

# Program Analysis and Verification

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Lecture 9: Abstract Interpretation I

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# We begin ...

- Mobiles
- Scribe
- Home assignment – next lesson

# Previously

- Operational Semantics
  - Large step (Natural)
  - Small step (SOS)
- Denotational Semantics
  - aka mathematical semantics
- Axiomatic Semantics
  - aka Hoare Logic
  - aka axiomatic (manual) verification

How?

What?

Why?

# From verification to analysis

- Manual program verification
  - Verifier provides assertions
    - Loop invariants
- Automatic program verification (P analysis)
  - Tool automatically synthesizes assertions
    - Finds loop invariants

# Manual proof for max

```
nums : array
```

```
N : int
```

```
x := 0
```

```
res := nums[0]
```

```
while x < N
```

```
  if nums[x] > res then
```

```
    res := nums[x]
```

```
  x := x + 1
```

# Manual proof for max

```
nums : array
N : int
{  $N \geq 0$  }
x := 0
{  $N \geq 0 \wedge x = 0$  }
res := nums[0]
{  $x = 0$  }
Inv = {  $x \leq N$  }
while x < N
  {  $x = k \wedge k < N$  }
  if nums[x] > res then
    {  $x = k \wedge k < N$  }
    res := nums[x]
    {  $x = k \wedge k < N$  }
  {  $x = k \wedge k < N$  }
  x := x + 1
  {  $x = k + 1 \wedge k \leq N$  }
{  $x \leq N \wedge x \geq N$  }
{  $x = N$  }
```

# Can we find this proof automatically?

```
nums : array
N : int
{ N ≥ 0 }
x := 0
{ N ≥ 0 ∧ x = 0 }
res := nums[0]
{ x = 0 }
Inv = { x ≤ N }
while x < N
  { x = k ∧ k < N }
  if nums[x] > res then
    { x = k ∧ k < N }
    res := nums[x]
    { x = k ∧ k < N }
  { x = k ∧ k < N }
  x := x + 1
  { x = k + 1 ∧ k ≤ N }
{ x ≤ N ∧ x ≥ N }
{ x = N }
```

Observation: predicates in proof have the general form

$\bigwedge$  constraint

where constraint has the form

$X - Y \leq c$

or

$\pm X \leq c$

# Zone Abstract Domain (Analysis)

- Developed by Antoine Mine in his Ph.D. thesis
- Uses constraints of the form  $X - Y \leq c$  and  $\pm X \leq c$
- Built on top of Difference Bound Matrices (DBM) and shortest-path algorithms
  - $O(n^3)$  time
  - $O(n^2)$  space





# Analysis with Zone abstract domain

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nums : array
N : int
{  $N \geq 0$  }
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  {  $N \geq 0 \wedge 0 < x \leq N$  }
{  $N \geq 0 \wedge 0 \leq x \wedge x = N$  }
```

Static Analysis with Zone Abstraction

```
nums : array
N : int
{  $N \geq 0$  }
x := 0
{  $N \geq 0 \wedge x = 0$  }
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  {  $x = k + 1 \wedge k \leq N$  }
{  $x \leq N \wedge x \geq N$  }
{  $x = N$  }
```

Manual Proof

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- Mathematical foundation of static analysis



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- Abstract (semantic) domains (“abstract states”)
- Transformer functions (“abstract steps”)
- Chaotic iteration (“abstract computation”)

# Abstract Interpretation [CC77]

- A very general mathematical framework for approximating semantics
  - Generalizes Hoare Logic
  - Generalizes weakest precondition calculus
- Allows designing sound static analysis algorithms
  - Usually compute by iterating to a fixed-point
  - *Not specific to any programming language style*
- Results of an abstract interpretation are (loop) invariants
  - Can be interpreted as axiomatic verification assertions and used for verification

# Abstract Interpretation by Example

# Motivating Application: Optimization

- A compiler optimization is defined by a **program transformation**:  
$$T : \text{Prog} \rightarrow \text{Prog}$$
- The transformation is **semantics-preserving**:  
$$\forall s \in \text{State}. S_{\text{sos}} \llbracket C \rrbracket s = S_{\text{sos}} \llbracket T(C) \rrbracket s$$
- The transformation is applied to the program only if an *enabling condition* is met
- We use static analysis for inferring enabling conditions

# Common Subexpression Elimination

- If we have two variable assignments

$x := a \text{ op } b$

...

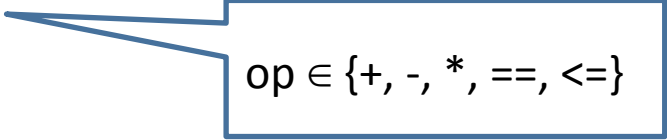
$y := a \text{ op } b$

and the values of  $x$ ,  $a$ , and  $b$  have not changed between the assignments, rewrite the code as

$x = a \text{ op } b$

...

$y := x$



$op \in \{+, -, *, ==, <=\}$

- Eliminates useless recalculation
- Paves the way for more optimizations
  - e.g., dead code elimination

# What do we need to prove?

```
{ true }  
C1  
x := a op b  
C2  
{ x = a op b }  
y := a op b  
C3
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# Available Expressions Analysis

- A static analysis that infers for every program point a set of facts of the form

$$AV = \{ x = y \mid x, y \in \text{Var} \} \cup \\ \{ x = -y \mid x, y \in \text{Var} \} \cup \\ \{ x = y \text{ op } z \mid y, z \in \text{Var}, \text{op} \in \{+, -, *, \leq\} \}$$

- For every program with  $n = |\text{Var}|$  variables number of possible facts is finite:  $|AV| = O(n^3)$ 
  - Yields a trivial algorithm ... but, is it efficient?

# Which proof is more desirable?

```
{ true }  
x := a + b  
{ x=a+b }  
z := a + c  
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More detailed predicate =  
more optimization opportunities

$x=a+b \wedge z=a+c \Rightarrow x=a+b$

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Implication formalizes “more detailed”  
relation between predicates

# Developing a theory of approximation

- Formulae are suitable for many analysis-based proofs but we may want to represent predicates in other ways:
  - Sets of “facts”
  - Automata
  - Linear (in)equalities
  - ... ad-hoc representation
- Wanted: a uniform theory to represent semantic values and approximations

# A Blast from the Past

- Recall **denotational semantics**
  - Pre-orders
  - Partial orders
    - Complete partial orders CPO,
    - Pointed CPO
    - Lattices
    - Least upper bounds
    - Chains
  - Monotonic functions
  - Fixpoints

# Abstract Domains

- Mathematical foundations

# Preorder

- We say that a binary order relation  $\sqsubseteq$  over a set  $D$  is a **preorder** if the following conditions hold for every  $d, d', d'' \in D$ 
  - **Reflexive**:  $d \sqsubseteq d$
  - **Transitive**:  $d \sqsubseteq d'$  and  $d' \sqsubseteq d''$  implies  $d \sqsubseteq d''$
- There may exist  $d, d'$  such that  $d \sqsubseteq d'$  and  $d' \sqsubseteq d$  yet  $d \neq d'$

# Preorder example

- Simple **A**vailable **E**xpressions
- Define  $SAV = \{ x = y \mid x, y \in \text{Var} \} \cup \{ x = y + z \mid y, z \in \text{Var} \}$
- For  $D = 2^{SAV}$  (sets of available expressions) define (for two subsets  $A_1, A_2 \in D$ )  
 $A_1 \sqsubseteq^{imp} A_2$  if and only if  $\bigwedge A_1 \Rightarrow \bigwedge A_2$
- $A_1$  is “more detailed” if it implies all facts of  $A_2$
- Compare  $\{x=y \wedge x=a+b\}$  with  $\{x=y \wedge y=a+b\}$ 
  - Which one should we choose?

Can we decide  
 $A_1 \sqsubseteq^{imp} A_2$  ?

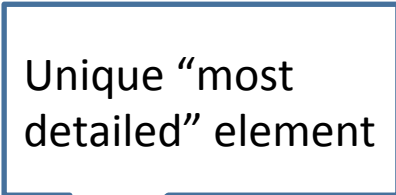


# The meaning of implication

- A predicate  $P$  represents the set of states  
 $models(P) = \{ s \mid s \models P \}$
- $P \Rightarrow Q$  means  
 $models(P) \subseteq models(Q)$

# Partially ordered sets

- A **partially ordered set** (poset) is a pair  $(D, \sqsubseteq)$ 
  - $D$  is a set of elements – a (semantic) **domain**
  - $\sqsubseteq$  is a partial order between pairs of elements from  $D$ . That is  $\sqsubseteq : D \times D$  with the following properties, for all  $d, d', d''$  in  $D$ 
    - Reflexive:  $d \sqsubseteq d$
    - Transitive:  $d \sqsubseteq d'$  and  $d' \sqsubseteq d''$  implies  $d \sqsubseteq d''$
    - **Anti-symmetric:  $d \sqsubseteq d'$  and  $d' \sqsubseteq d$  implies  $d = d'$**



Unique “most detailed” element

- Notation: if  $d \sqsubseteq d'$  and  $d \neq d'$  we write  $d \subsetneq d'$

# From preorders to partial orders

- We can transform a preorder into a poset by
  1. Coarsening the ordering
  2. Switching to a canonical form by choosing a representative for the set of equivalent elements  
 $d^*$  for  $\{ d' \mid d \sqsubseteq d' \text{ and } d' \sqsubseteq d \}$

# Coarsening for SAV

- For  $D=2^{SAV}$  (sets of available expressions) define (for two subsets  $A_1, A_2 \in D$ )  
 $A_1 \sqsubseteq^{\text{coarse}} A_2$  if and only if  $A_1 \supseteq A_2$
- Notice that if  $A_1 \supseteq A_2$  then  $\bigwedge A_1 \Rightarrow \bigwedge A_2$
- Compare  $\{x=y \wedge x=a+b\}$  with  $\{x=y \wedge y=a+b\}$
- How about  $\{x=y \wedge x=a+b \wedge y=a+b\}$  ?

# Canonical form for SAV

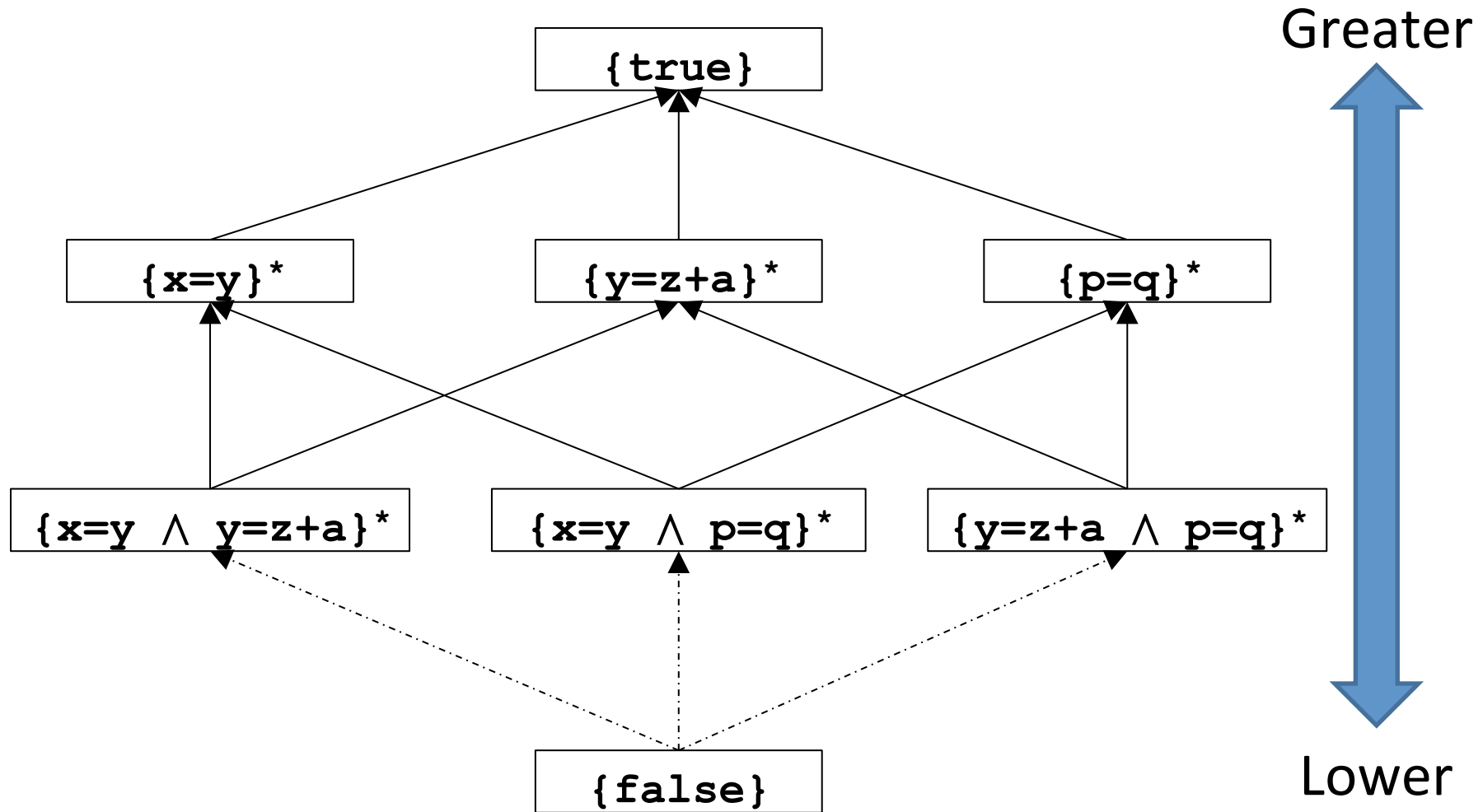
- For an available expressions element  $A$  define  $Explicate(A)$  = minimal set  $B$  such that:
  1.  $A \subseteq B$
  2.  $x=y \in B$  implies  $y=x \in B$
  3.  $x=y \in B$  and  $y=z \in B$  implies  $x=z \in B$
  4.  $x=y+z \in B$  implies  $x=z+y \in B$
  5.  $x=y \in B$  and  $x=z+w \in B$  implies  $y=z+w \in B$
  6.  $x=y \in B$  and  $z=x+w \in B$  implies  $z=y+w \in B$
  7.  $x=z+w \in B$  and  $y=z+w \in B$  implies  $x=y \in B$
- Makes all implicit facts explicit
- Define  $A^* = Explicate(A)$
- Define (for two subsets  $A_1, A_2 \in D$ )  
 $A_1 \sqsubseteq^{exp} A_2$  if and only if  $A_1^* \supseteq A_2^*$
- **Lemma:**  $A_1 \sqsubseteq^{exp} A_2$  if and only if  $A_1 \sqsubseteq^{imp} A_2$

Therefore  
 $A_1 \sqsubseteq^{imp} A_2$  is decidable

# Some posets-related terminology

- If  $x \sqsubseteq y$  we can say
  - x is *lower* than y
  - x is *more precise* than y
  - x is *more concrete* than y
  - x *under-approximates* y
  
  - y is *greater* than x
  - y is *less precise* than x
  - y is *more abstract* than x
  - y *over-approximates* x

# Visualizing ordering for SAV



$D = \{x=y, y=x, p=q, q=p, y=z+a, y=a+z, z=y+z, x=z+a\}$

# Pointed poset

- A poset  $(D, \sqsubseteq)$  with a least element  $\perp$  is called a **pointed poset**
  - For all  $d \in D$  we have that  $\perp \sqsubseteq d$
- The pointed poset is denoted by  $(D, \sqsubseteq, \perp)$
- We can always transform a poset  $(D, \sqsubseteq)$  into a pointed poset by adding a special bottom element
$$(D \cup \{\perp\}, \sqsubseteq \cup \{\perp \sqsubseteq d \mid d \in D\}, \perp)$$
- Greatest element for SAV = **{true = ?}**
- Least element for SAV = **{false = ?}**



# Annotating conditions

[if<sub>p</sub>]

$$\frac{\{b \wedge P\} S_1 \{Q\}, \{\neg b \wedge P\} S_2 \{Q\}}{\{P\} \text{if } b \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2 \{Q\}}$$

```
{P}
if b then
  {b ∧ P}
  S1
  {Q1}
else
  S2
  {Q2}
{Q}
```

We need a general way to approximate a set of semantic elements by a single semantic element

Q approximates Q<sub>1</sub> and Q<sub>2</sub>

# Join operator

- Assume a **poset**  $(D, \sqsubseteq)$
- Let  $X \subseteq D$  be a subset of  $D$  (finite/infinite)
- The **join** of  $X$  is defined as
  - $\sqcup X$  = the least upper bound (LUB) of all elements in  $X$  *if it exists*
  - $\sqcup X = \min_{\sqsubseteq} \{ b \mid \text{for all } x \in X \text{ we have that } x \sqsubseteq b \}$
  - The supremum of the elements in  $X$
  - A kind of **abstract union** (disjunction) operator
- Properties of a join operator
  - **Commutative**:  $x \sqcup y = y \sqcup x$
  - **Associative**:  $(x \sqcup y) \sqcup z = x \sqcup (y \sqcup z)$
  - **Idempotent**:  $x \sqcup x = x$

# Meet operator

- Assume a poset  $(D, \sqsubseteq)$
- Let  $X \subseteq D$  be a subset of  $D$  (finite/infinite)
- The **meet** of  $X$  is defined as
  - $\sqcap X$  = the greatest lower bound (GLB) of all elements in  $X$  *if it exists*
  - $\sqcap X = \max_{\sqsubseteq} \{ b \mid \text{for all } x \in X \text{ we have that } b \sqsubseteq x \}$
  - The infimum of the **elements in  $X$**
  - **A kind of** abstract intersection (conjunction) operator
- Properties of a join operator
  - **Commutative**:  $x \sqcap y = y \sqcap x$
  - **Associative**:  $(x \sqcap y) \sqcap z = x \sqcap (y \sqcap z)$
  - **Idempotent**:  $x \sqcap x = x$

# Complete lattices

- A **complete lattice**  $(D, \sqsubseteq, \sqcup, \sqcap, \perp, \top)$  is
- A set of elements  $D$
- A **partial order**  $x \sqsubseteq y$
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- A **top** element  
 $\top = \sqcup D$

# Transfer Functions

- Mathematical foundations

# Towards an automatic proof

- **Goal:** automatically compute an annotated program proving as many facts of the form  $x = y + z$  as possible
- **Decision 1:** develop a forward-going proof
- **Decision 2:** draw predicates from a finite set  $D$ 
  - “looking under the light of the lamp”
  - A compromise that simplifies problem by focusing attention – possibly miss some facts that hold
- **Challenge 1:** handle straight-line code
- **Challenge 2:** handle conditions
- **Challenge 3:** handle loops

# Domain for SAV

- Define *atomic facts* (for SAV) as  $\theta = \{ x = y \mid x, y \in \text{Var} \} \cup \{ x = y + z \mid x, y, z \in \text{Var} \}$ 
  - For  $n = |\text{Var}|$  number of atomic facts is  $O(n^3)$
- Define *sav-predicates* as  $\Pi = 2^\theta$
- For  $D \subseteq \theta$ ,  $\text{Conj}(D) = \bigwedge D$ 
  - $\text{Conj}(\{a=b, c=b+d, b=c\}) = (a=b) \wedge (c=b+d) \wedge (b=c)$
- Note:
  - $\text{Conj}(D_1 \cup D_2) = \text{Conj}(D_1) \wedge \text{Conj}(D_2)$
  - $\text{Conj}(\{\}) \iff \text{true}$



# Challenge 2: handling straight-line code

# handling straight-line code: Goal

- Given a program of the form

$$x_1 := a_1; \dots x_n := a_n$$

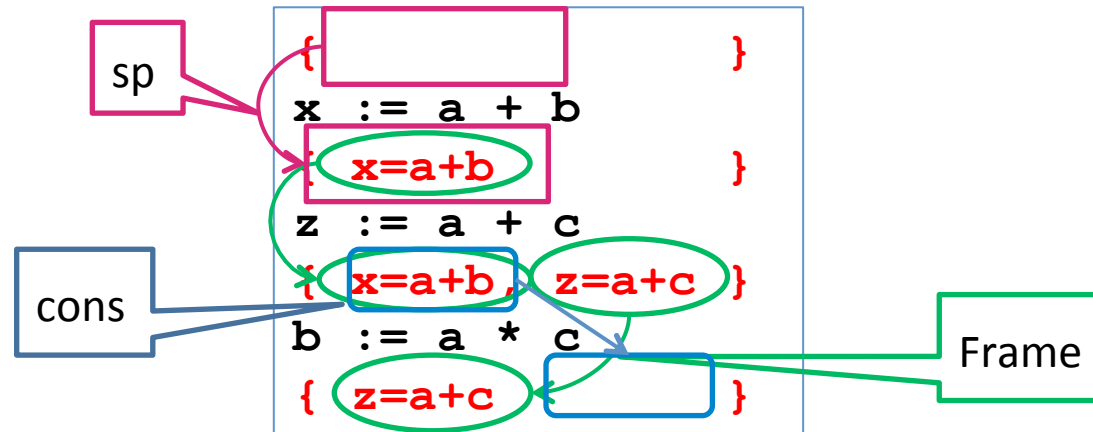
- Find predicates  $P_0, \dots, P_n$  such that
  1.  $\{P_0\} x_1 := a_1 \{P_1\} \dots \{P_{n-1}\} x_n := a_n \{P_n\}$  is a **proof**
    - $\text{sp}(x_j := a_j, P_{j-1}) \Rightarrow P_j$
  2.  $P_i = \text{Conj}(D_i)$ 
    - $D_i$  is a set of simple (SAV) facts

# Example

```
{  
x := a + b  
{  
z := a + c  
}  
b := a * c  
}
```

- Find a proof that satisfies both conditions

# Example



- Can we make this into an algorithm?

# Algorithm for straight-line code

- **Goal:** find predicates  $P_0, \dots, P_n$  such that
  1.  $\{P_0\} x_1 := a_1 \{P_1\} \dots \{P_{n-1}\} x_n := a_n \{P_n\}$  is a proof  
That is:  $\mathbf{sp}(x_i := a_i, P_{i-1}) \Rightarrow P_i$
  2. Each  $P_i$  has the form  $\text{Conj}(D_i)$  where  $D_i$  is a set of simple (SAV) facts
- **Idea:** define a function  $F^{\text{SAV}}[x:=a] : \Pi \rightarrow \Pi$  s.t.  
if  $F^{\text{SAV}}[x:=a](D) = D'$   
then  $\mathbf{sp}(x := a, \text{Conj}(D)) \Rightarrow \text{Conj}(D')$ 
  - We call  $F$  the **abstract transformer** for  $x:=a$
- Initialize  $D_0 = \{\}$
- For each  $i$ : compute  $D_{i+1} = \text{Conj}(F^{\text{SAV}}[x_i := a_i] D_i)$
- Finally  $P_i = \text{Conj}(D_i)$

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[kill-rhs-2]  $\{ y=w+x \} x:=a \{ \}$

[gen]  $\{ \} x:=\omega \{ x=\omega \}$

[preserve]  $\{ y=z+w \} x:=a \{ y=z+w \}$



# SAV abstract transformer example

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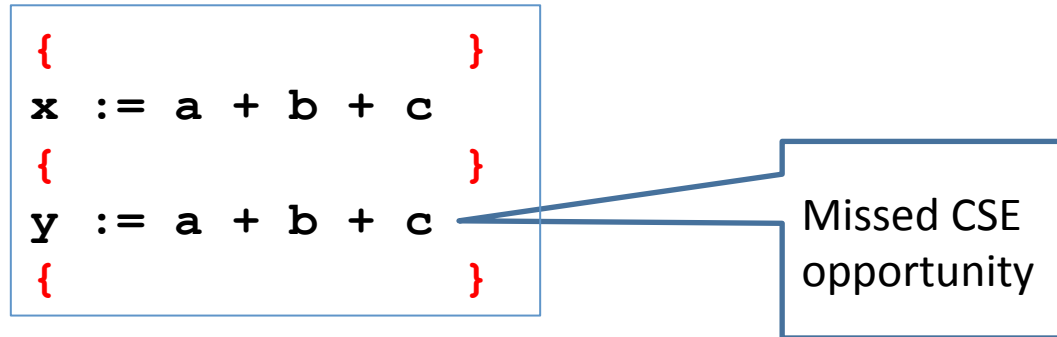
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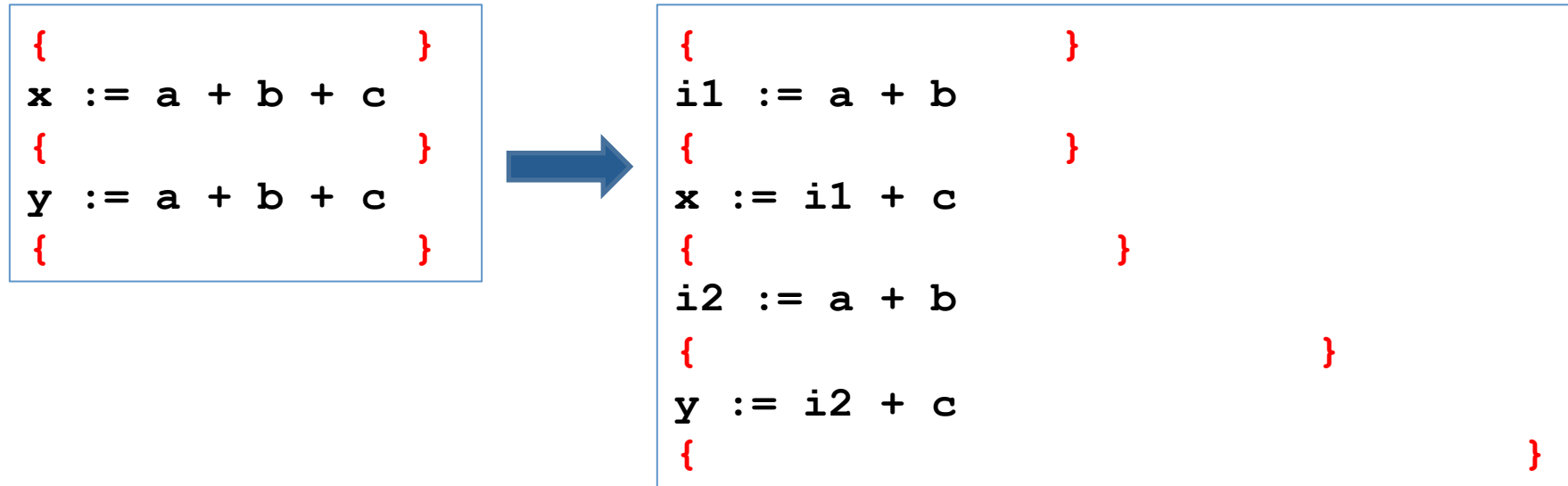
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# Problem 1: large expressions



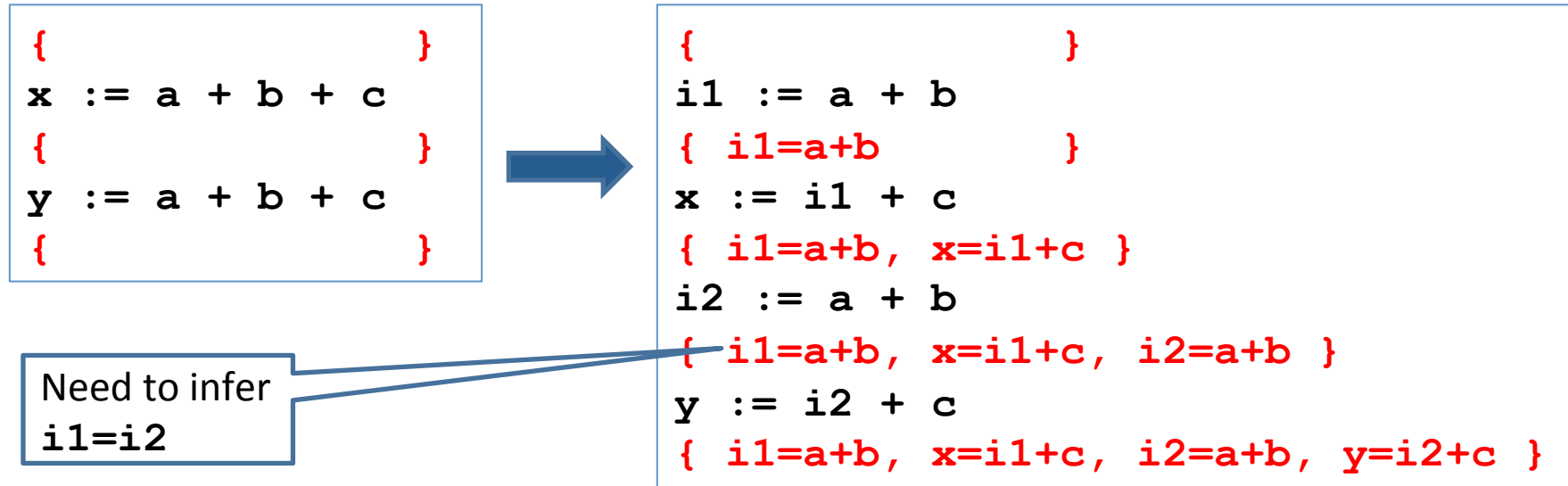
- Large expressions on the right hand sides of assignments are problematic
  - Can miss optimization opportunities
  - Require complex transformers
- Solution: transform code to normal form where right-hand sides have bounded size

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# Problem 2: Transformer Precision

```
{  
i1 := a + b  
{ i1=a+b  
x := i1 + c  
{ i1=a+b, x=i1+c }  
i2 := a + b  
{ i1=a+b, x=i1+c, i2=a+b }  
y := i2 + c  
{ i1=a+b, x=i1+c, i2=a+b, y=i2+c }
```

Need to infer  
 $i1=i2$

- Our transformer only infers syntactically available expressions – ones that appear in the code explicitly
- We want a transformer that looks deeper into the semantics of the predicates
  - Takes equalities into account

# Solution: Use Canonical Form

- **Idea:** make as many implicit facts explicit by
  - Using symmetry and transitivity of equality
  - Commutativity of addition
  - Meaning of equality – can substitute equal variables
- For  $P = \text{Conj}(D)$  let *Explicate*( $D$ ) = minimal set  $D^*$  such that:
  1.  $D \subseteq D^*$
  2.  $x=y \in D^*$  implies  $y=x \in D^*$
  3.  $x=y \in D^*$   $y=z \in D^*$  implies  $x=z \in D^*$
  4.  $x=y+z \in D^*$  implies  $x=z+y \in D^*$
  5.  $x=y \in D^*$  and  $x=z+w \in D^*$  implies  $y=z+w \in D^*$
  6.  $x=y \in D^*$  and  $z=x+w \in D^*$  implies  $z=y+w \in D^*$
  7.  $x=z+w \in D^*$  and  $y=z+w \in D^*$  implies  $x=y \in D^*$
- Notice that *Explicate*( $D$ )  $\leftrightarrow D$ 
  - *Explicate* is a special case of a **reduction operator**

# Sharpening the transformer

- **Define:**  $F^*[x:=a] = \text{Explicate} \circ F^{\text{SAV}}[x:=a]$

```
{  
    }  
i1 := a + b  
{ i1=a+b, i1=b+a }  
x := i1 + c  
{ i1=a+b, i1=b+a, x=i1+c, x=c+i1 }  
i2 := a + b  
{ i1=a+b, i1=b+a, x=i1+c, x=c+i1, i2=a+b,  
  i2=b+a, i1=i2, i2=i1, x=i2+c, x=c+i2, }  
y := i2 + c  
{ ... }
```

Since sets of facts and their conjunction are isomorphic we will use them interchangeably

# An algorithm for annotating SLP

- $\text{Annotate}(P, x:=a) = \{P\} x:=a F^*[x:=a](P)$
- $\text{Annotate}(P, S_1; S_2) = \{P\} S_1; \{Q_1\} S_2 \{Q_2\}$ 
  - $\text{Annotate}(P, S_1) = \{P\} S_1 \{Q_1\}$
  - $\text{Annotate}(Q_1, S_2) = \{Q_1\} S_2 \{Q_2\}$



# Challenge 2: handling conditions

# handling conditions: Goal

$$[if_p] \frac{\{b \wedge P\} S_1 \{Q\}, \{\neg b \wedge P\} S_2 \{Q\}}{\{P\} \text{if } b \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2 \{Q\}}$$

- Annotate a program  
if  $b$  then  $S_1$  else  $S_2$   
with predicates from  $\Pi$

```
{P}
if b then
    {b ∧ P}
    S1
    {Q1}
else
    {¬b ∧ P}
    S2
    {Q2}
{Q}
```

# handling conditions: Goal

$$\text{[if}_p\text{]} \frac{\{b \wedge P\} S_1 \{Q\}, \{\neg b \wedge P\} S_2 \{Q\}}{\{P\} \text{if } b \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2 \{Q\}}$$

- Annotate a program  
if  $b$  then  $S_1$  else  $S_2$   
with predicates from  $\Pi$
- **Assumption 1:**  $P$  is given  
(otherwise use true)
- **Assumption 2:**  $b$  is a simple  
binary expression  
e.g.,  $x=y$ ,  $x \neq y$ ,  $x < y$  (why?)

```
{P}
if b then
    {b ∧ P}
    S1
    {Q1}
else
    {¬b ∧ P}
    S2
    {Q2}
{Q}
```

# Annotating conditions

[if<sub>p</sub>]

$$\frac{\{b \wedge P\} S_1 \{Q\}, \{\neg b \wedge P\} S_2 \{Q\}}{\{P\} \text{if } b \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2 \{Q\}}$$

1. Start with  $P$  or  $\{b \wedge P\}$  and annotate  $S_1$  (yielding  $Q_1$ )
2. Start with  $P$  or  $\{\neg b \wedge P\}$  and annotate  $S_2$  (yielding  $Q_2$ )
3. How do we infer a  $Q$  such that  $Q_1 \Rightarrow Q$  and  $Q_2 \Rightarrow Q$ ?

```
{P}
if b then
  {b ∧ P}
  S1
  {Q1}
else
  {¬b ∧ P}
  S2
  {Q2}
{Q}
```

Possibly an SAV-factor

Possibly an SAV-factor

# Joining predicates

[if<sub>p</sub>]

$$\frac{\{b \wedge P\} S_1 \{Q\}, \{\neg b \wedge P\} S_2 \{Q\}}{\{P\} \text{if } b \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2 \{Q\}}$$

1. Start with  $P$  or  $\{b \wedge P\}$  and annotate  $S_1$  (yielding  $Q_1$ )
2. Start with  $P$  or  $\{\neg b \wedge P\}$  and annotate  $S_2$  (yielding  $Q_2$ )
3. How do we infer a  $Q$  such that  $Q_1 \Rightarrow Q$  and  $Q_2 \Rightarrow Q$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} Q_1 &= \text{Conj}(D_1), \quad Q_2 = \text{Conj}(D_2) \\ \text{Define: } Q &= Q_1 \sqcup Q_2 \\ &= \text{Conj}(D_1 \cap D_2) \end{aligned}$$

The **join operator** for SAV

```
{P}
if b then
    {b ∧ P}
    S1
    {Q1}
else
    {¬b ∧ P}
    S2
    {Q2}
{Q}
```

# Joining predicates

- $Q_1 = \text{Conj}(D_1)$ ,  $Q_2 = \text{Conj}(D_2)$
- We want to soundly approximate  $Q_1 \vee Q_2$  in  $\Pi$
- Define:  $Q = Q_1 \sqcup Q_2$   
 $= \text{Conj}(D_1 \cap D_2)$
- Notice that  $Q_1 \Rightarrow Q$  and  $Q_2 \Rightarrow Q$   
meaning  $Q_1 \vee Q_2 \Rightarrow Q$

# Handling conditional expressions

- Let  $D$  be a set of facts and  $b$  be an expression
- Goal: Elements in  $\Pi$  that soundly approximate
  - $D \wedge bexpr$
  - $D \wedge \neg bexpr$
- Technique: Add statement `assume  $bexpr$`   
 $\langle \text{assume } bexpr, s \rangle \Rightarrow^{sos} s$  if  $\mathcal{B} \llbracket bexpr \rrbracket s = \mathbf{tt}$
- Find a function  $F[\text{assume } bexpr] : \Pi \rightarrow \Pi$   
 $\text{Conj}(D) \wedge bexpr \Rightarrow \text{Conj}(F[\text{assume } bexpr])$

# Handling conditional expressions

- $F[\text{assume } bexpr] : \Pi \rightarrow \Pi$  such that  
 $\text{Conj}(D) \wedge bexpr \Rightarrow \text{Conj}(F[\text{assume } bexpr])$
- $\beta(bexpr) =$  if  $bexpr$  is an SAV-fact then  $\{bexpr\}$  else  $\{\}$ 
  - Notice  $bexpr \Rightarrow \beta(bexpr)$
  - Examples
    - $\beta(y=z) = \{y=z\}$
    - $\beta(y<z) = \{\}$
- $F[\text{assume } bexpr](D) = D \cup \beta(bexpr)$



# Example

```
{  
if (x = y)  
  {  
    a := b + c  
    {  
      d := b - c  
    }  
  }  
else  
  {  
    a := b + c  
    {  
      d := b + c  
    }  
  }  
}
```

# Example

```
{  
    }  
if (x = y)  
    { x=y, y=x }  
    a := b + c  
    { x=y, y=x, a=b+c, a=c+b }  
    d := b - c  
    { x=y, y=x, a=b+c, a=c+b }  
else  
    {  
        }  
    a := b + c  
    { a=b+c, a=c+b }  
    d := b + c  
    { a=b+c, a=c+b, d=b+c, d=c+b, a=d, d=a }  
{ a=b+c, a=c+b }
```

# Recap

- We now have an **algorithm** for soundly annotating loop-free code
- Generates forward-going proofs
- Algorithm operates on abstract syntax tree of code
  - Handles straight-line code by applying  $F^*$
  - Handles conditions by recursively annotating true and false branches and then intersecting their postconditions

# An algorithm for conditions

- $\text{Annotate}(P, \text{if } bexpr \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2) =$   
     $\{P\}$   
     $\text{if } bexpr \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2$   
     $Q_1 \sqcup Q_2$
- $\text{Annotate}(P \cup \beta(bexpr), S_1) =$   
     $F[\text{assume } bexpr](P) S_1 \{Q_1\}$
- $\text{Annotate}(P \cup \beta(\neg bexpr), S_2) =$   
     $F[\text{assume } \neg bexpr](P) S_2 \{Q_2\}$

# Example

```
{  
    }  
if (x = y)  
    { x=y, y=x }  
    a := b + c  
    { x=y, y=x, a=b+c, a=c+b }  
    d := b - c  
    { x=y, y=x, a=b+c, a=c+b }  
else  
    {  
        }  
    a := b + c  
    { a=b+c, a=c+b }  
    d := b + c  
    { a=b+c, a=c+b, d=b+c, d=c+b, a=d, d=a }  
{ a=b+c, a=c+b }
```

## Challenge 2: handling loops



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# Challenge 2: handling loops

# handling loops: Goal

[while<sub>p</sub>]

$$\frac{\{bexpr \wedge P\} S \{P\}}{\{P\} \text{while } b \text{ do } S \{\neg bexpr \wedge P\}}$$

```
{ P }  
Inv = { N }  
while bexpr do  
    { bexpr ∧ N }  
    S  
    { Q }  
{ ¬bexpr ∧ N }
```



# handling loops: Goal

$$[\text{while}_p] \frac{\{bexpr \wedge P\} S \{P\}}{\{P\} \text{while } b \text{ do } S \{\neg bexpr \wedge P\}}$$

- Annotate a program  
  `while bexpr do S` with  
  predicates from  $\Pi$   
  – s.t.  $P \Rightarrow N$
- **Main challenge:** find  $N$
- **Assumption 1:**  $P$  is given  
(otherwise use true)
- **Assumption 2:**  $bexpr$  is a  
simple binary expression

```
{ P }  
Inv = { N }  
while bexpr do  
  { bexpr ∧ N }  
  S  
  { Q }  
{ ¬bexpr ∧ N }
```

# Example: annotate this program

```
{ y=x+a, y=a+x, w=d, d=w }
Inv = {
while (x ≠ z) do
  {
  x := x + 1
  {
  y := x + a
  {
  d := x + a
  {
{
```

# Example: annotate this program

```
{ y=x+a, y=a+x, w=d, d=w }
Inv = { y=x+a, y=a+x }
while (x ≠ z) do
  { y=x+a, y=a+x }
  x := x + 1
  { }
  y := x + a
  { y=x+a, y=a+x }
  d := x + a
  { y=x+a, y=a+x, d=x+a, d=a+x, y=d, d=y }
{ y=x+a, y=a+x, x=z, z=x }
```

# handling loops: Idea

$$[\text{while}_p] \frac{\{bexpr \wedge P\} S \{P\}}{\{P\} \text{while } b \text{ do } S \{\neg bexpr \wedge P\}}$$

- **Idea:** try to guess a loop invariant from a small number of loop unrollings
  - We know how to annotate  $S$  (by induction)

```
{ P }  
Inv = { N }  
while bexpr do  
    { bexpr ∧ N }  
    S  
    { Q }  
    { ¬bexpr ∧ N }
```

# k-loop unrolling

```
{ P }  
Inv = { N }  
while (x ≠ z) do  
  x := x + 1  
  y := x + a  
  d := x + a
```



```
{ y=x+a, y=a+x, w=d, d=w }  
if (x ≠ z)  
  x := x + 1  
  y := x + a  
  d := x + a  
Q1 = { }
```

```
{ P }  
if (x ≠ z)  
  x := x + 1  
  y := x + a  
  d := x + a  
Q1 = { }  
if (x ≠ z)  
  x := x + 1  
  y := x + a  
  d := x + a  
Q2 = { }
```

...

# k-loop unrolling

```
{ P }  
Inv = { N }  
while (x ≠ z) do  
  x := x + 1  
  y := x + a  
  d := x + a
```



```
{ y=x+a, y=a+x, w=d, d=w }  
if (x ≠ z)  
  x := x + 1  
  y := x + a  
  d := x + a  
Q1 = { y=x+a, y=a+x }
```

```
{ P }  
if (x ≠ z)  
  x := x + 1  
  y := x + a  
  d := x + a  
Q1 = { y=x+a, y=a+x }  
if (x ≠ z)  
  x := x + 1  
  y := x + a  
  d := x + a  
Q2 = { y=x+a, y=a+x }
```

...

# k-loop unrolling

```
{ P }  
Inv = { N }  
while (x ≠ z) do  
  x := x + 1  
  y := x + a  
  d := x + a
```



```
{ y=x+a, y=a+x, w=d, d=w }  
if (x ≠ z)  
  x := x + 1  
  y := x + a  
  d := x + a  
Q1 = { y=x+a, y=a+x }
```

The following must hold:

$P \Rightarrow N$

$Q_1 \Rightarrow N$

$Q_2 \Rightarrow N$

...

$Q_k \Rightarrow N$

```
{ P }  
if (x ≠ z)  
  x := x + 1  
  y := x + a  
  d := x + a  
Q1 = { y=x+a, y=a+x }  
if (x ≠ z)  
  x := x + 1  
  y := x + a  
  d := x + a  
Q2 = { y=x+a, y=a+x }
```

...

# k-loop unrolling

```

{ P }
Inv = { N }
while (x ≠ z) do
  x := x + 1
  y := x + a
  d := x + a
    
```



```

{ y=x+a, y=a+x, w=d, d=w }
if (x ≠ z)
  x := x + 1
  y := x + a
  d := x + a
Q1 = { y=x+a, y=a+x }
    
```

The following must hold:

$$P \Rightarrow N$$

$$Q_1 \Rightarrow N$$

$$Q_2 \Rightarrow N$$

...

$$Q_k \Rightarrow N$$

...

**Observation 1:** No need to explicitly unroll loop – we can reuse postcondition from unrolling k-1 for k

We can compute the following sequence:

$$N_0 = P$$

$$N_1 = N_1 \sqcup Q_1$$

$$N_2 = N_1 \sqcup Q_2$$

...

$$N_k = N_{k-1} \sqcup Q_k$$

```

{ P }
if (x ≠ z)
  x := x + 1
  y := x + a
  d := x + a
Q1 = { y=x+a, y=a+x }
if (x ≠ z)
  x := x + 1
  y := x + a
  d := x + a
Q2 = { y=x+a, y=a+x }
    
```

...



# k-loop unrolling

```

{ P }
Inv = { N }
while (x ≠ z) do
  x := x + 1
  y := x + a
  d := x + a
    
```



```

{ y=x+a, y=a+x, w=d, d=w }
if (x ≠ z)
  x := x + 1
  y := x + a
  d := x + a
Q1 = { y=x+a, y=a+x }
    
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The following must hold:

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$$Q_1 \Rightarrow N$$

$$Q_2 \Rightarrow N$$

...

$$Q_k \Rightarrow N$$

...

We can compute the following sequence:

$$N_0 = P$$

$$N_1 = N_1 \sqcup Q_1$$

$$N_2 = N_1 \sqcup Q_2$$

...

$$N_k = N_{k-1} \sqcup Q_k$$

**Observation 2:**  $N_k$   
monotonically decreases  
set of facts.

**Question:** does it stabilizes  
for some k?

```

{ P }
if (x ≠ z)
  x := x + 1
  y := x + a
  d := x + a
Q1 = { y=x+a, y=a+x }
if (x ≠ z)
  x := x + 1
  y := x + a
  d := x + a
Q2 = { y=x+a, y=a+x }
    
```

...

# Algorithm for annotating a loop

Annotate( $P$ , while  $bexpr$  do  $S$ ) =

Initialize  $N' := N_c := P$

repeat

let Annotate( $P$ , **if  $b$  then  $S$  else skip**) be  
 $\{N_c\}$  **if  $bexpr$  then  $S$  else skip**  $\{N'\}$

$N_c := N_c \sqcup N'$

until  $N' = N_c$

return  $\{P\}$

INV =  $N'$

while  $bexpr$  do

$F[\text{assume } bexpr](N)$

Annotate( $F[\text{assume } bexpr](N)$ ,  $S$ )

$F[\text{assume } \neg bexpr](N)$

# A technical issue

- Unrolling loops is quite inconvenient and inefficient (but we can avoid it as we just saw)
- How do we handle more complex control-flow constructs, e.g., `goto`, `break`, exceptions...?
- **Solution:** model control-flow by labels and `goto` statements
- Would like a dedicated data structure to explicitly encode control flow in support of the analysis
- **Solution:** control-flow graphs (CFGs)

# Intermediate language example

```
while (x ≠ z) do  
  x := x + 1  
  y := x + a  
  d := x + a  
a := b
```



```
label0:  
  if x ≠ z goto label1  
  x := x + 1  
  y := x + a  
  d := x + a  
  goto label0
```

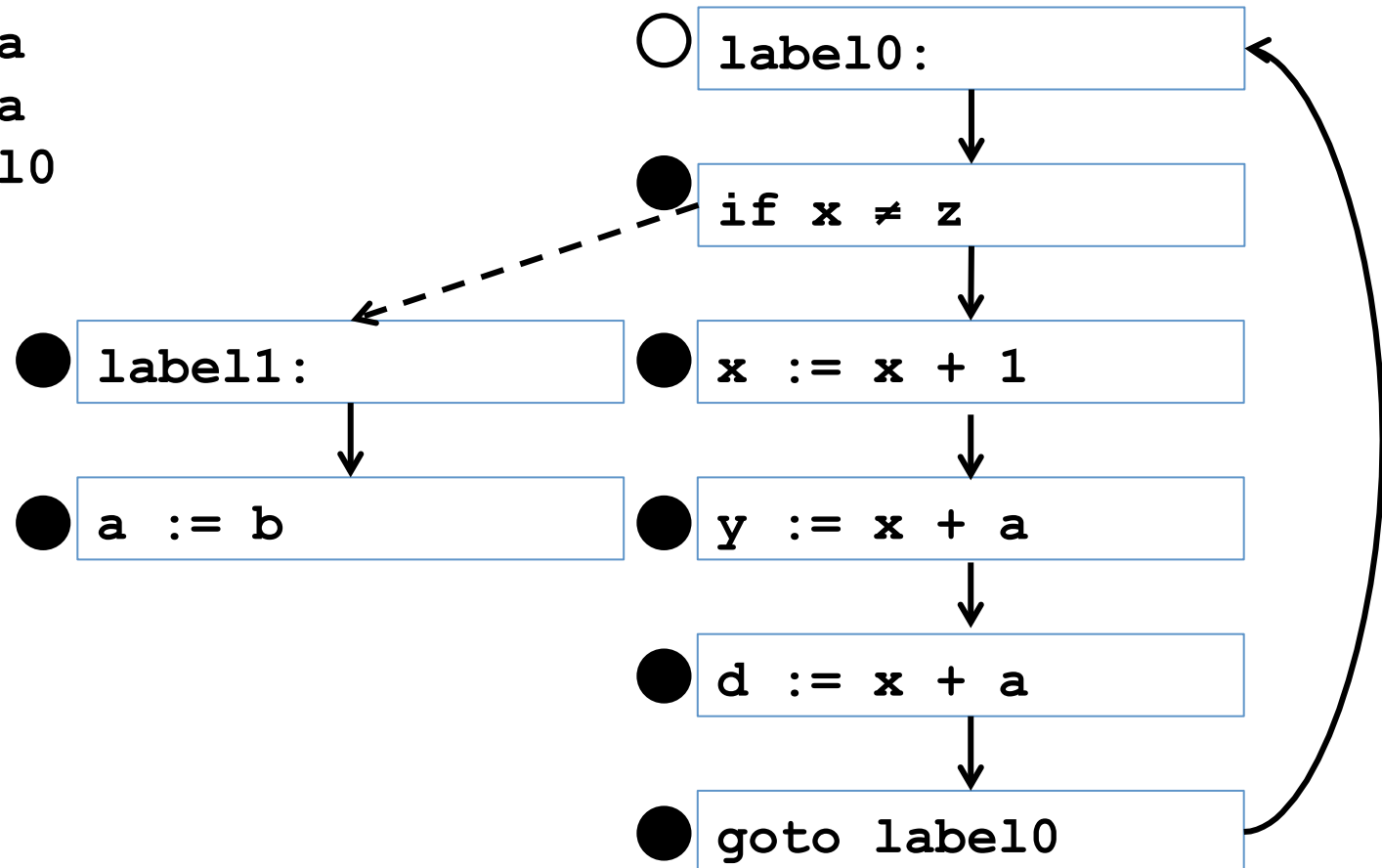
```
label1:  
  a := b
```

# Control-flow graph example

line number

○ label10:  
● if x ≠ z goto label11  
● x := x + 1  
● y := x + a  
● d := x + a  
● goto label10

● label11:  
● a := b



# Control-flow graph example

○ label10:

● if  $x \neq z$  goto label11

●  $x := x + 1$

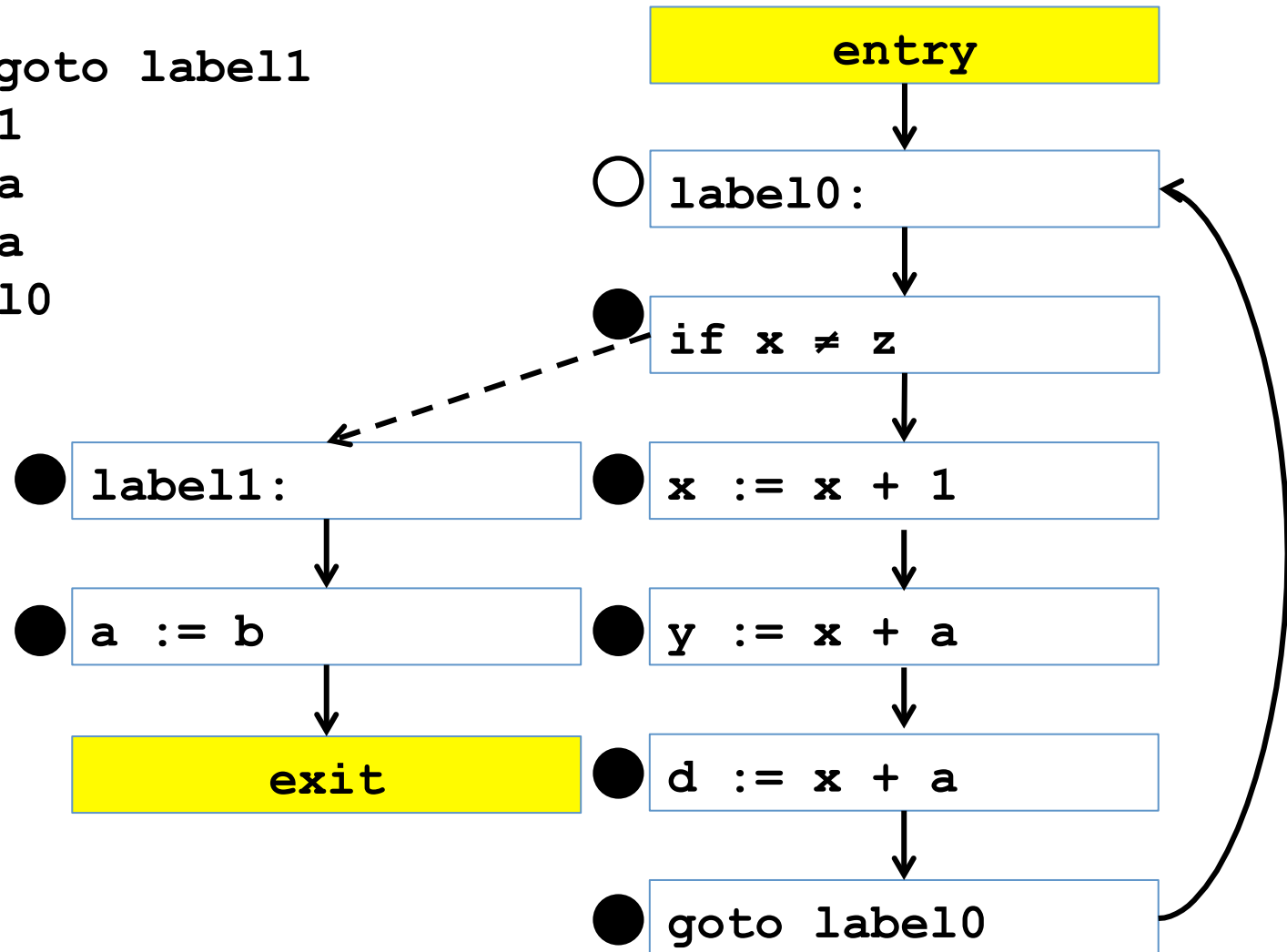
●  $y := x + a$

●  $d := x + a$

● goto label10

● label11:

●  $a := b$

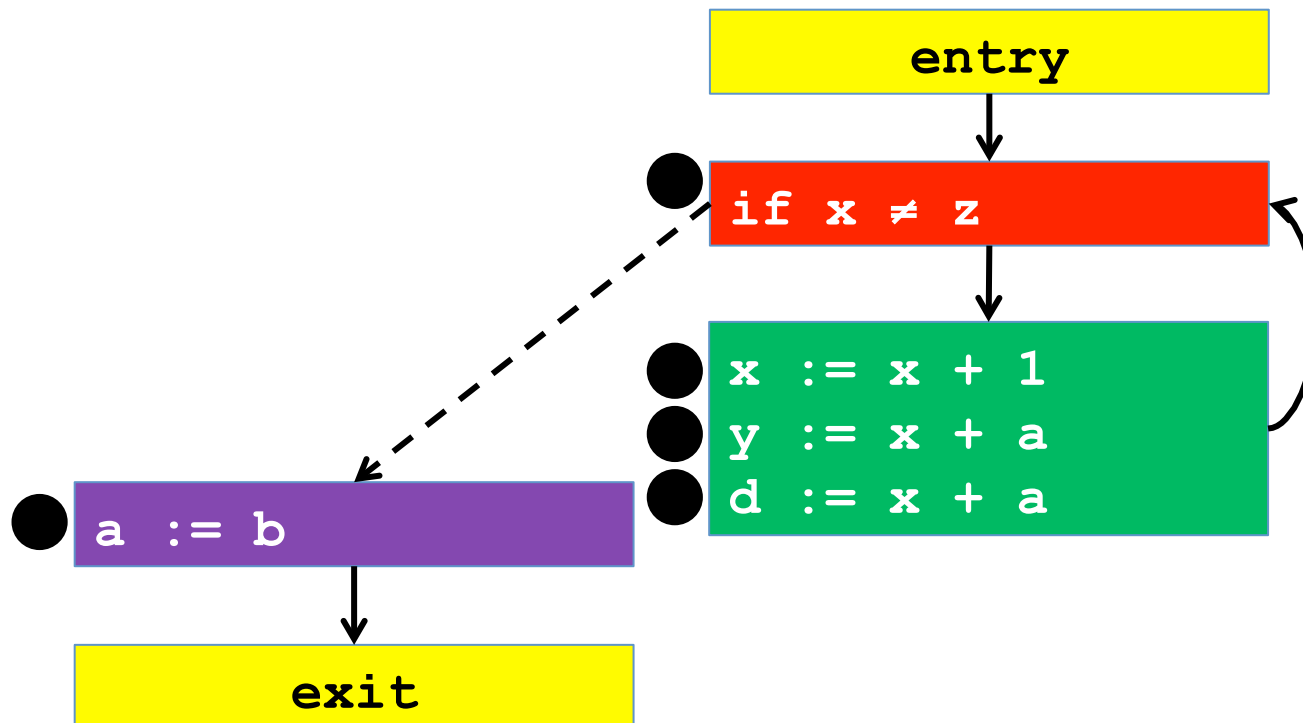


# Control-flow graph

- Node are statements or labels
- Special nodes for entry/exit
- A edge from node  $v$  to node  $w$  means that after executing the statement of  $v$  control passes to  $w$ 
  - Conditions represented by splits and join node
  - Loops create cycles
- Can be generated from abstract syntax tree in linear time
  - Automatically taken care of by the front-end
- Usage: store analysis results in CFG nodes

# CFG with Basic Blocks

- Stores basic blocks in a single node
- Extended blocks – maximal connected loop-free subgraphs





Next lecture:  
**abstract interpretation 4**

# Previously

- Available Expressions analysis
  - Abstract transformer for assignments
  - Processing serial composition
  - Processing conditions
  - Processing loop
- Control-flow graphs

# CSE optimization

**{ x = a + b }**  
**y := a + b**



**y := x**

# Semantic domain

- Define *factoids*:  
 $\theta = \{ x = y \mid x, y \in \text{Var} \} \cup$   
 $\{ x = y + z \mid x, y, z \in \text{Var} \}$
- Define *predicates* as  $\Pi = 2^\theta$
- Treat conjunctive formulas as sets of factoids  
 $\{a=b, c=b+d, b=c\} \sim (a=b) \wedge (c=b+d) \wedge (b=c)$

# Defining an SAV abstract transformer

- **Goal:** define a function  $F^{\text{SAV}}[x:=aexpr] : \Pi \rightarrow \Pi$   
s.t.  
if  $F^{\text{SAV}}[x:=aexpr](D) = D'$   
then  $\mathbf{sp}(x := aexpr, D) \Rightarrow D'$
- **Idea:** define rules for individual facts  
and generalize to sets of facts by the  
conjunction rule

[kill-lhs]  $\{ x=\omega \} x:= aexpr$   
 $\{ \}$

$\omega$  is either a variable  $v$  or  
an addition expression  $v+w$

[kill-rhs-1]  $\{ y=x+w \} x:= aexpr \{ \}$

[kill-rhs-2]  $\{ y=w+x \} x:= aexpr \{ \}$

[gen]  $\{ \} x:= \omega \{ x=\omega \}$

[preserve]  $\{ y=z+w \} x:= aexpr \{ y=z+w \}$

# Defining a reduction

- For an SAV-predicate  $D$  define  $Explicate(D)$  = minimal set  $D^*$  such that:
  1.  $D \subseteq D^*$
  2.  $x=y \in D^*$  implies  $y=x \in D^*$
  3.  $x=y \in D^*$   $y=z \in D^*$  implies  $x=z \in D^*$
  4.  $x=y+z \in D^*$  implies  $x=z+y \in D^*$
  5.  $x=y \in D^*$  and  $x=z+w \in D^*$  implies  $y=z+w \in D^*$
  6.  $x=y \in D^*$  and  $z=x+w \in D^*$  implies  $z=y+w \in D^*$
  7.  $x=z+w \in D^*$  and  $y=z+w \in D^*$  implies  $x=y \in D^*$
- **Define:**  $F^*[x:=aexpr] = Explicate \circ F^{SAV}[x:= aexpr]$

# Recap

# An algorithm for annotating SLP

```
Annotate( $P, S_1; S_2$ ) =  
  let Annotate( $P, S_1$ ) be  $\{P\} A_1 \{Q_1\}$   
  let Annotate( $Q_1, S_2$ ) be  $\{Q_1\} A_2 \{Q_2\}$   
  return  $\{P\} A_1; \{Q_1\} A_2 \{Q_2\}$ 
```



# Handling conditional expressions

- We want to soundly approximate  $D \wedge bexpr$  and  $D \wedge \neg bexpr$  in  $\Pi$
- Define an artificial statement `assume  $bexpr$`   
 $\langle \text{assume } bexpr, s \rangle \Rightarrow^{\text{sos}} s$  if  $\mathcal{B}[[bexpr]] s = \text{tt}$
- Define  $\beta(bexpr) = \text{if } bexpr \text{ is factoid}$   
 $\{bexpr\}$  else  $\{\}$
- Define  $F[\text{assume } bexpr](D) = D \cup \beta(bexpr)$
- Can sharpen  
 $F^*[\text{assume } bexpr] = \text{Explicate} \circ F^{\text{SAV}}[\text{assume } bexpr]$

# An algorithm for annotating conditions

```
let  $P_t = F^*[\text{assume } bexpr] P$   
let  $P_f = F^*[\text{assume } \neg bexpr] P$   
let  $\text{Annotate}(P_t, S_1)$  be  $\{P_t\} A_1 \{Q_1\}$   
let  $\text{Annotate}(P_f, S_2)$  be  $\{P_f\} A_2 \{Q_2\}$   
return  $\{P\}$   
    if  $bexpr$  then  
         $\{P_t\} A_1 \{Q_1\}$   
    else  
         $\{P_f\} A_2 \{Q_2\}$   
     $\{Q_1 \sqcup Q_2\}$ 
```

# Algorithm for annotating loops

Annotate( $P$ , while  $bexpr$  do  $S$ ) =

$N' := N_c := P$  // Initialize

**repeat**

**let**  $P_t = F[\text{assume } bexpr] N_c$

**let** Annotate( $P_t, S$ ) be  $\{N_c\} A_{\text{body}} \{N'\}$

$N_c := N_c \sqcup N'$

**until**  $N' = N_c$

**return**  $\{P\}$

  INV =  $\{N'\}$

  while  $bexpr$  do

$\{P_t\}$

$A_{\text{body}}$

$\{F[\text{assume } \neg bexpr](N)\}$

# Algorithm for annotating a program

Annotate( $P, S$ ) =

**case**  $S$  is  $x:=aexpr$

**return**  $\{P\} x:=aexpr \{F^*[x:=aexpr] P\}$

**case**  $S$  is  $S_1; S_2$

**let** Annotate( $P, S_1$ ) be  $\{P\} A_1 \{Q_1\}$

**let** Annotate( $Q_1, S_2$ ) be  $\{Q_1\} A_2 \{Q_2\}$

**return**  $\{P\} A_1; \{Q_1\} A_2 \{Q_2\}$

**case**  $S$  is **if**  $bexpr$  **then**  $S_1$  **else**  $S_2$

**let**  $P_t = F[\text{assume } bexpr] P$

**let**  $P_f = F[\text{assume } \neg bexpr] P$

**let** Annotate( $P_t, S_1$ ) be  $\{P_t\} A_1 \{Q_1\}$

**let** Annotate( $P_f, S_2$ ) be  $\{P_f\} A_2 \{Q_2\}$

**return**  $\{P\}$  **if**  $bexpr$  **then**  $\{P_t\} A_1 \{Q_1\}$   
        **else**  $\{P_f\} A_2 \{Q_2\}$   
         $\{Q_1 \sqcup Q_2\}$

**case**  $S$  is **while**  $bexpr$  **do**  $S$

$N' := N_c := P$  // Initialize

**repeat**

**let**  $P_t = F[\text{assume } bexpr] N_c$

**let** Annotate( $P_t, S$ ) be  $\{N_c\} A_{\text{body}} \{N'\}$

$N_c := N_c \sqcup N'$

**until**  $N' = N_c$

**return**  $\{P\}$  INV=  $\{N'\}$  **while**  $bexpr$  **do**  $\{P_t\} A_{\text{body}} \{F[\text{assume } \neg bexpr](N)\}$

# Exercise: apply algorithm

```
{  
y := a+b  
{  
x := y  
{  
while (x≠z) do  
  {  
  w := a+b  
  {  
  x := a+b  
  {  
  a := z  
  {
```

# Step 1/18

```
{ }  
y := a+b  
{ y=a+b }*  
x := y  
while (x≠z) do  
  w := a+b  
  x := a+b  
  a := z
```

Not all factoids are shown – apply *Explicate* to get all factoids

# Step 2/18

```
{ }  
y := a+b  
{ y=a+b }*  
x := y  
{ y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*  
while (x≠z) do  
  w := a+b  
  x := a+b  
  a := z
```

# Step 3/18

```
{ }  
y := a+b  
{ y=a+b }*  
x := y  
{ y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*  
Inv' = { y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*  
while (x≠z) do  
    w := a+b  
    x := a+b  
    a := z
```



# Step 4/18

```
{ }  
y := a+b  
{ y=a+b }*  
x := y  
{ y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*  
Inv' = { y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*  
while (x≠z) do  
    { y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*  
    w := a+b  
    x := a+b  
    a := z
```

# Step 5/18

```
{ }  
y := a+b  
{ y=a+b }*  
x := y  
{ y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*  
Inv' = { y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*  
while (x≠z) do  
  { y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*  
  w := a+b  
  { y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b, w=a+b, w=x, w=y }*  
  x := a+b  
  a := z
```

# Step 6/18

```
{ }
y := a+b
{ y=a+b }*
x := y
{ y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*
Inv' = { y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*
while (x≠z) do
  { y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*
  w := a+b
  { y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b, w=a+b, w=x, w=y }*
  x := a+b
  { y=a+b, w=a+b, w=y, x=a+b, w=x, x=y }*
  a := z
```

# Step 7/18

```
{ }  
y := a+b  
{ y=a+b }*  
x := y  
{ y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*  
Inv' = { y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*  
while (x≠z) do  
  { y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*  
  w := a+b  
  { y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b, w=a+b, w=x, w=y }*  
  x := a+b  
  { y=a+b, w=a+b, w=y, x=a+b, w=x, x=y }*  
  a := z  
  { w=y, w=x, x=y, a=z }*
```

# Step 8/18

```
{ }
y := a+b
{ y=a+b }*
x := y
{ y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*
Inv'' = { x=y }*
while (x≠z) do
  { y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*
  w := a+b
  { y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b, w=a+b, w=x, w=y }*
  x := a+b
  { y=a+b, w=a+b, w=y, x=a+b, w=x, x=y }*
  a := z
  { w=y, w=x, x=y, a=z }*
```

# Step 9/18

```
{ }
y := a+b
{ y=a+b }*
x := y
{ y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*
Inv'' = { x=y }*
while (x≠z) do
  { x=y }*
  w := a+b
  { y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b, w=a+b, w=x, w=y }*
  x := a+b
  { y=a+b, w=a+b, w=y, x=a+b, w=x, x=y }*
  a := z
  { w=y, w=x, x=y, a=z }*
```

# Step 10/18

```
{ }
y := a+b
{ y=a+b }*
x := y
{ y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*
Inv'' = { x=y }*
while (x≠z) do
  { x=y }*
  w := a+b
  { x=y, w=a+b }*
  x := a+b
  { y=a+b, w=a+b, w=y, x=a+b, w=x, x=y }*
  a := z
  { w=y, w=x, x=y, a=z }*
```

# Step 11/18

```
{ }
y := a+b
{ y=a+b }*
x := y
{ y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*
Inv'' = { x=y }*
while (x≠z) do
  { x=y }*
  w := a+b
  { x=y, w=a+b }*
  x := a+b
  { x=a+b, w=a+b, w=x }*
  a := z
  { w=y, w=x, x=y, a=z }*
```



# Step 12/18

```
{ }  
y := a+b  
{ y=a+b }*  
x := y  
{ y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*  
Inv'' = { x=y }*  
while (x≠z) do  
  { x=y }*  
  w := a+b  
  { x=y, w=a+b }*  
  x := a+b  
  { x=a+b, w=a+b, w=x }*  
  a := z  
  { w=x, a=z }*
```

# Step 13/18

```
{ }
y := a+b
{ y=a+b }*
x := y
{ y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*
Inv''' = { }
while (x≠z) do
  { x=y }*
  w := a+b
  { x=y, w=a+b }*
  x := a+b
  { x=a+b, w=a+b, w=x }*
  a := z
  { w=x, a=z }*
```

# Step 14/18

```
{ }
y := a+b
{ y=a+b }*
x := y
{ y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*
Inv''' = { }
while (x≠z) do
  { }
  w := a+b
  { x=y, w=a+b }*
  x := a+b
  { x=a+b, w=a+b, w=x }*
  a := z
  { w=x, a=z }*
```

# Step 15/18

```
{ }  
y := a+b  
{ y=a+b }*  
x := y  
{ y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*  
Inv''' = { }  
while (x≠z) do  
  { }  
  w := a+b  
  { w=a+b }*  
  x := a+b  
  { x=a+b, w=a+b, w=x }*  
  a := z  
  { w=x, a=z }*
```

# Step 16/18

```
{ }
y := a+b
{ y=a+b }*
x := y
{ y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*
Inv''' = { }
while (x≠z) do
  { }
  w := a+b
  { w=a+b }*
  x := a+b
  { x=a+b, w=a+b, w=x }*
  a := z
  { w=x, a=z }*
```

# Step 17/18

```
{ }
y := a+b
{ y=a+b }*
x := y
{ y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*
Inv''' = { }
while (x≠z) do
  { }
  w := a+b
  { w=a+b }*
  x := a+b
  { x=a+b, w=a+b, w=x }*
  a := z
  { w=x, a=z }*
```

# Step 18/18

```
{ }
y := a+b
{ y=a+b }*
x := y
{ y=a+b, x=y, x=a+b }*
Inv = { }
while (x≠z) do
  { }
  w := a+b
  { w=a+b }*
  x := a+b
  { x=a+b, w=a+b, w=x }*
  a := z
  { w=x, a=z }*
{ x=z }
```

# Another Example



# Constant Propagation

- **Optimization:** constant folding

$\{ x=c \}$   
 $y := aexpr$

**constant  
folding**  


$y := \text{eval}(aexpr[c/x])$

simplifies  
constant  
expressions

- Example:  $x := 7; y := x * 9$   
transformed to:  $x := 7; y := 7 * 9$   
and then to:  $x := 7; y := 63$

- **Analysis:** constant propagation (CP)
  - Infers facts of the form  $x=c$

# CP semantic domain



# CP semantic domain

- Define *CP-factoids*:  
 $\theta = \{ x = c \mid x \in \text{Var}, c \in \mathbb{Z} \}$ 
  - How many factoids are there?
- Define *predicates* as  $\Pi = 2^\theta$ 
  - How many predicates are there?
  - Do all predicates make sense?  $(x=5) \wedge (x=7)$
- Treat conjunctive formulas as sets of factoids  
 $\{x=5, y=7\} \sim (x=5) \wedge (y=7)$

# CP abstract transformer

- **Goal:** define a function

$F^{\text{CP}}[x:=aexpr] : \Pi \rightarrow \Pi$  such that

if  $F^{\text{CP}}[x:=aexpr] P = P'$

then  $\mathbf{sp}(x:=aexpr, P) \Rightarrow P'$

?

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[kill]             $\{ x=c \} x:=aexpr \{ \}$

[gen-1]           $\{ \} x:=c \{ x=c \}$

[gen-2]           $\{ y=c, z=c' \} x:=y \text{ op } z \{ x=c \text{ op } c' \}$

[preserve]       $\{ y=c \} x:=aexpr \{ y=c \}$

# Gen-kill formulation of transformers

- Suited for analysis propagating sets of factoids
  - Available expressions,
  - Constant propagation, etc.
- For each statement, define a set of killed factoids and a set of generated factoids
$$F[S] P = (P \setminus \text{kill}(S)) \cup \text{gen}(S)$$
  - $F^{\text{CP}}[x:=aexpr] P = (P \setminus \{x=c\})$  *aexpr* is not a constant
  - $F^{\text{CP}}[x:=k] P = (P \setminus \{x=c\}) \cup \{x=k\}$
- Used in dataflow analysis – a special case of abstract interpretation

# Does this still work?

```
Annotate( $P, S_1; S_2$ ) =  
  let Annotate( $P, S_1$ ) be  $\{P\} A_1 \{Q_1\}$   
  let Annotate( $Q_1, S_2$ ) be  $\{Q_1\} A_2 \{Q_2\}$   
  return  $\{P\} A_1; \{Q_1\} A_2 \{Q_2\}$ 
```

# Handling conditional expressions

- We want to soundly approximate  $D \wedge bexpr$  and  $D \wedge \neg bexpr$  in  $\Pi$
- Define an artificial statement `assume  $bexpr$`   
$$\langle \text{assume } bexpr, s \rangle \Rightarrow^{sos} s \text{ if } \mathcal{B} \llbracket bexpr \rrbracket s = \text{tt}$$
- Define  $\beta(bexpr) =$  if  $bexpr$  is CP-factoid  
 $\{bexpr\}$  else  $\{\}$
- Define  $F[\text{assume } bexpr](D) = D \cup \beta(bexpr)$



# Does this still work?

```
let  $P_t = F[\text{assume } bexpr] P$   
let  $P_f = F[\text{assume } \neg bexpr] P$   
let Annotate( $P_t, S_1$ ) be  $\{P_t\} A_1 \{Q_1\}$   
let Annotate( $P_f, S_2$ ) be  $\{P_f\} A_2 \{Q_2\}$   
return  $\{P\}$   
  if  $bexpr$  then  
     $\{P_t\} A_1 \{Q_1\}$   
  else  
     $\{P_f\} A_2 \{Q_2\}$   
 $\{Q_1 \sqcup Q_2\}$ 
```

How do we  
define join  
for CP?

# Join example

- $\{x=5, y=7\} \sqcup \{x=3, y=7, z=9\} =$

# Does this still work?

```
Annotate( $P$ , while  $bexpr$  do  $S$ ) =  
   $N' := N_c := P$  // Initialize  
  repeat  
    let  $P_t = F[\text{assume } bexpr] N_c$   
    let Annotate( $P_t, S$ ) be  $\{N_c\} A_{\text{body}} \{N'\}$   
     $N_c := N_c \sqcup N'$   
  until  $N' = N_c$   
  return  $\{P\} INV = \{N'\}$  while  $bexpr$  do  $\{P_t\} A_{\text{body}} \{F[\text{assume } \neg bexpr](N)\}$ 
```

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- What about termination?

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```

- What about correctness?
  - If loop terminates then is  $N'$  a loop invariant?
- What about termination?

# A termination principle

- $g : X \rightarrow X$  is a function
- How can we determine whether the sequence  $x_0, x_1 = g(x_0), \dots, x_{k+1} = g(x_k), \dots$  stabilizes?
- Technique:
  1. Find **ranking function**  $\text{rank} : X \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$   
(that is show that  $\text{rank}(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x$ )
  2. Show that if  $x \neq g(x)$   
then  $\text{rank}(g(x)) < \text{rank}(x)$

# Rank function for available expressions

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```

- $\text{rank}(P) = |P|$   
number of factoids
- Prove that either  $N_c = N_c \sqcup N'$   
or  $\text{rank}(N_c \sqcup N') <^? \text{rank}(N_c)$

# Rank function for constant propagation

```
Annotate( $P$ , while  $bexpr$  do  $S$ ) =  
   $N' := N_c := P$  // Initialize  
  repeat  
    let  $P_t = F[\text{assume } bexpr] N_c$   
    let Annotate( $P_t, S$ ) be  $\{N_c\} A_{\text{body}} \{N'\}$   
     $N_c := N_c \sqcup N'$   
  until  $N' = N_c$   
  return  $\{P\} \text{INV} = \{N'\}$  while  $bexpr$  do  $\{P_t\} A_{\text{body}} \{F[\text{assume } \neg bexpr](N)\}$ 
```

- $\text{rank}(P) = ?$
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# What were the common elements?

- Two static analyses
  - Available Expressions (extended with equalities)
  - Constant Propagation
- Semantic domain
  - An approximation relation  $\Rightarrow$ 
    - A weaker one given by set inclusion
  - Join operator
- Abstract transformers for basic statements
  - Assignments
  - **assume** statements
- Initial precondition

# Orders (Reminder)

# Preorder

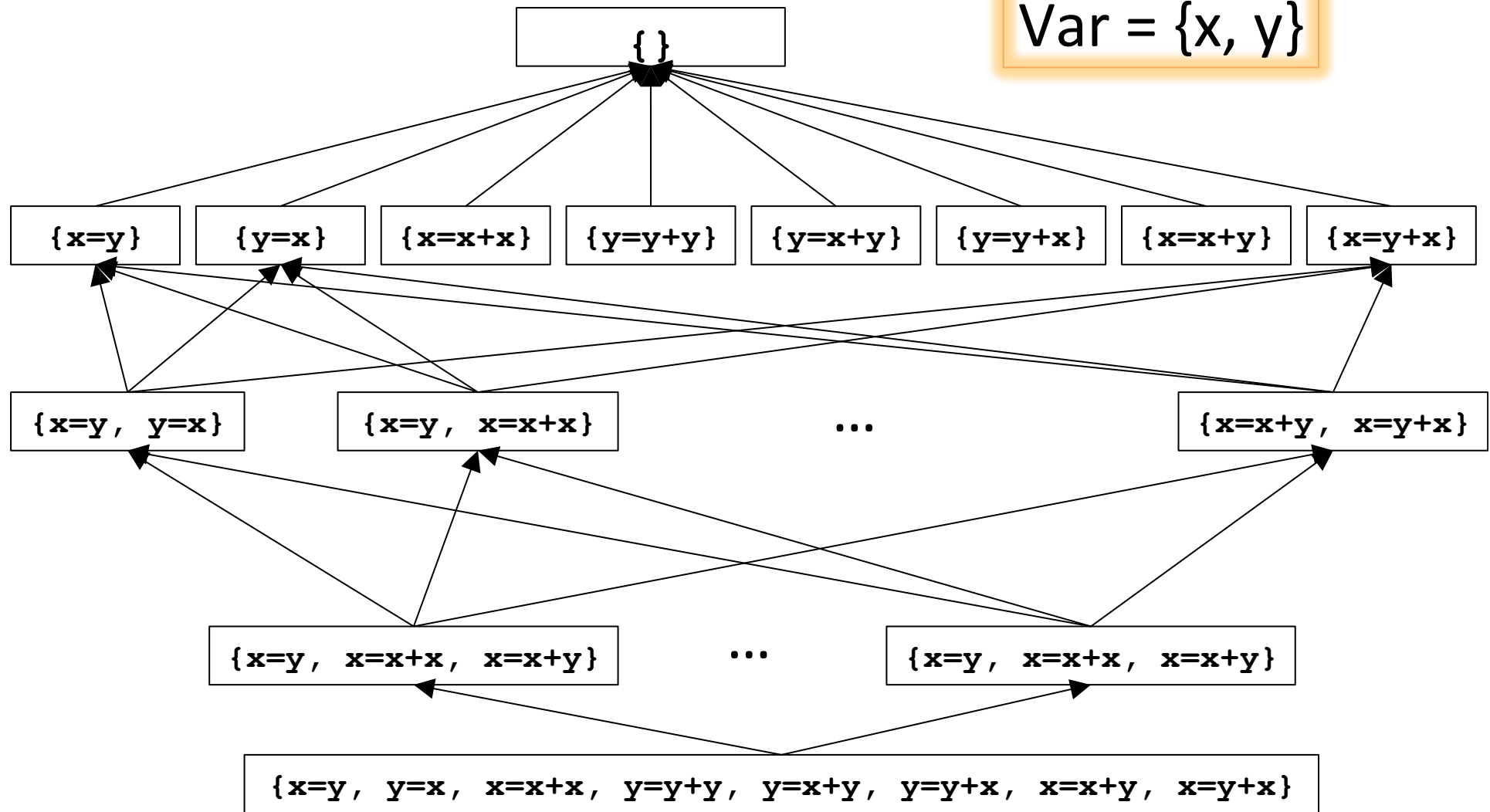
- Let  $D$  be a set of elements
- We say that a binary order relation  $\sqsubseteq$  over  $D$  is a **preorder** if the following conditions hold for every  $d, d', d'' \in D$ 
  - Reflexive:  $d \sqsubseteq d$
  - Transitive:  $d \sqsubseteq d'$  and  $d' \sqsubseteq d''$  implies  $d \sqsubseteq d''$
- There may exist  $d, d'$  such that  $d \sqsubseteq d'$  and  $d' \sqsubseteq d$  yet  $d \neq d'$

# Preorder examples

- SAV-predicates
  - SAV-factoids
$$\theta = \{ x = y \mid x, y \in \text{Var} \} \cup \{ x = y + z \mid x, y, z \in \text{Var} \}$$
  - SAV-predicates  $\Pi = 2^\theta$
  - Order relation 1:  $P_1 \sqsubseteq^{\text{set}} P_2$  iff  $P_1 \supseteq P_2$
  - Order relation 2:  $P_1 \sqsubseteq^{\text{imp}} P_2$  iff  $P_1 \Rightarrow P_2$
  - Which order relation is stronger (contains more pairs)?
  - Which order relation is easier to check?

SAV preorder 1:  $P_1 \sqsubseteq^{\text{set}} P_2$  iff  $P_1 \supseteq P_2$

Var = {x, y}



# Preorder examples

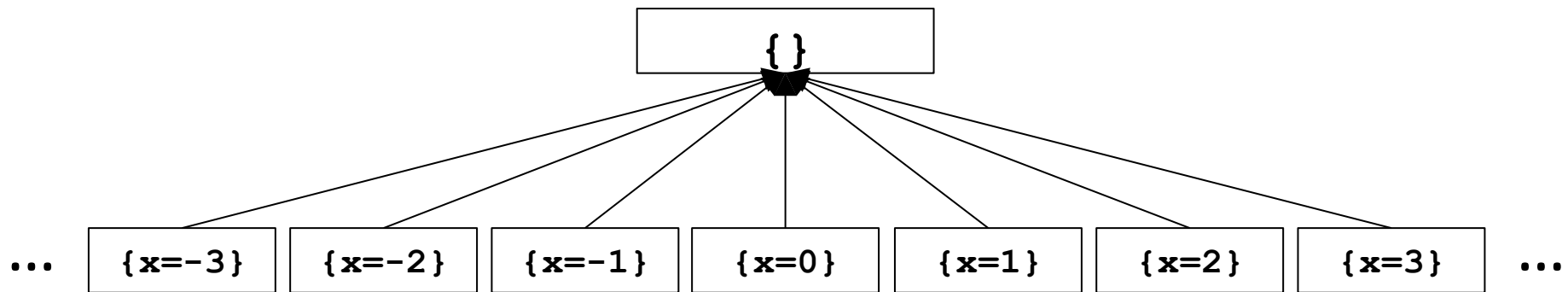
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  - Is there a difference?
    - $\{x=5, x=7, x=9\} \supseteq \{x=5, x=7\}$
    - $\{x=5, x=7, x=9\} \Rightarrow \{x=5, x=7\}$
    - $\{x=5, x=7\} \Rightarrow \{x=5, x=7, x=9\}$

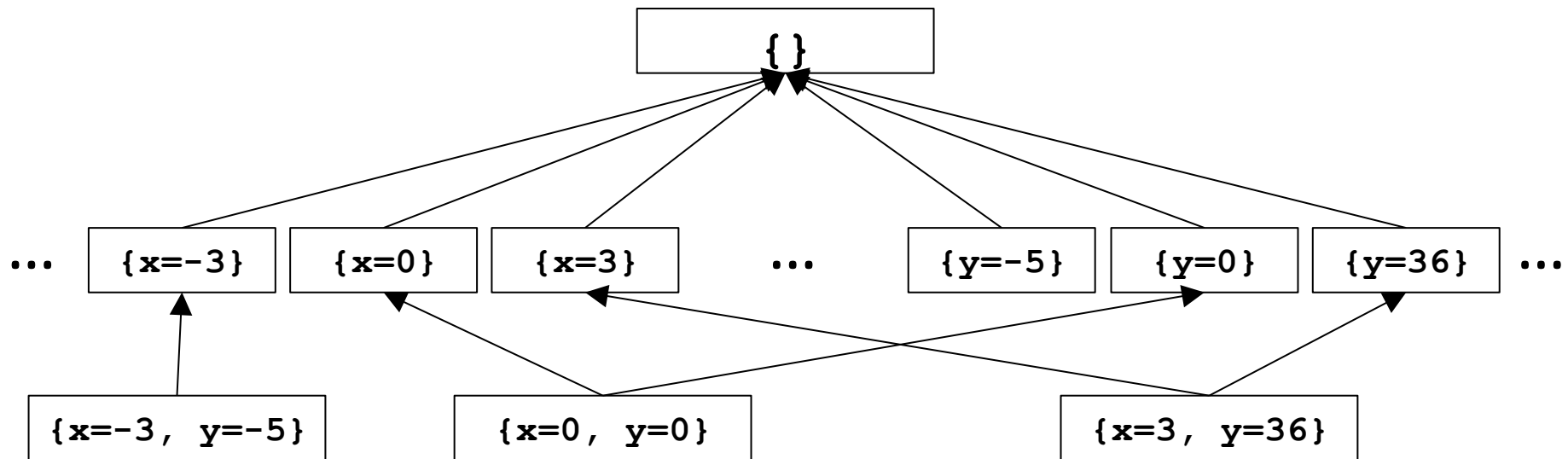


# CP preorder example



Var = {x}

# CP preorder example



Var = {x, y}

# The problem with preorders

- Equivalent elements have different representations
  - $\{x=y, x=a+b\} S$
  - $\{x=y, y=a+b\} S$
- Leads to unpredictability
- Which result should our static analysis give?

# The problem with preorders

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# Partially ordered sets (partial orders)

- A **partially ordered set** (Poset) is a pair  $(D, \sqsubseteq)$
- $D$  is a set of elements – a **semantic domain**
- $\sqsubseteq$  is a partial order between pairs of elements from  $D$ . That is  $\sqsubseteq : D \times D$  with the following properties, for all  $d, d', d''$  in  $D$ 
  - Reflexive:  $d \sqsubseteq d$
  - Transitive:  $d \sqsubseteq d'$  and  $d' \sqsubseteq d''$  implies  $d \sqsubseteq d''$
  - **Anti-symmetric:  $d \sqsubseteq d'$  and  $d' \sqsubseteq d$  implies  $d = d'$**
- If  $d \sqsubseteq d'$  and  $d \neq d'$  we write  $d \sqsubset d'$

# SAV partial order

- SAV-predicates
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 $\theta = \{x = y \mid x, y \in \text{Var}\} \cup \{x = y + z \mid x, y, z \in \text{Var}\}$
  - SAV-predicates  $\Pi = 2^\theta$
- Order relation 1:  $P_1 \sqsubseteq^{\text{set}} P_2$  iff  $P_1 \supseteq P_2$   
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- Order relation 2:  $P_1 \sqsubseteq^{\text{imp}} P_2$  iff  $P_1 \Rightarrow P_2$   
that is  $\text{models}(P_1) \supseteq \text{models}(P_2)$   
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- Order relation 3:  $P_1 \sqsubseteq^{\text{set}^*} P_2$  iff  
 $\text{Explicate}(P_1) \sqsubseteq^{\text{set}} \text{Explicate}(P_2)$   
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