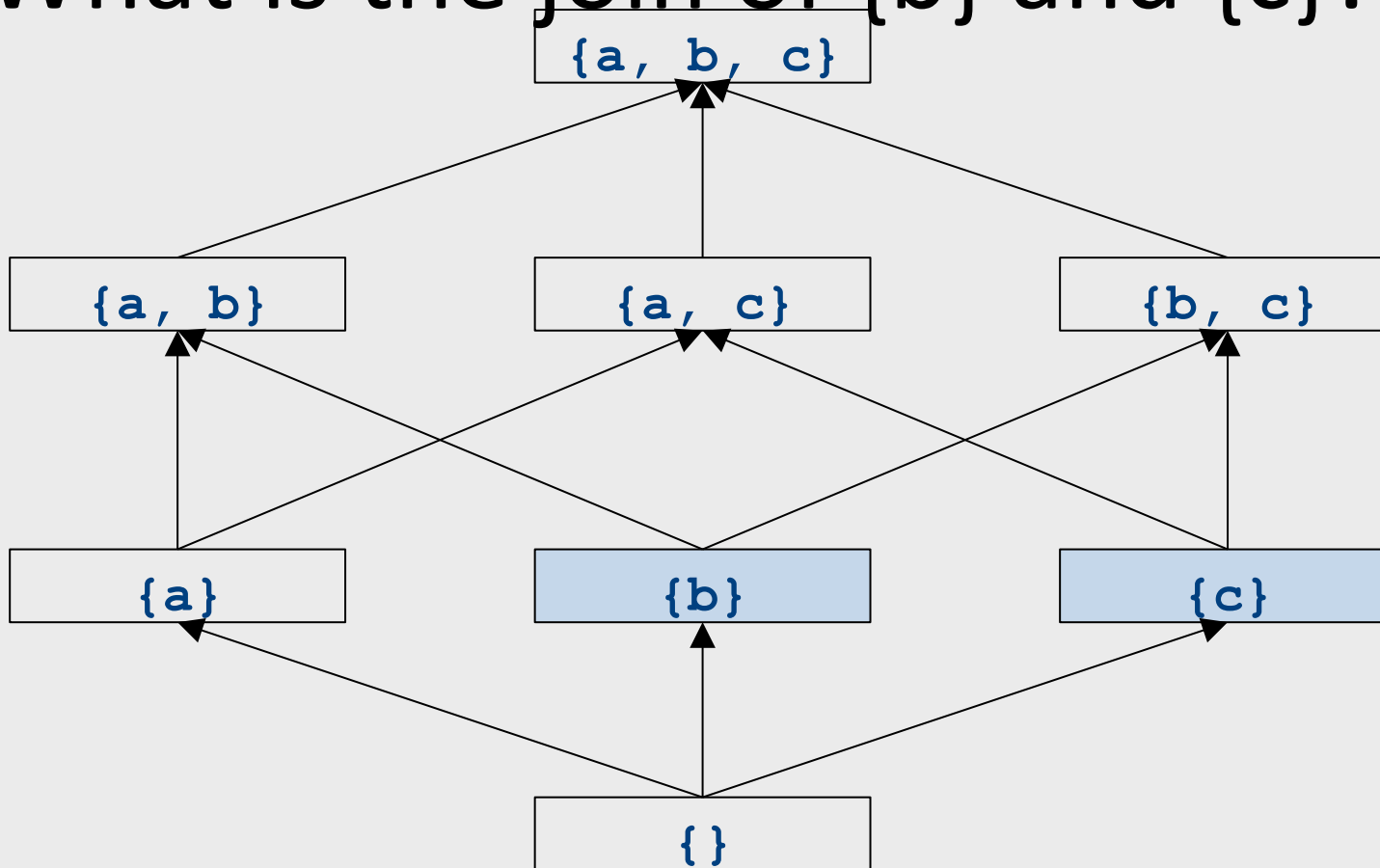
Join semilattices

- A join semilattice is a ordering defined on a set of elements
- Any two elements have some join that is the smallest element larger than both elements
- There is a unique bottom element, which is smaller than all other elements
- Intuitively:
 - The join of two elements represents combining information from two elements by an overapproximation
- The bottom element represents “no information yet” or “the least conservative possible answer”

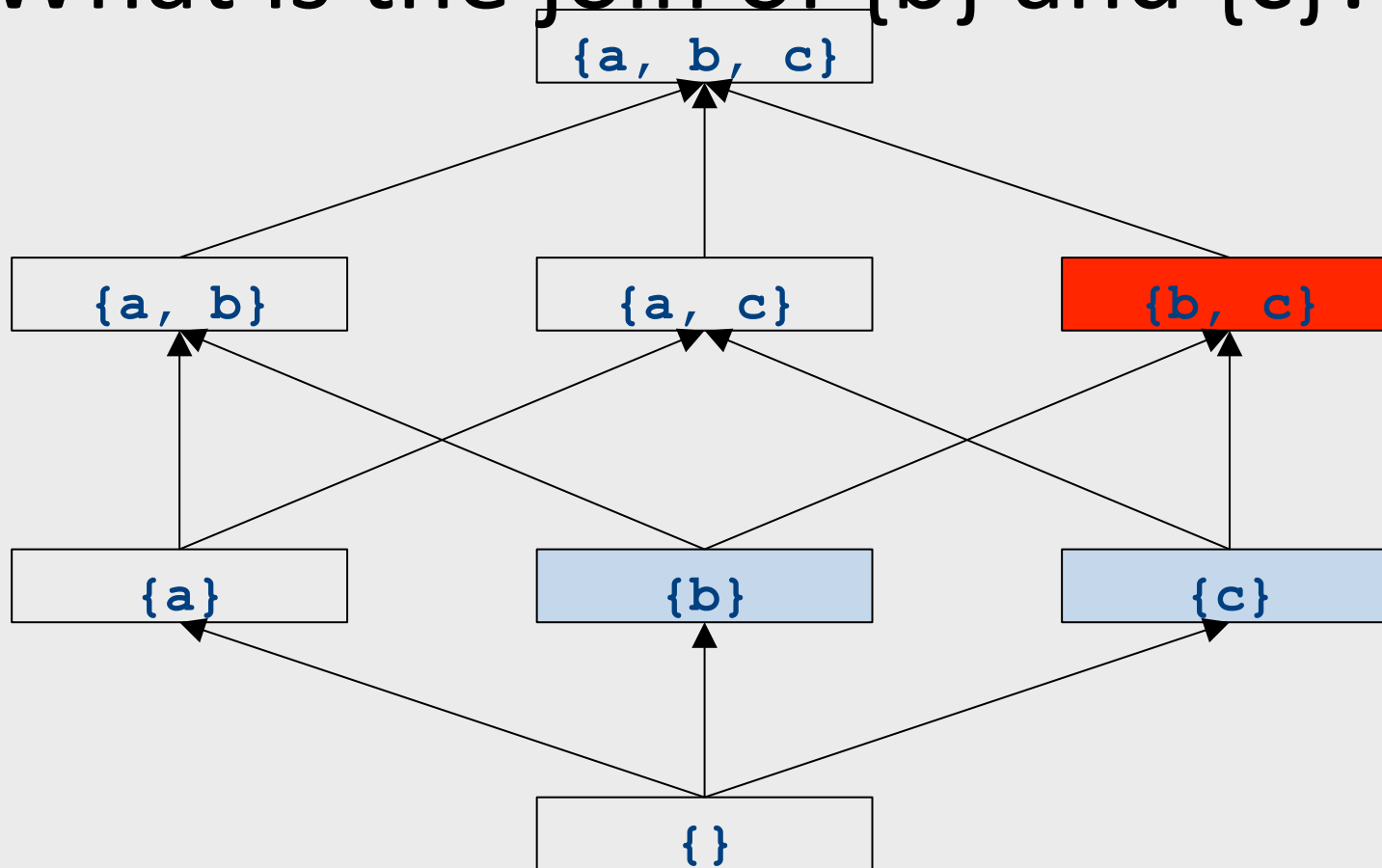
Join semilattice for liveness



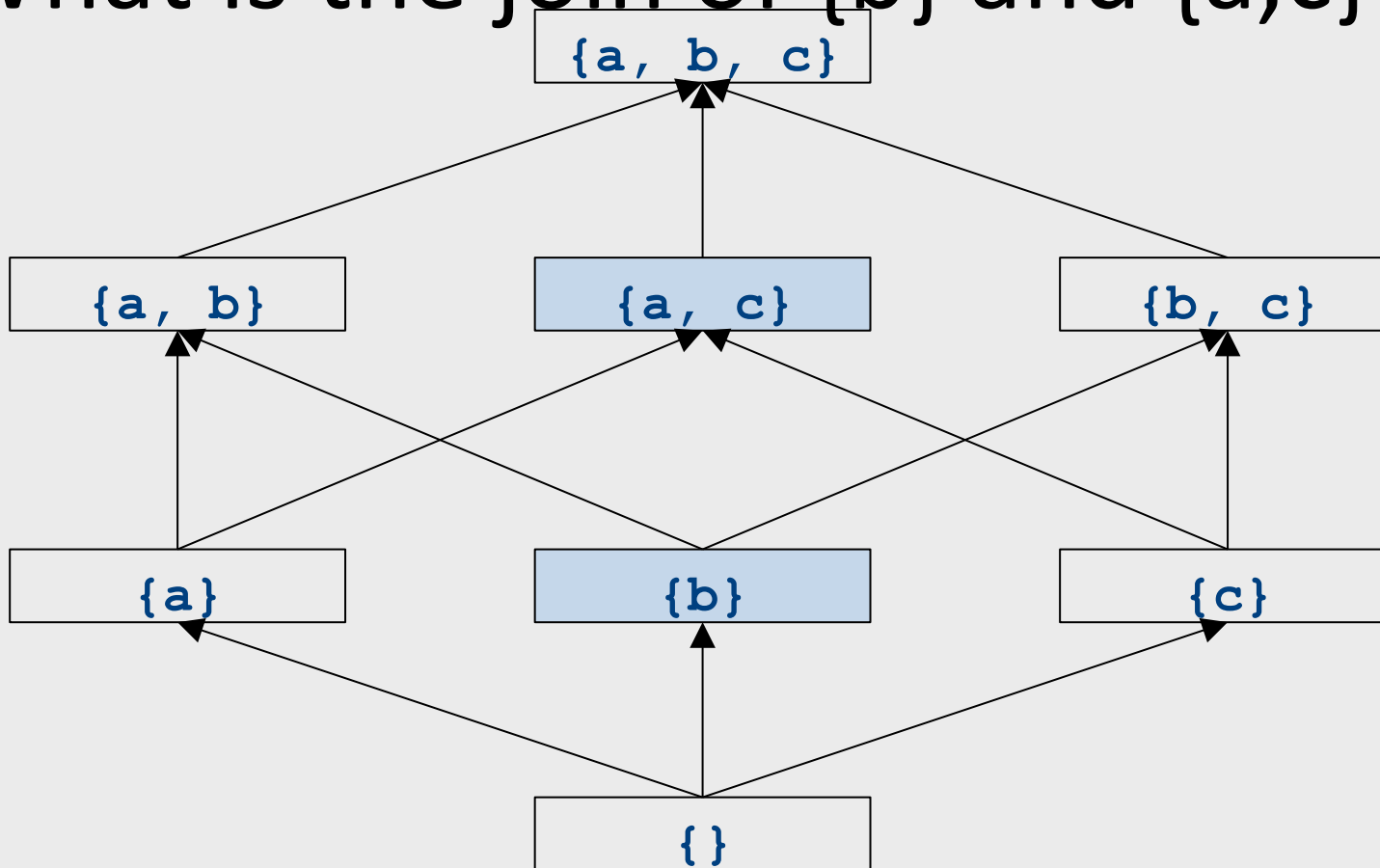
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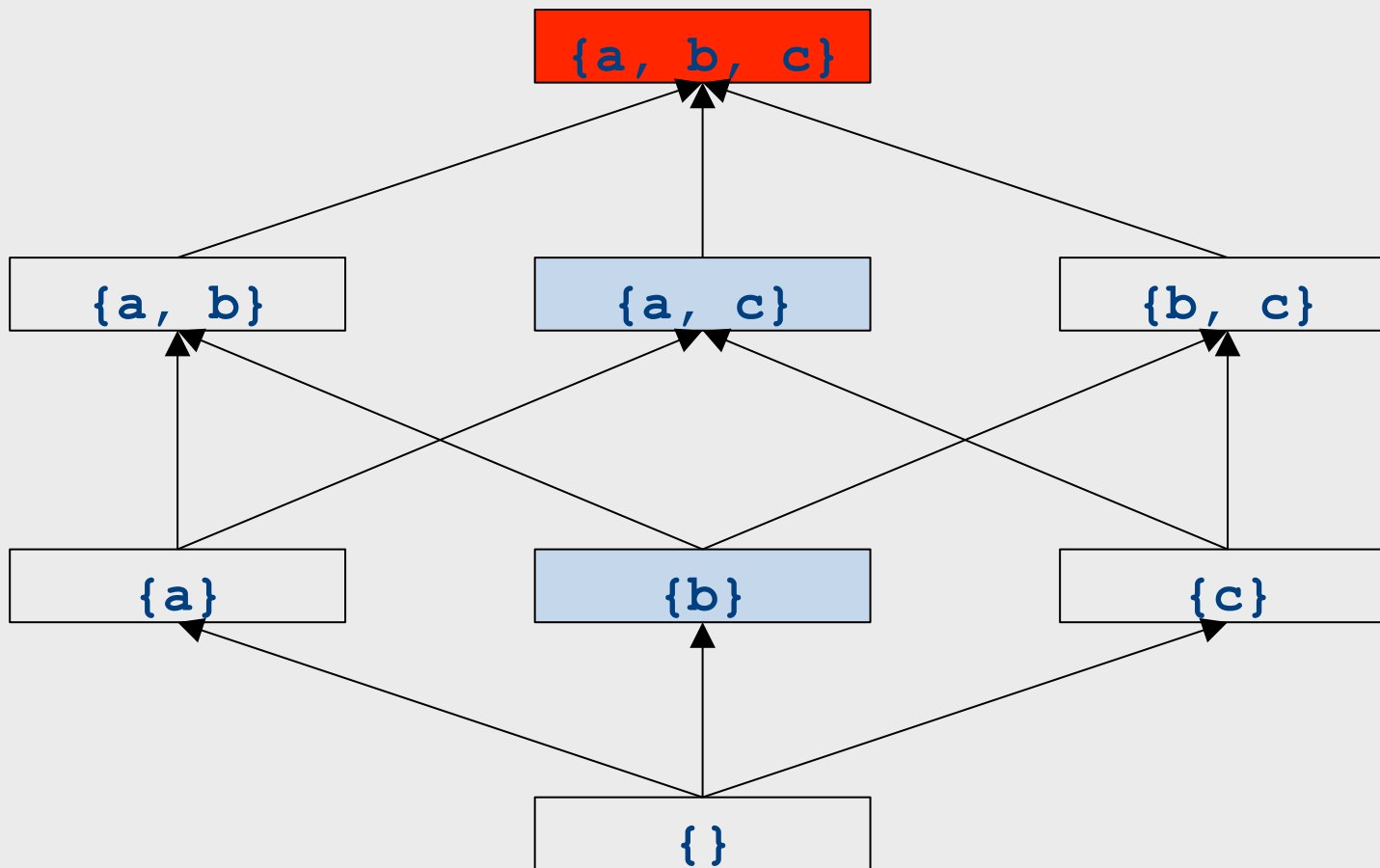
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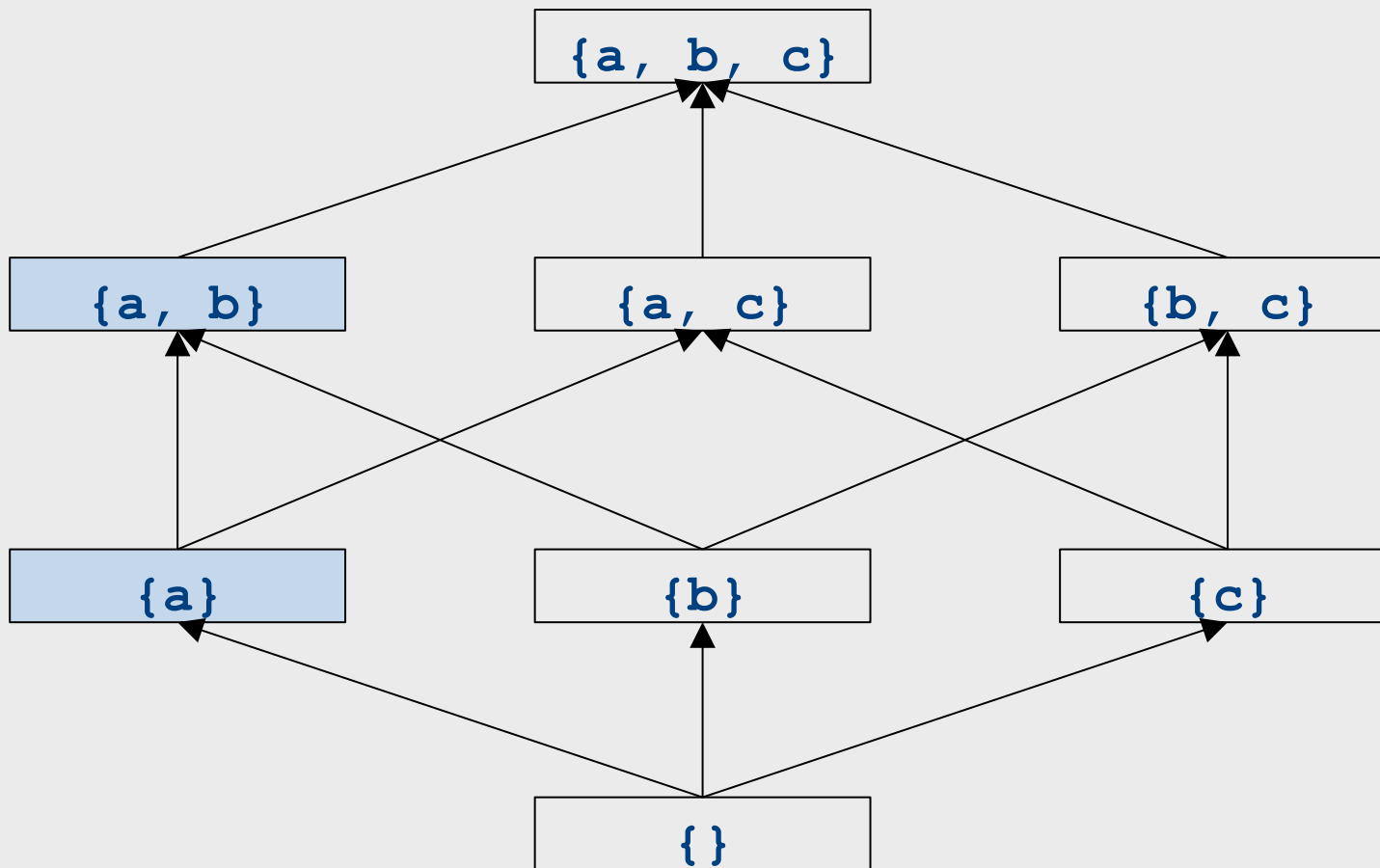
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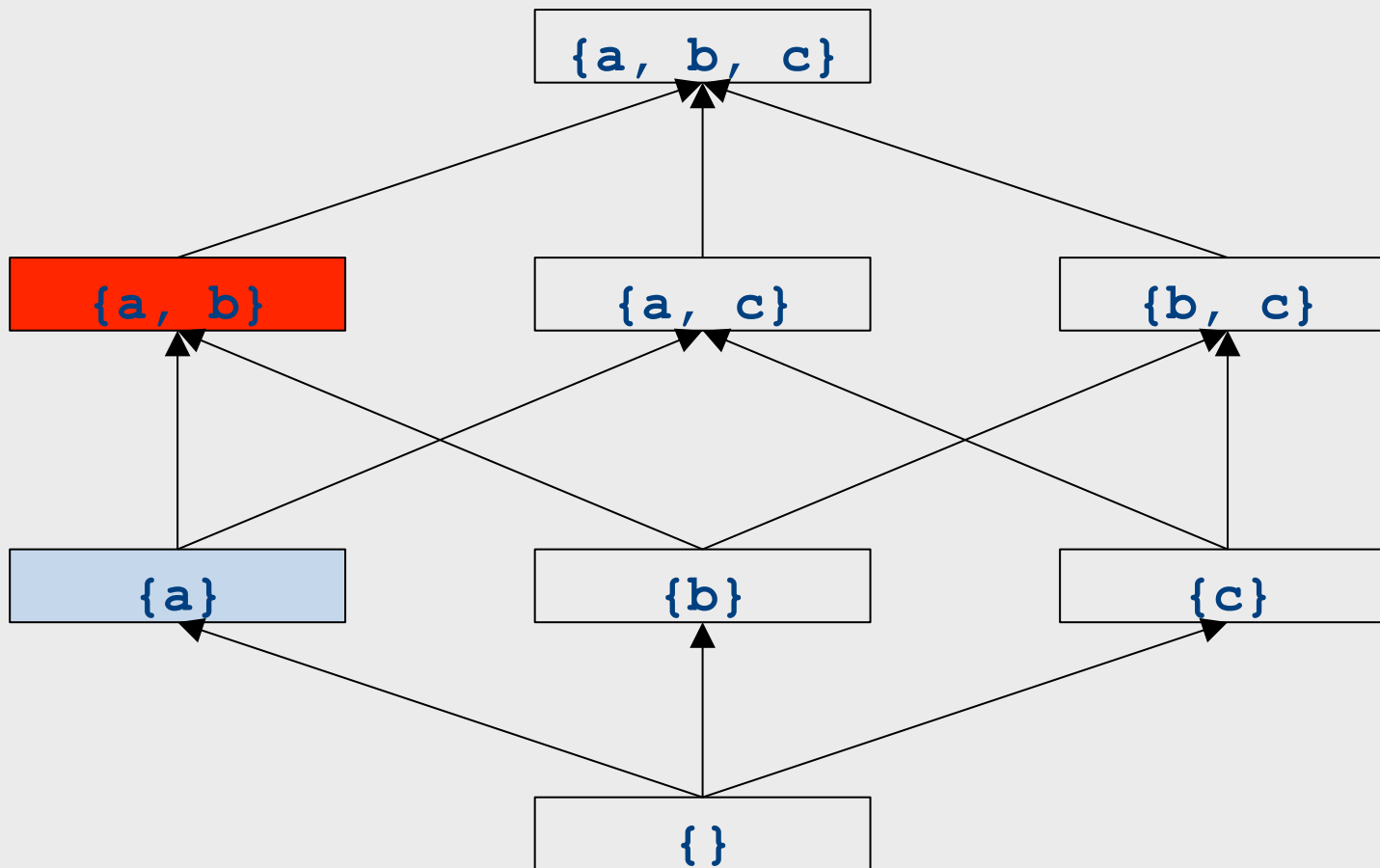
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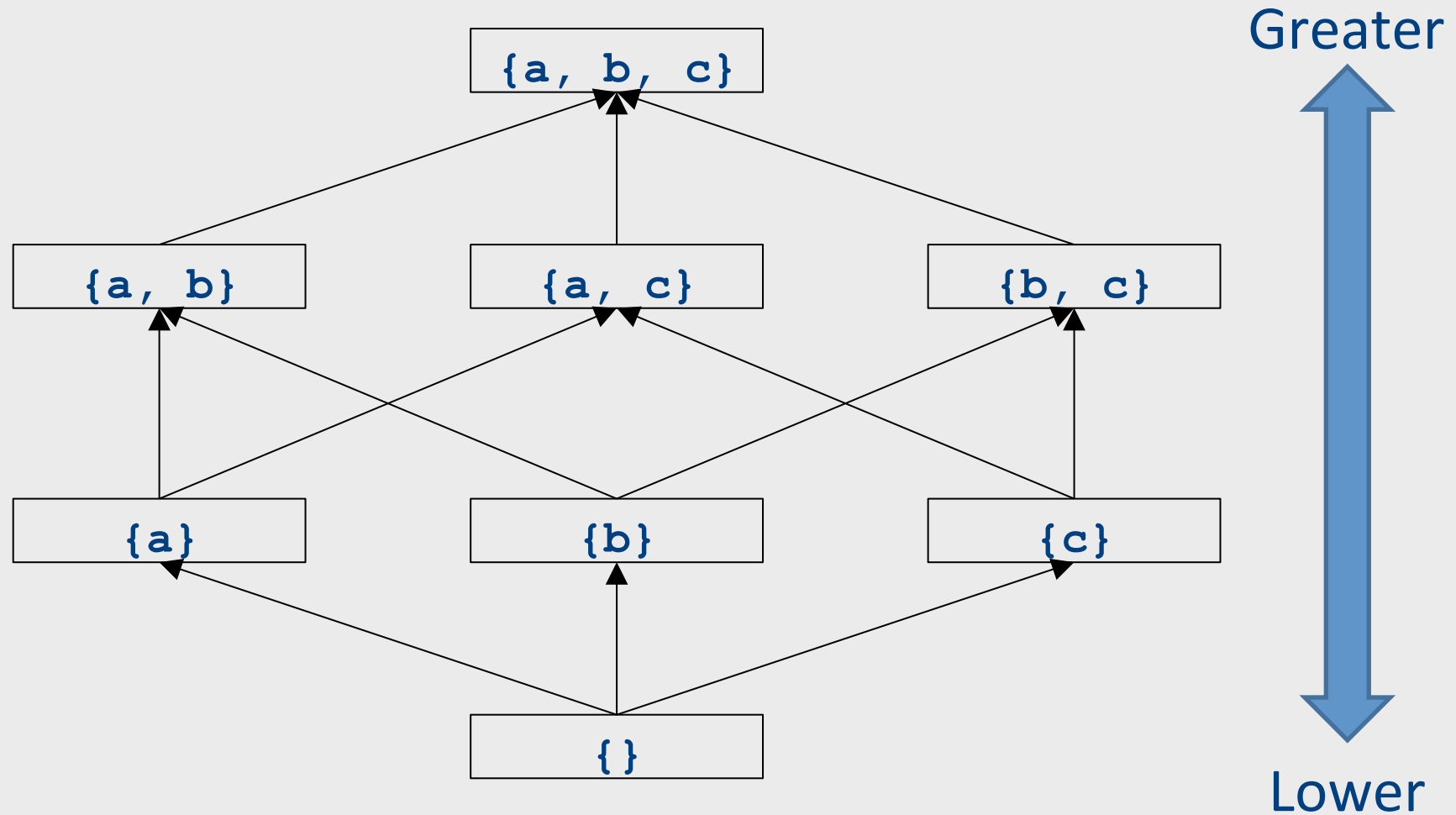
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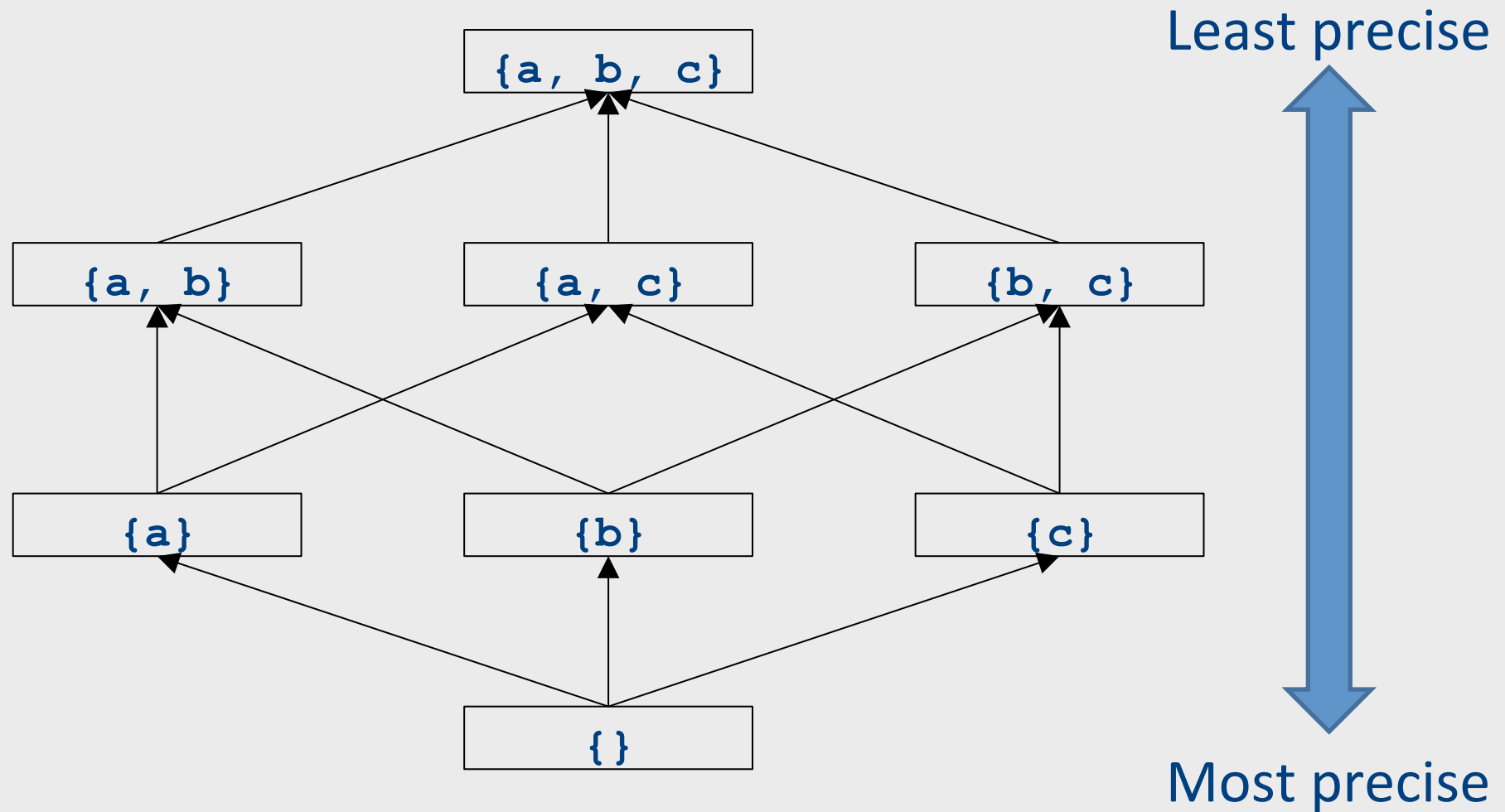
Formal definitions

- A **join semilattice** is a pair (V, \sqcup) , where
- V is a domain of elements
- \sqcup is a **join operator** that is
 - **commutative**: $x \sqcup y = y \sqcup x$
 - **associative**: $(x \sqcup y) \sqcup z = x \sqcup (y \sqcup z)$
 - **idempotent**: $x \sqcup x = x$
- If $x \sqcup y = z$, we say that z is the **join** or (**least upper bound**) of x and y
- Every join semilattice has a **bottom element** denoted \perp such that $\perp \sqcup x = x$ for all x

Join semilattices and ordering



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Join semilattices and orderings

- Every join semilattice (V, \sqcup) induces an ordering relationship \leq over its elements
- Define $x \leq y$ iff $x \sqcup y = y$
- Need to prove
 - Reflexivity: $x \leq x$
 - Antisymmetry: If $x \leq y$ and $y \leq x$, then $x = y$
 - Transitivity: If $x \leq y$ and $y \leq z$, then $x \leq z$

An example join semilattice

- The set of natural numbers and the **max** function
- Idempotent
 - $\mathbf{max}\{a, a\} = a$
- Commutative
 - $\mathbf{max}\{a, b\} = \mathbf{max}\{b, a\}$
- Associative
 - $\mathbf{max}\{a, \mathbf{max}\{b, c\}\} = \mathbf{max}\{\mathbf{max}\{a, b\}, c\}$
- Bottom element is 0:
 - $\mathbf{max}\{0, a\} = a$
- What is the ordering over these elements?

A join semilattice for liveness

- Sets of live variables and the set union operation
- Idempotent:
 - $x \sqcup x = x$
- Commutative:
 - $x \sqcup y = y \sqcup x$
- Associative:
 - $(x \sqcup y) \sqcup z = x \sqcup (y \sqcup z)$
- Bottom element:
 - The empty set: $\emptyset \sqcup x = x$
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Semilattices and program analysis

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A general framework

- A global analysis is a tuple $(\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{V}, \boxplus, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{I})$, where
 - \mathbf{D} is a direction (forward or backward)
 - The order to visit statements within a basic block, not the order in which to visit the basic blocks
 - \mathbf{V} is a set of values
 - \boxplus is a join operator over those values
 - \mathbf{F} is a set of transfer functions $f: \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{V}$
 - \mathbf{I} is an initial value
- The only difference from local analysis is the introduction of the join operator

Running global analyses

- Assume that $(\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{V}, \boxed{\mathbb{W}}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{I})$ is a forward analysis
- Set $\text{OUT}[s] = \boxed{\mathbb{W}}$ for all statements s
- Set $\text{OUT}[\text{entry}] = \mathbf{I}$
- Repeat until no values change:
 - For each statement s with predecessors $\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n$:
 - Set $\text{IN}[s] = \text{OUT}[\mathbf{p}_1] \boxed{\mathbb{W}} \text{OUT}[\mathbf{p}_2] \boxed{\mathbb{W}} \dots \boxed{\mathbb{W}} \text{OUT}[\mathbf{p}_n]$
 - Set $\text{OUT}[s] = f_s(\text{IN}[s])$
- The order of this iteration does not matter
 - This is sometimes called **chaotic iteration**

For comparison

- Set $OUT[s] = \perp$ for all statements s
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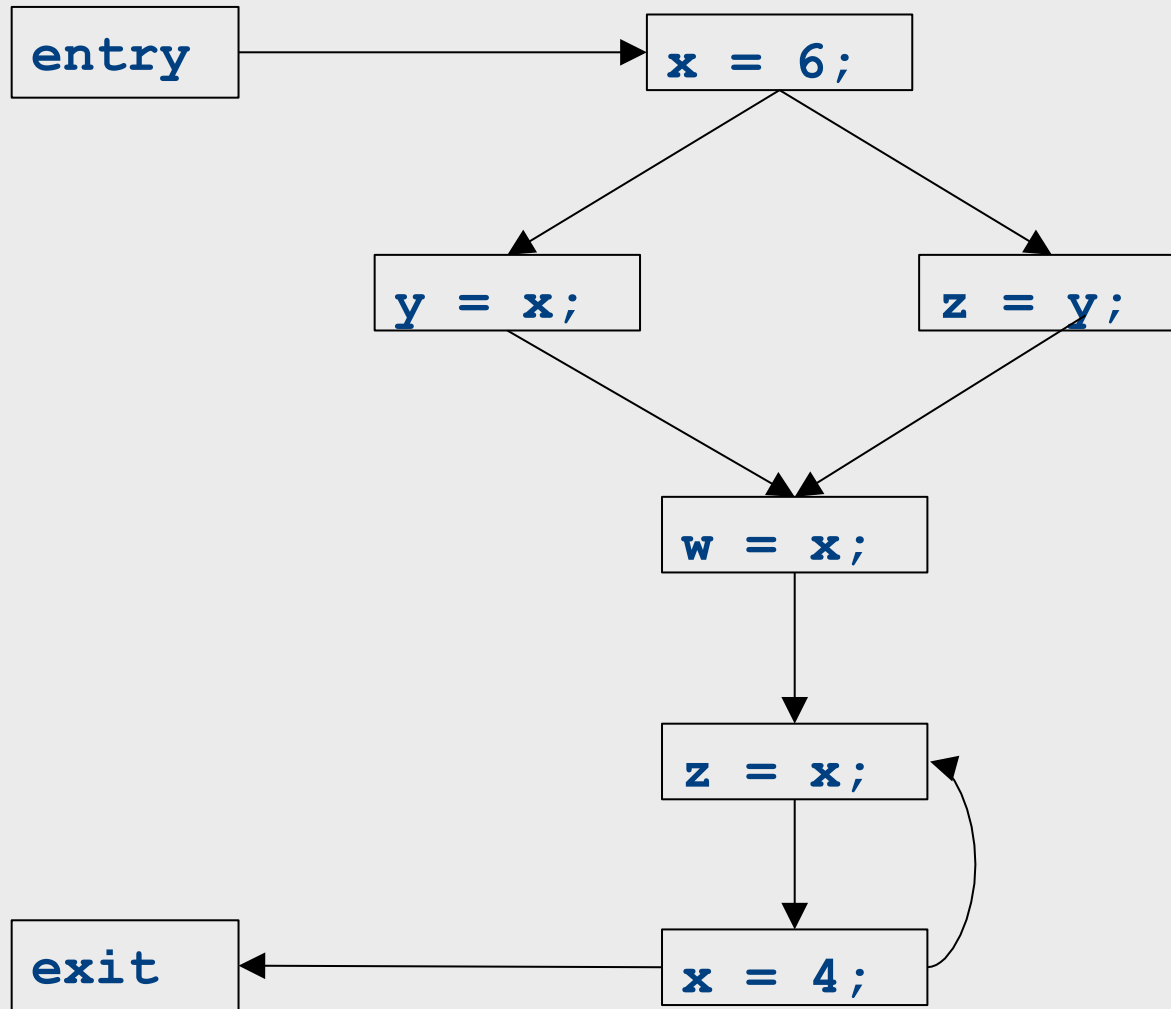
The dataflow framework

- This form of analysis is called the **dataflow framework**
- Can be used to easily prove an analysis is sound
- With certain restrictions, can be used to prove that an analysis eventually terminates
 - Again, more on that later

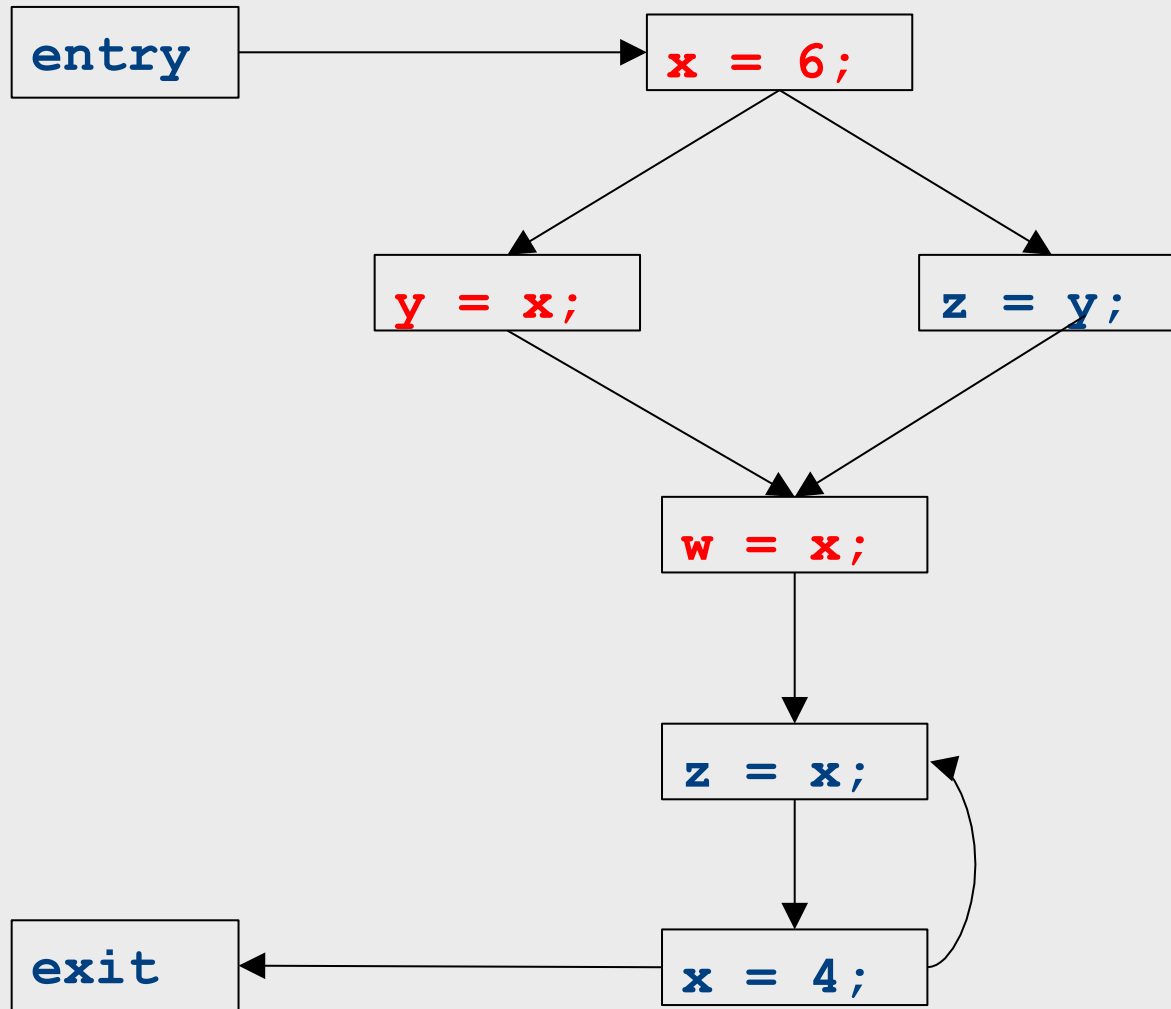
Global constant propagation

- **Constant propagation** is an optimization that replaces each variable that is known to be a constant value with that constant
- An elegant example of the dataflow framework

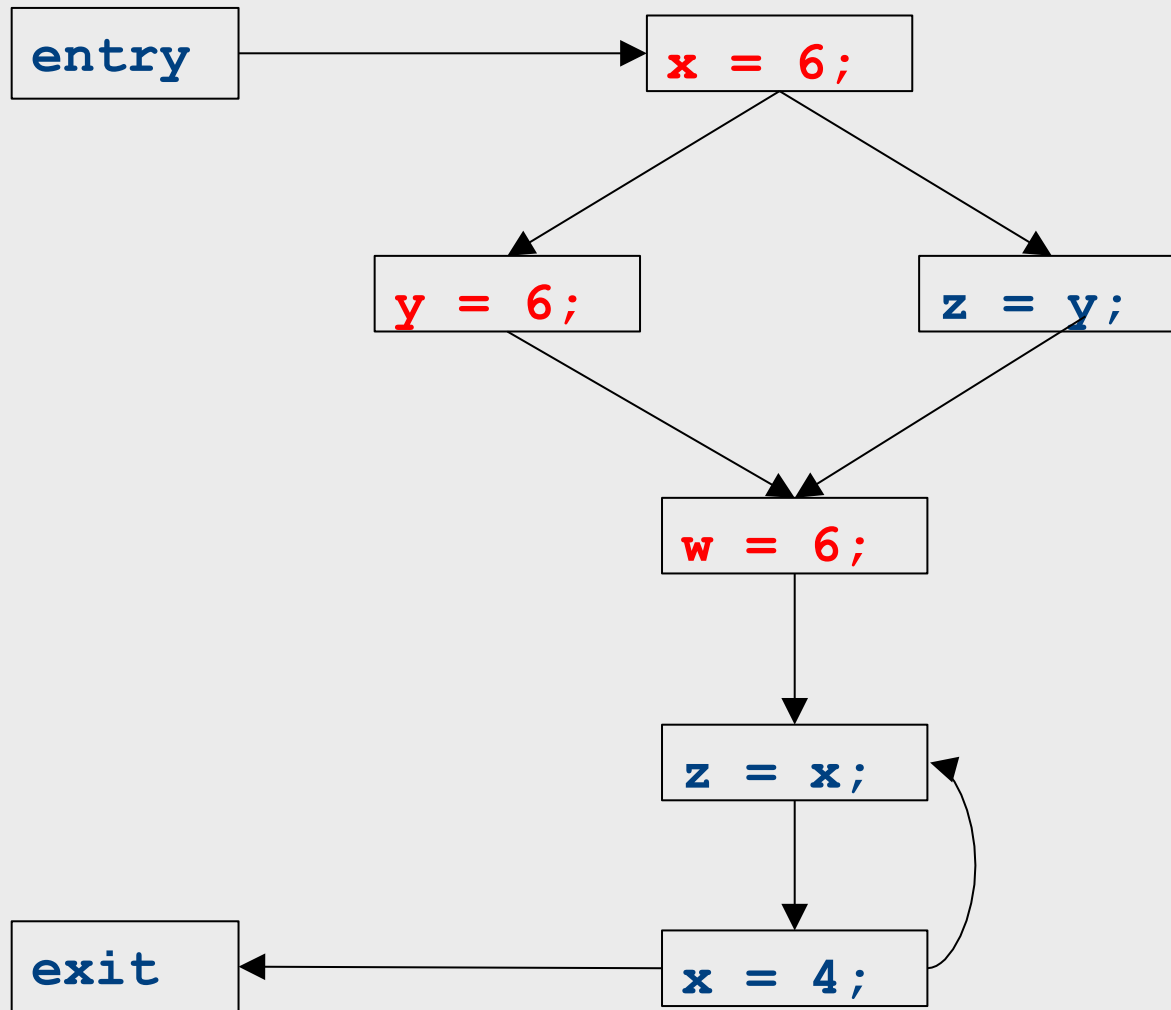
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Constant propagation analysis

- In order to do a constant propagation, we need to track what values might be assigned to a variable at each program point
- Every variable will either
 - Never have a value assigned to it,
 - Have a single constant value assigned to it,
 - Have two or more constant values assigned to it, or
 - Have a known non-constant value.
 - Our analysis will propagate this information throughout a CFG to identify locations where a value is constant

Properties of constant propagation

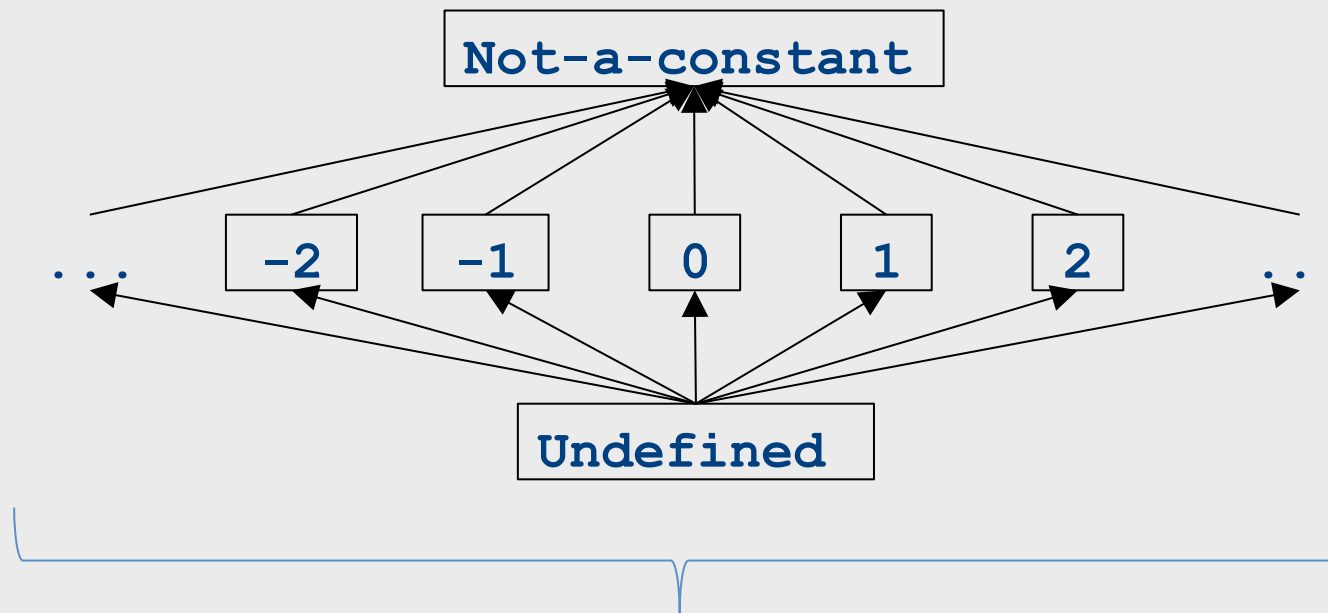
- For now, consider just some single variable x
- At each point in the program, we know one of three things about the value of x :
 - x is definitely not a constant, since it's been assigned two values or assigned a value that we know isn't a constant
 - x is definitely a constant and has value k
 - We have never seen a value for x
- Note that the first and last of these are **not** the same!
 - The first one means that there may be a way for x to have multiple values
 - The last one means that x never had a value at all

Defining a join operator

- The join of any two different constants is **Not-a-Constant**
 - (If the variable might have two different values on entry to a statement, it cannot be a constant)
- The join of **Not a Constant** and any other value is **Not-a-Constant**
 - (If on some path the value is known not to be a constant, then on entry to a statement its value can't possibly be a constant)
- The join of **Undefined** and any other value is that other value
 - (If **x** has no value on some path and does have a value on some other path, we can just pretend it always had the assigned value)

A semilattice for constant propagation

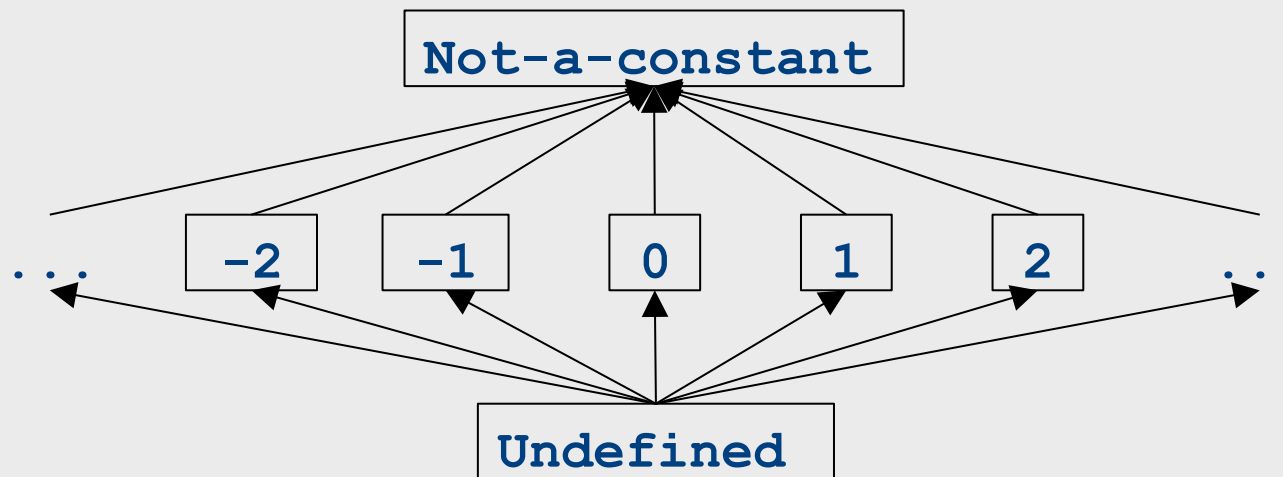
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The lattice is infinitely wide

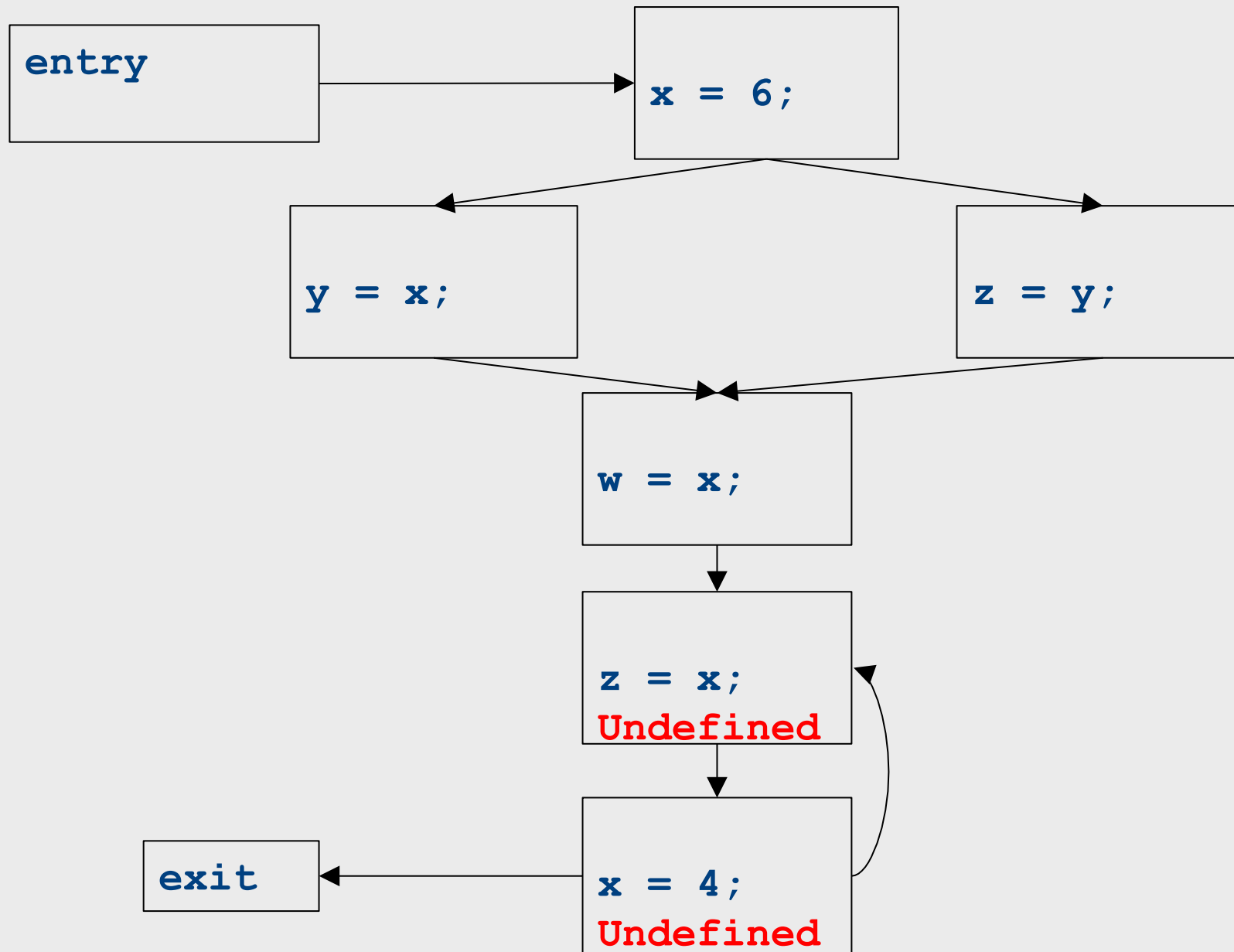
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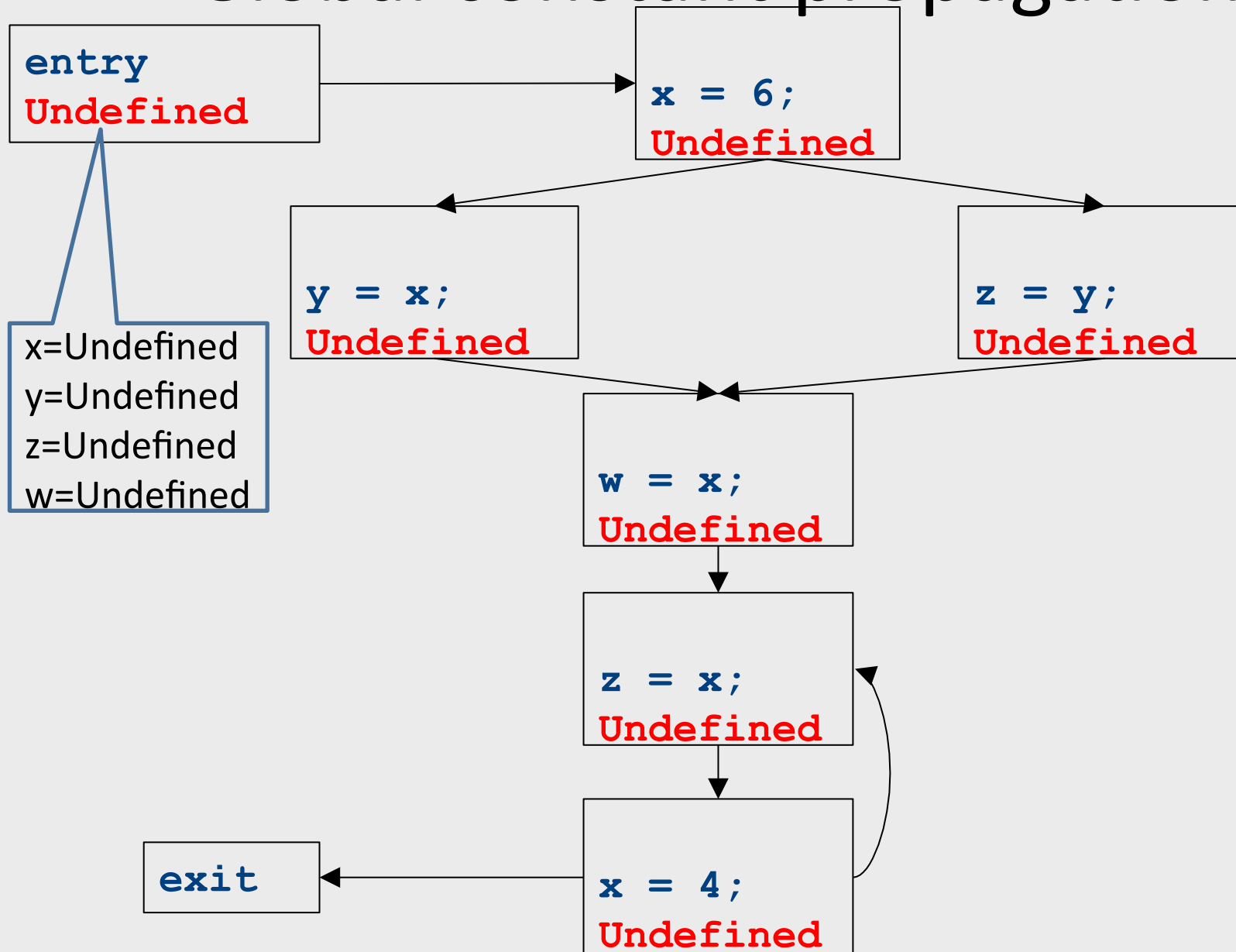


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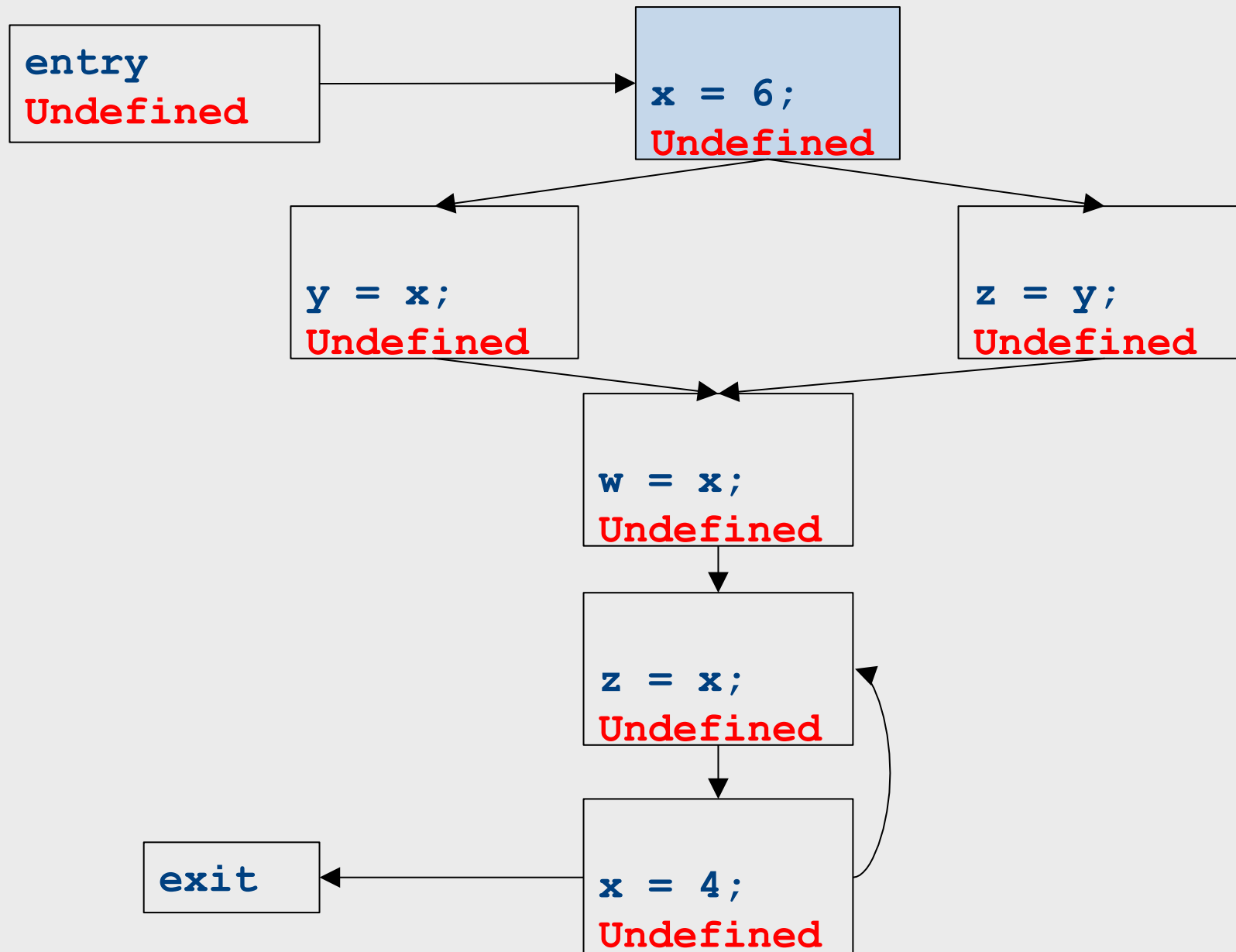
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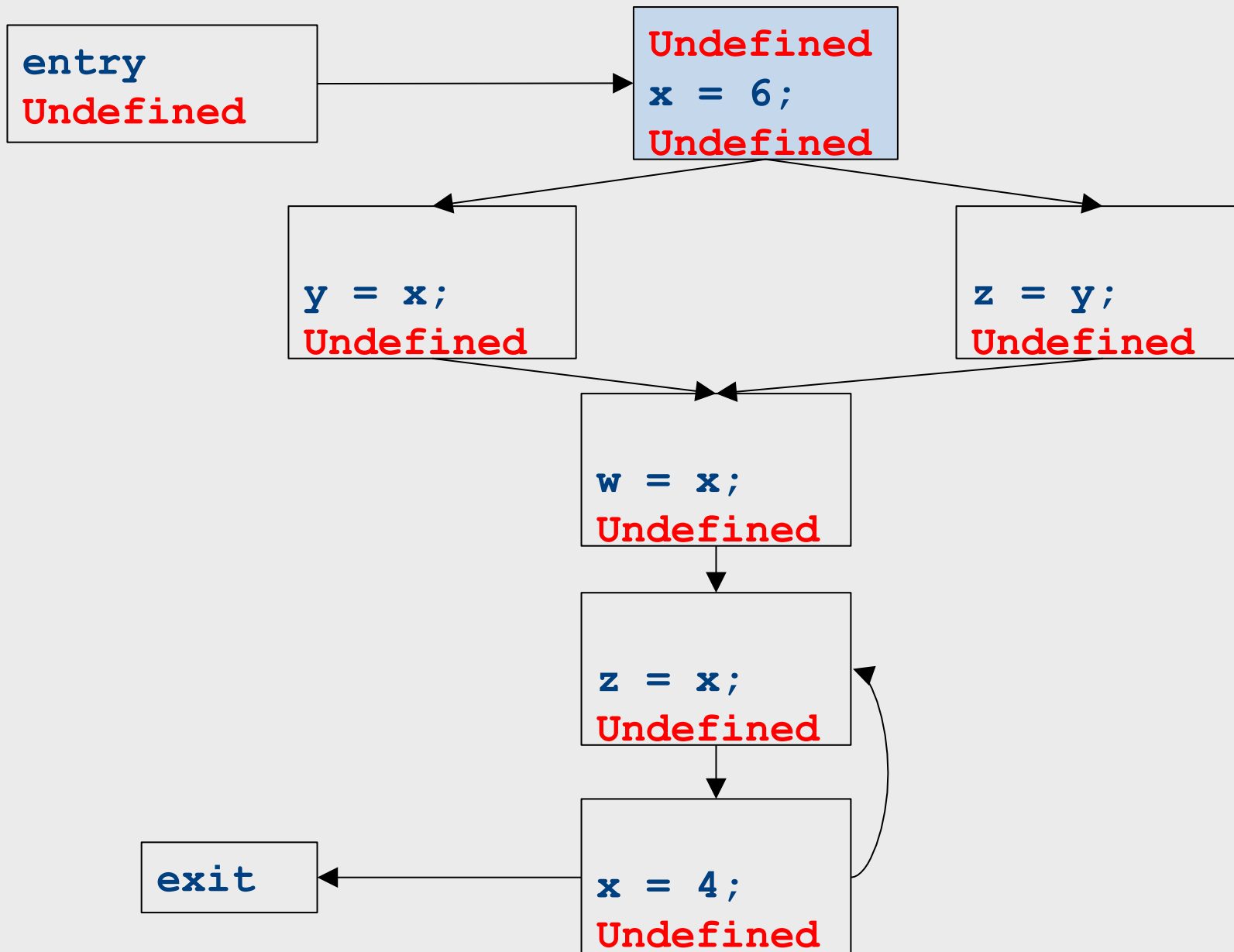
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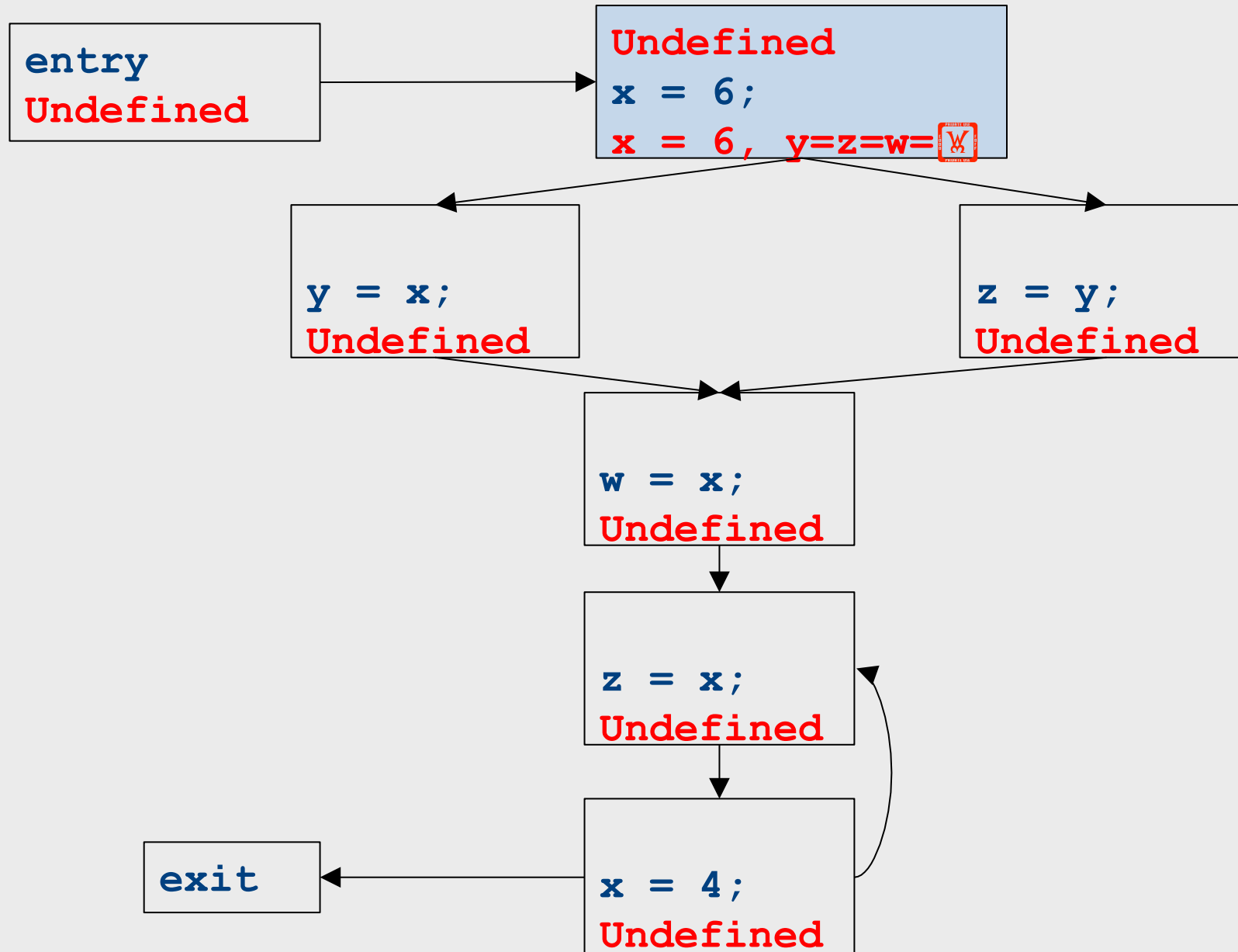
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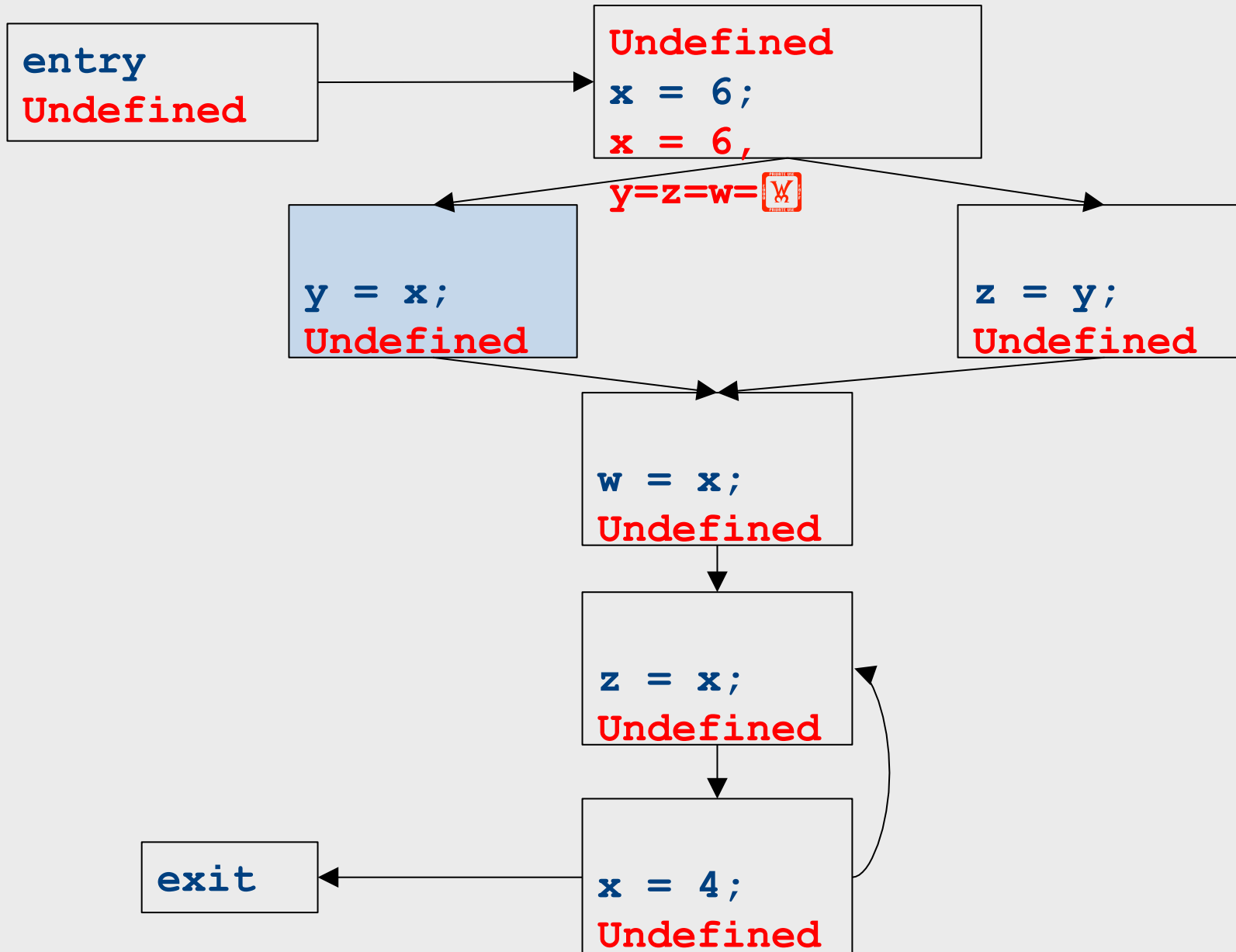
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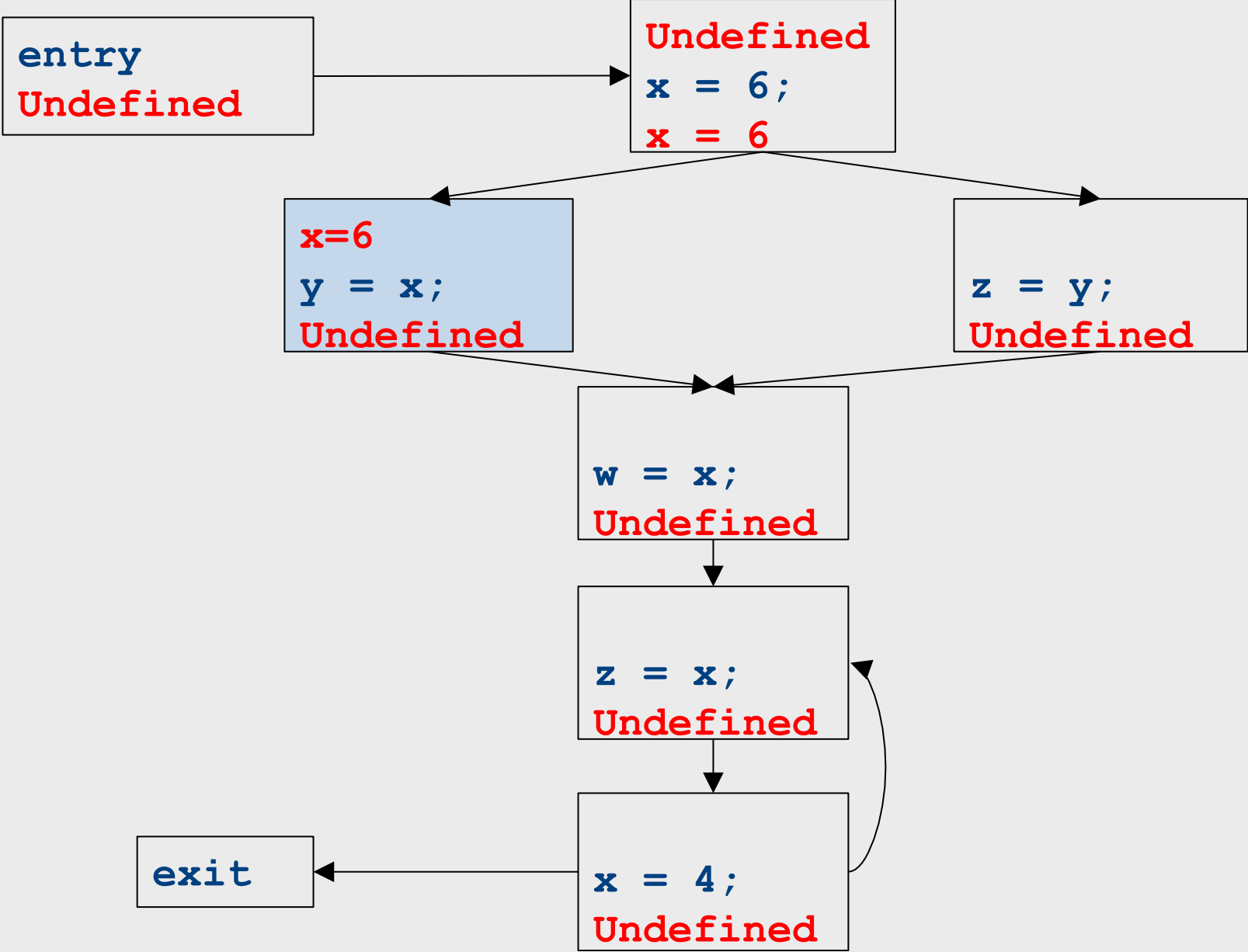
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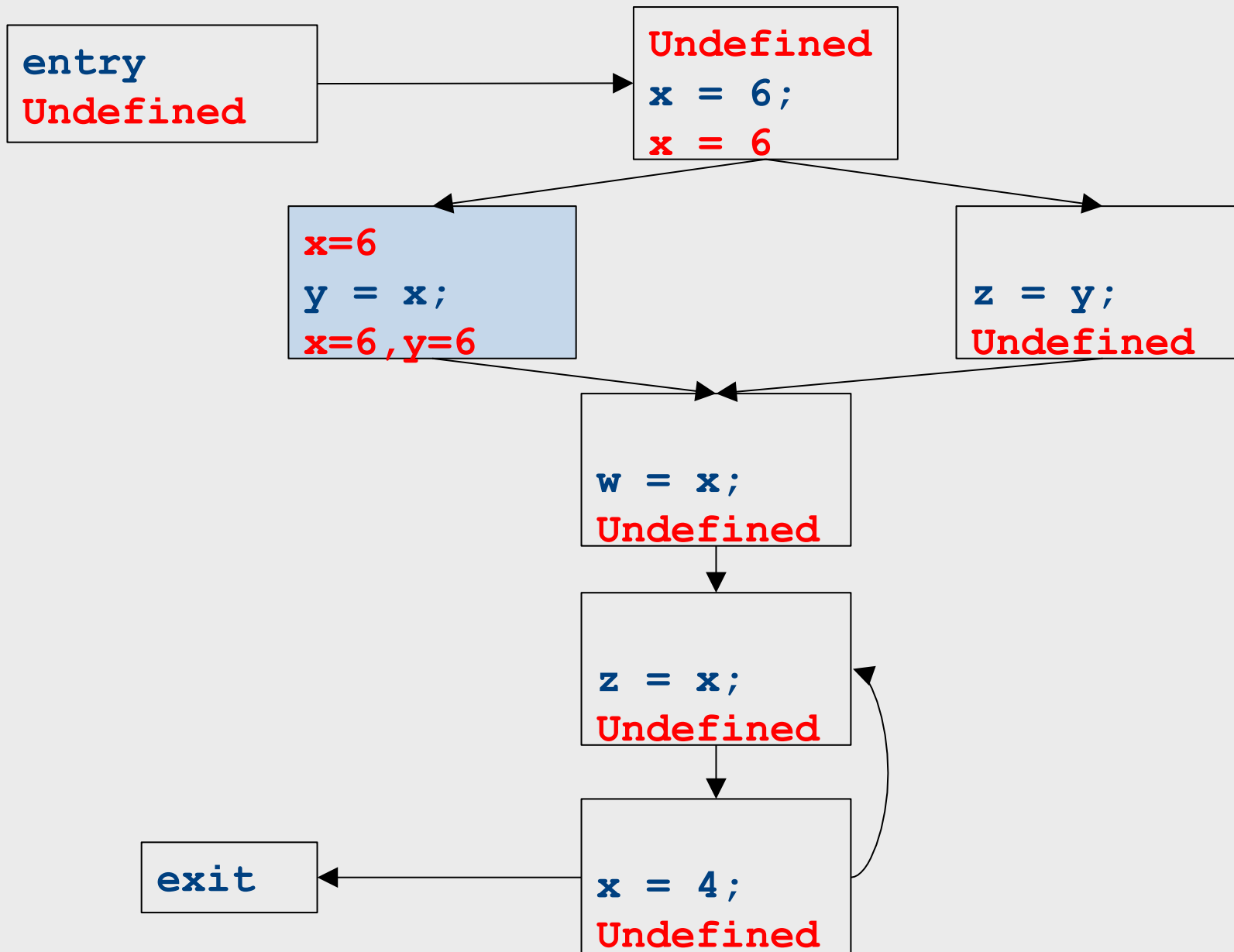
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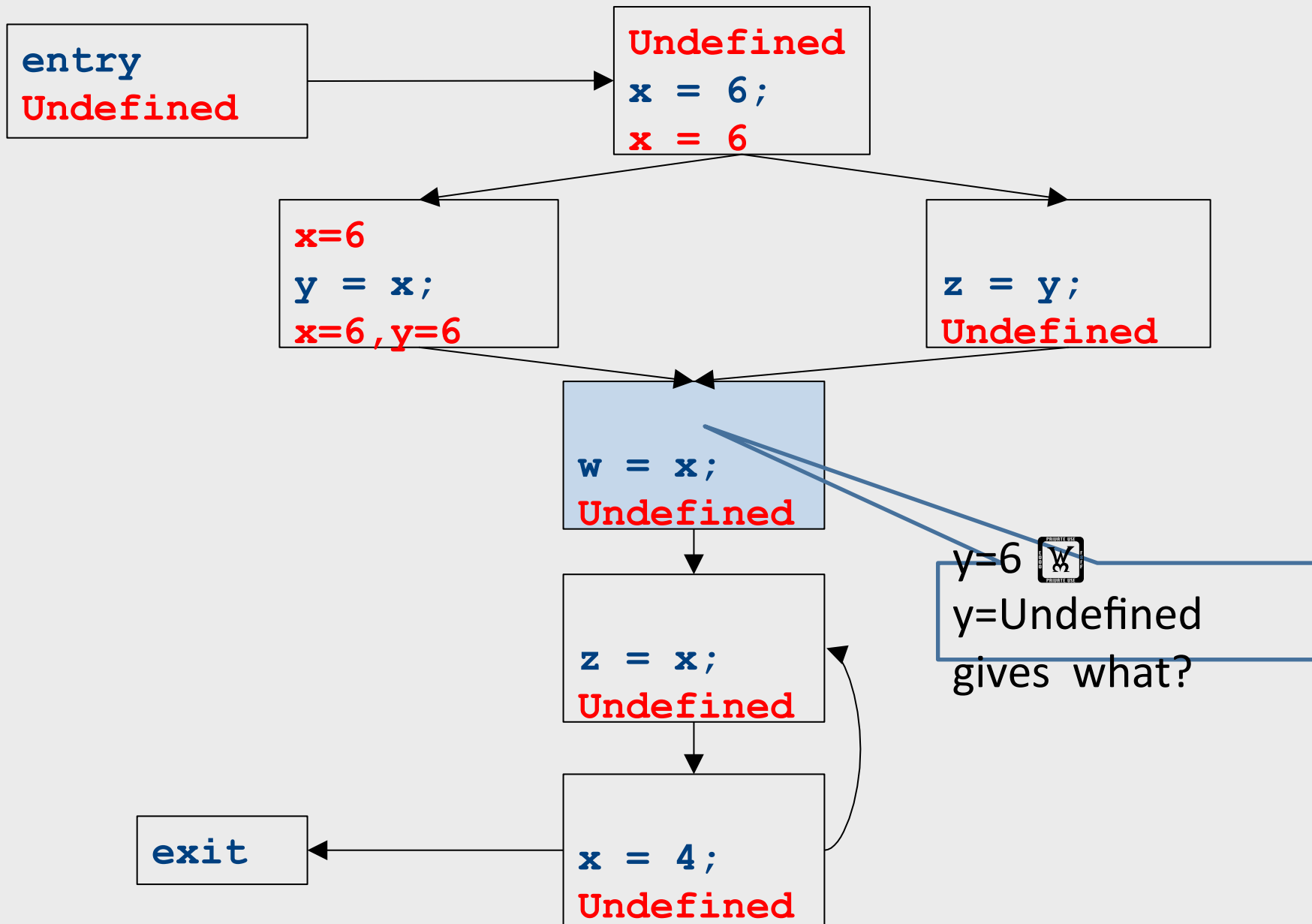
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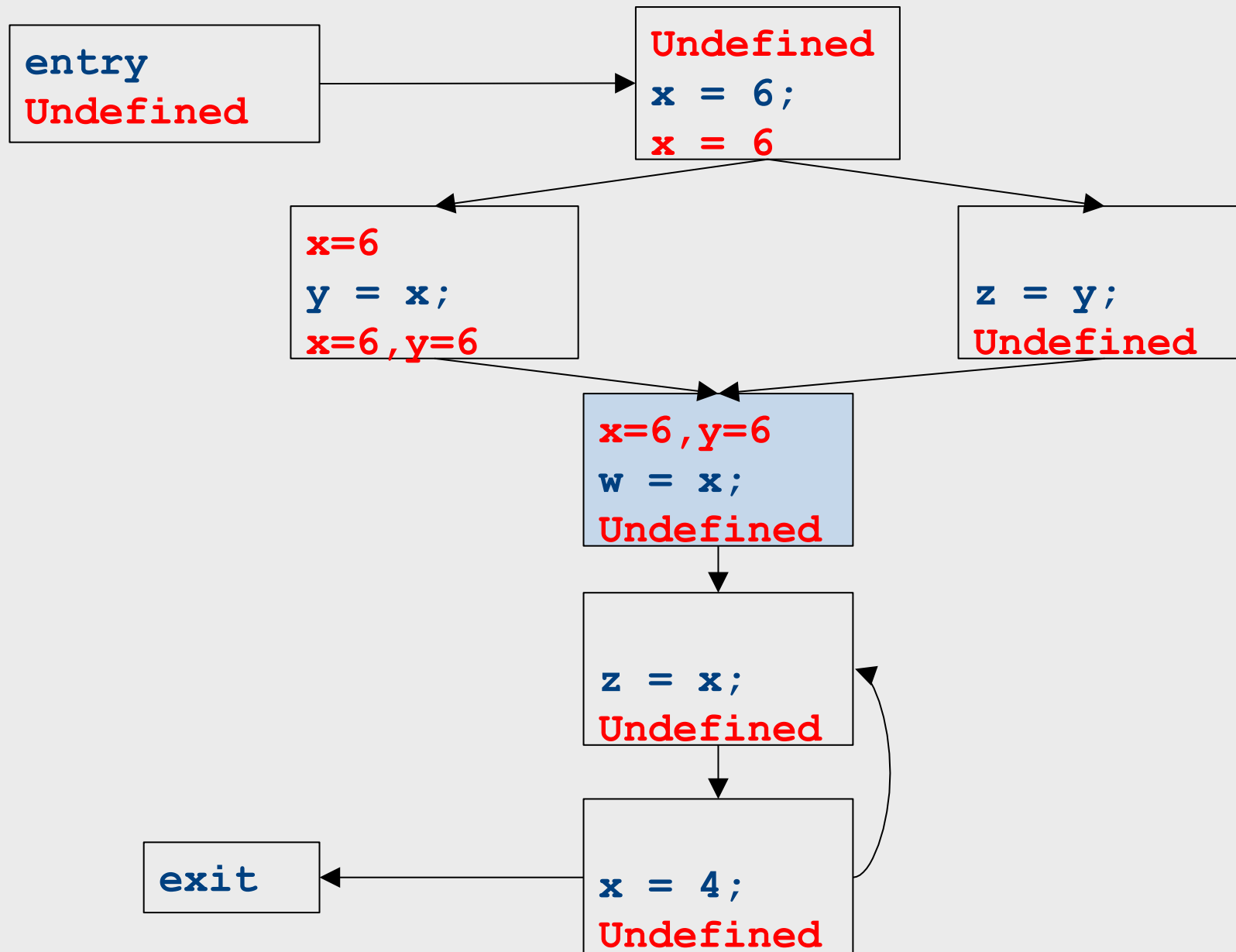
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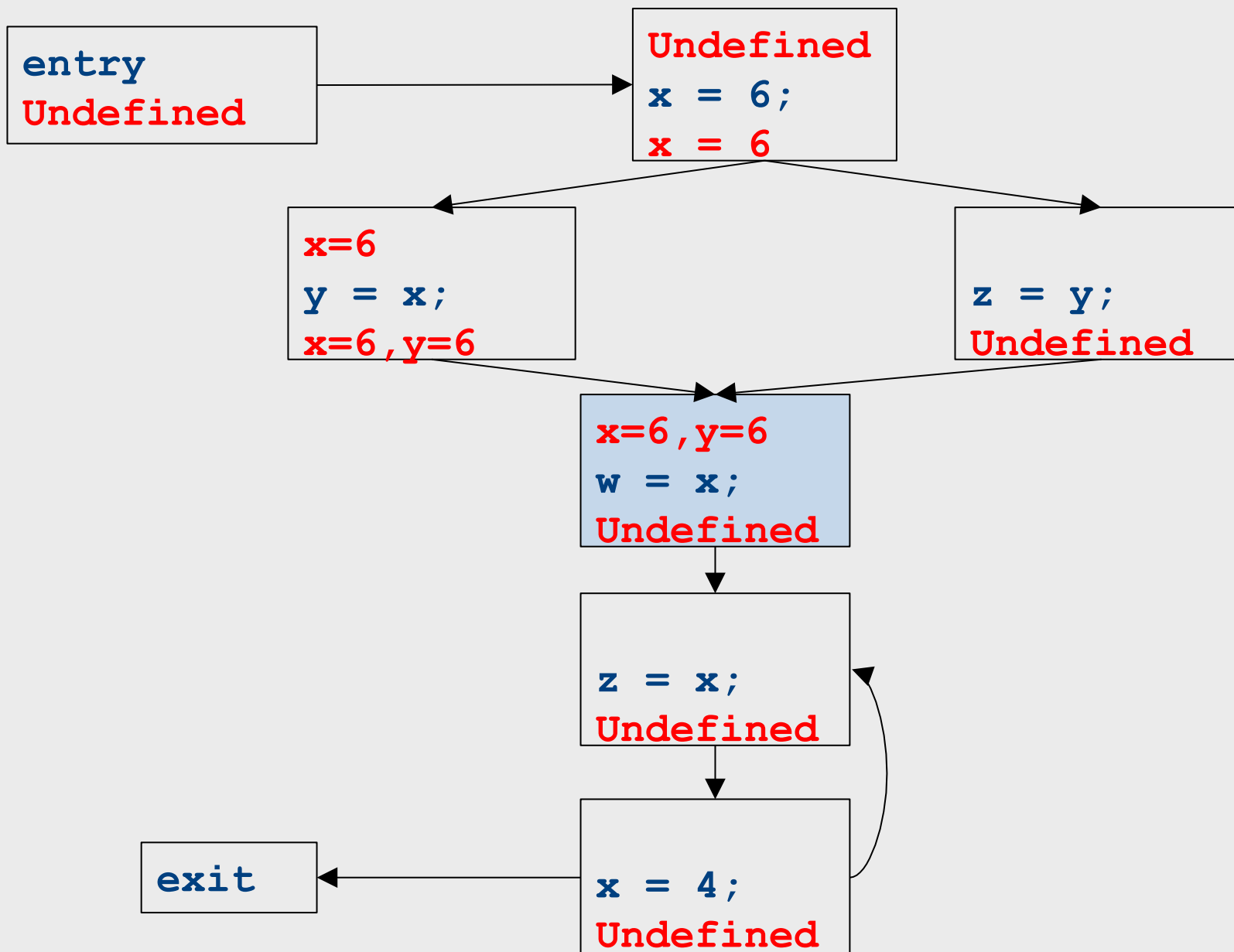
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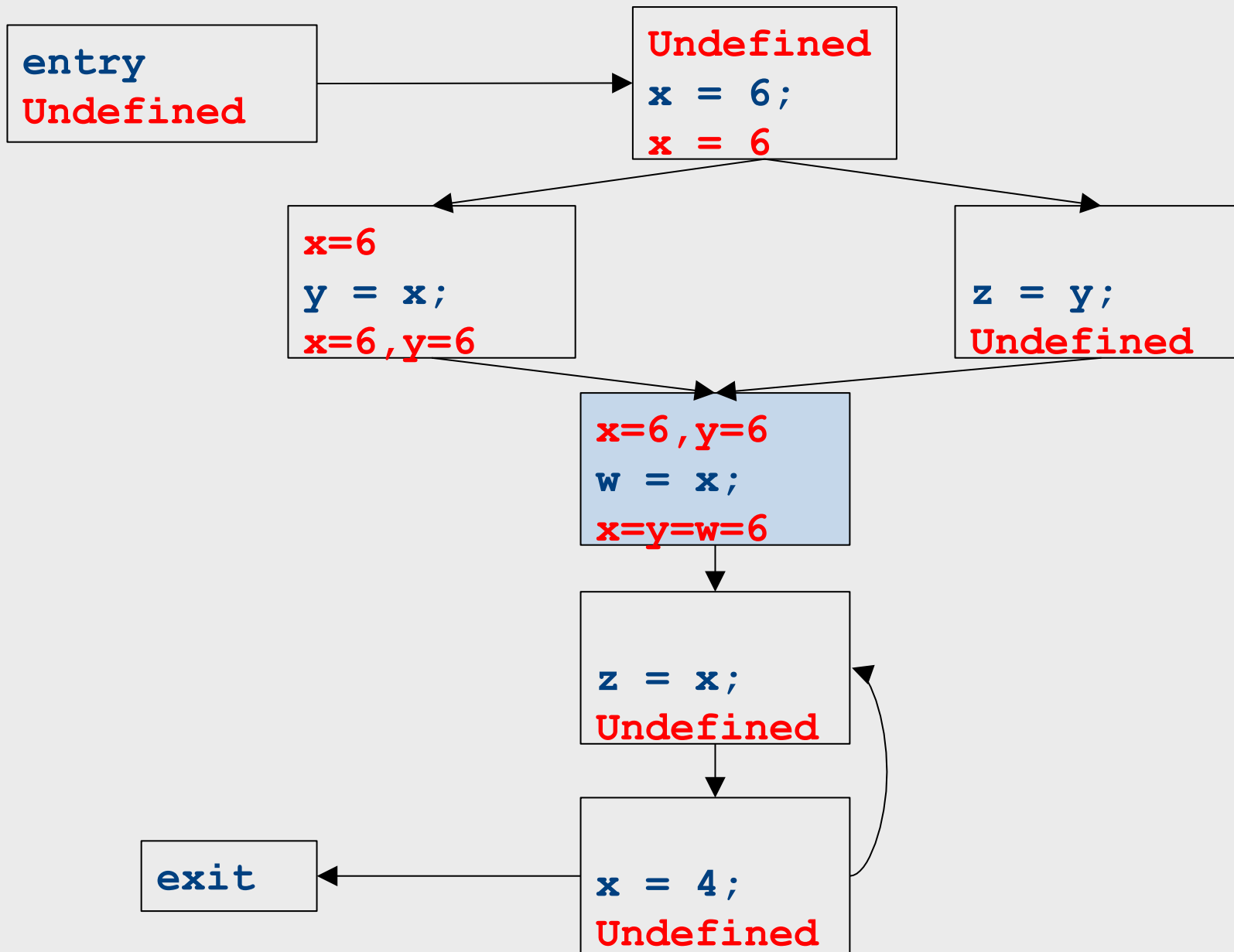
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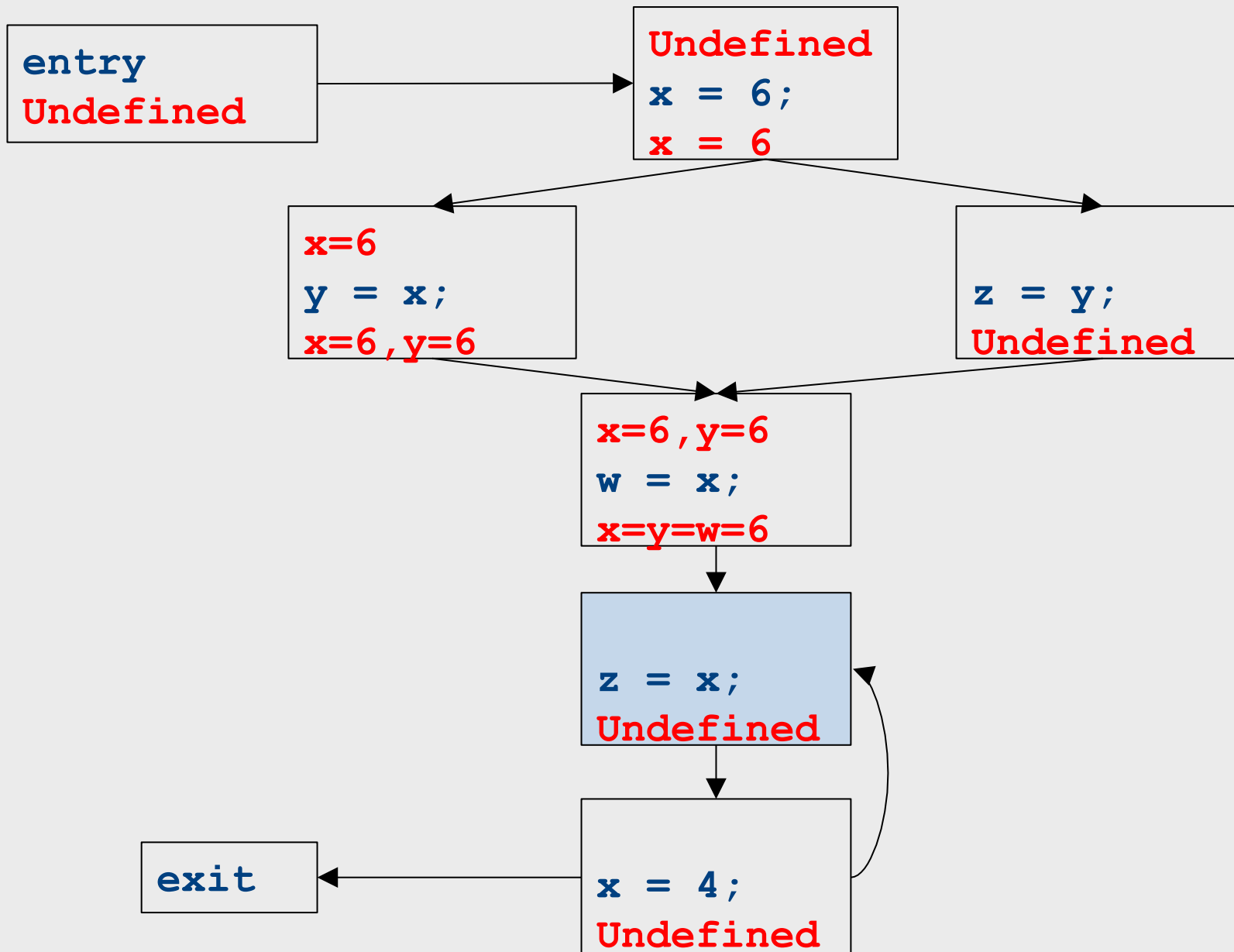
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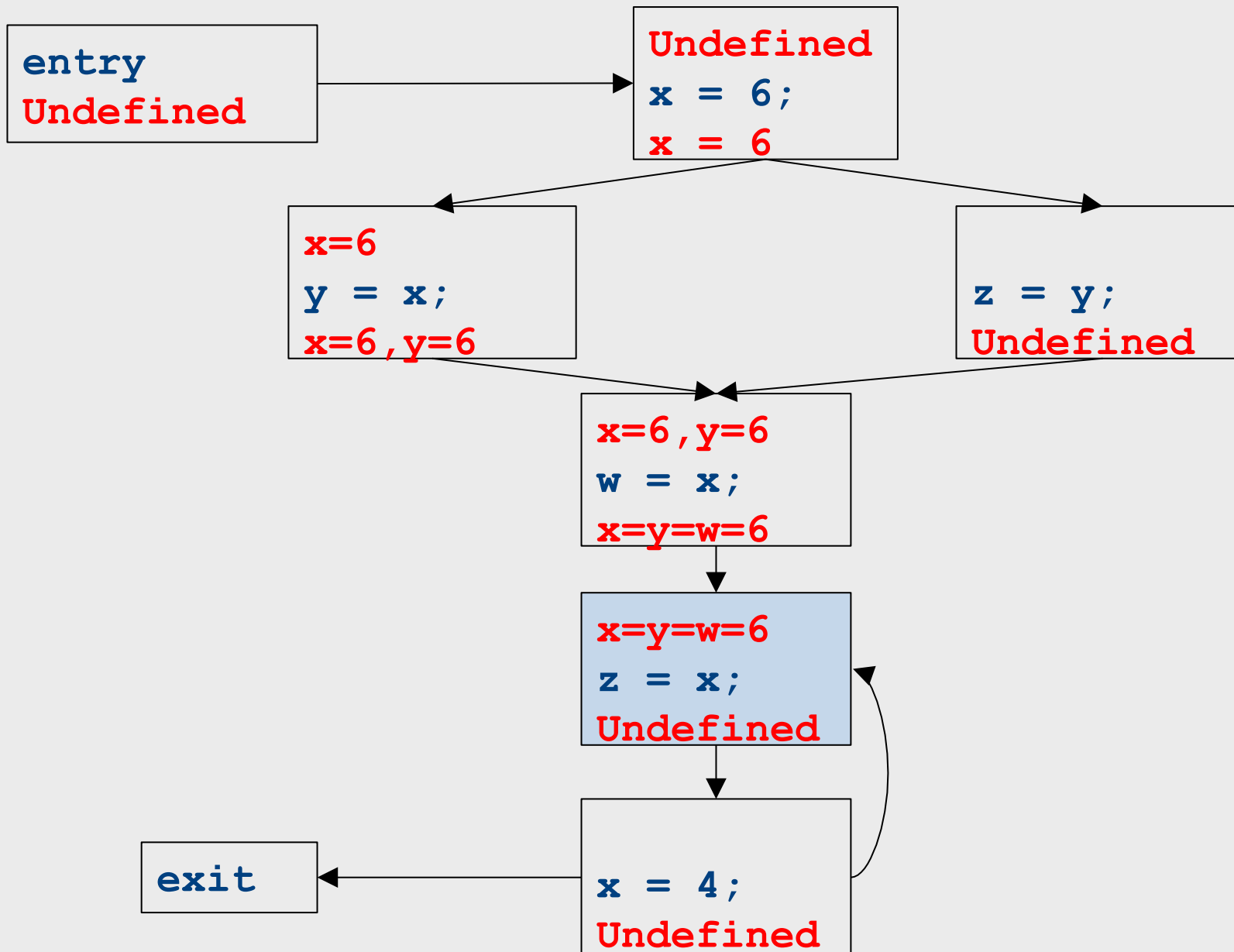
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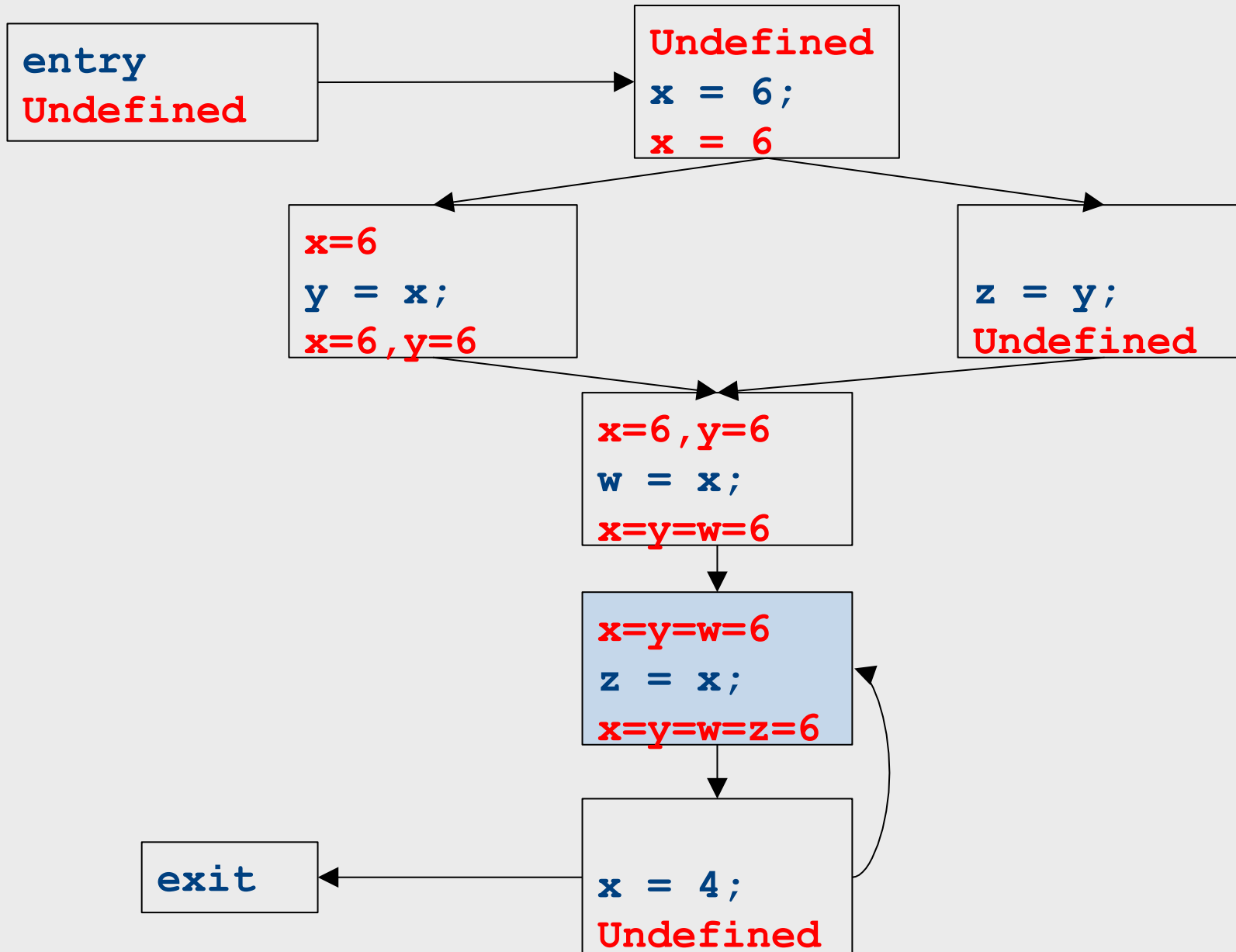
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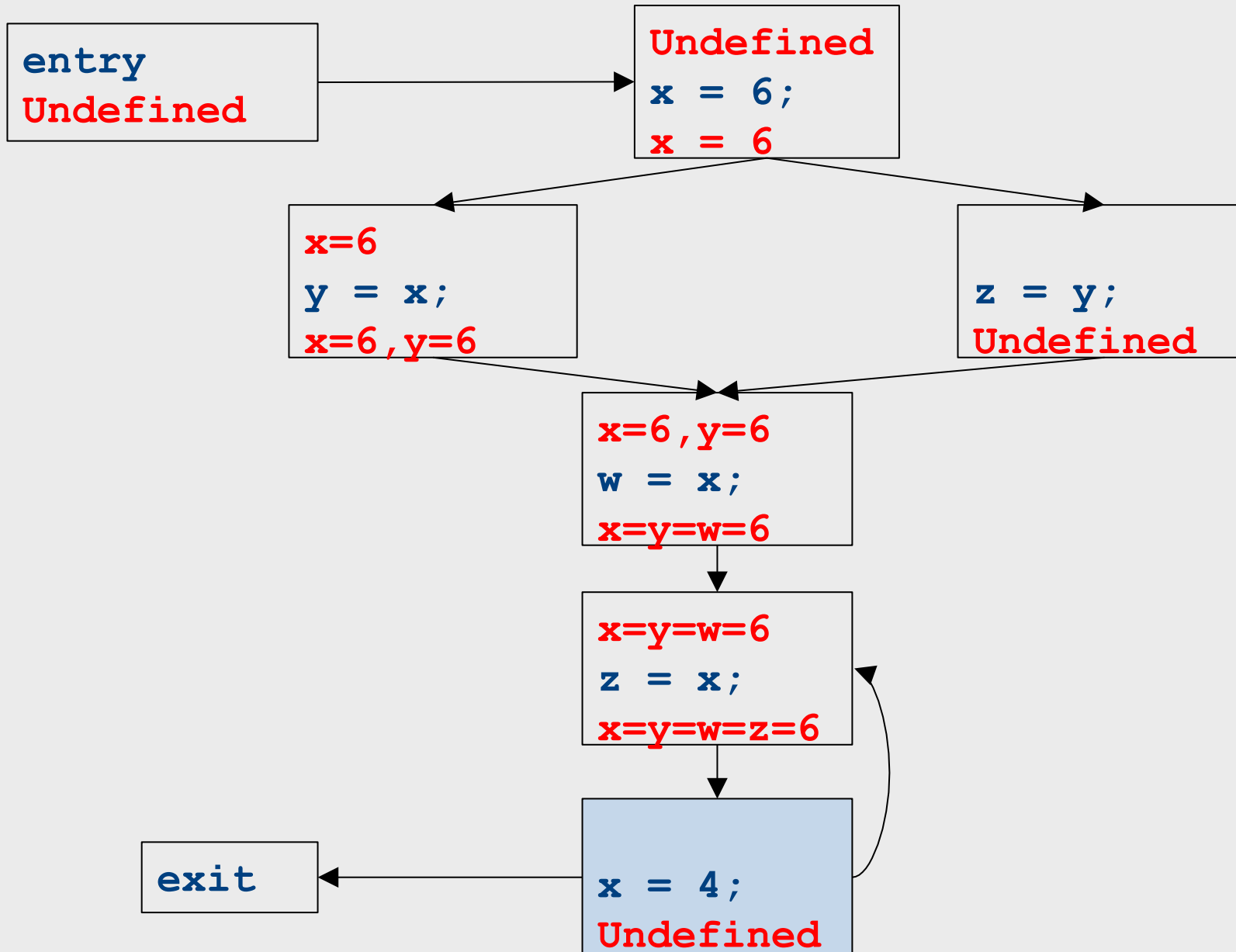
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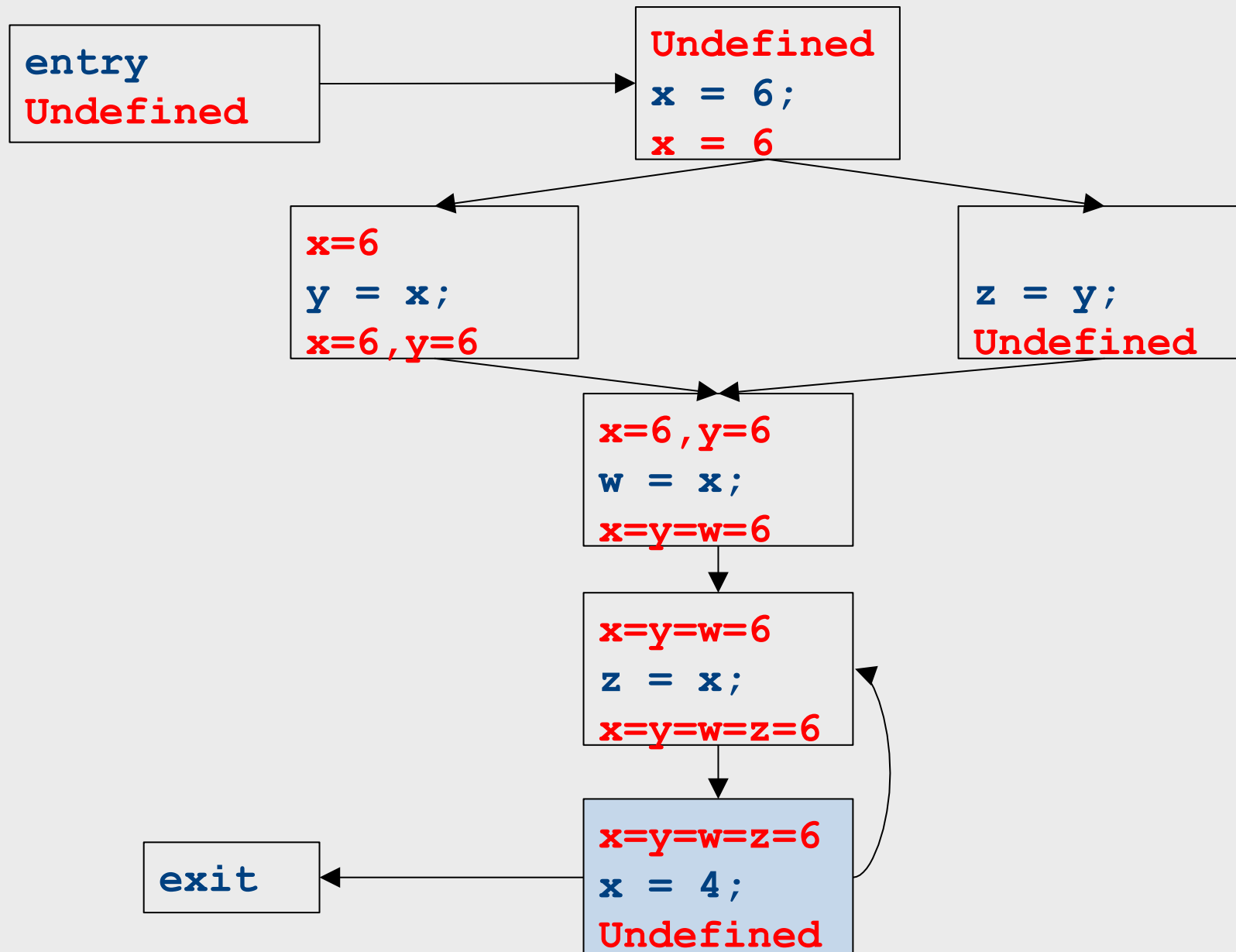
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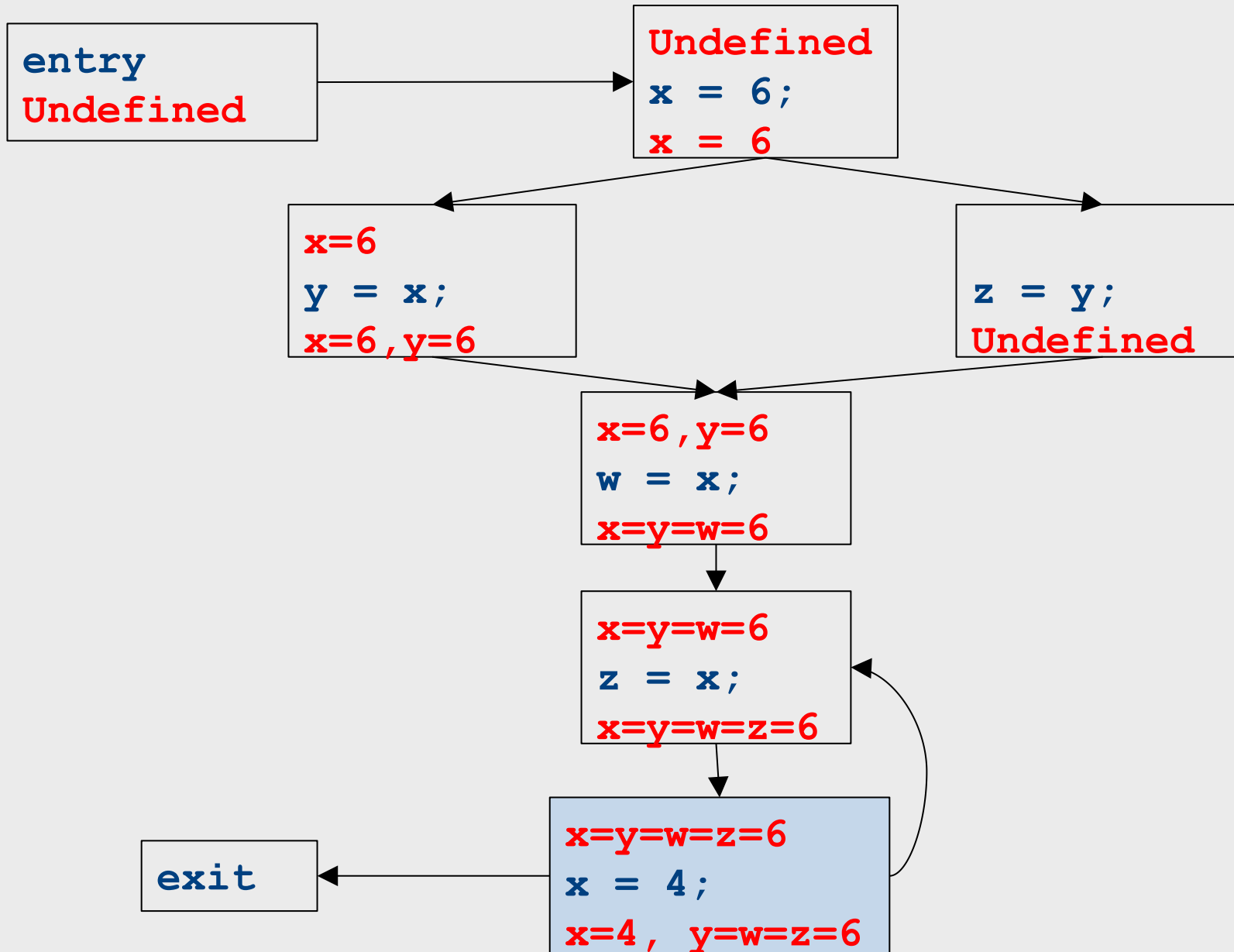
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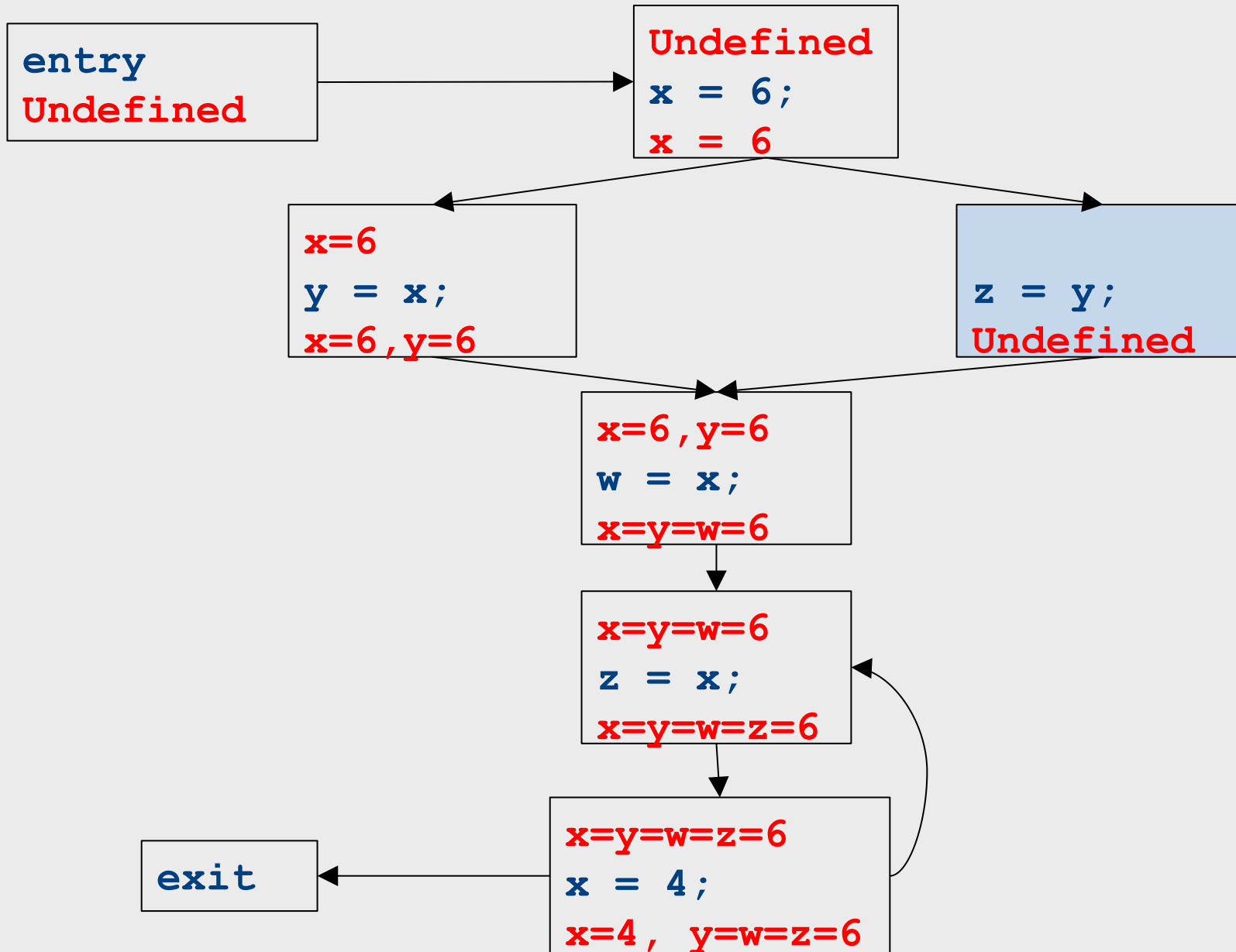
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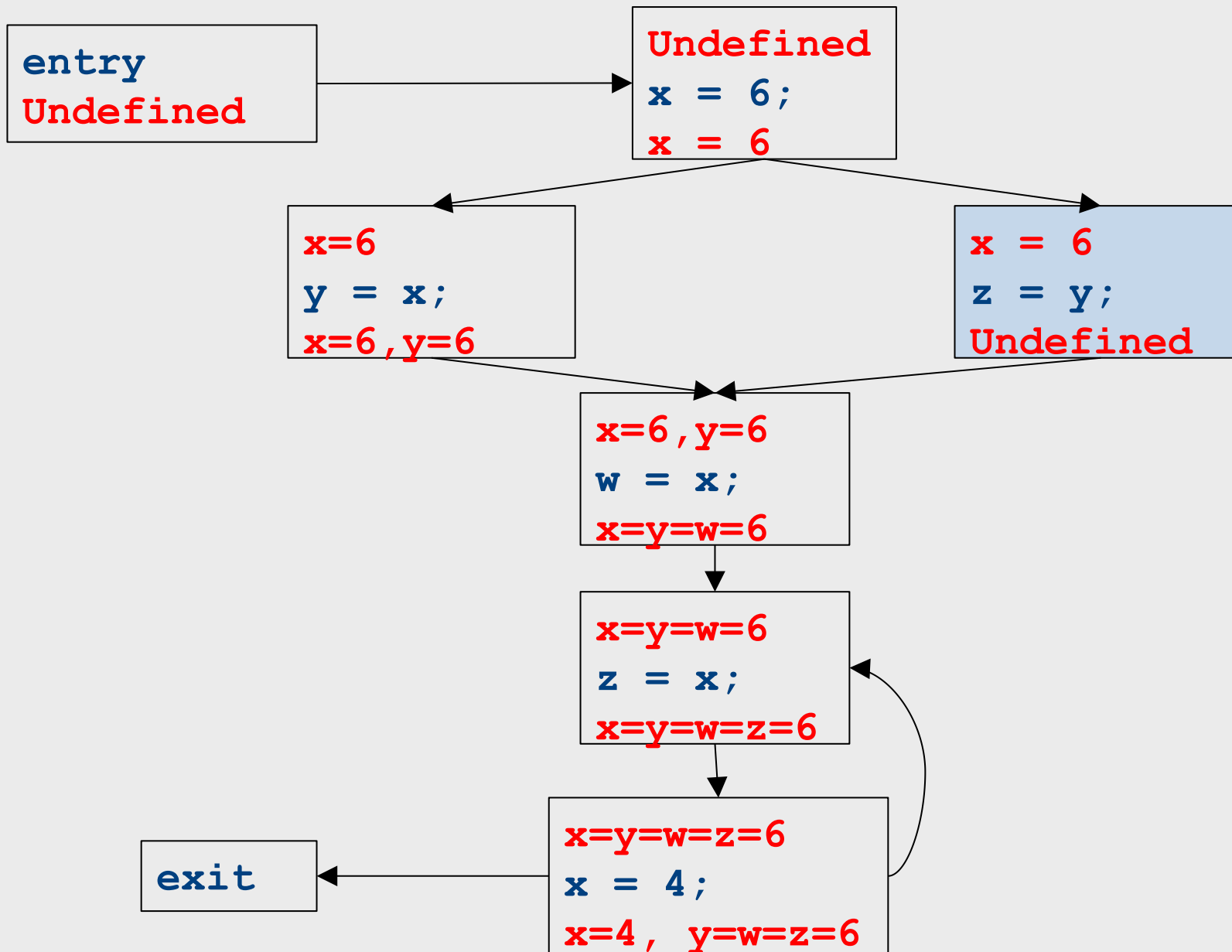
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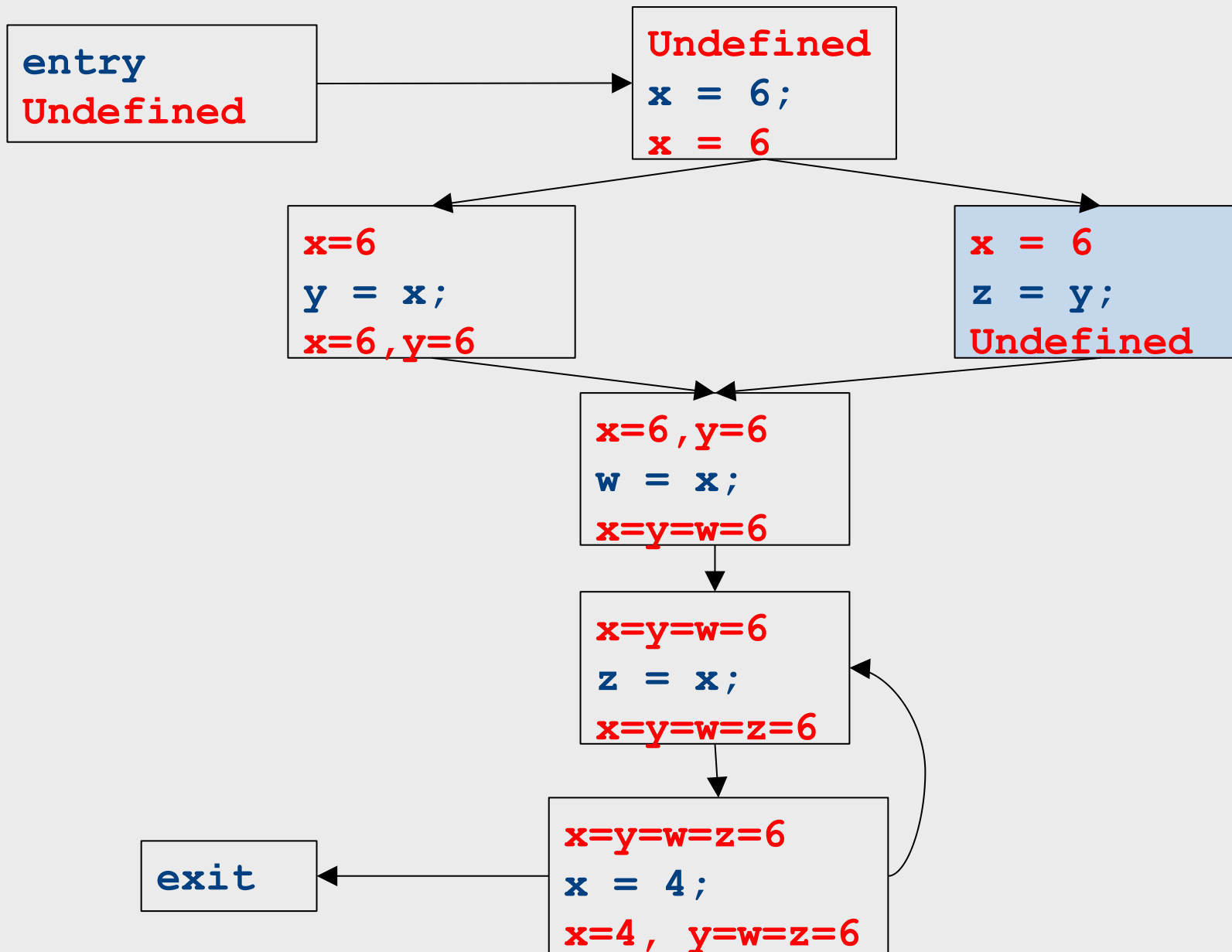
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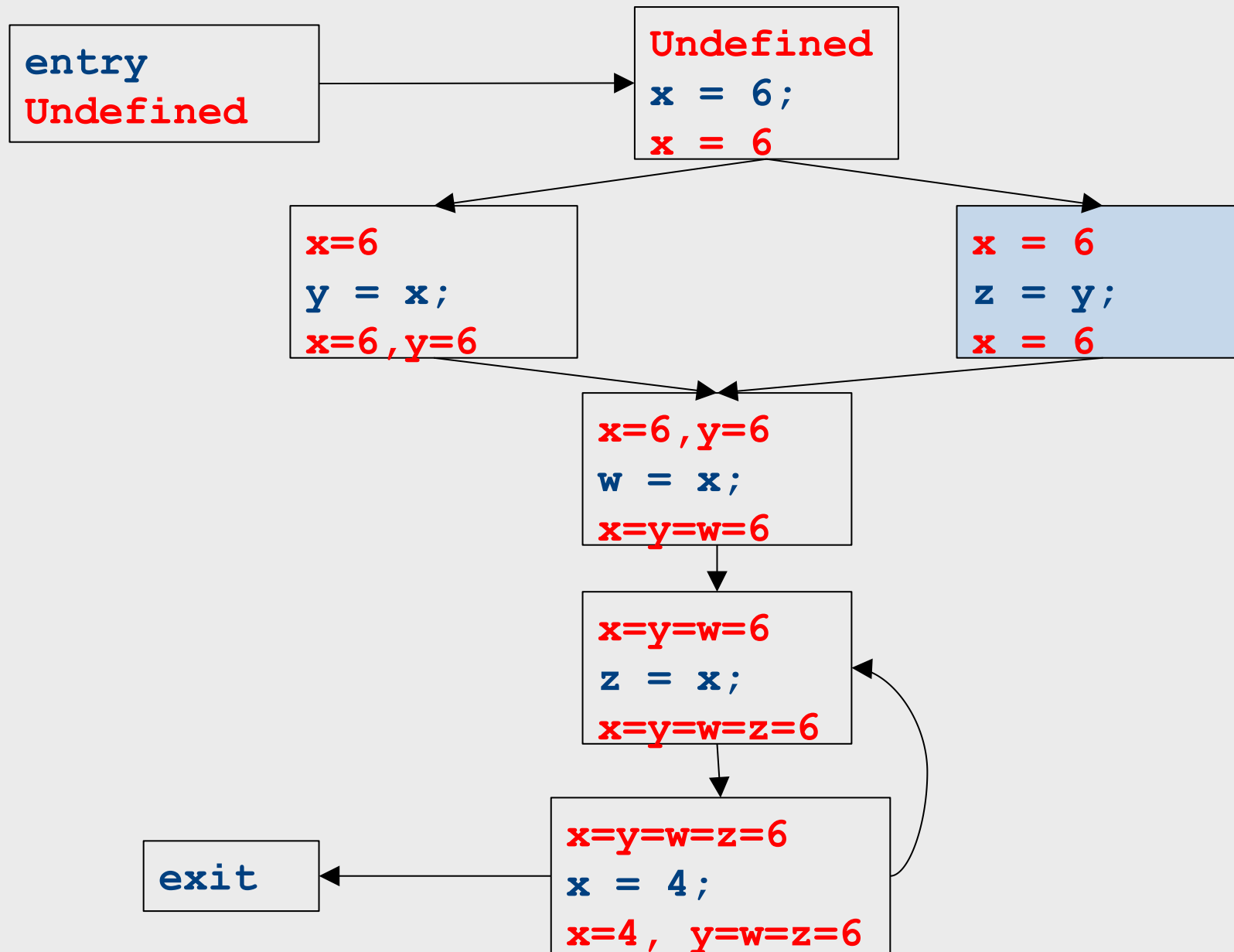
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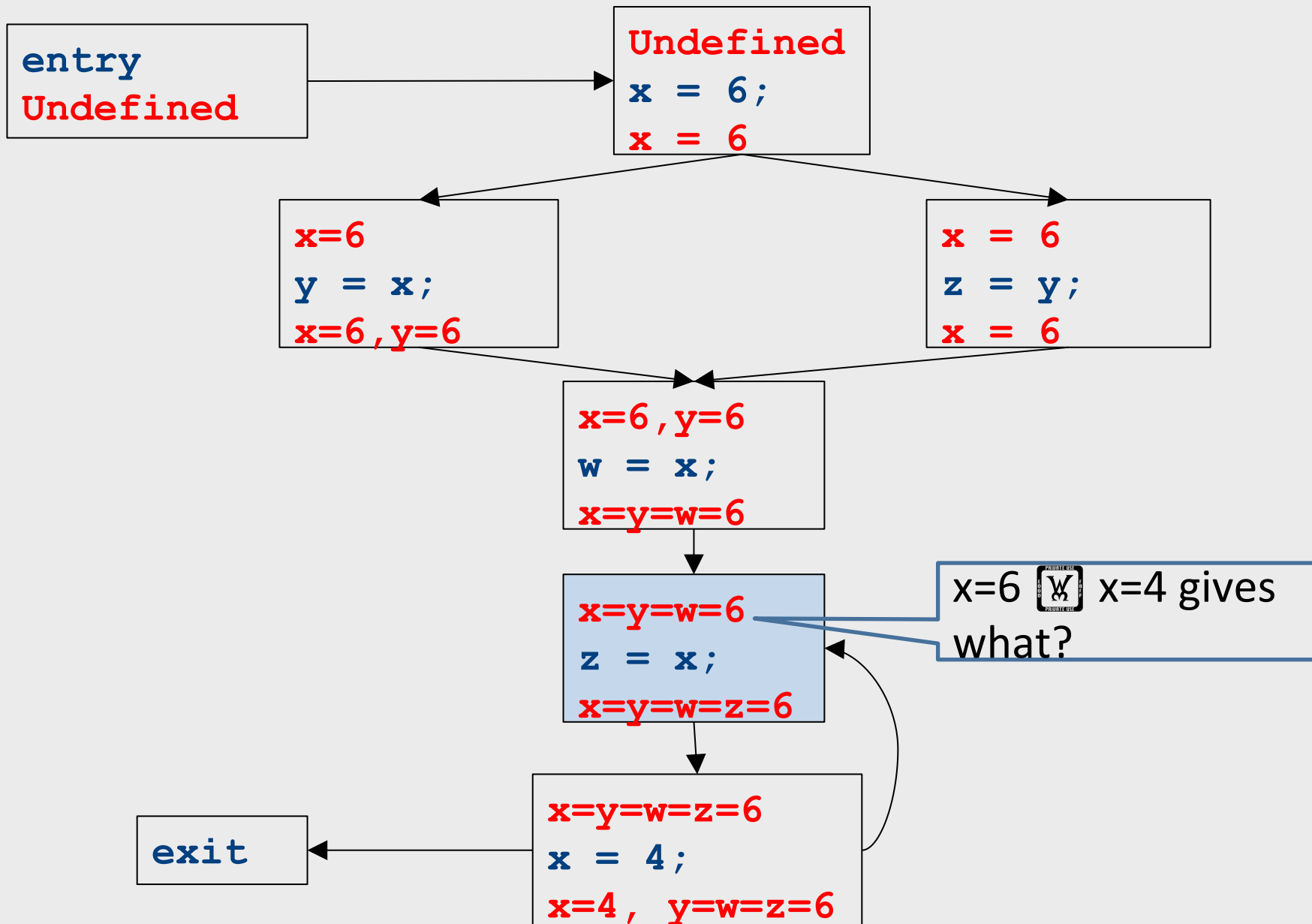
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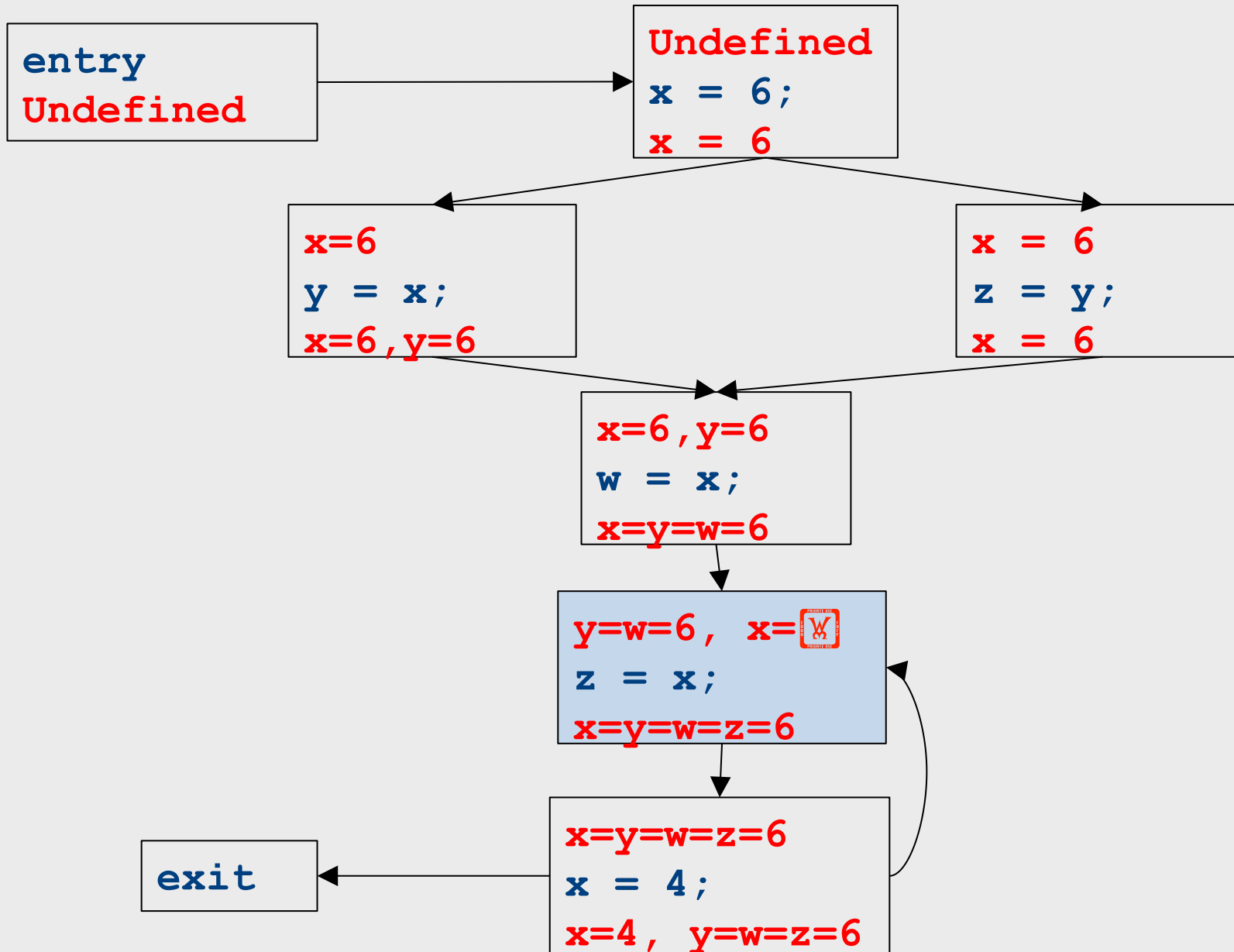
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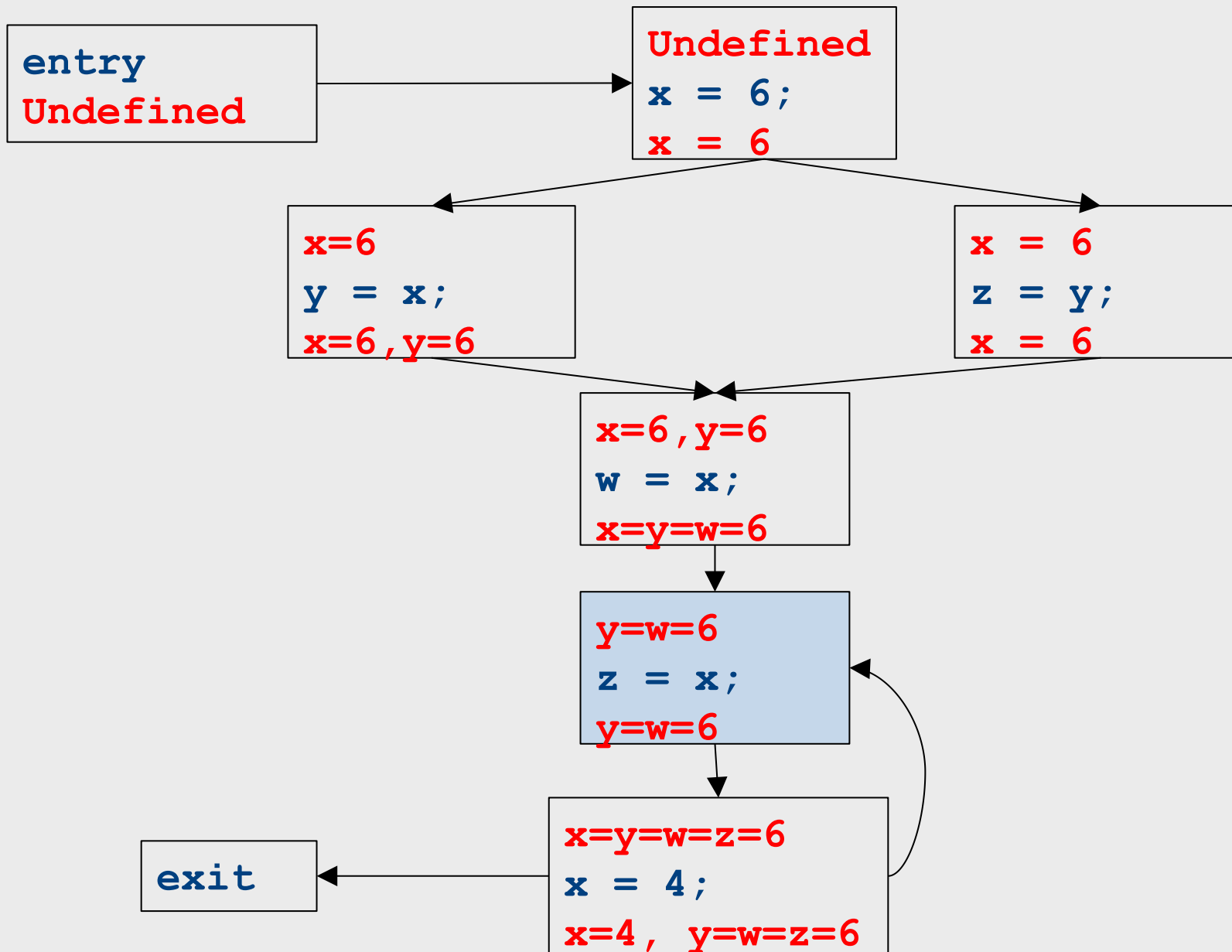
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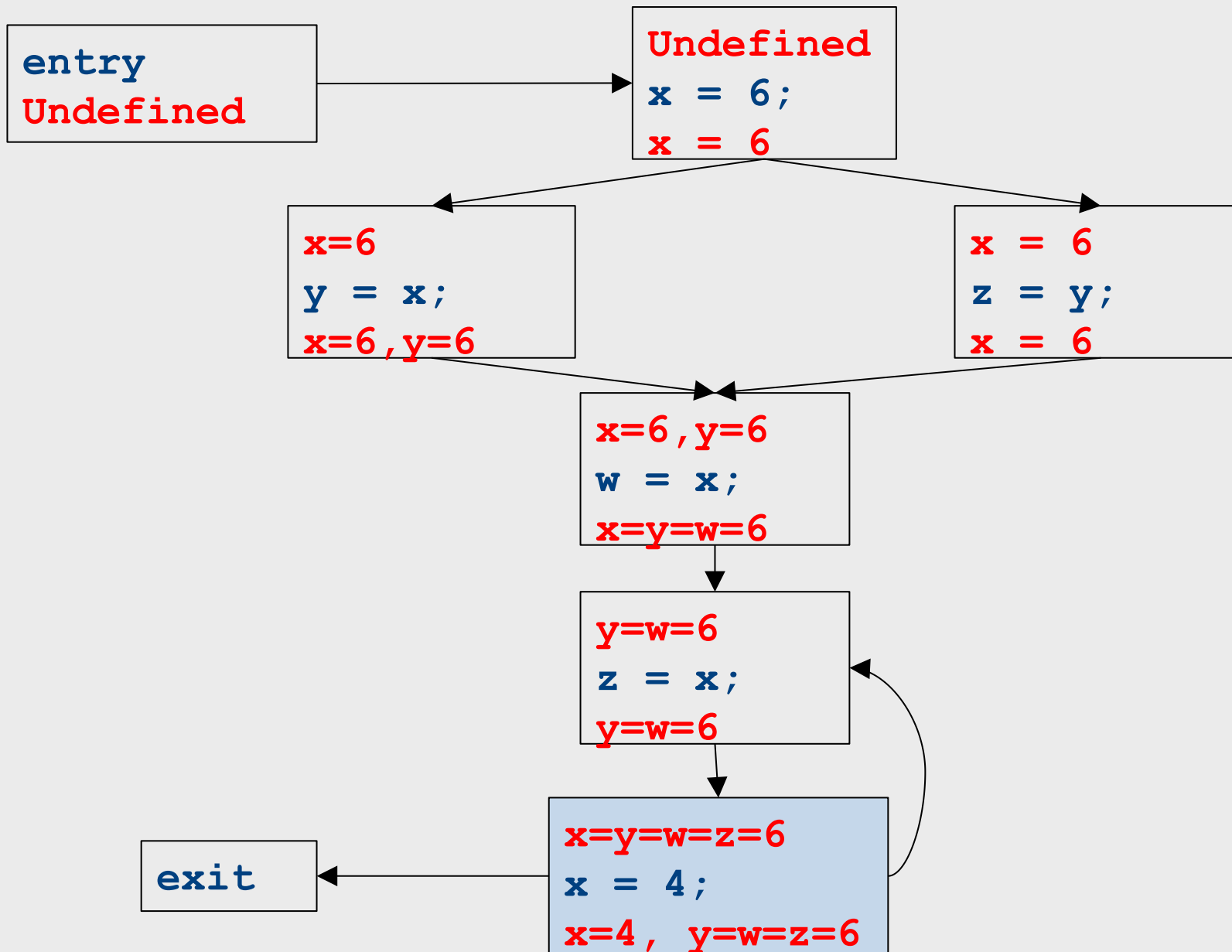
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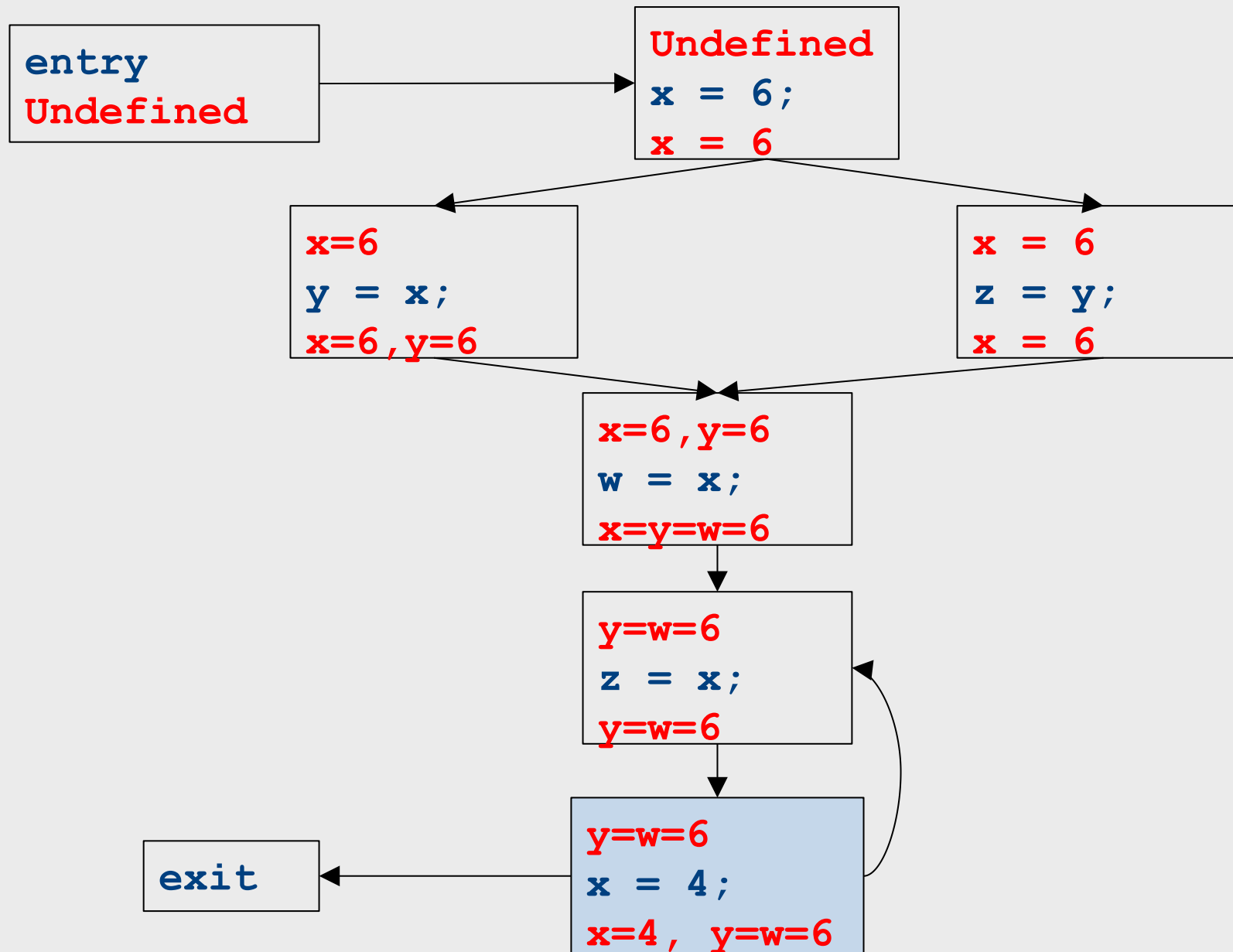
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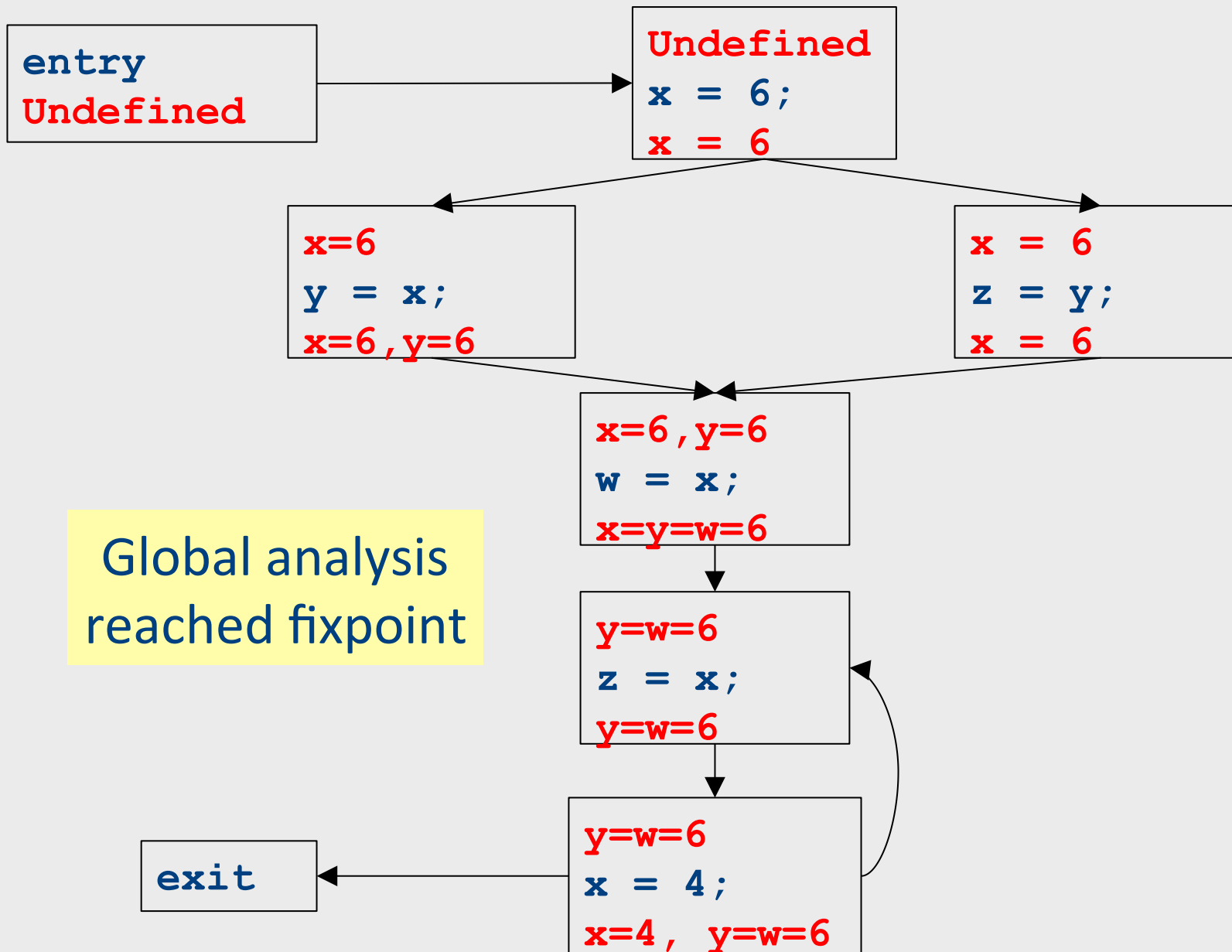
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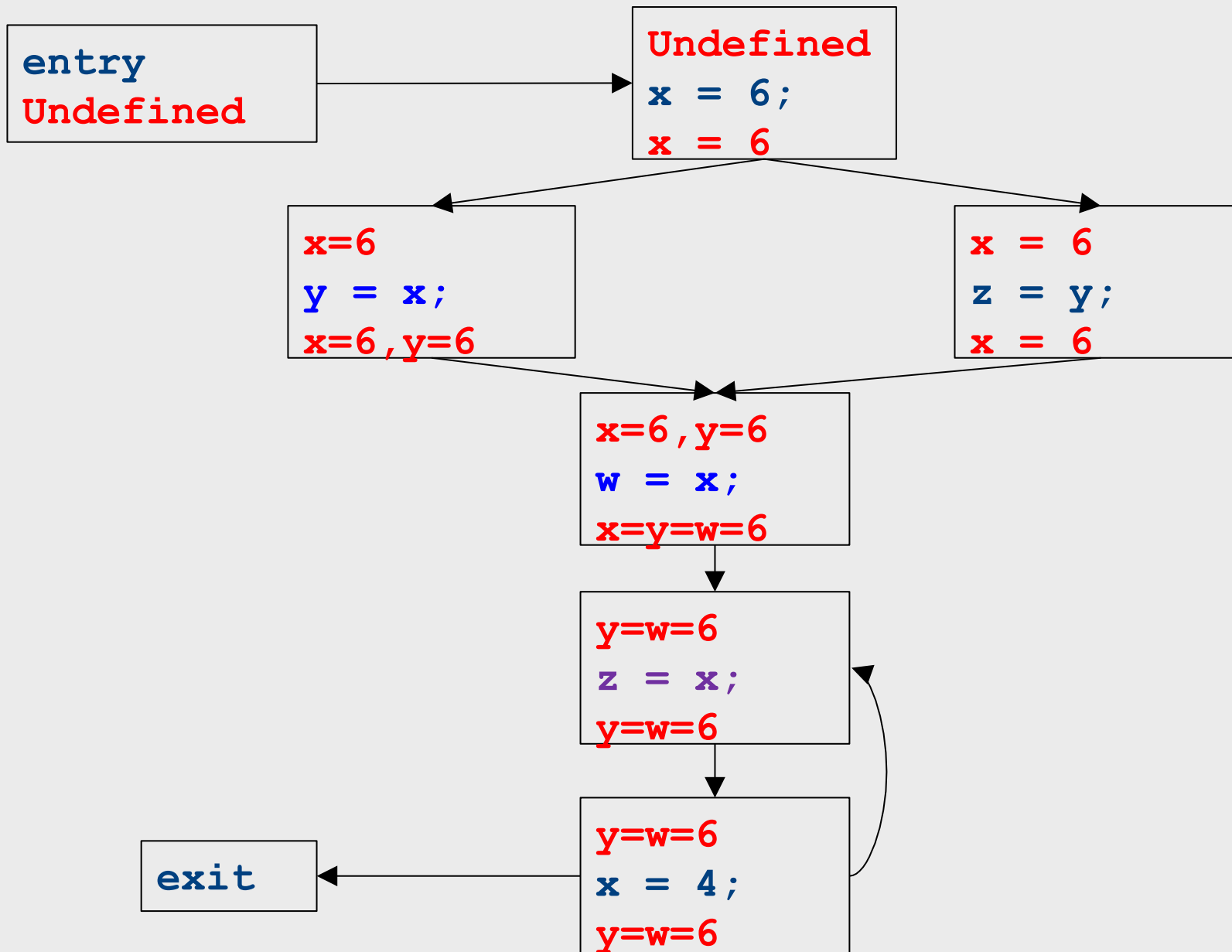
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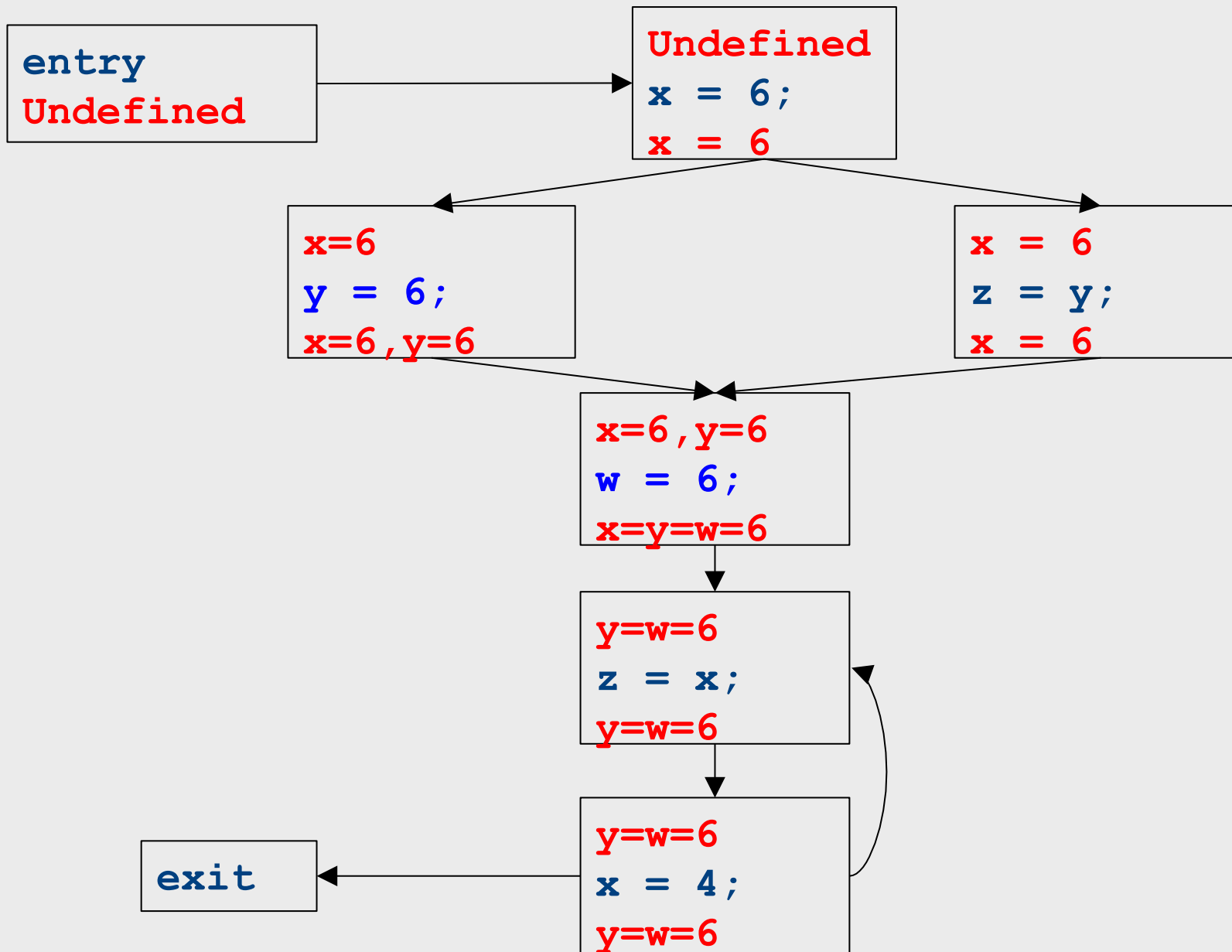
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Dataflow for constant propagation

- Direction: **Forward**
- Semilattice: Vars $\{\text{Undefined}, 0, 1, -1, 2, -2, \dots, \text{Not-a-Constant}\}$
 - Join mapping for variables point-wise
 $\{x \text{ Undefined}, y \text{ Undefined}, z \text{ Undefined}\} \sqcap \{x \text{ Undefined}, y \text{ 2}, z \text{ Not-a-Constant}\}$
 $= \{x \text{ Undefined}, y \text{ Not-a-Constant}, z \text{ Not-a-Constant}\}$
- Transfer functions:
 - $f_{x=k}(V) = V \mid_{x \text{ Undefined}} k$ (*update V by mapping x to k*)
 - $f_{x=a+b}(V) = V \mid_{x \text{ Undefined}} \text{Not-a-Constant}$ (*assign Not-a-Constant*)
- Initial value: **x is Undefined**
 - (When might we use some other value?)

Proving termination

- Our algorithm for running these analyses continuously loops until no changes are detected
- Given this, how do we know the analyses will eventually terminate?
 - In general, **we don't**

Terminates?

Liveness Analysis

- A variable is **live** at a point in a program if later in the program its value will be read before it is written to again

Join semilattice definition

- A **join semilattice** is a pair (V, \sqcup) , where
- V is a domain of elements
- \sqcup is a **join operator** that is
 - **commutative**: $x \sqcup y = y \sqcup x$
 - **associative**: $(x \sqcup y) \sqcup z = x \sqcup (y \sqcup z)$
 - **idempotent**: $x \sqcup x = x$
- If $x \sqcup y = z$, we say that z is the **join** or (**Least Upper Bound**) of x and y
- Every join semilattice has a **bottom element** denoted \perp such that $\perp \sqcup x = x$ for all x

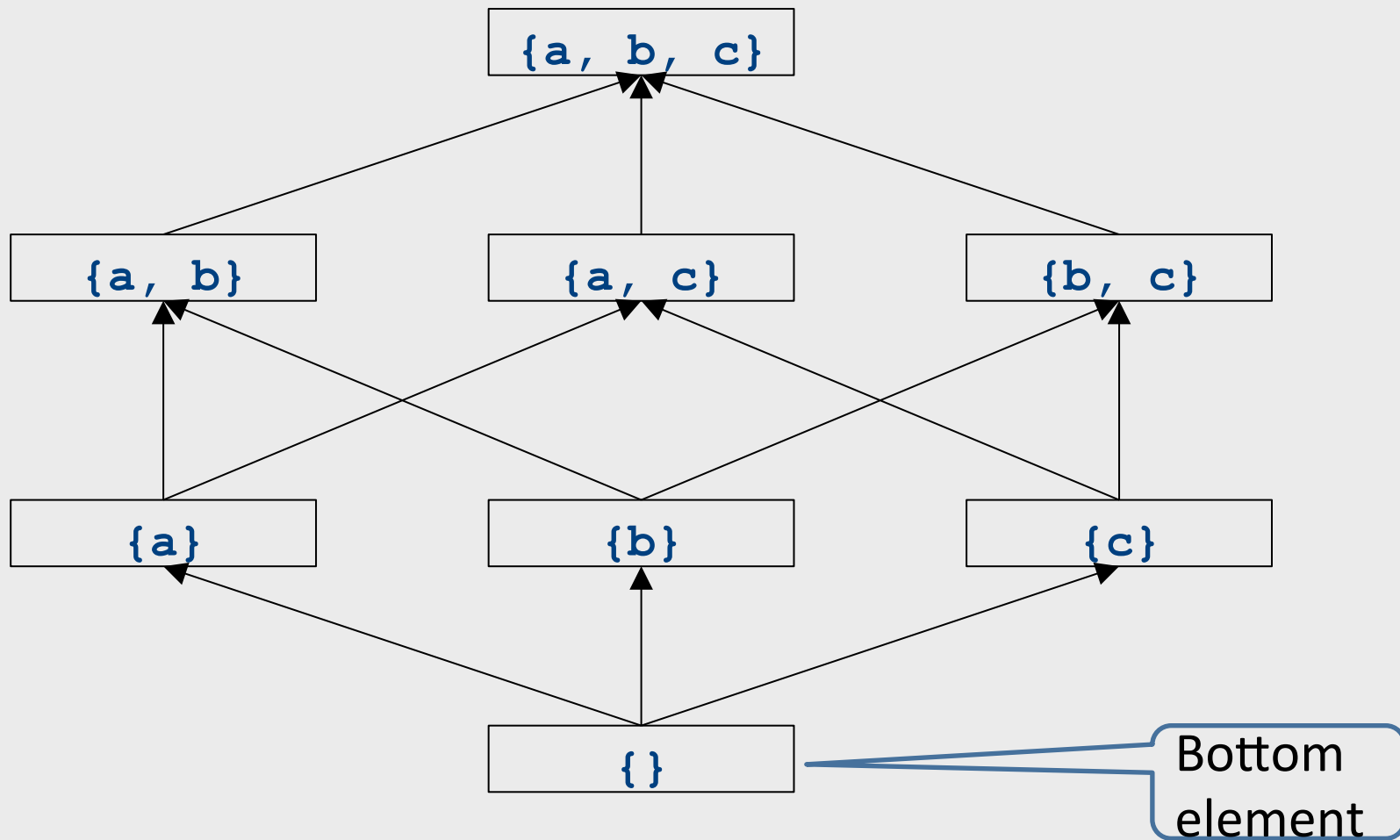
Partial ordering induced by join

- Every join semilattice (V, \sqcup) induces an ordering relationship \leq over its elements
- Define $x \leq y$ iff $x \sqcup y = y$
- Need to prove
 - Reflexivity: $x \leq x$
 - Antisymmetry: If $x \leq y$ and $y \leq x$, then $x = y$
 - Transitivity: If $x \leq y$ and $y \leq z$, then $x \leq z$

A join semilattice for liveness

- Sets of live variables and the set union operation
- Idempotent:
 - $x \sqcup x = x$
- Commutative:
 - $x \sqcup y = y \sqcup x$
- Associative:
 - $(x \sqcup y) \sqcup z = x \sqcup (y \sqcup z)$
- Bottom element:
 - The empty set: $\emptyset \sqcup x = x$
- Ordering over elements = subset relation

Join semilattice example for liveness



Dataflow framework

- A global analysis is a tuple $(\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{V}, \square, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{I})$, where
 - \mathbf{D} is a direction (forward or backward)
 - The order to visit statements within a basic block, **NOT** the order in which to visit the basic blocks
 - \mathbf{V} is a set of values (sometimes called **domain**)
 - \square is a join operator over those values
 - \mathbf{F} is a set of transfer functions $f_s : \mathbf{V} \square \mathbf{V}$ (for every statement s)
 - \mathbf{I} is an initial value

Running global analyses

- Assume that $(\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{V}, \perp, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{I})$ is a forward analysis
- For every statement s maintain values before - $\text{IN}[s]$ - and after - $\text{OUT}[s]$
- Set $\text{OUT}[s] = \perp$ for all statements s
- Set $\text{OUT}[\text{entry}] = \mathbf{I}$
- Repeat until no values change:
 - For each statement s with predecessors
 $\text{PRED}[s] = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$
 - Set $\text{IN}[s] = \text{OUT}[p_1] \perp \text{OUT}[p_2] \perp \dots \perp \text{OUT}[p_n]$
 - Set $\text{OUT}[s] = f_s(\text{IN}[s])$
- The order of this iteration does not matter
 - Chaotic iteration

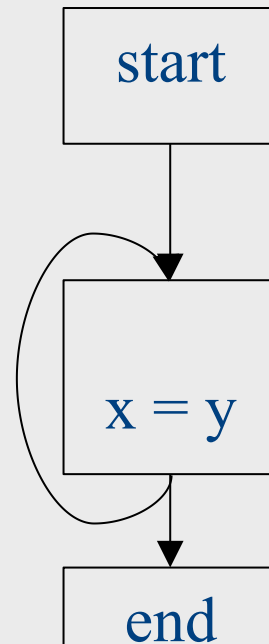
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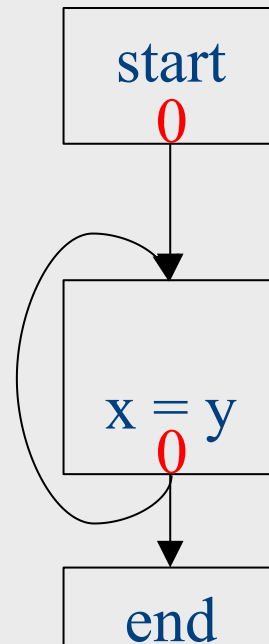
A non-terminating analysis

- The following analysis will loop infinitely on any CFG containing a loop:
- Direction: Forward
- Domain: \mathbb{N}
- Join operator: **max**
- Transfer function: $f(n) = n + 1$
- Initial value: 0

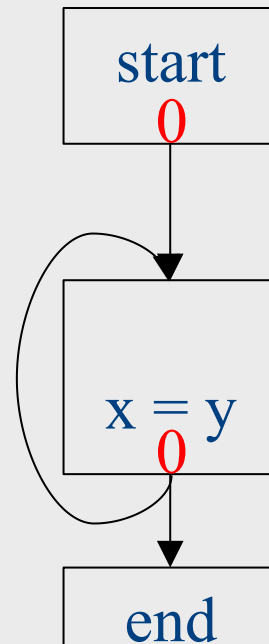
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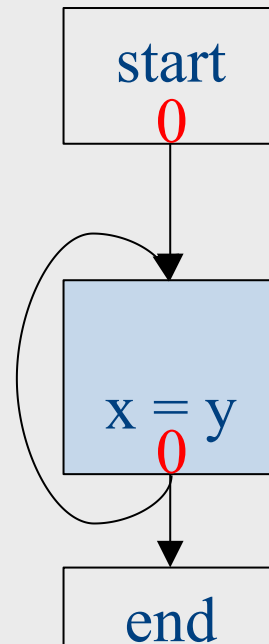
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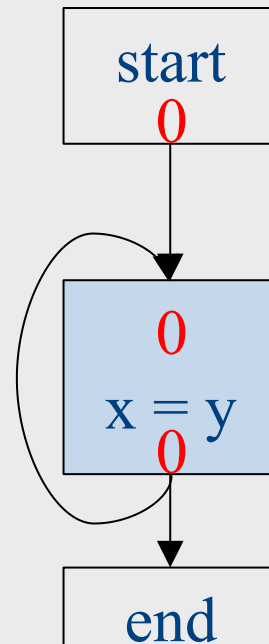
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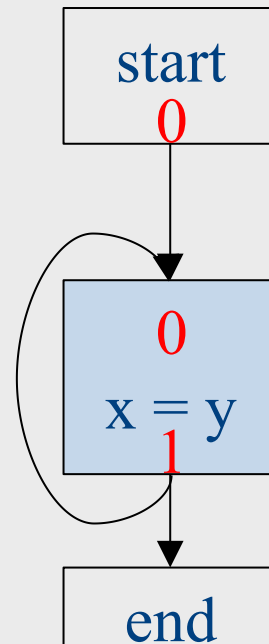
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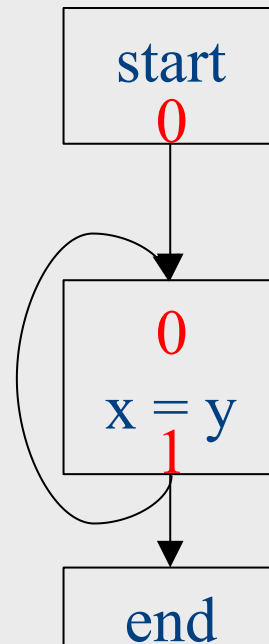
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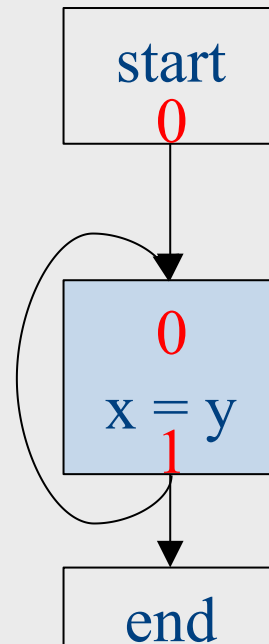
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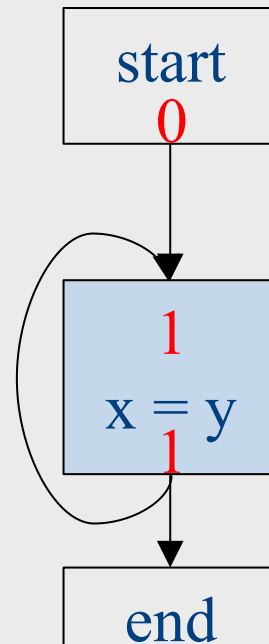
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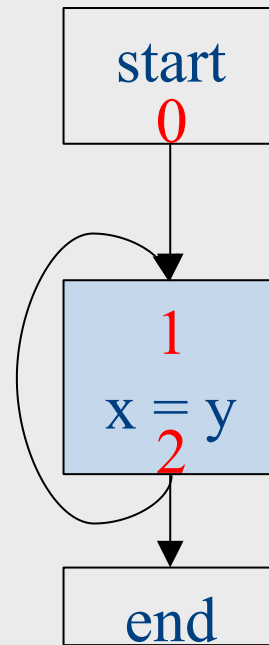
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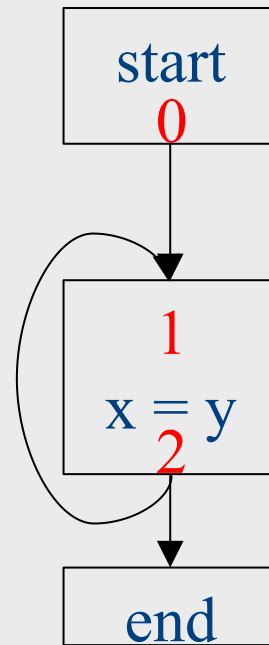
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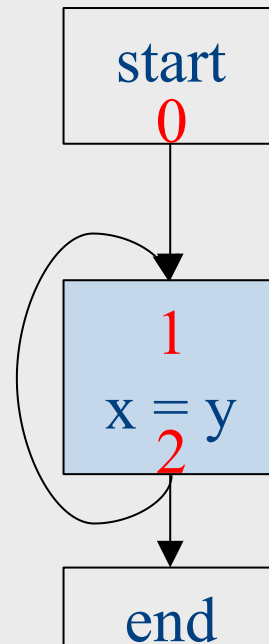
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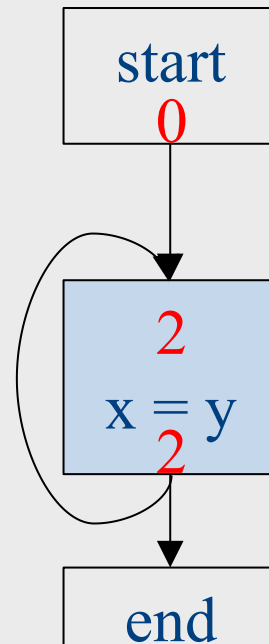
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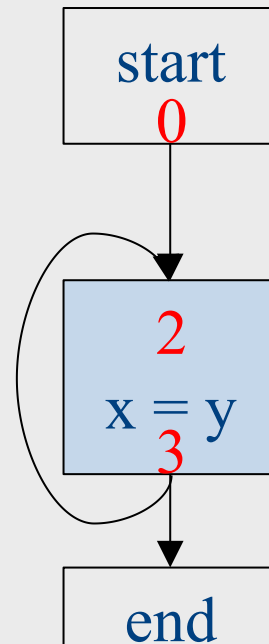
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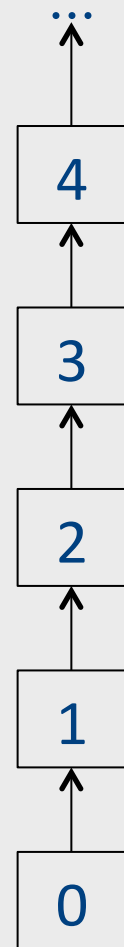


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Why doesn't this terminate?

- Values can increase without bound
- Note that “increase” refers to the lattice ordering, not the ordering on the natural numbers
- The **height** of a semilattice is the length of the longest increasing sequence in that semilattice
- The dataflow framework is not guaranteed to terminate for semilattices of infinite height
- Note that a semilattice can be infinitely large but have finite height
 - e.g. constant propagation



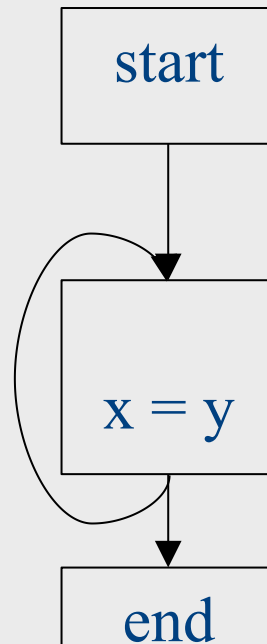
Height of a lattice

- An increasing chain is a sequence of elements
 $\square \square a_1 \square \square a_2 \square \square \dots \square \square a_k$
 - The length of such a chain is k
- The height of a lattice is the length of the maximal increasing chain
- For liveness with n program variables:
 - $\{ \} \square \{v_1\} \square \{v_1, v_2\} \square \dots \square \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$
- For available expressions it is the number of expressions of the form $a=b \text{ op } c$
 - For n program variables and m operator types:
 $m \square n^3$

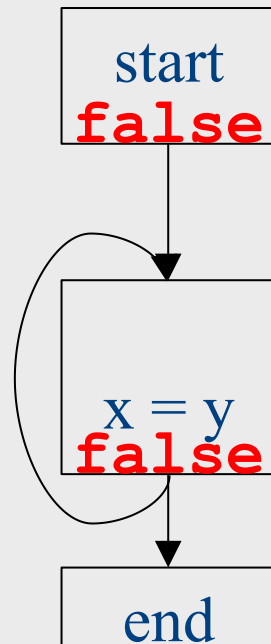
Another non-terminating analysis

- This analysis works on a finite-height semilattice, but will not terminate on certain CFGs:
- **Direction:** Forward
- **Domain:** Boolean values **true** and **false**
- **Join operator:** Logical OR
- **Transfer function:** Logical NOT
- **Initial value:** **false**

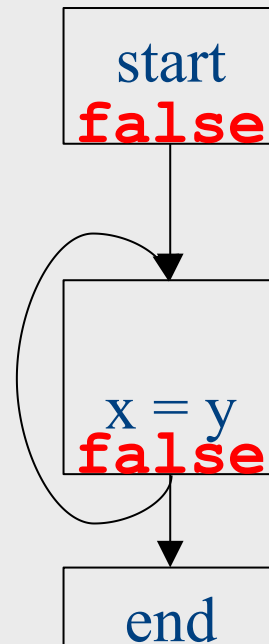
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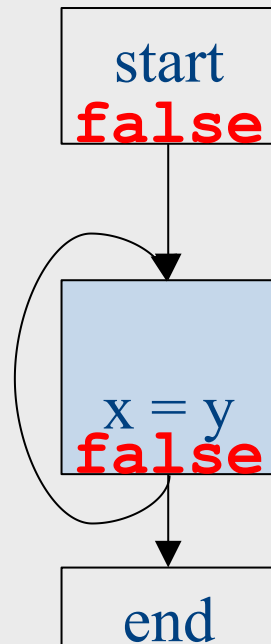
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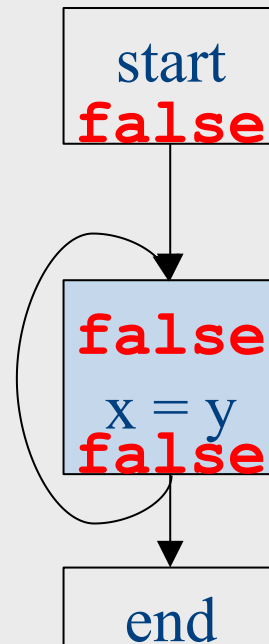
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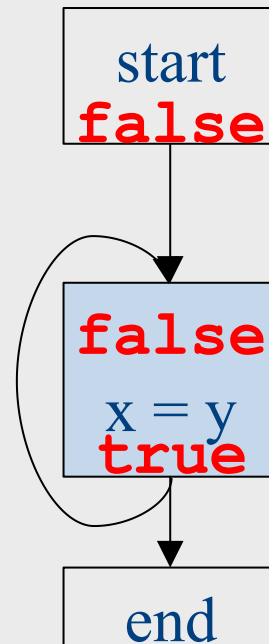
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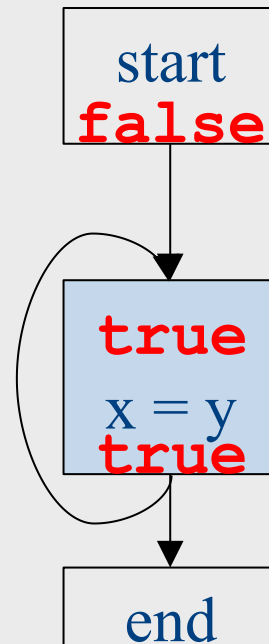
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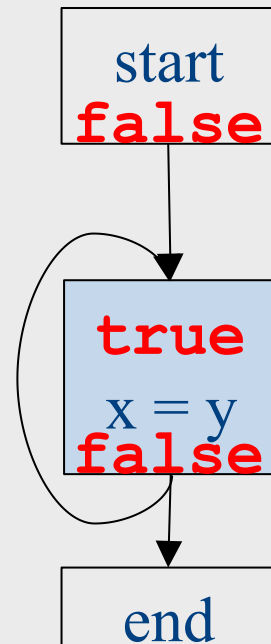
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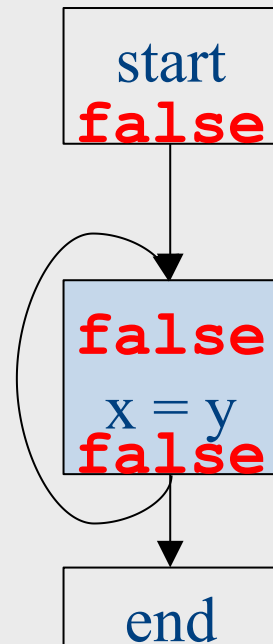
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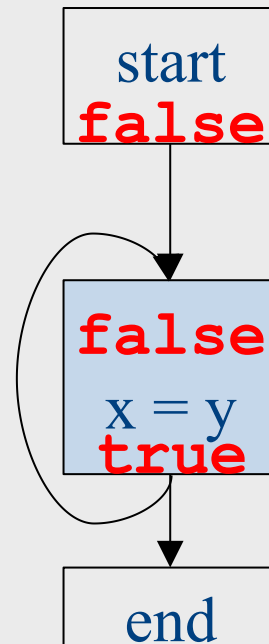
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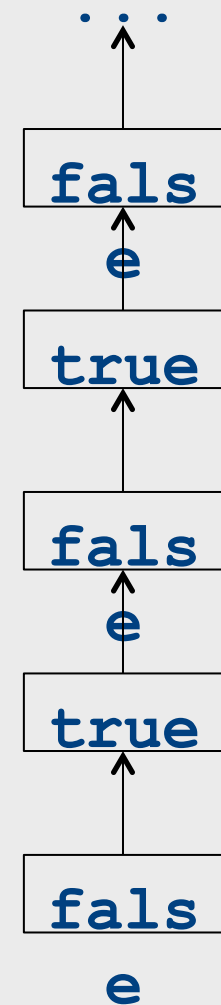


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Why doesn't it terminate?

- Values can loop indefinitely
- Intuitively, the join operator keeps pulling values up
- If the transfer function can keep pushing values back down again, then the values might cycle forever
- How can we fix this?



Monotone transfer functions

- A transfer function f is **monotone** iff
if $x \sqsubseteq y$, then $f(x) \sqsubseteq f(y)$
- Intuitively, if you know less information about a program point, you can't “gain back” more information about that program point
- Many transfer functions are monotone, including those for liveness and constant propagation
- Note: Monotonicity does **not** mean that
 $x \sqsubseteq f(x)$
 - (This is a different property called extensivity)

Liveness and monotonicity

- A transfer function f is **monotone** iff
if $x \sqsubseteq y$, then $f(x) \sqsubseteq f(y)$
- Recall our transfer function for $a = b + c$ is
 $f_{a=b+c}(V) = (V - \{a\}) \sqcup \{b, c\}$
- Recall that our join operator is set union
and induces an ordering relationship
 $X \sqsubseteq Y$ iff $X \cup Y = Y$
- Is this monotone?

Is constant propagation monotone?

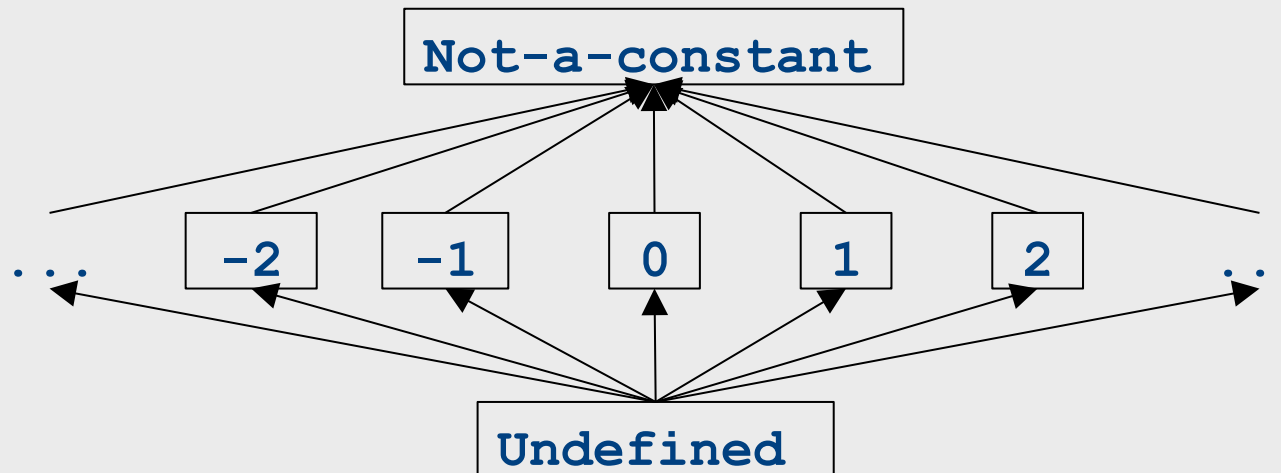
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- Recall our transfer functions

– $f_{x=k}(V) = V \mid_{x \sqsubseteq k}$ (update V by mapping x to k)

– $f_{x=a+b}(V) = V \mid_{x \sqsubseteq \text{Not-a-Constant}}$ (assign Not-a-Constant)

- Is this monotone?



The grand result

- **Theorem:** A dataflow analysis with a **finite-height semilattice** and family of **monotone transfer functions** **always terminates**
- Proof sketch:
 - The join operator can only bring values up
 - Transfer functions can never lower values back down below where they were in the past (monotonicity)
 - Values cannot increase indefinitely (finite height)

An “optimality” result

- A transfer function f is distributive if
$$f(a \sqcap b) = f(a) \sqcap f(b)$$
for every domain elements a and b
- If all transfer functions are distributive then the fixed-point solution is the solution that would be computed by joining results from all (potentially infinite) control-flow paths
 - Join over all paths
- Optimal if we ignore program conditions

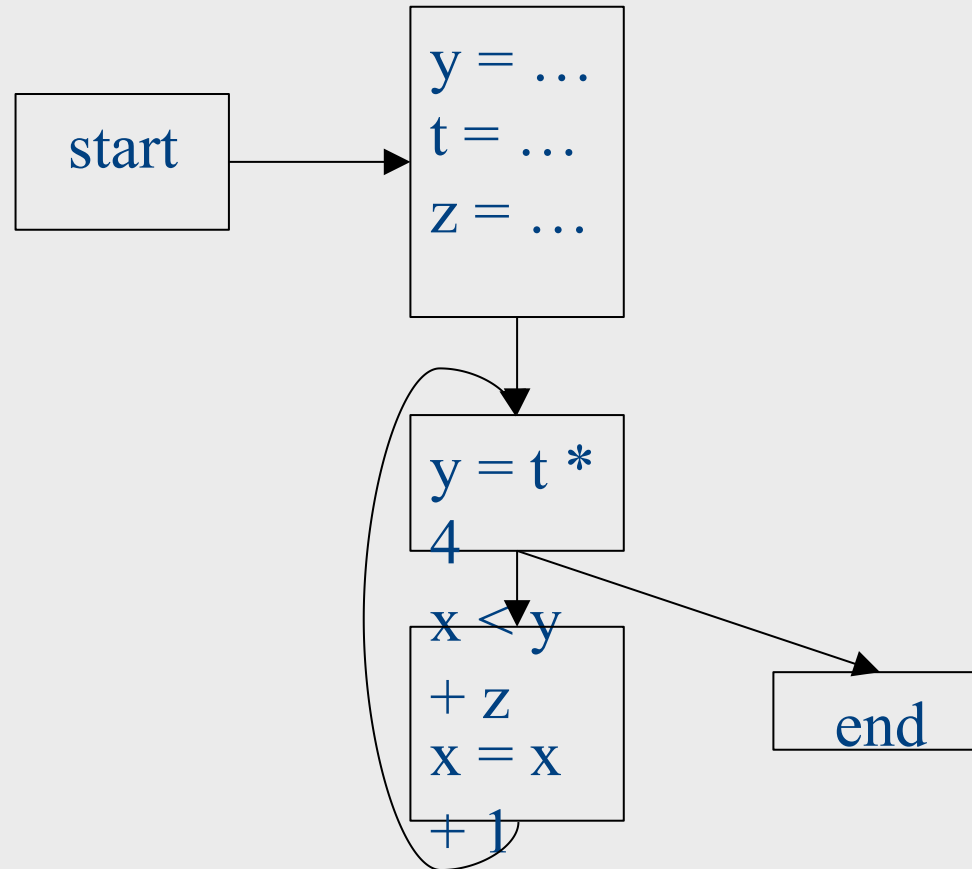
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- Optimal if we pretend all control-flow paths can be executed by the program
- Which analyses use distributive functions?

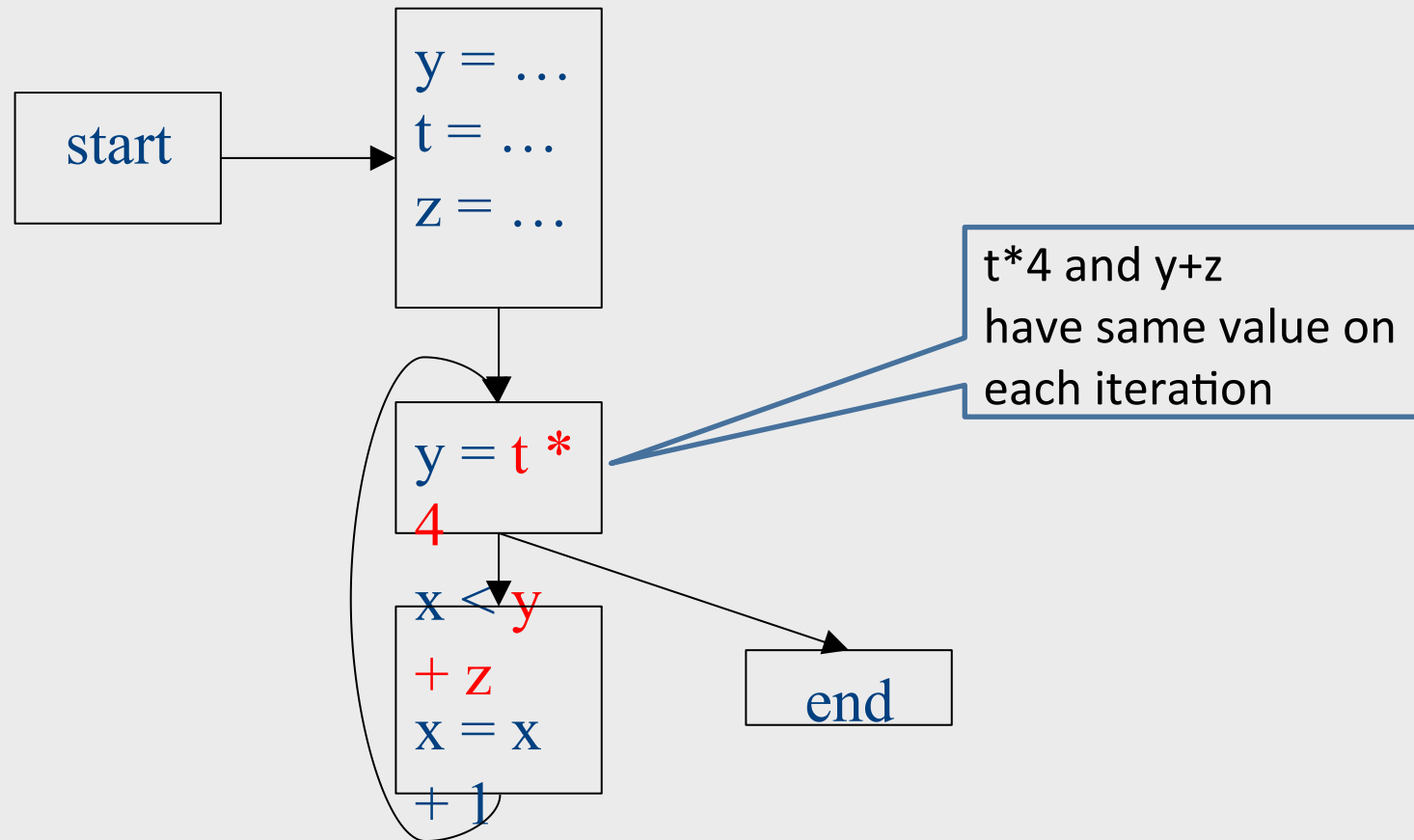
Loop optimizations

- Most of a program's computations are done inside loops
 - Focus optimizations effort on loops
- The optimizations we've seen so far are independent of the control structure
- Some optimizations are specialized to loops
 - Loop-invariant code motion
 - (Strength reduction via induction variables)
- Require another type of analysis to find out where expressions get their values from
 - Reaching definitions
 - (Also useful for improving register allocation)

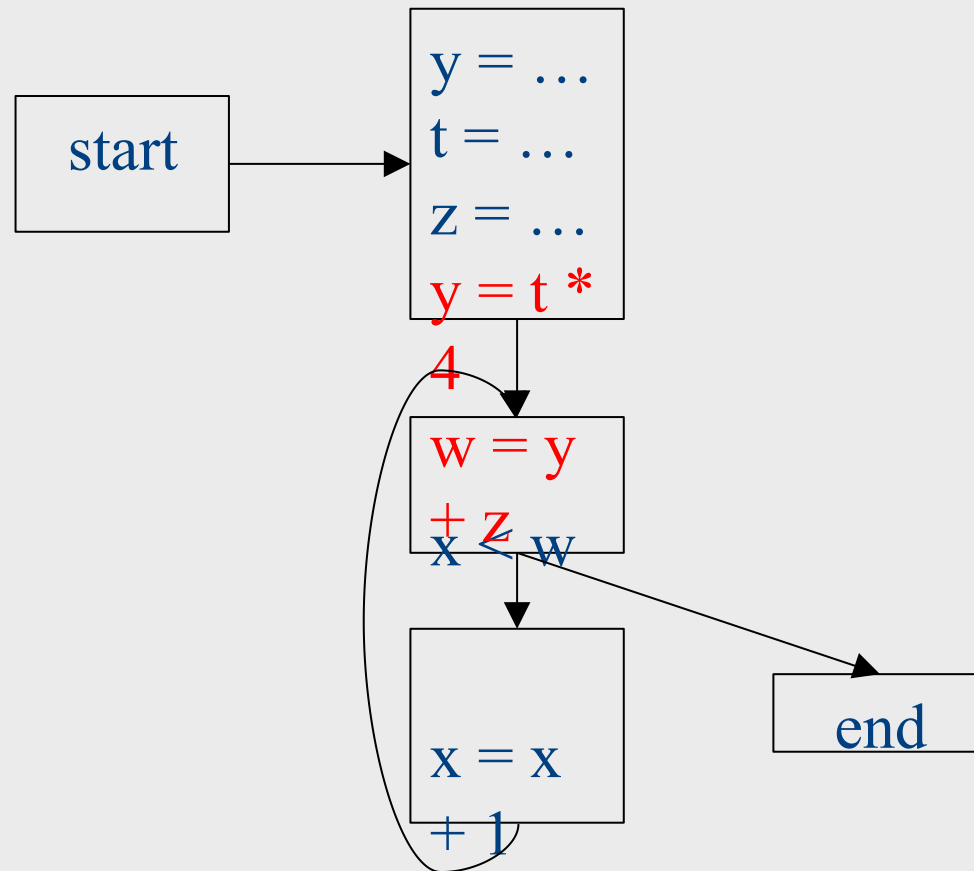
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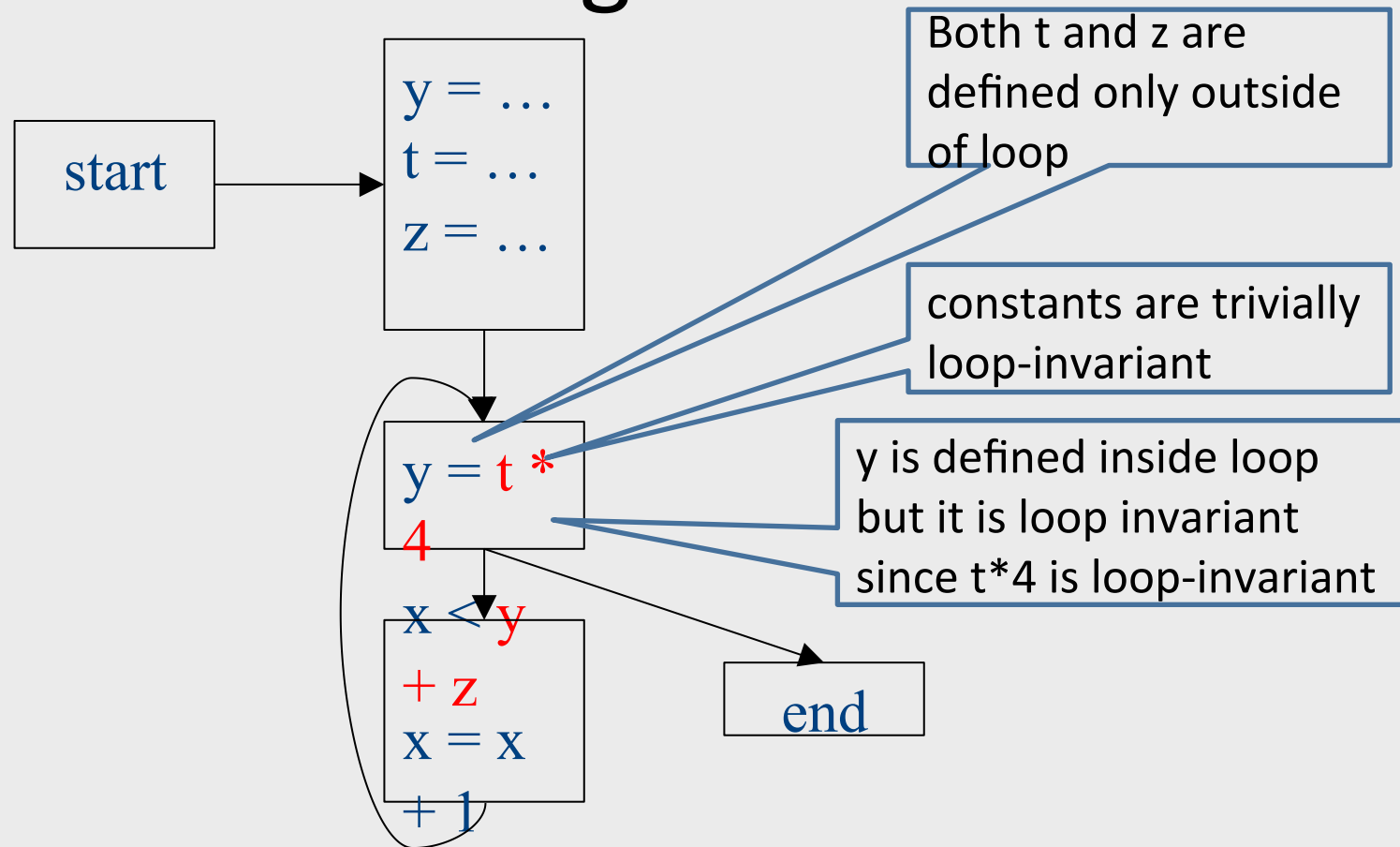
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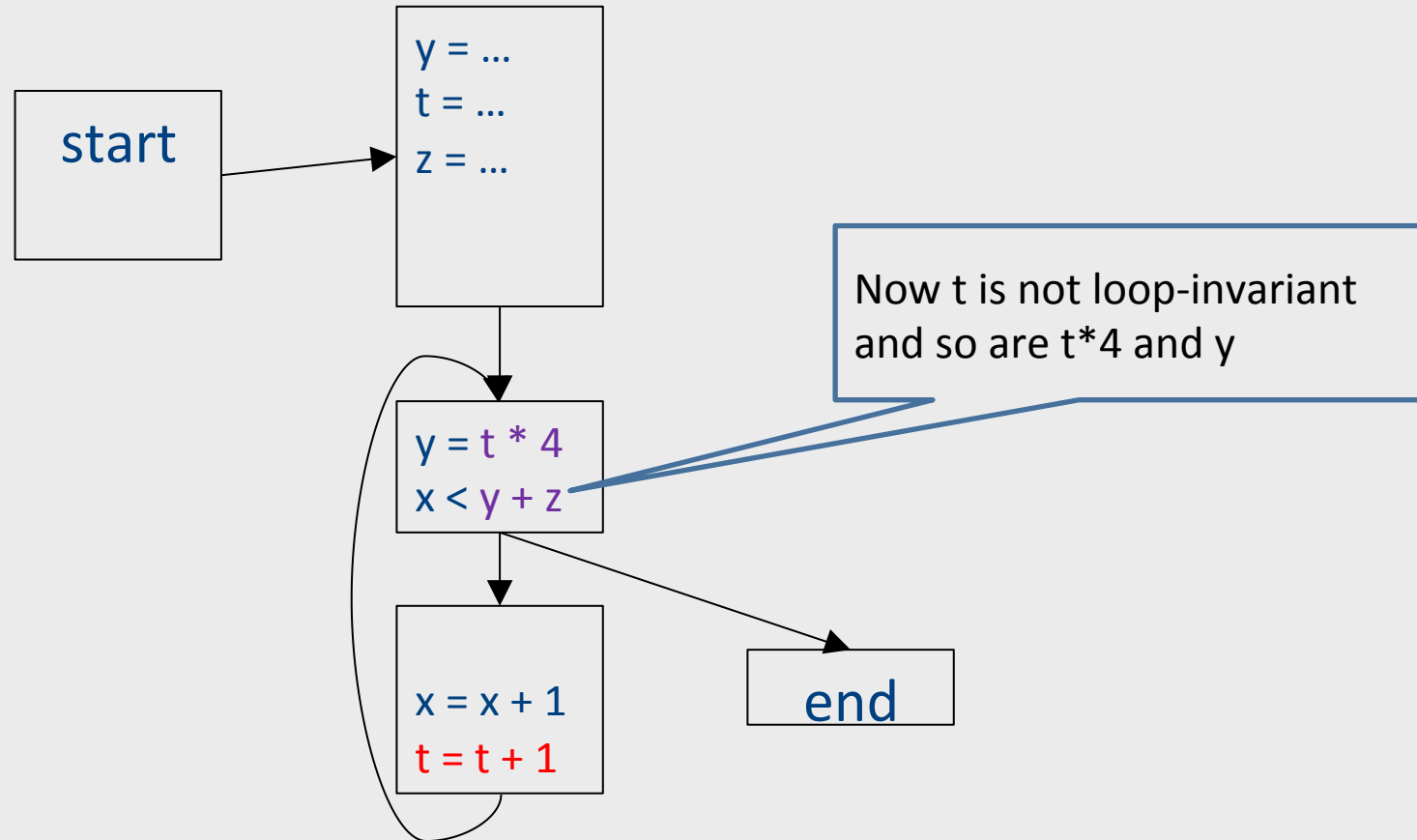
Code hoisting



What reasoning did we use?



What about now?



Loop-invariant code motion

- $d: t = a_1 \text{ op } a_2$
 - d is a **program location**
- $a_1 \text{ op } a_2$ **loop-invariant** (for a loop L) if computes the same value in each iteration
 - Hard to know in general
- Conservative approximation
 - Each a_i is a constant, or
 - All definitions of a_i that reach d are outside L , or
 - Only one definition of a_i reaches d , and is loop-invariant itself
- Transformation: hoist the loop-invariant code outside of the loop

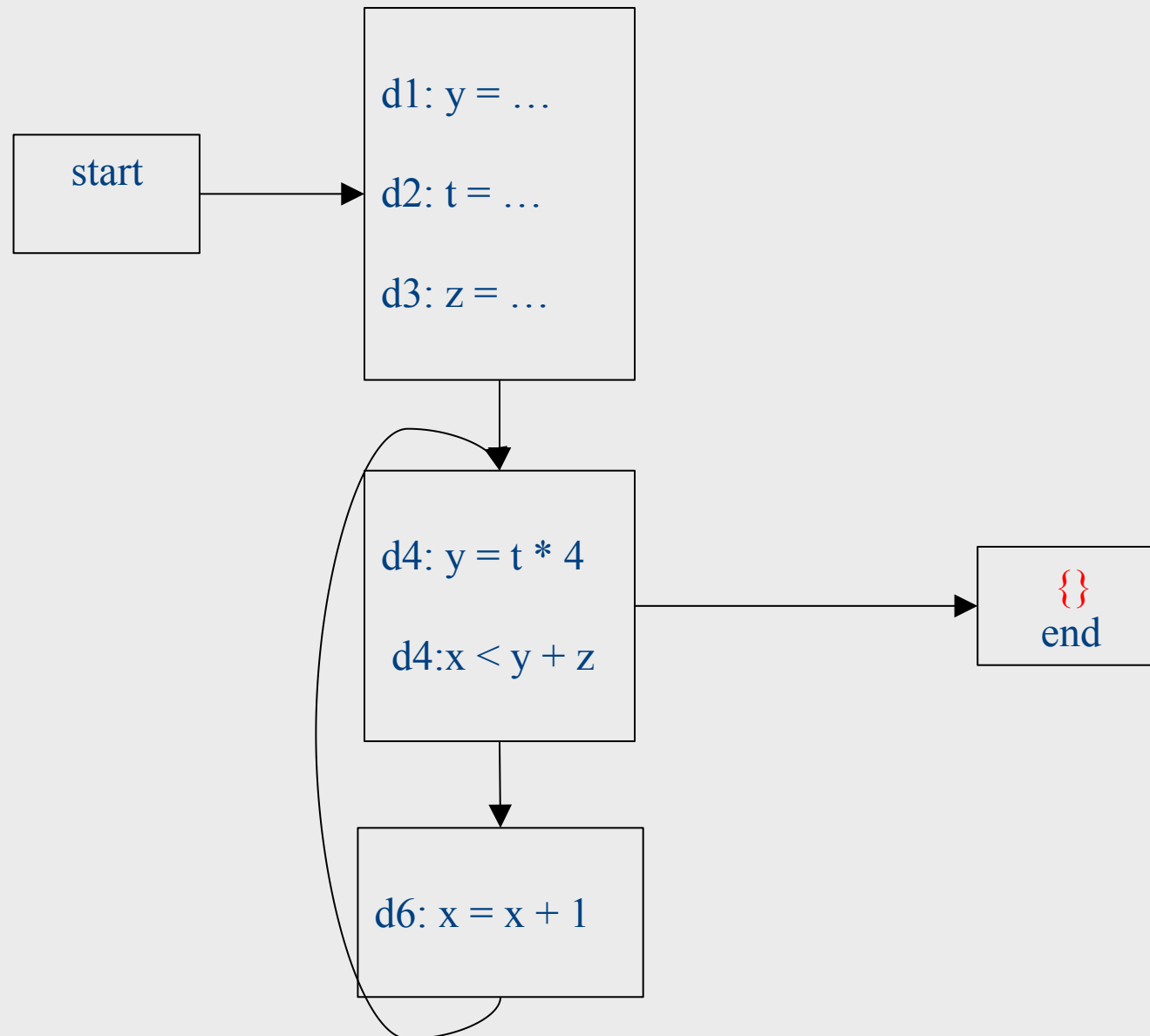
Reaching definitions analysis

- A definition $d: t = \dots$ **reaches** a program location if there is a path from the definition to the program location, along which the defined variable is never redefined

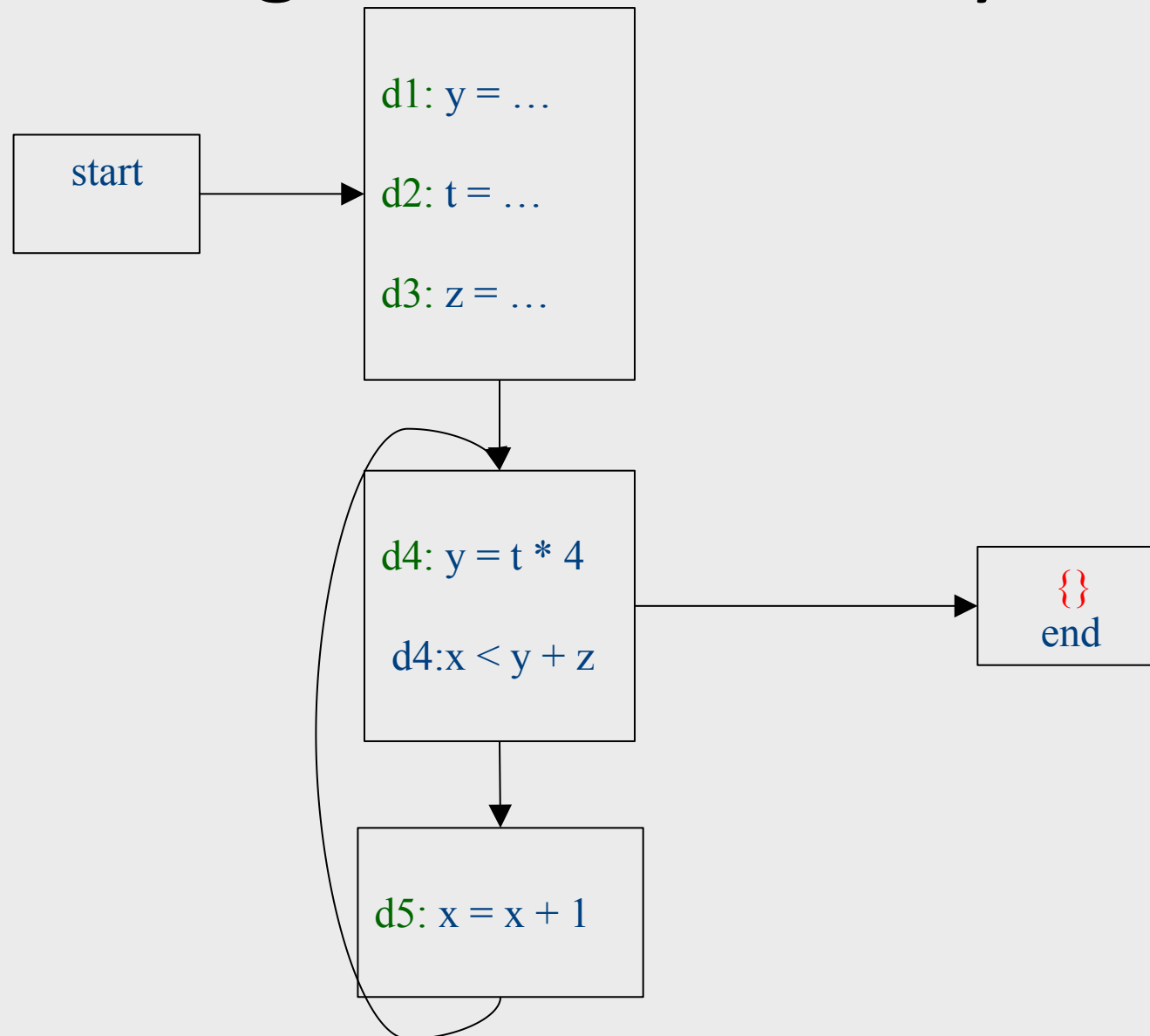
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- **Direction:** Forward
- **Domain:** sets of program locations that are definitions `
- **Join operator:** union
- **Transfer function:**
 - $f_{d: a=b \text{ op } c}(\text{RD}) = (\text{RD} - \text{defs}(a)) \sqcup \{d\}$
 - $f_{d: \text{not-}a\text{-def}}(\text{RD}) = \text{RD}$
 - Where $\text{defs}(a)$ is the set of locations defining a (statements of the form $a=\dots$)
- **Initial value:** $\{\}$

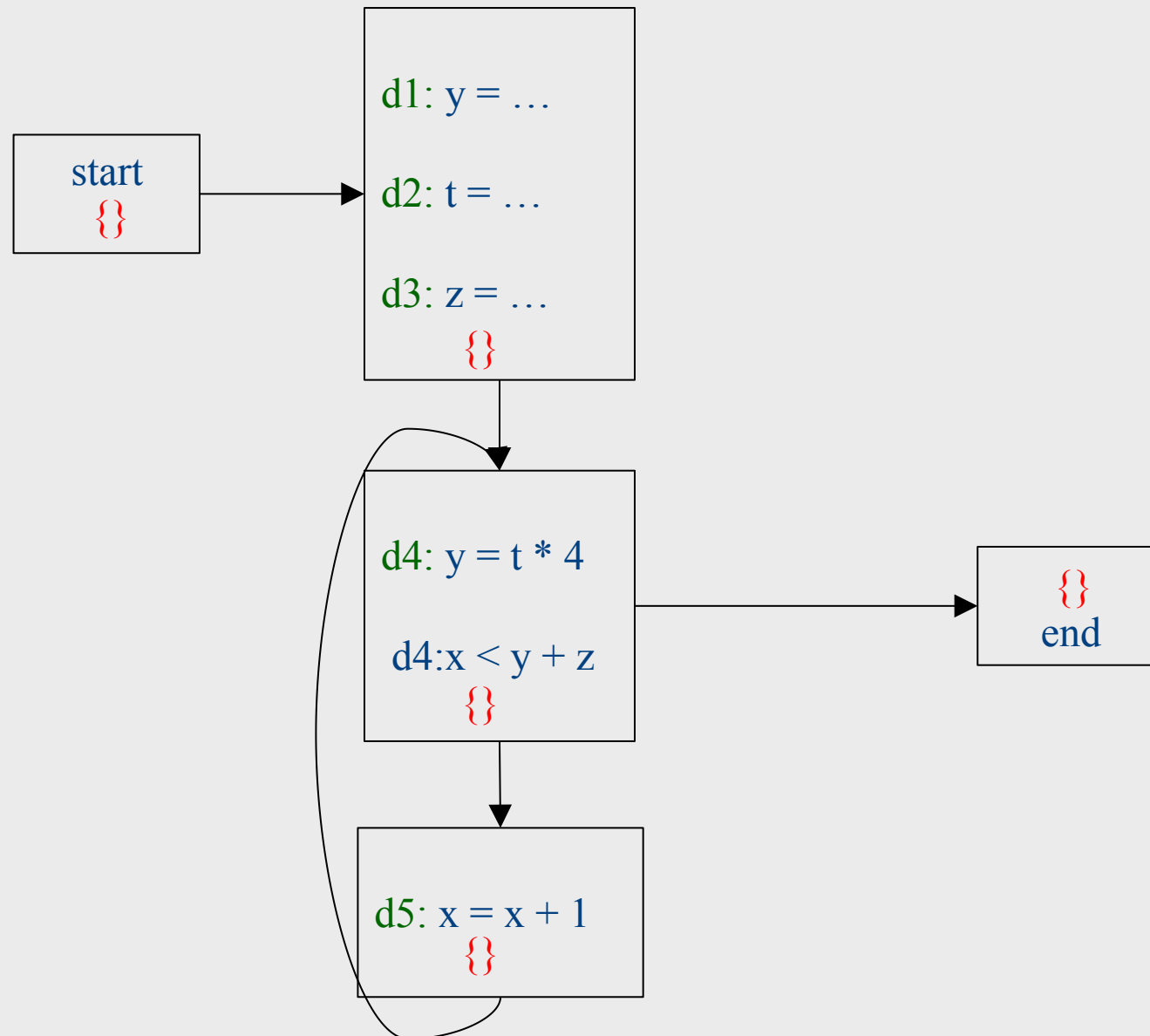
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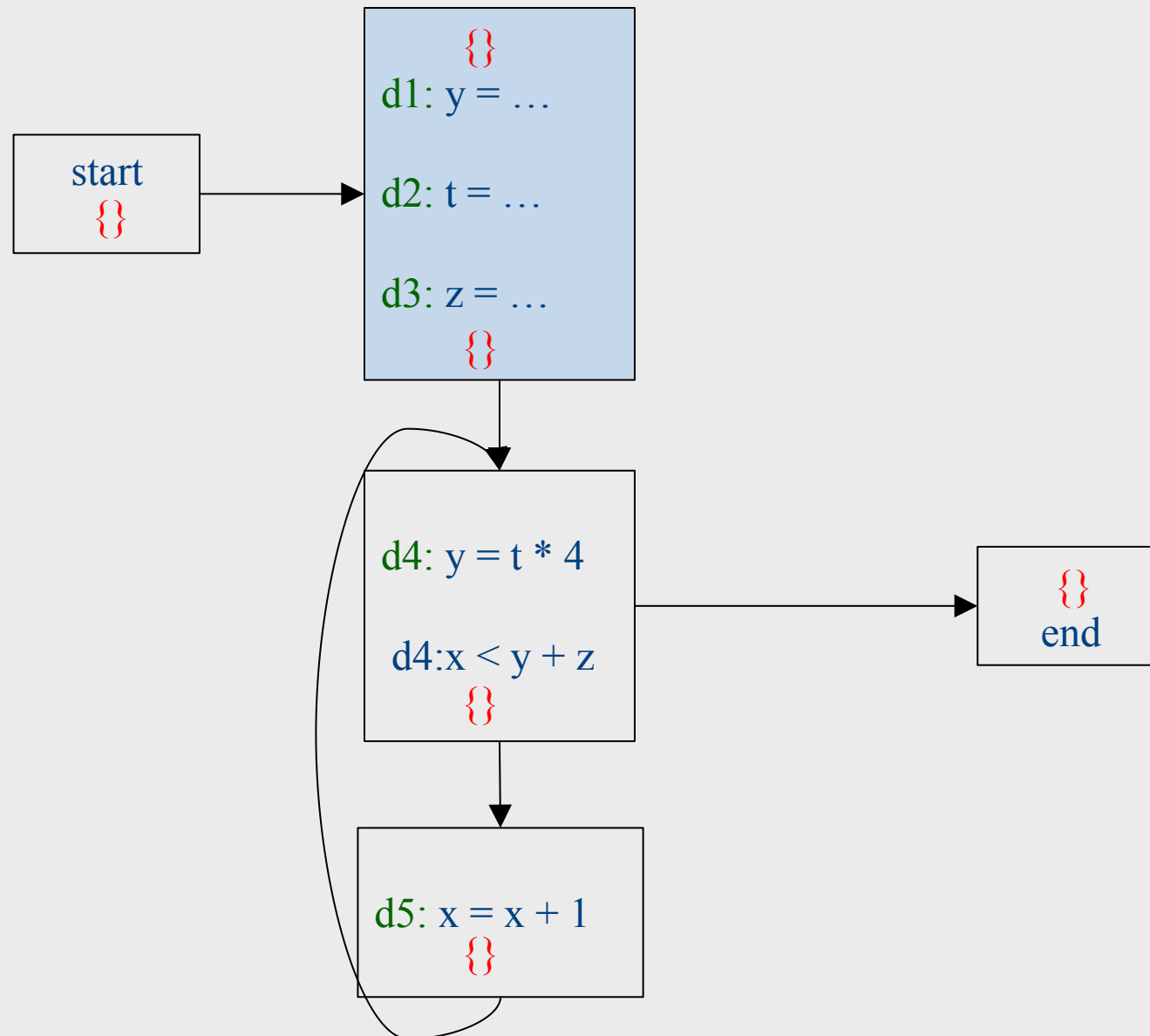
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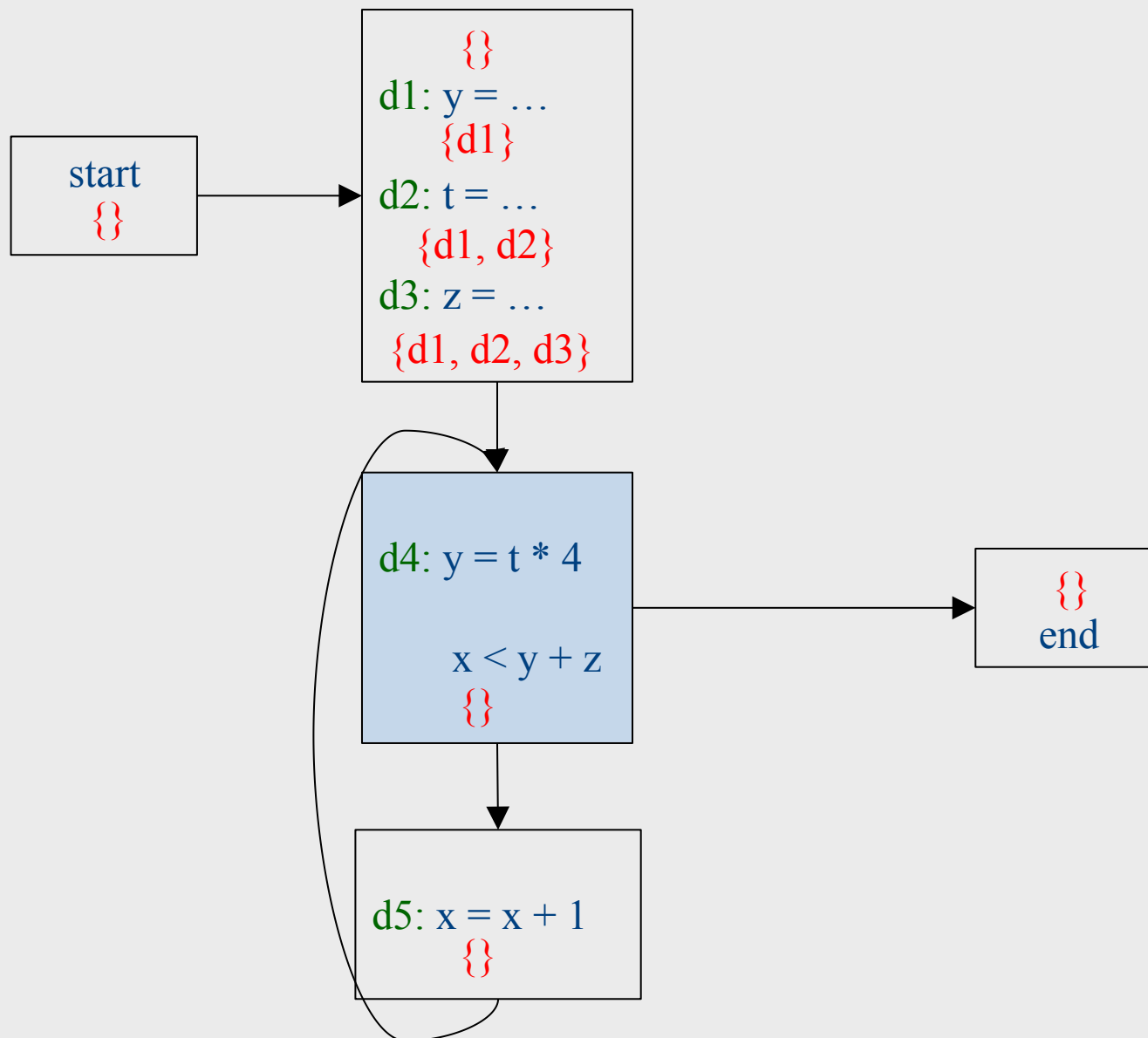
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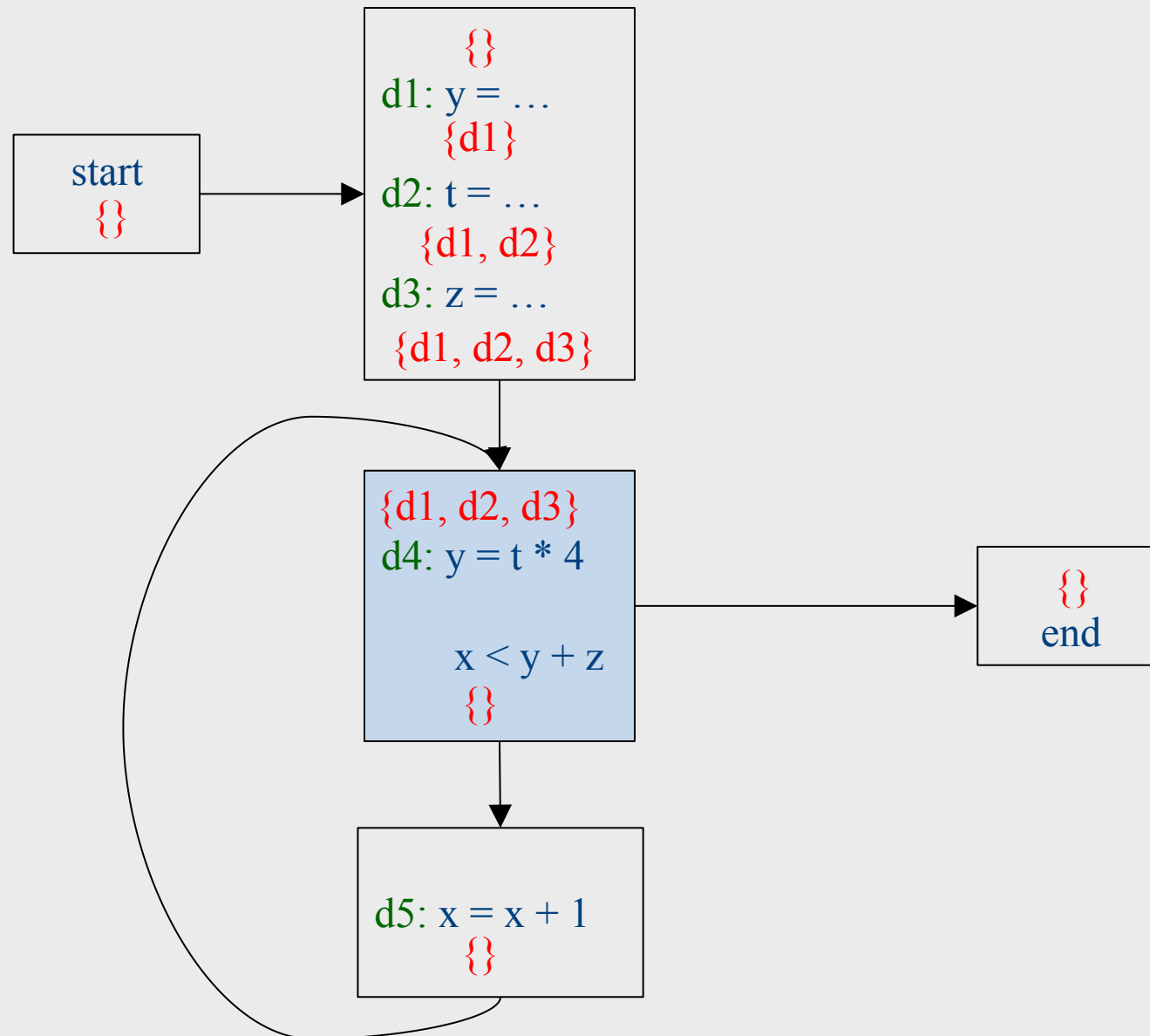
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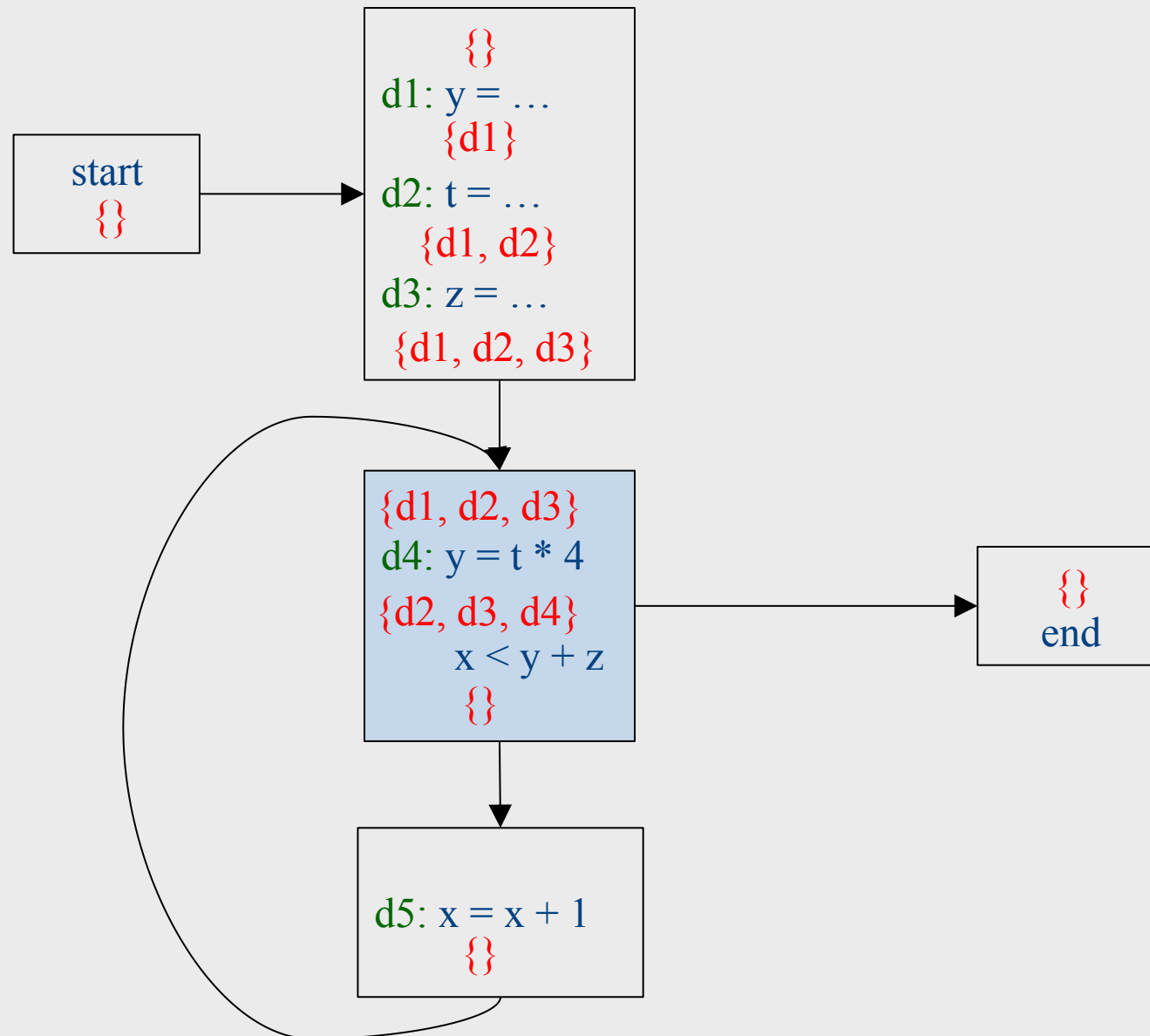
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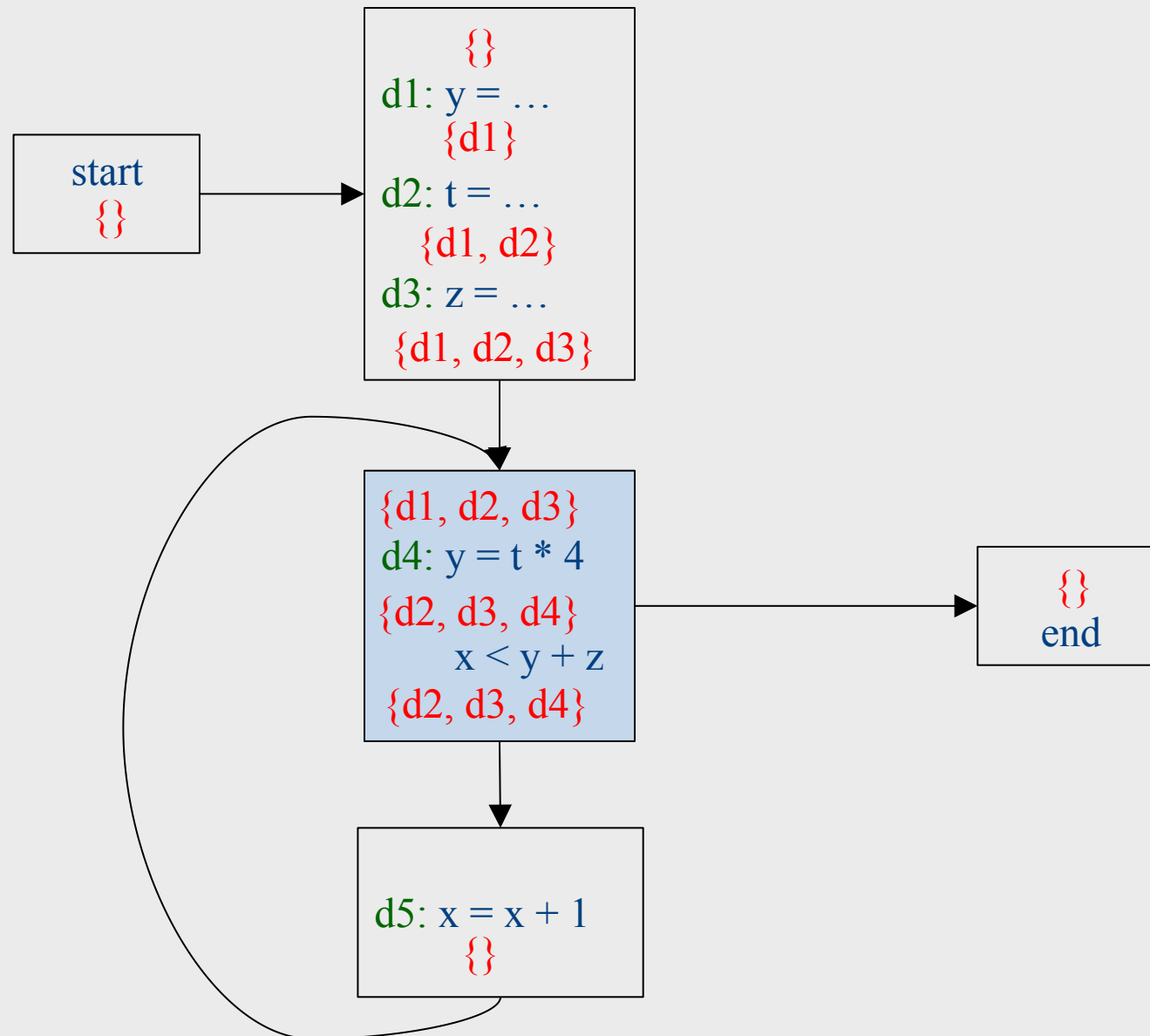
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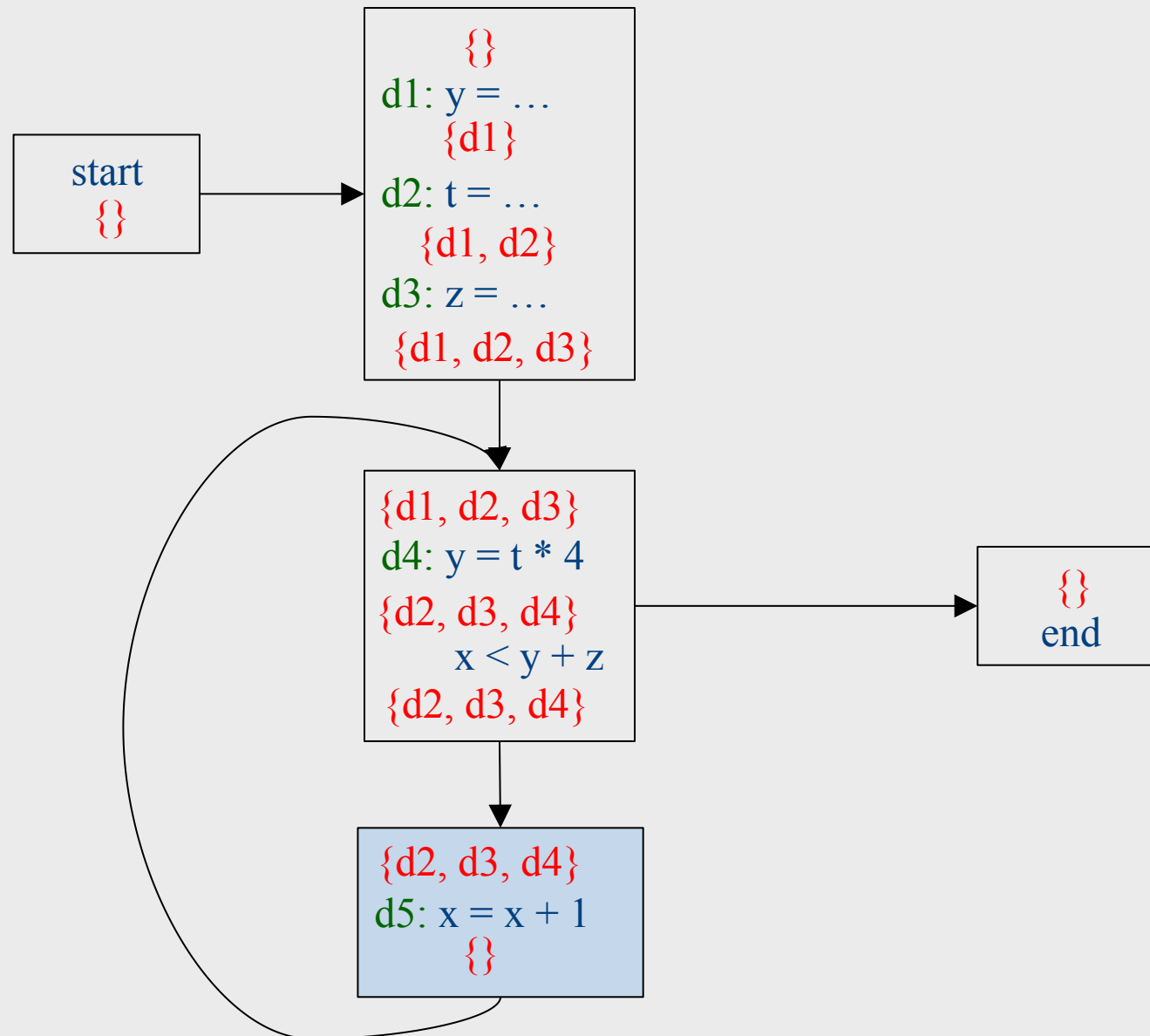
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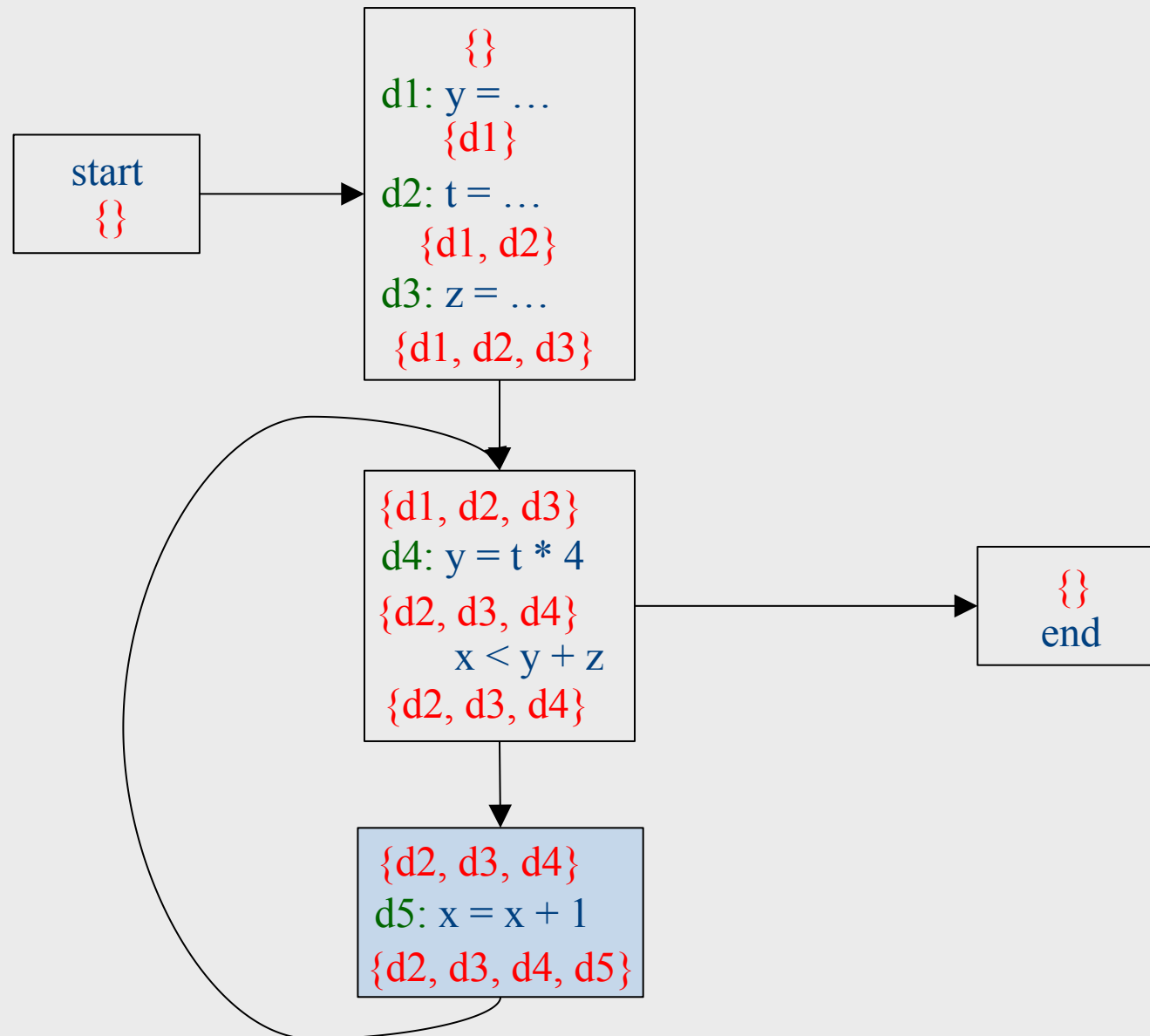
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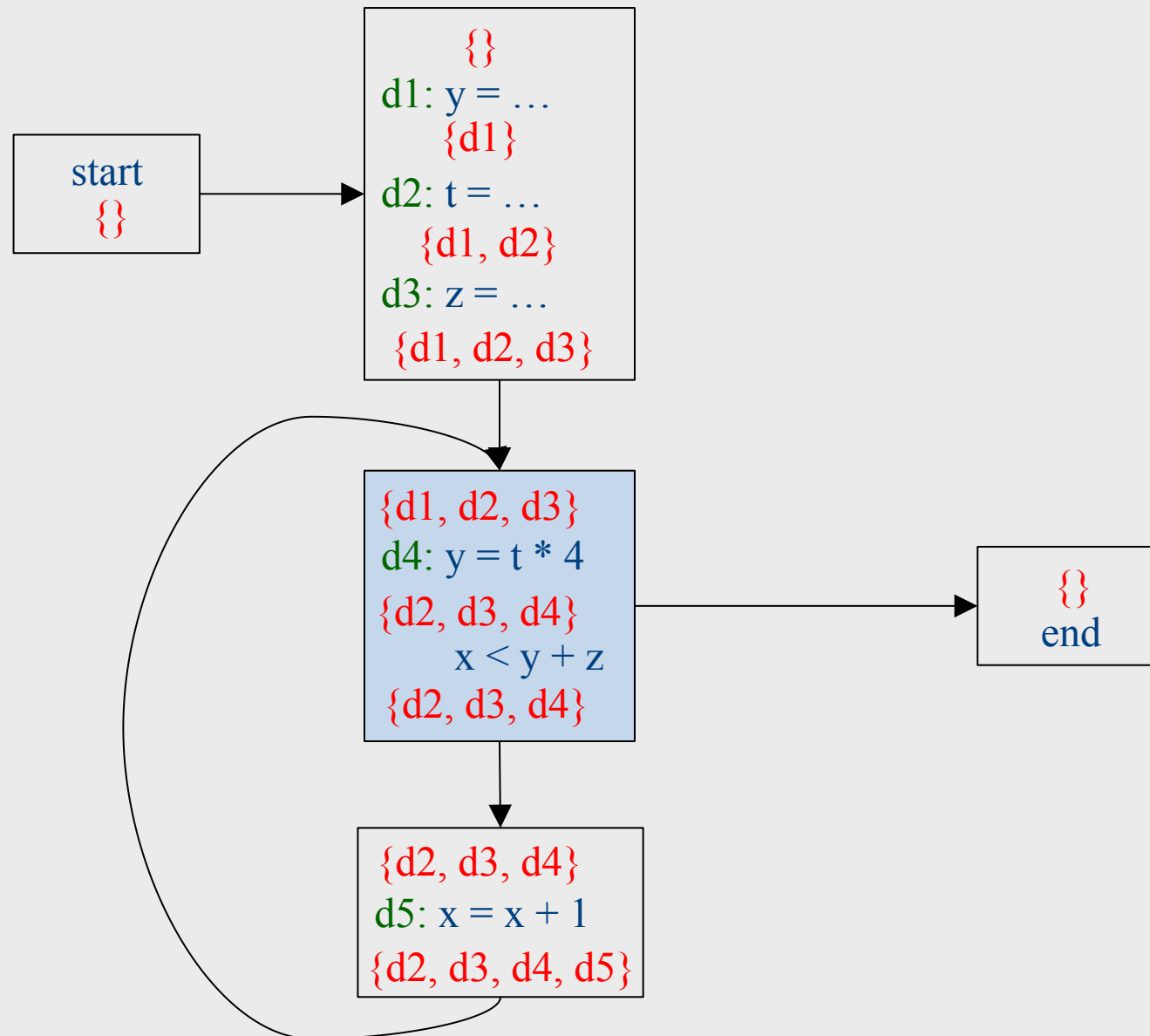
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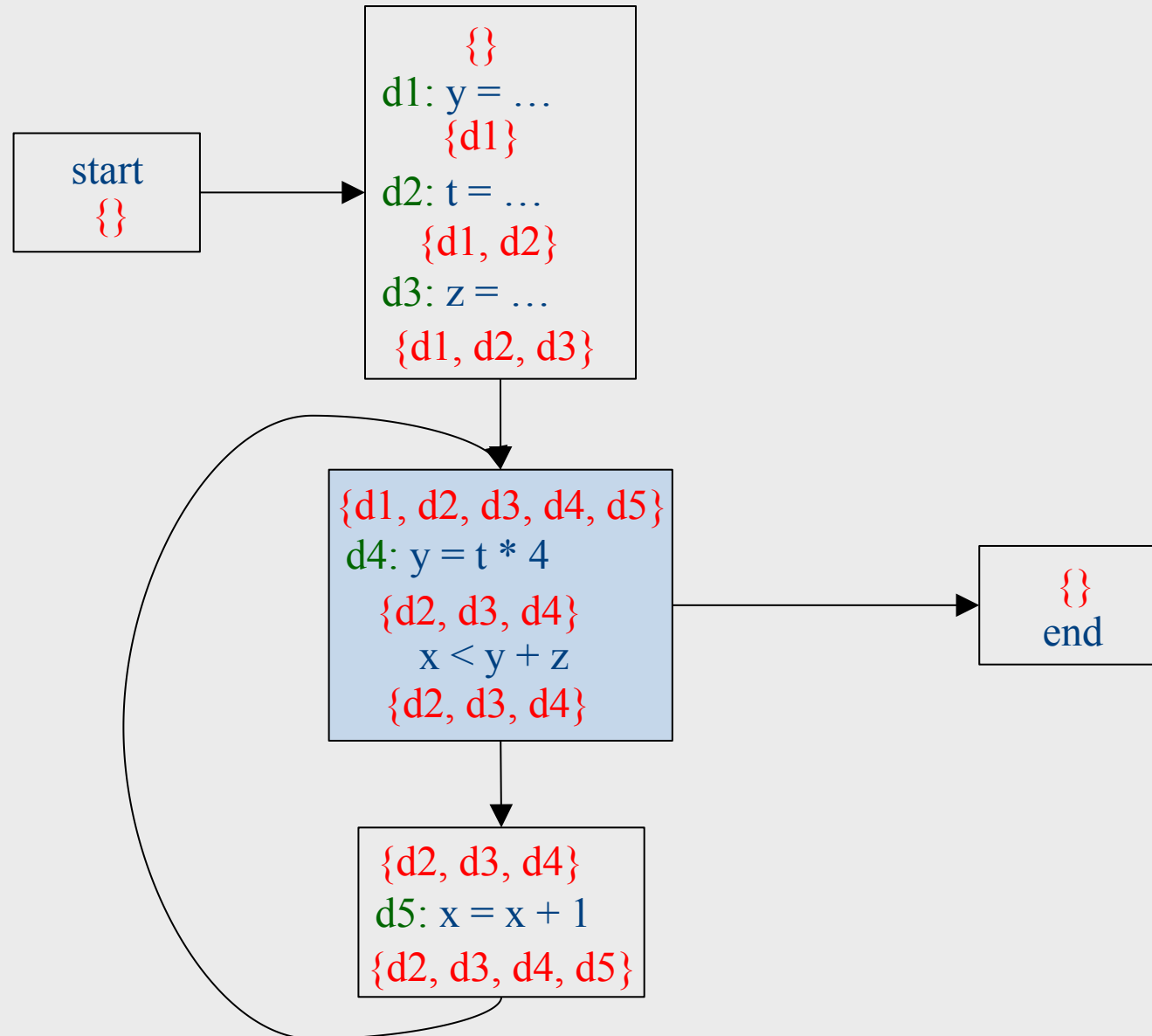
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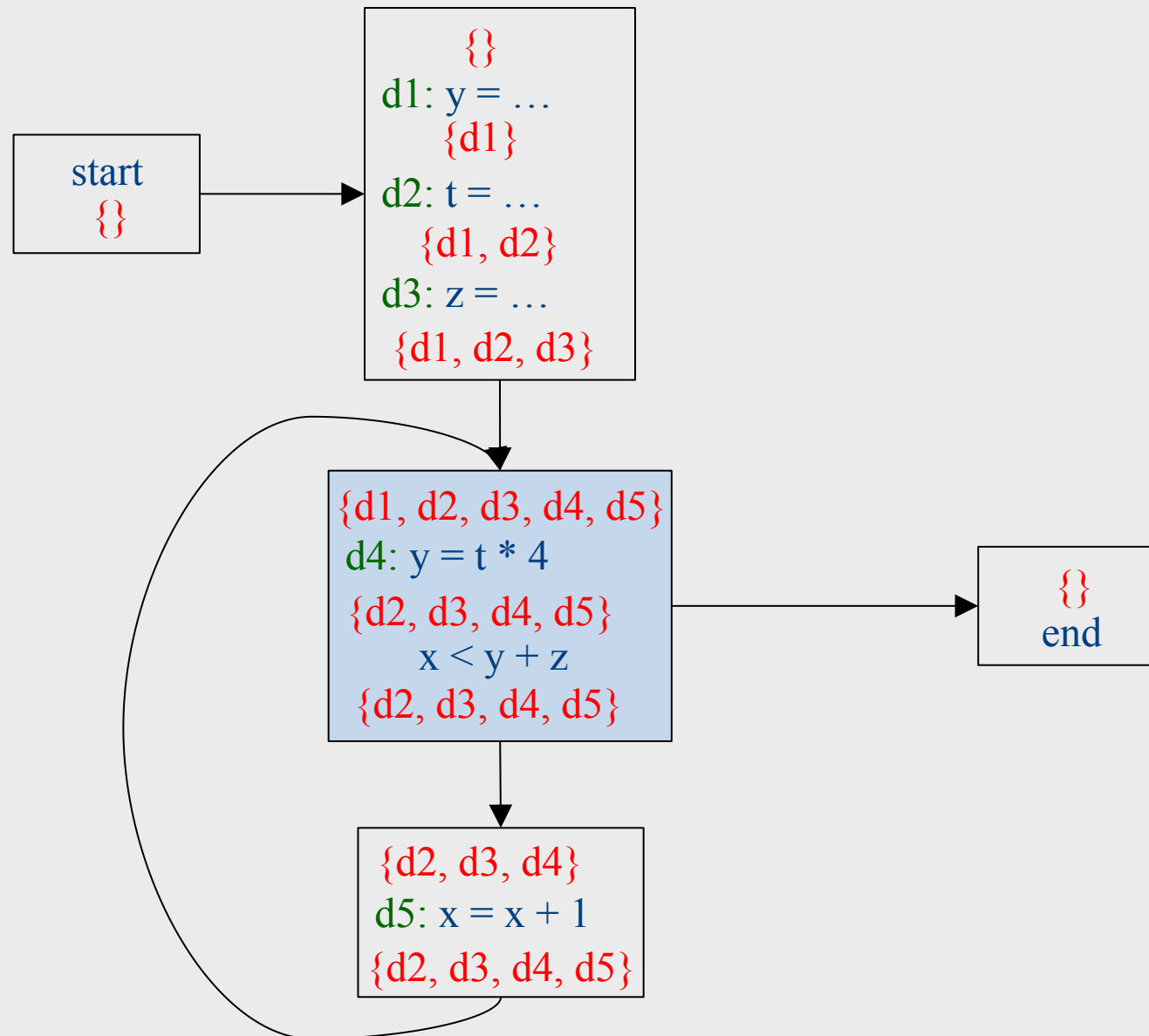
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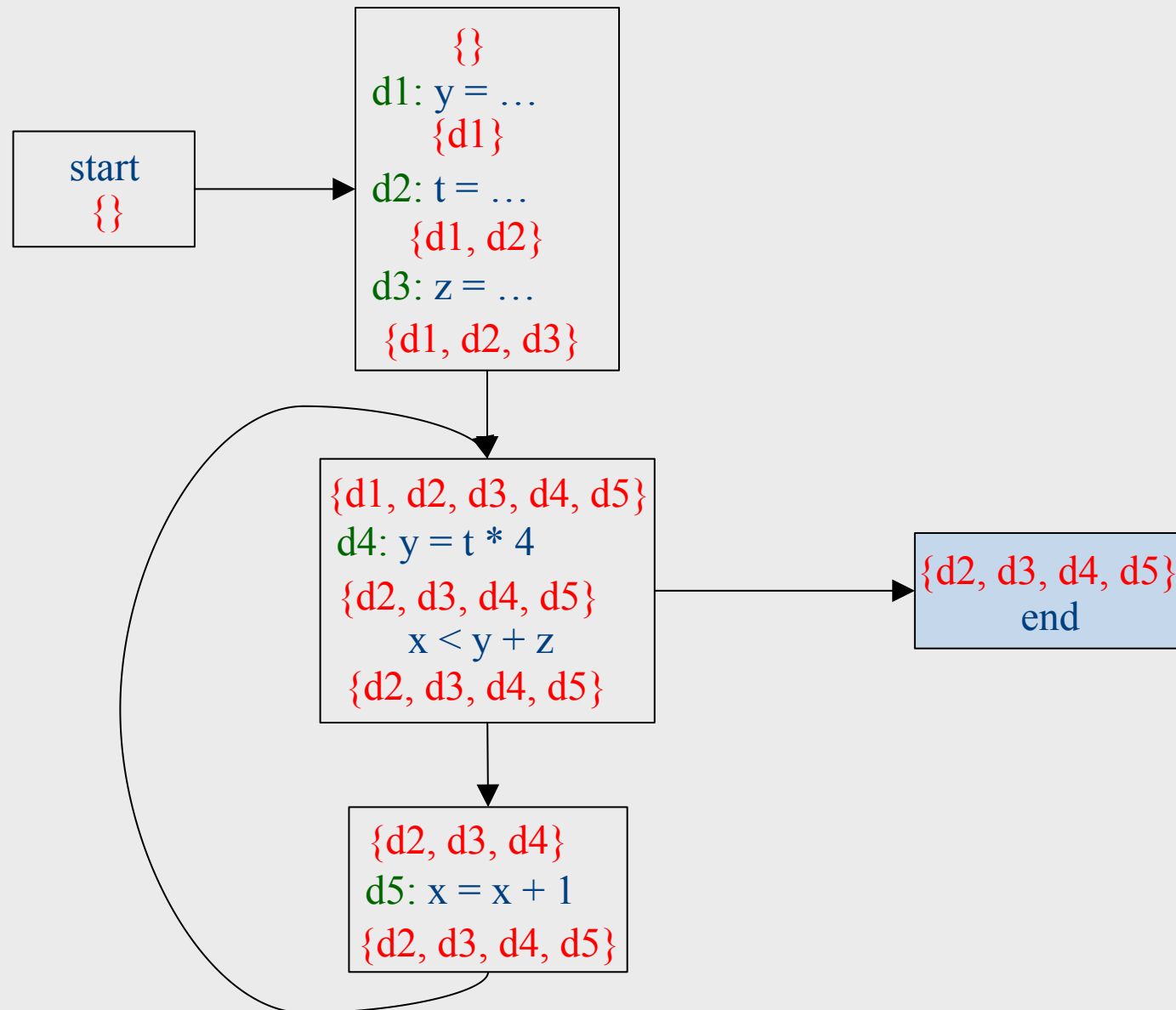
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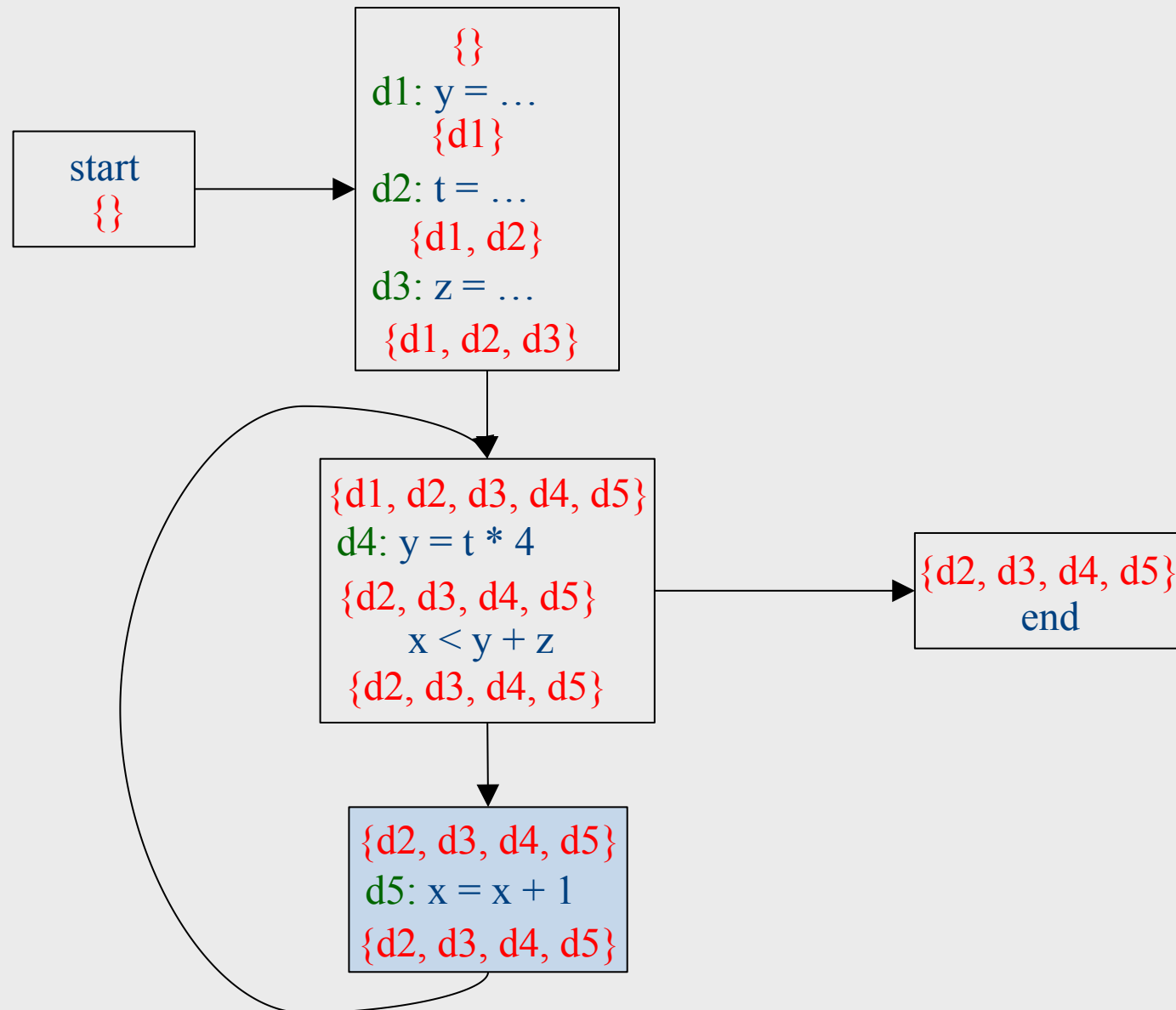
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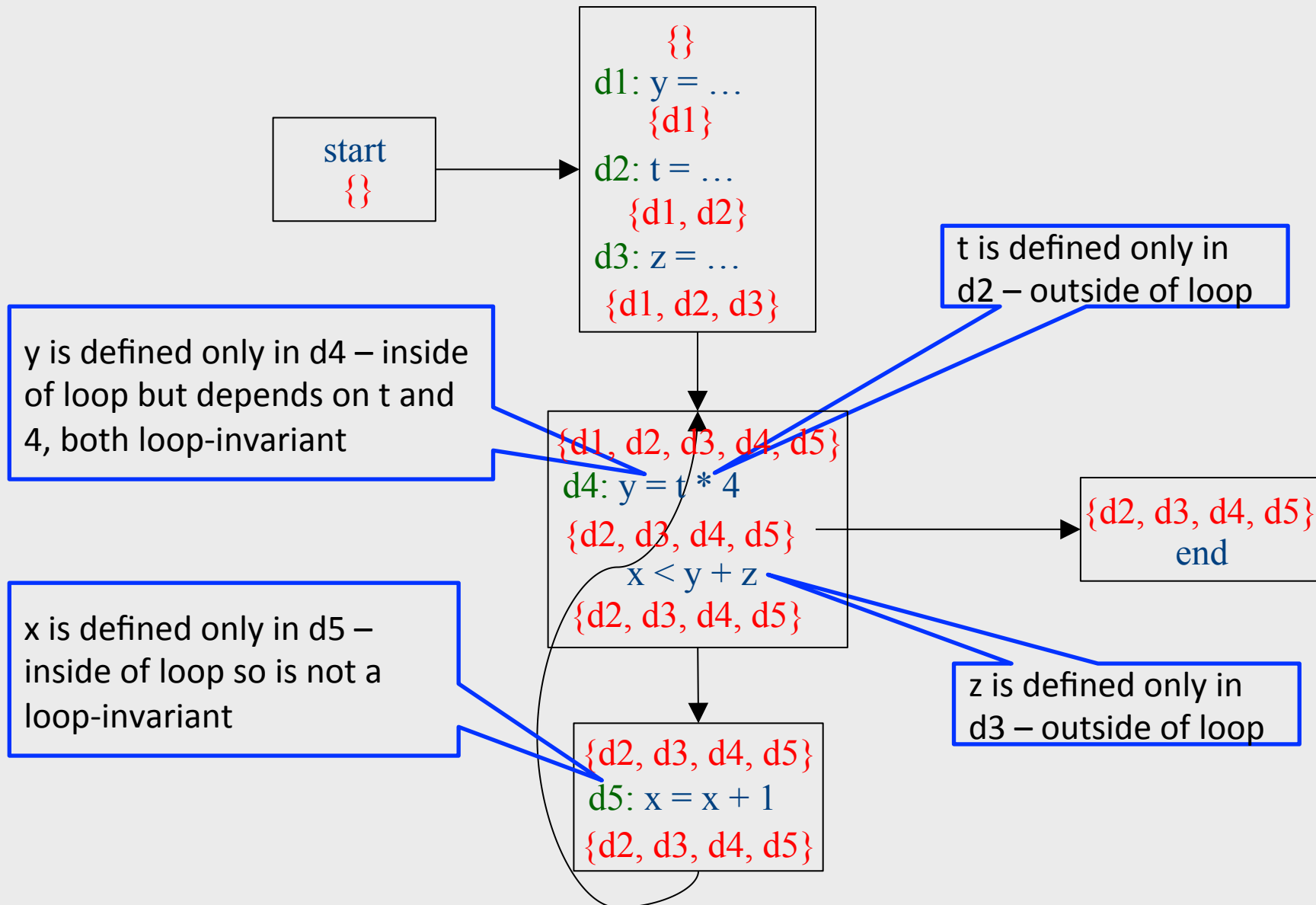
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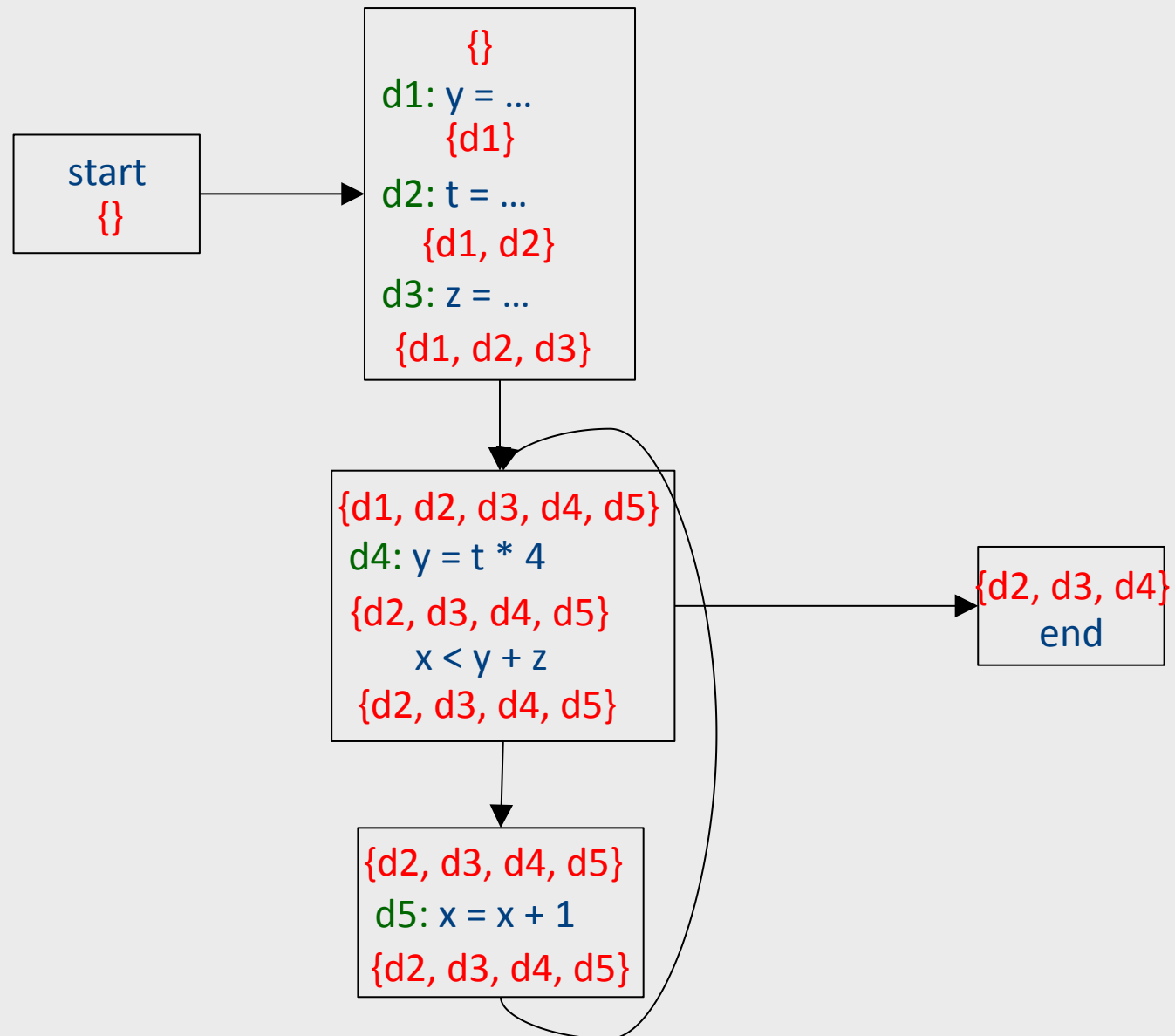
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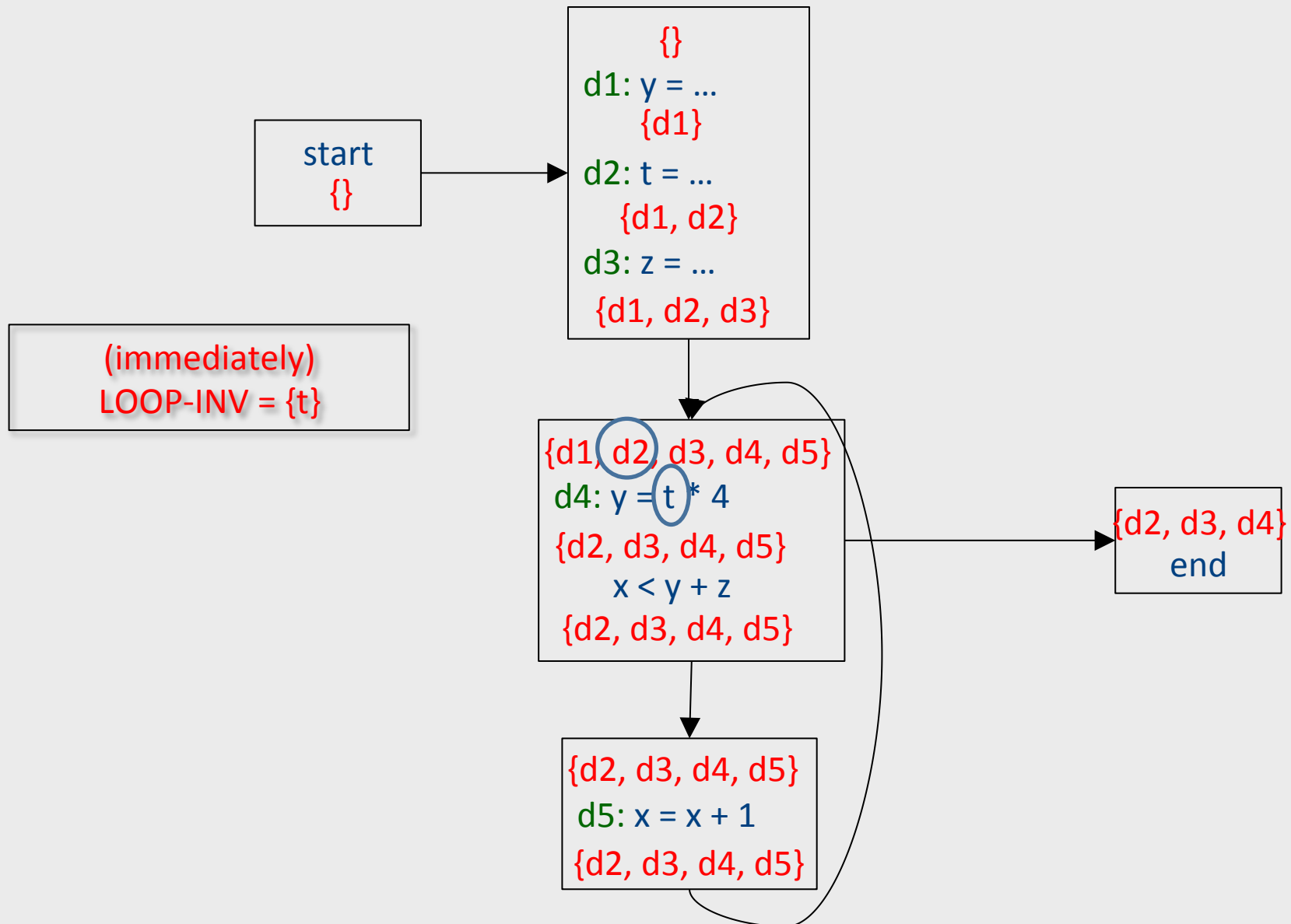
Inferring loop-invariant expressions

- For a statement s of the form $t = a_1 \text{ op } a_2$
- A variable a_i is immediately loop-invariant if all reaching definitions $\text{IN}[s] = \{d_1, \dots, d_k\}$ for a_i are outside of the loop
- LOOP-INV = immediately loop-invariant variables and constants
$$\text{LOOP-INV} = \text{LOOP-INV} \cup \{x \mid d: x = a_1 \text{ op } a_2, d \text{ is in the loop, and both } a_1 \text{ and } a_2 \text{ are in LOOP-INV}\}$$
 - Iterate until fixed-point
- An expression is loop-invariant if all operands are loop-invariants

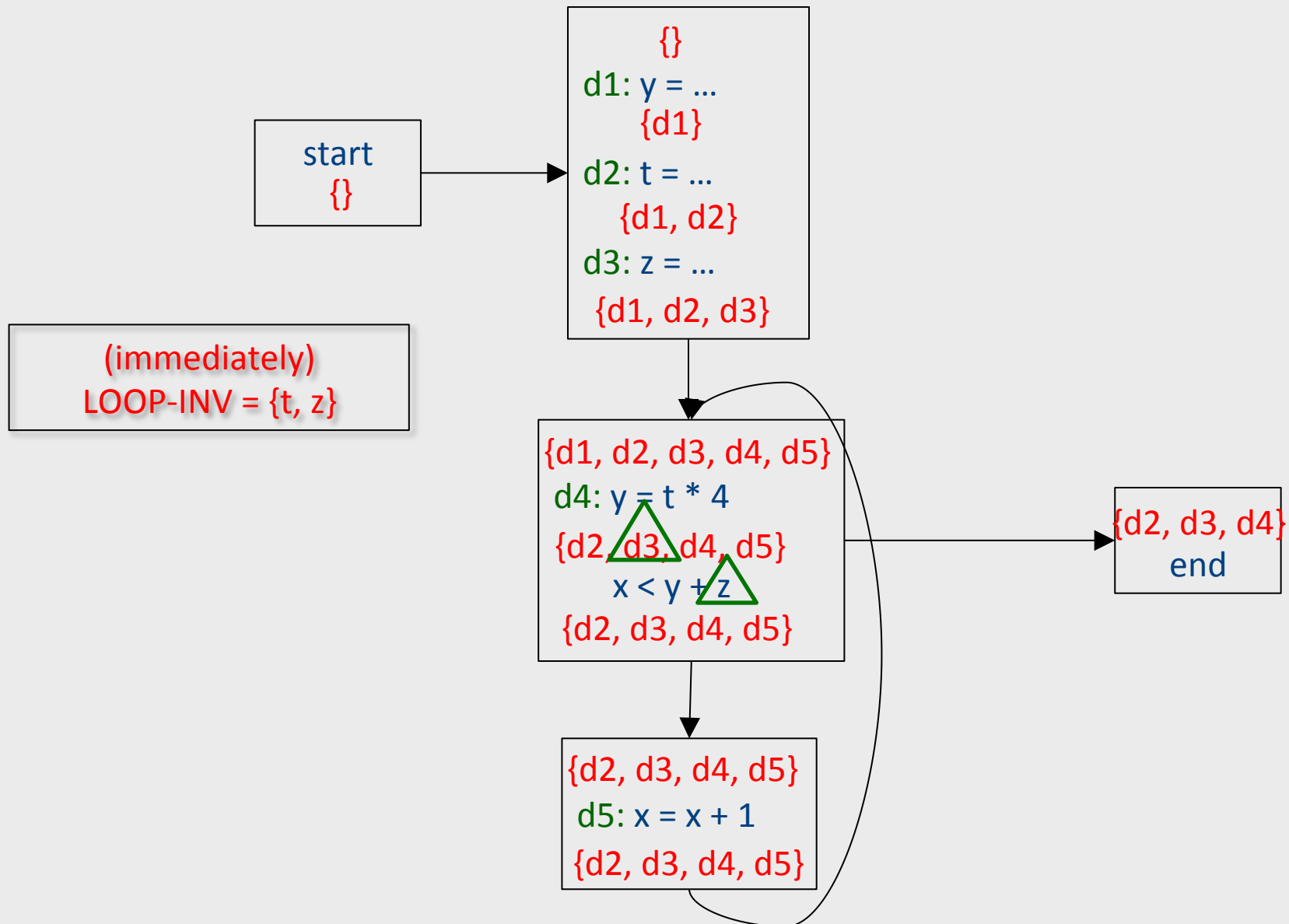
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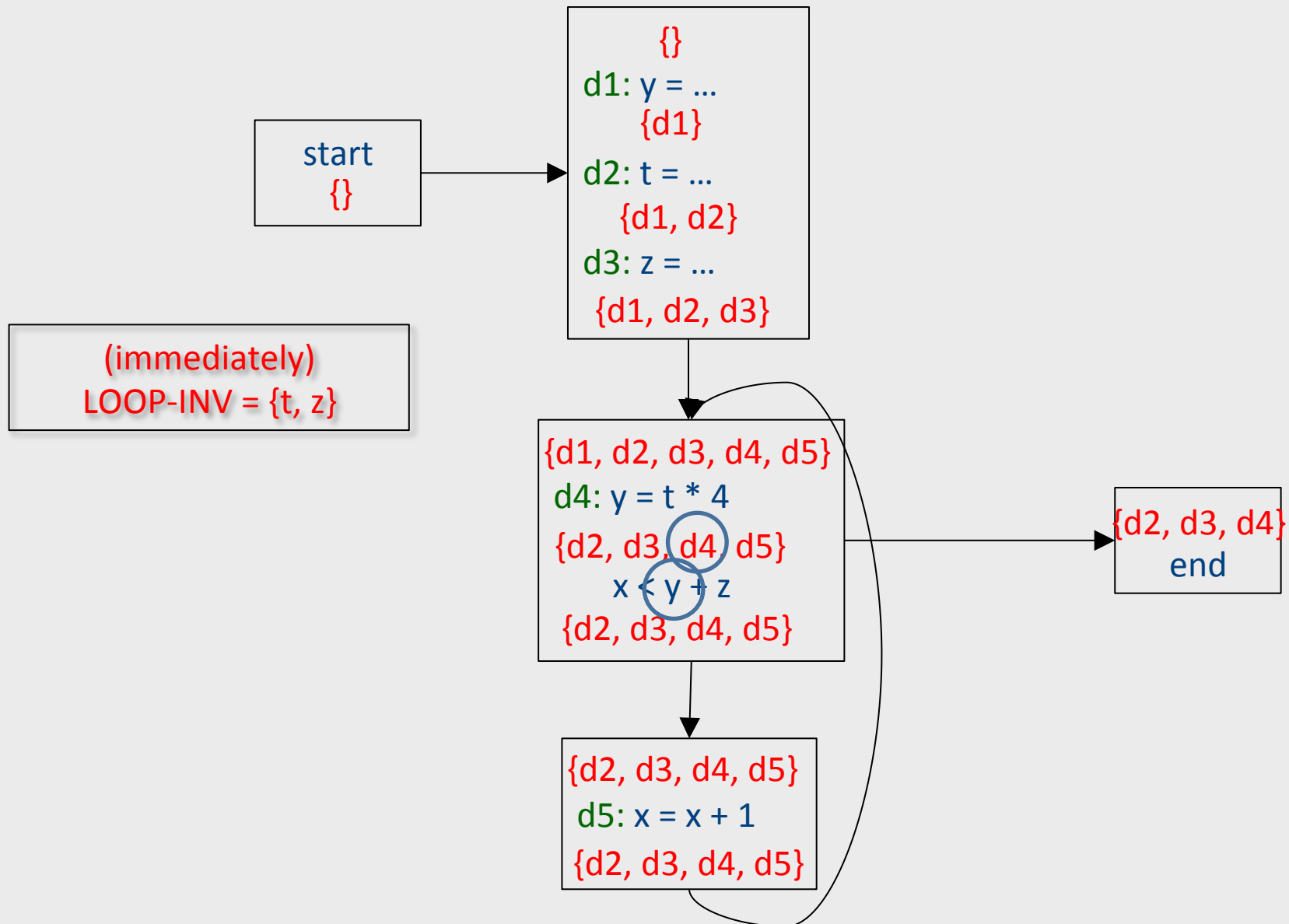
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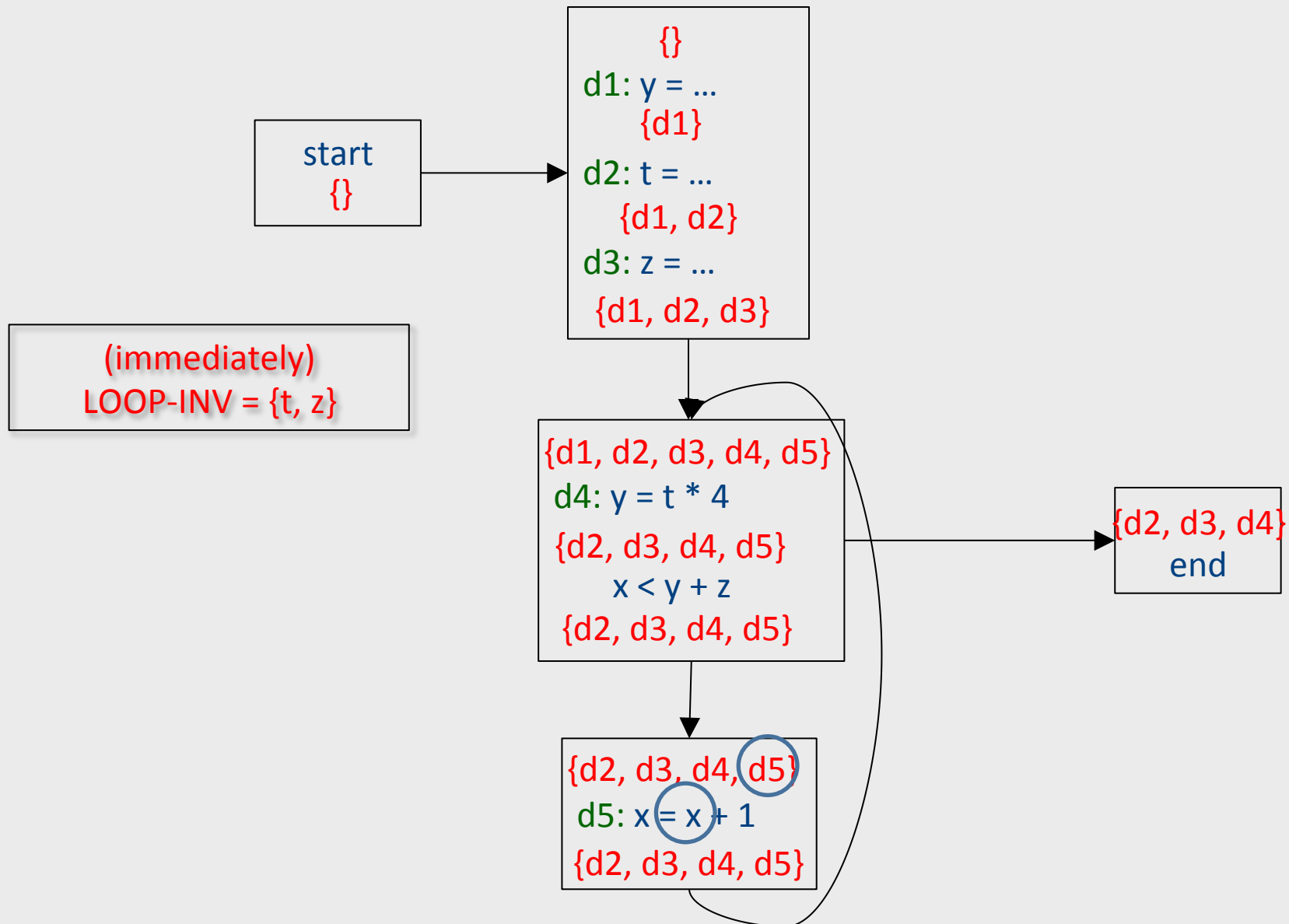
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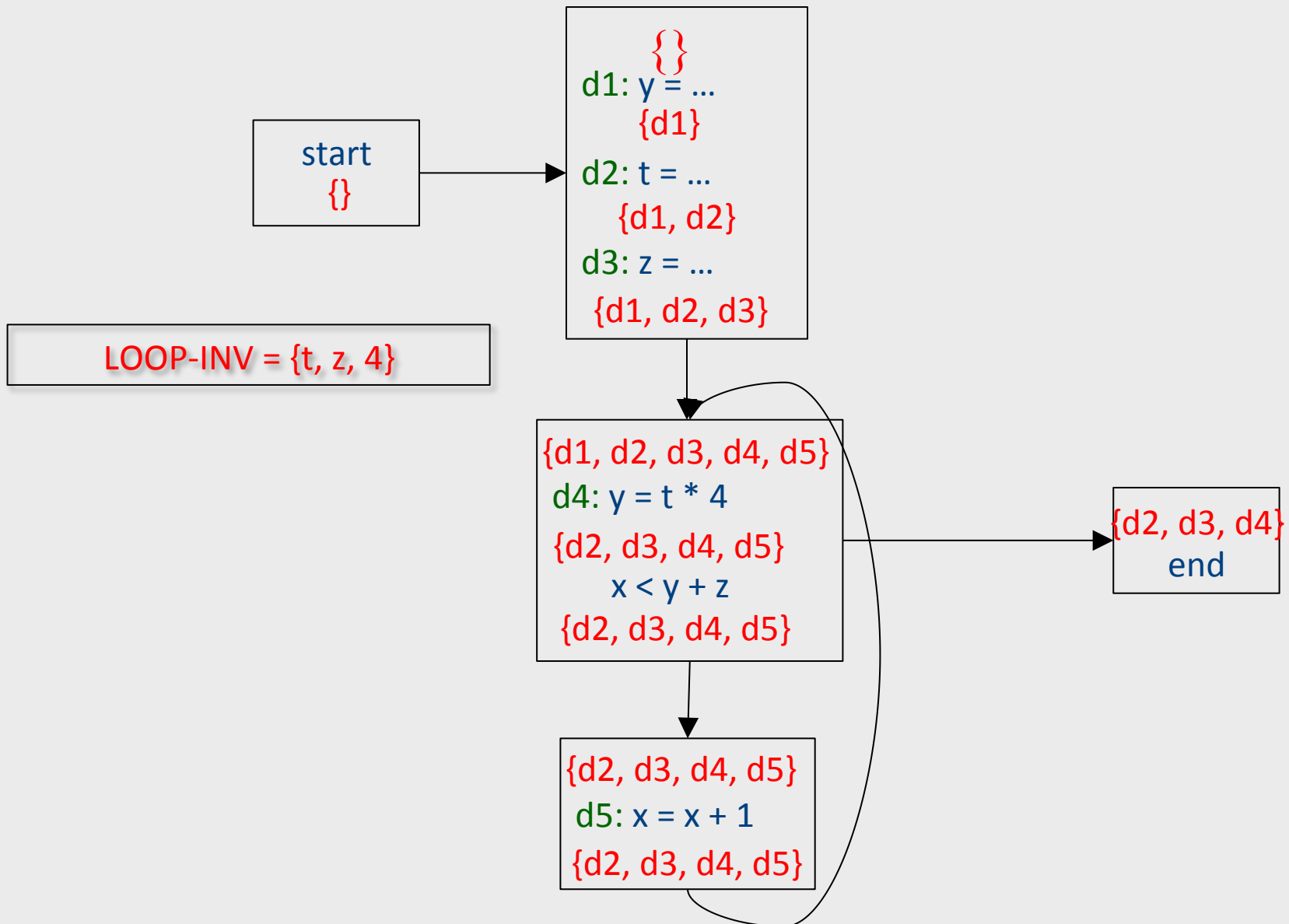
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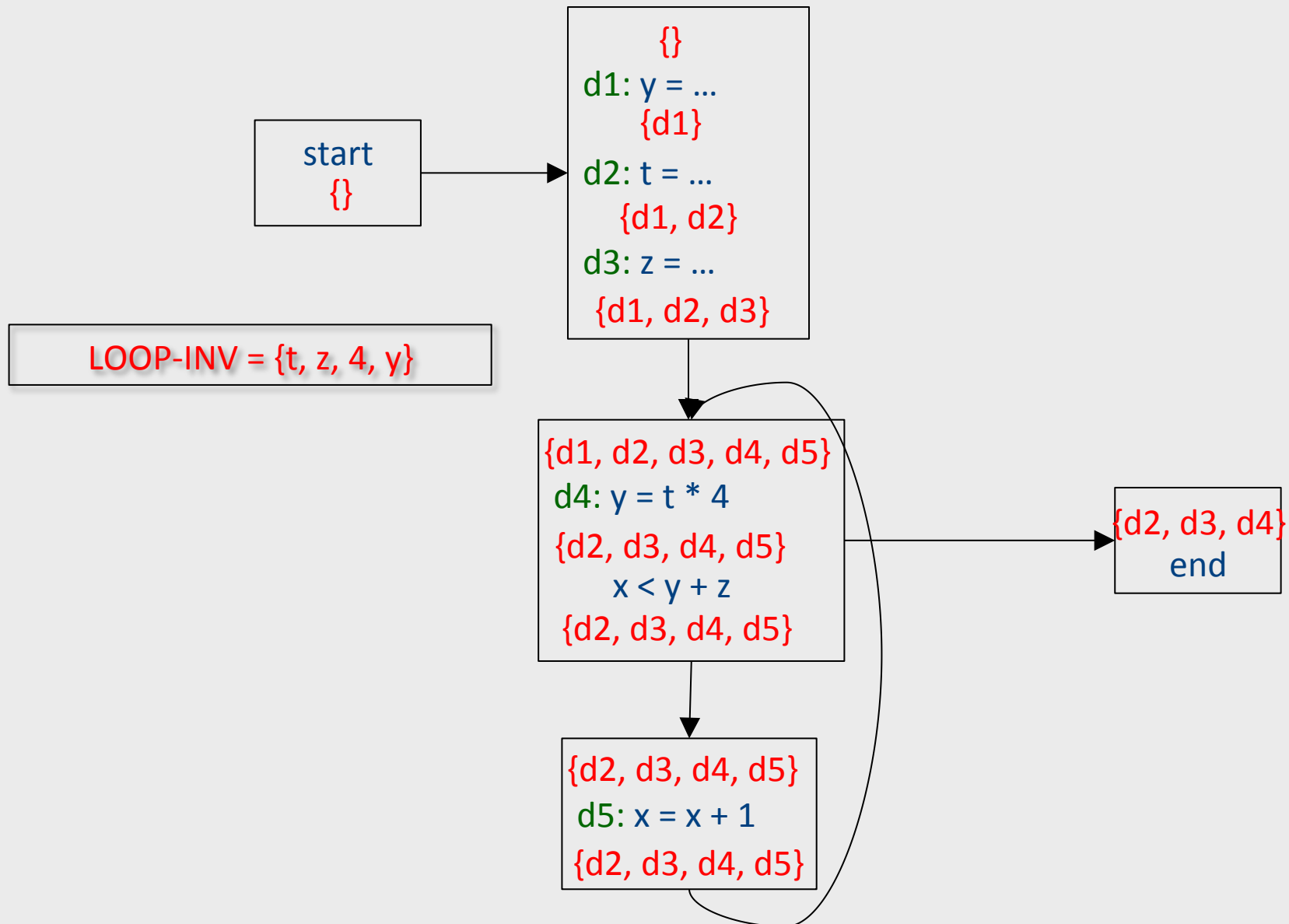
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Induction variables

j is a linear function of the induction variable with multiplier 4

```
while (i < x) {  
    j = a + 4 * i  
    a[j] = j  
    i = i + 1  
}
```

i is incremented by a loop-invariant expression on each iteration – this is called an **induction variable**

Strength-reduction

Prepare initial
value

```
j = a + 4 * i
while (i < x) {
    j = j + 4
    a[j] = j
    i = i + 1
}
```

Increment by
multiplier

Summary of optimizations

Analysis	Enabled Optimizations
Available Expressions	Common-subexpression elimination Copy Propagation
Constant Propagation	Constant folding
Live Variables	Dead code elimination
Reaching Definitions	Loop-invariant code motion