

# Program Analysis and Verification

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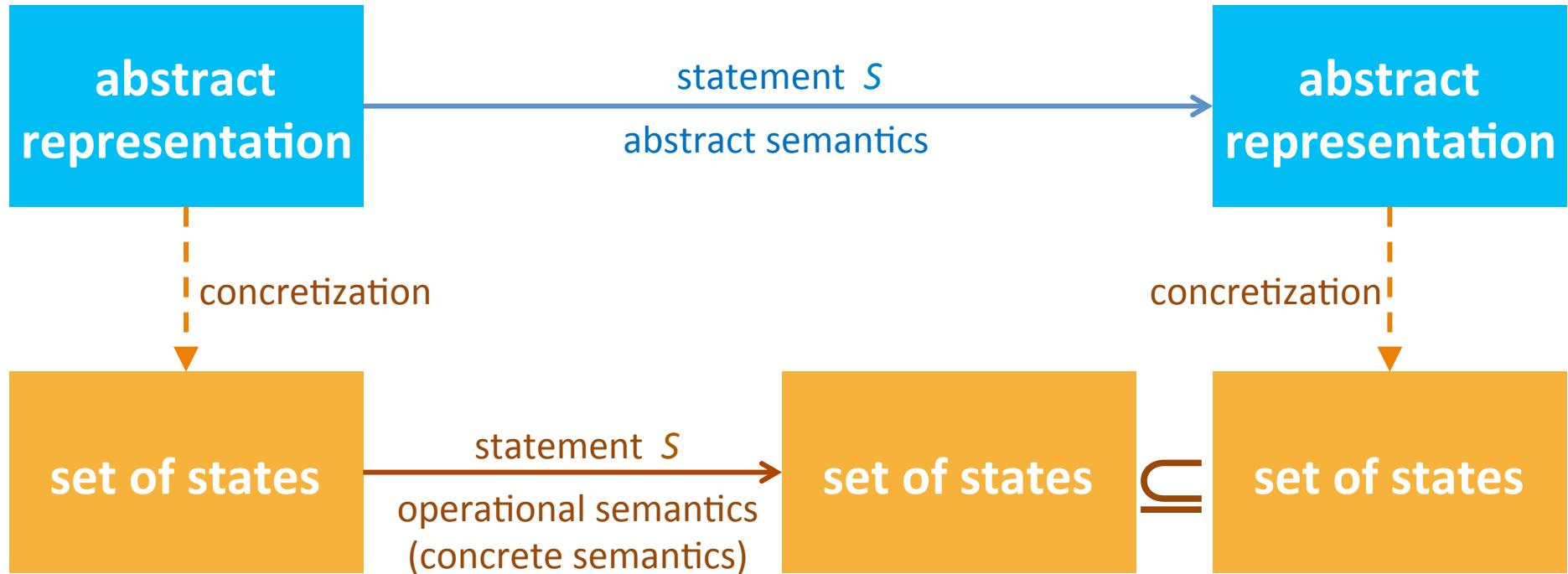
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Lecture 14: Shape Domains &  
Interprocedural Analysis

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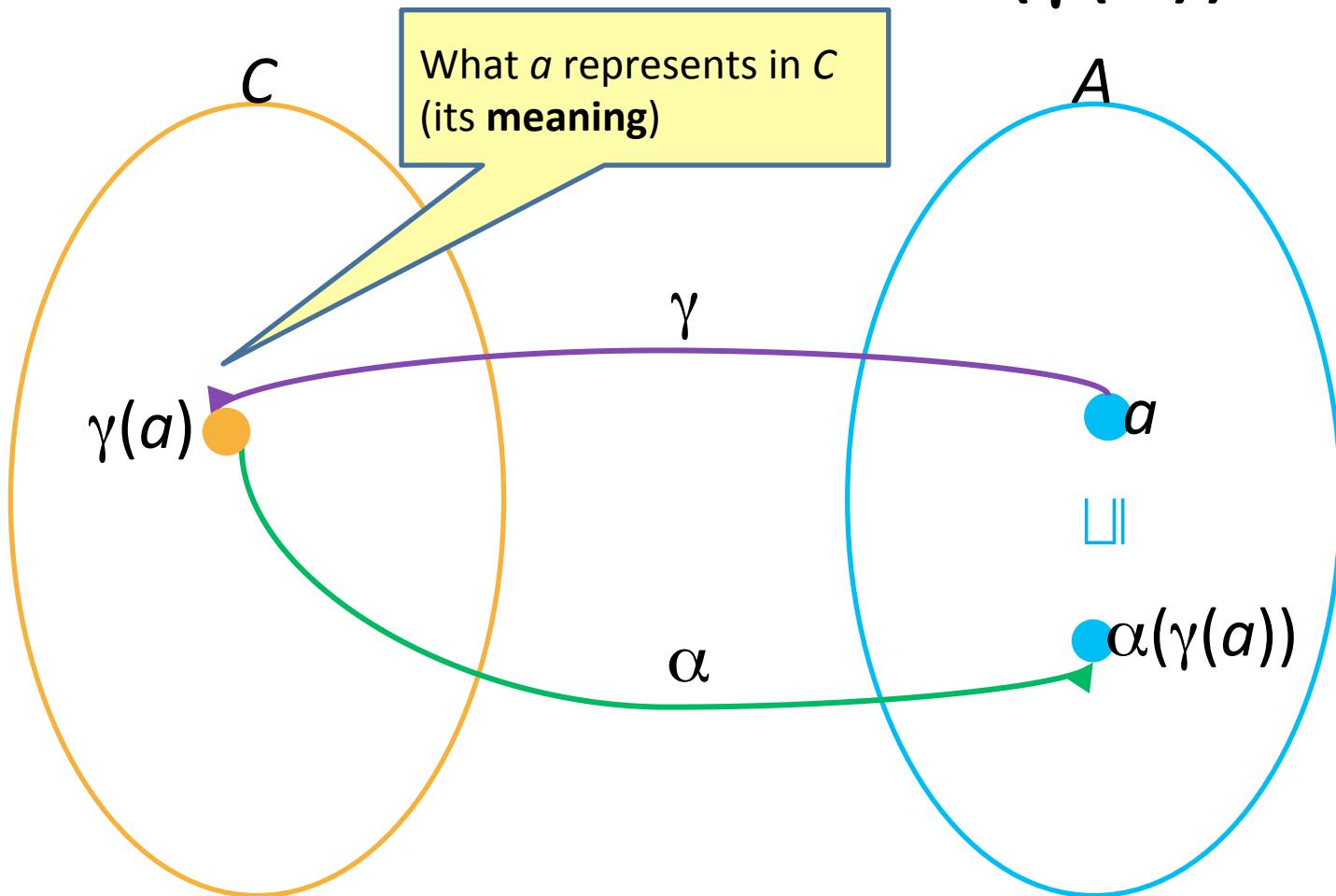
# Abstract (conservative) interpretation



# The collecting lattice

- Lattice for a given control-flow node  $v$ :  
 $L_v = (2^{\text{State}}, \subseteq, \cup, \cap, \emptyset, \text{State})$
- Lattice for entire control-flow graph with nodes  $V$ :  
 $L_{\text{CFG}} = \text{Map}(V, L_v)$
- We will use this lattice as a baseline for static analysis and define abstractions of its elements

# Galois Connection: $\alpha(\gamma(a)) \sqsubseteq a$



# Resulting algorithm

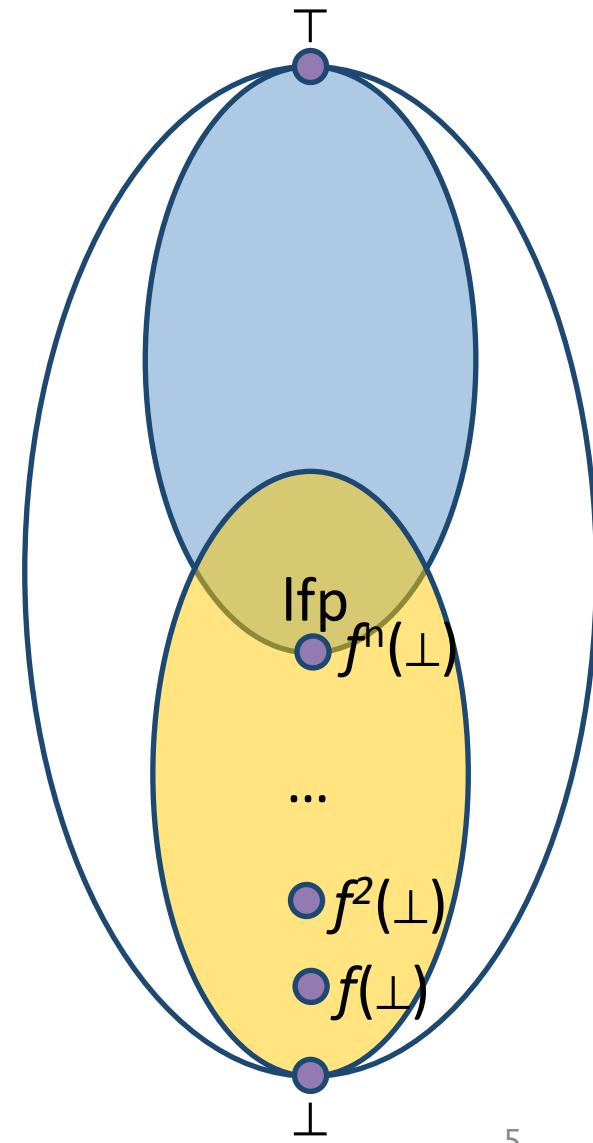
- Kleene's fixed point theorem gives a constructive method for computing the lfp

Mathematical definition

$$\text{lfp}(f) = \bigsqcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f^n(\perp)$$

Algorithm

```
d := ⊥  
while f(d) ≠ d do  
    d := d ∪ f(d)  
return d
```



# Shape Analysis

Automatically verify properties of programs manipulating dynamically allocated storage

Identify all possible shapes (layout) of the heap

# Shape Analysis via 3-valued Logic

## 1) Abstraction

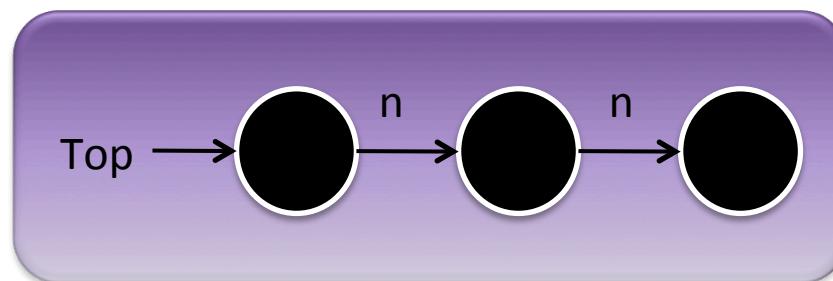
- 3-valued logical structure
- canonical abstraction

## 2) Transformers

- via logical formulae
- soundness by construction
  - embedding theorem, [SRW02]

# Concrete State

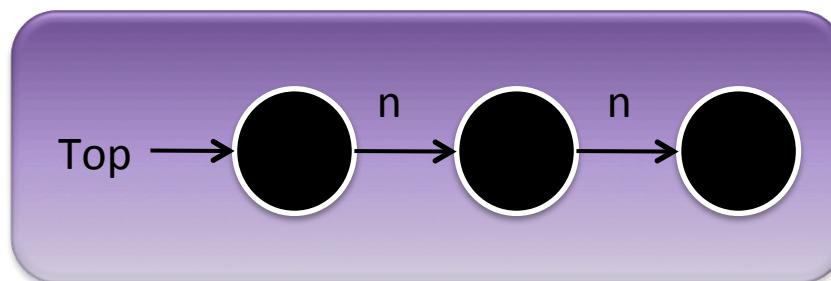
- represent a concrete state as a two-valued logical structure
  - Individuals = heap allocated objects
  - Unary predicates = object properties
  - Binary predicates = relations
- parametric vocabulary



(storeless, no heap addresses)

# Concrete State

- $S = \langle U, \iota \rangle$  over a vocabulary  $P$
- $U$  – universe
- $\iota$  - interpretation, mapping each predicate from  $P$  to its truth value in  $S$

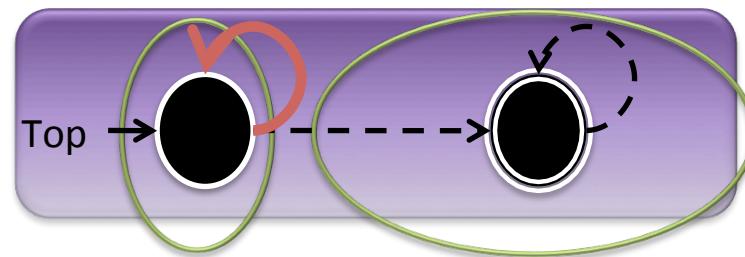
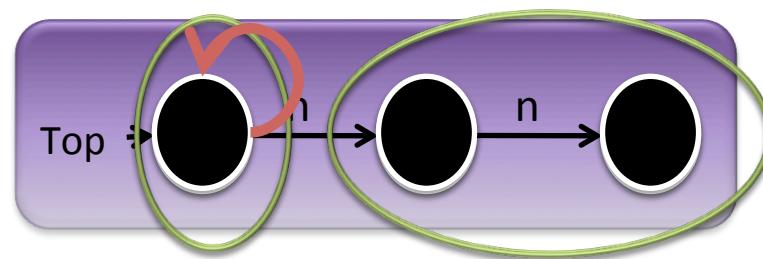


- $U = \{ u_1, u_2, u_3 \}$
- $P = \{ \text{Top}, n \}$
- $\iota(n)(u_1, u_2) = 1, \iota(n)(u_1, u_3) = 0, \iota(n)(u_2, u_1) = 0, \dots$
- $\iota(\text{Top})(u_1) = 1, \iota(\text{Top})(u_2) = 0, \iota(\text{Top})(u_3) = 0$

# Collecting Semantics

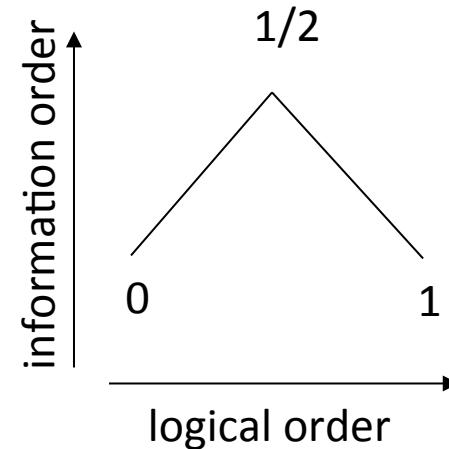
- At every program point – a **potentially infinite** set of **two-valued logical** structures
- Representing (at least) all possible heaps that can arise at the program point
- Challenge:  
**find a bounded abstract representation**

# Canonical Abstraction: “Abstraction by Partitioning”



# 3-Valued Logic

- $1 = \text{true}$
  - $0 = \text{false}$
  - $1/2 = \text{unknown}$
- A join semi-lattice,  $0 \sqcup 1 = 1/2$



# 3-Valued Logical Structures

- A set of individuals (nodes)  $U$
- Relation meaning
  - Interpretation of relation symbols in  $P$   
 $p^0() \rightarrow \{0,1, 1/2\}$   
 $p^1(v) \rightarrow \{0,1, 1/2\}$   
 $p^2(u,v) \rightarrow \{0,1, 1/2\}$
- A join semi-lattice:  $0 \sqcup 1 = \textcolor{blue}{1/2}$

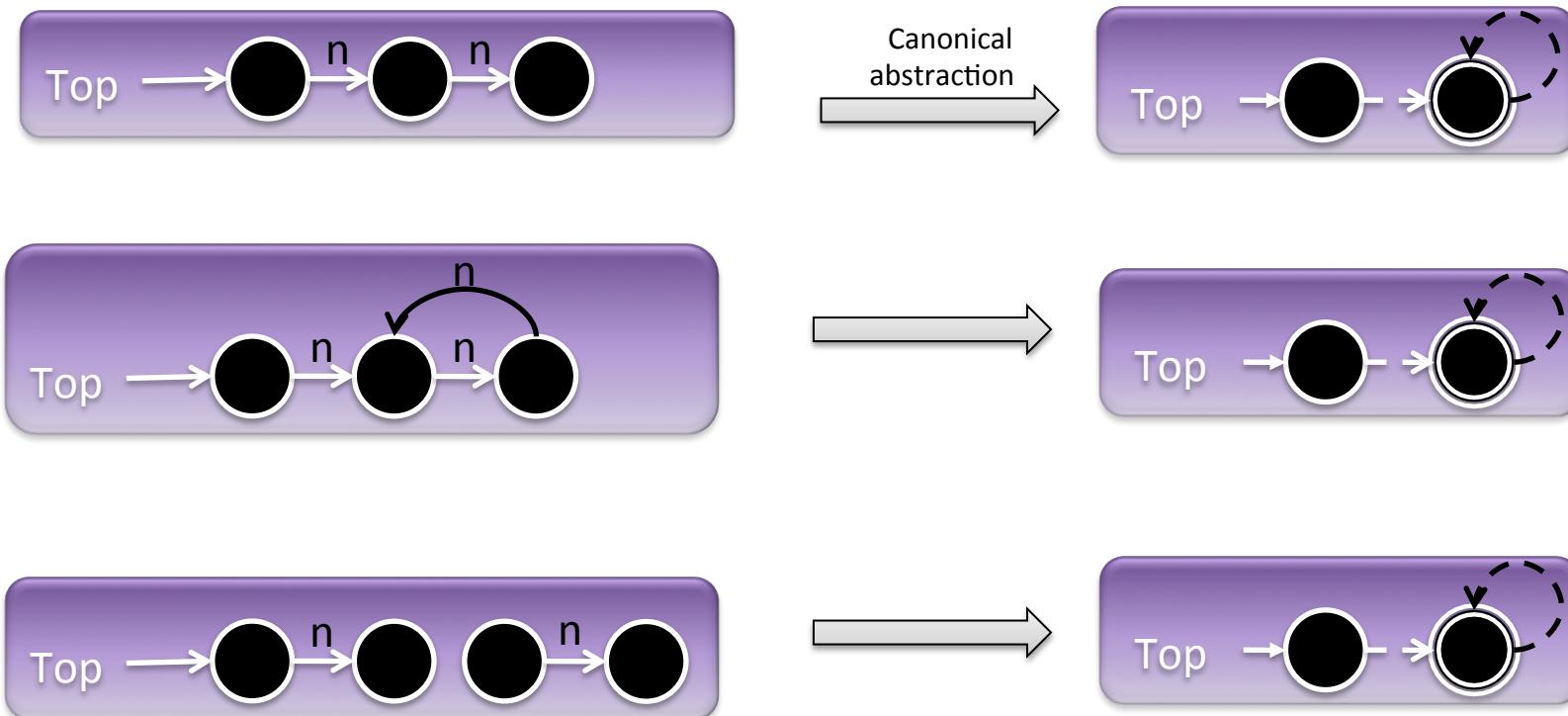
# Canonical Abstraction ( $\beta$ )

- Merge all nodes with the **same unary predicate values** into a single summary node
- Join predicate values

$$\iota'(u'_1, \dots, u'_k) = \sqcup \{ \iota(u_1, \dots, u_k) \mid f(u_1) = u'_1, \dots, f(u_k) = u'_k \}$$

- Converts a state of **arbitrary** size into a 3-valued abstract state of **bounded** size
- $a(C) = \sqcup \{ \beta(c) \mid c \in C \}$

# Information Loss



# Shape Analysis via 3-valued Logic

## 1) Abstraction

- 3-valued logical structure
- canonical abstraction

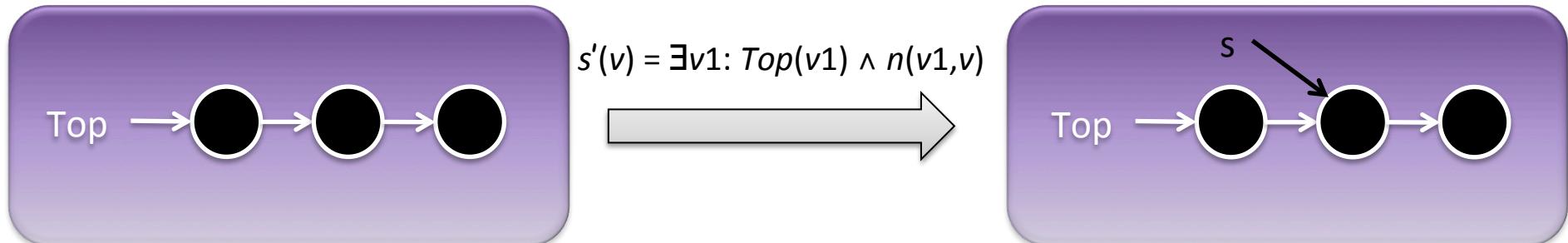
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# Concrete Interpretation Rules

Statement	Update formula
$x = \text{NULL}$	$x'(v) = 0$
$x = \text{malloc}()$	$x'(v) = \text{IsNew}(v)$
$x = y$	$x'(v) = y(v)$
$x = y \rightarrow \text{next}$	$x'(v) = \exists w: y(w) \wedge n(w, v)$
$x \rightarrow \text{next} = y$	$n'(v, w) = (\neg x(v) \wedge n(v, w)) \vee (x(v) \wedge y(w))$

# Example: $s = Top \rightarrow n$



Top	
u1	1
u2	0
u3	0

n	u1	u2	u3
u1	0	1	0
u2	0	0	1
u3	0	0	0

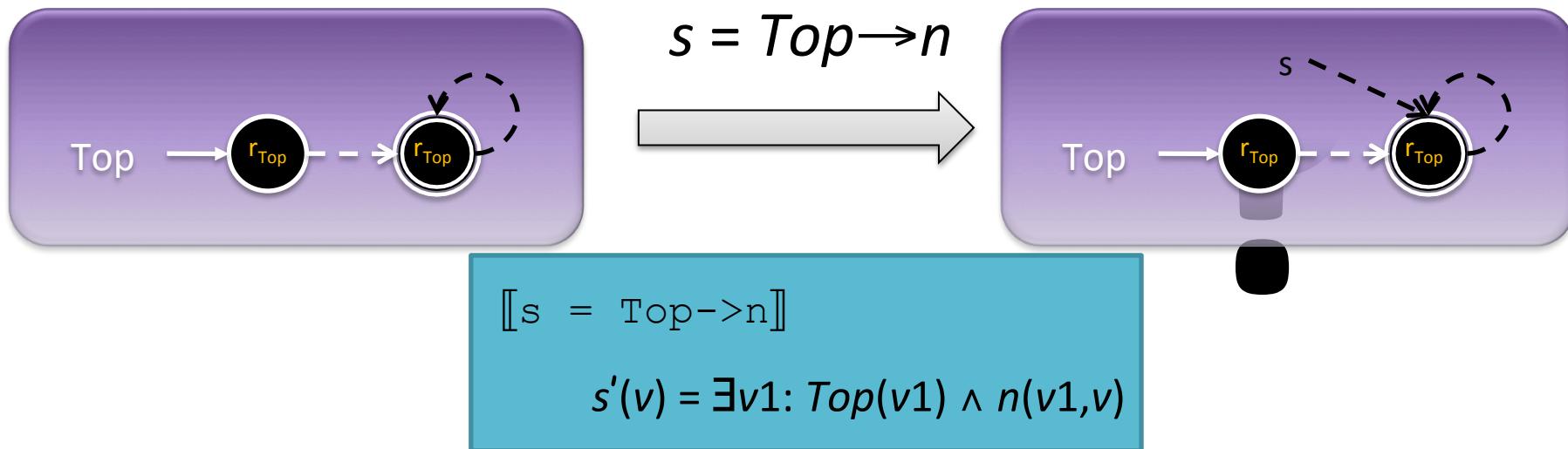
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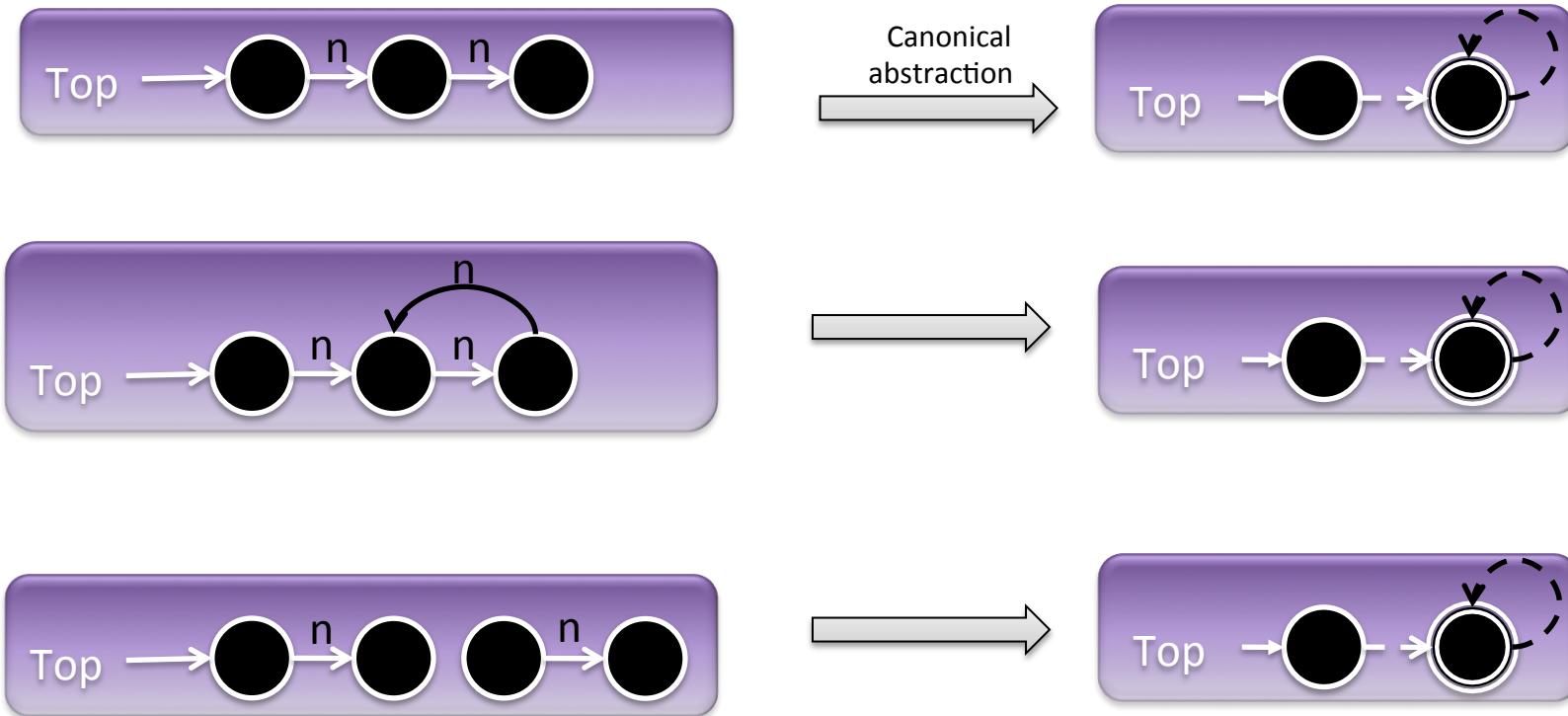
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# Abstract Semantics



# Problem: Information Loss

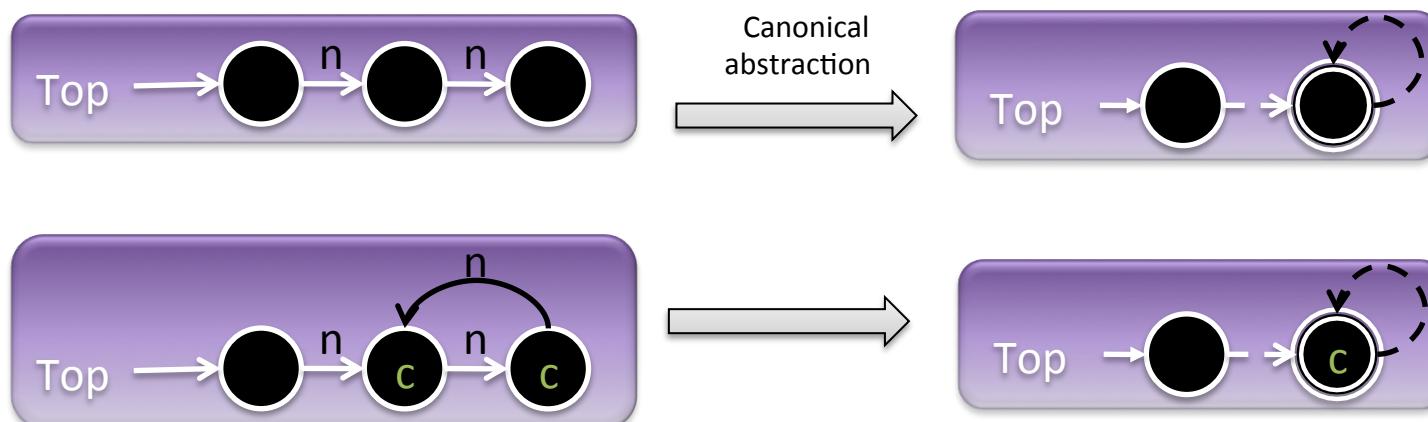


# Instrumentation Predicates

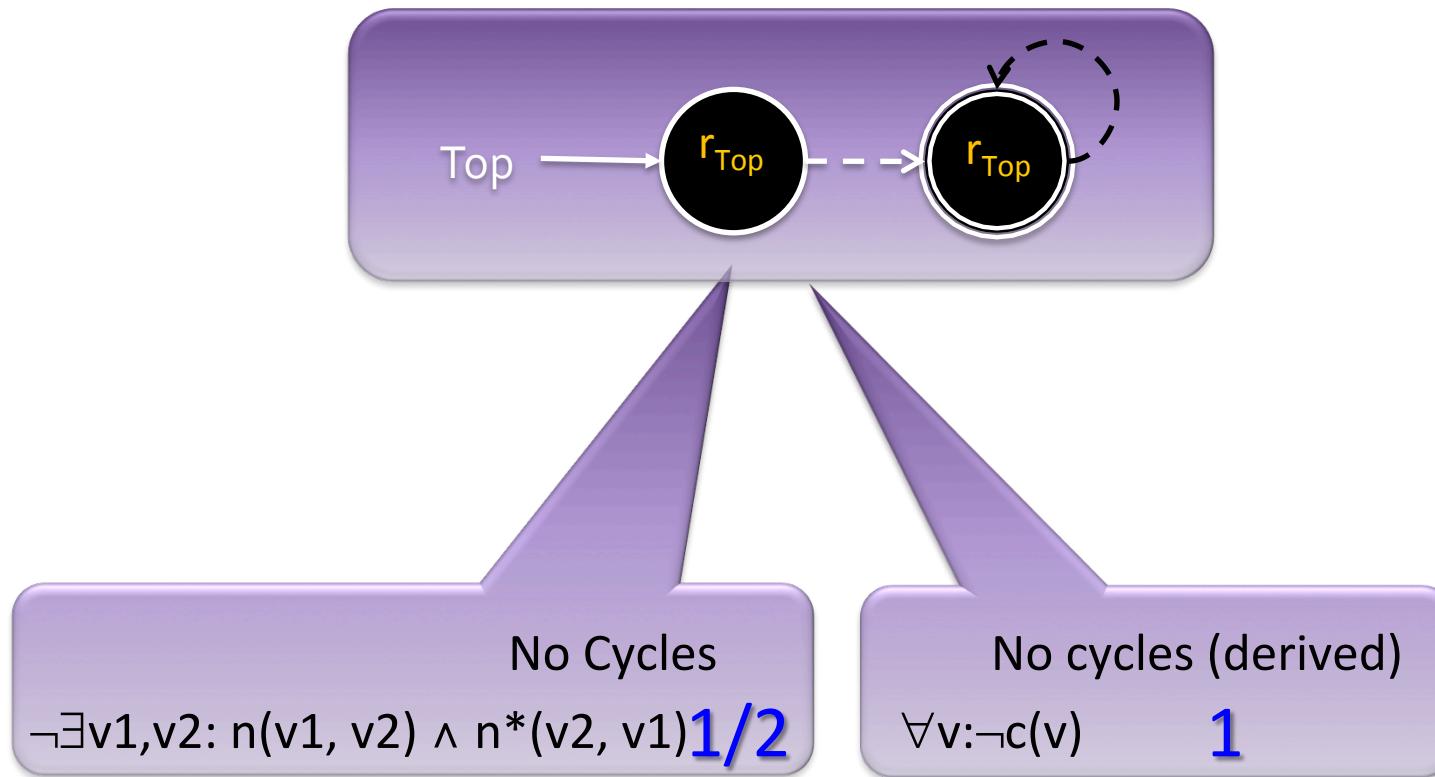
- Record additional derived information via predicates

$$r_x(v) = \exists v_1: x(v_1) \wedge n^*(v_1, v)$$

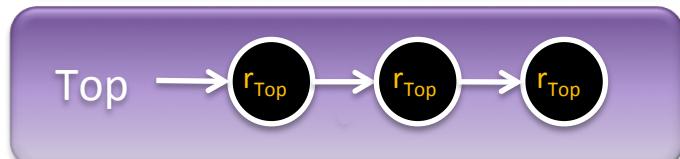
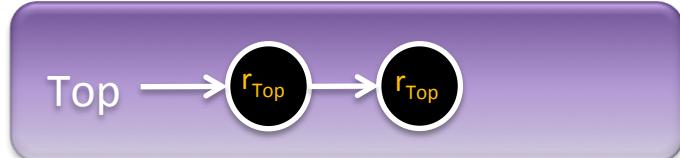
$$c(v) = \exists v_1: n(v_1, v) \wedge n^*(v, v_1)$$



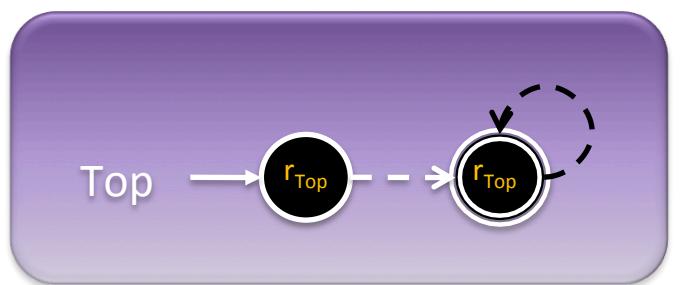
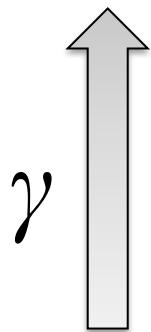
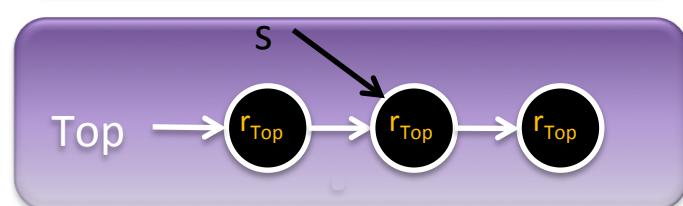
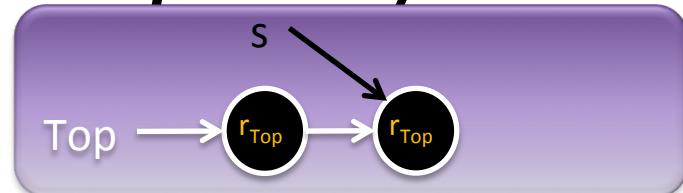
## Embedding Theorem: Conservatively Observing Properties



# Best Transformer ( $s = \text{Top} \rightarrow n$ )

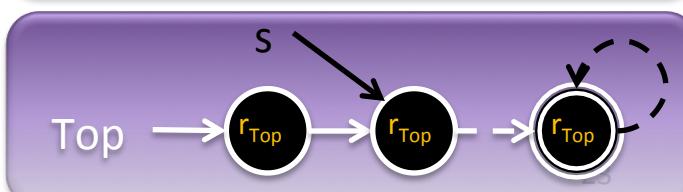
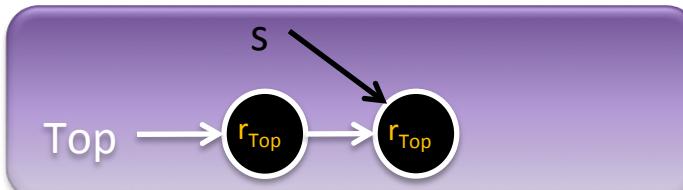


$s'(v) = \exists v_1: \text{Top}(v_1) \wedge n(v_1, v)$

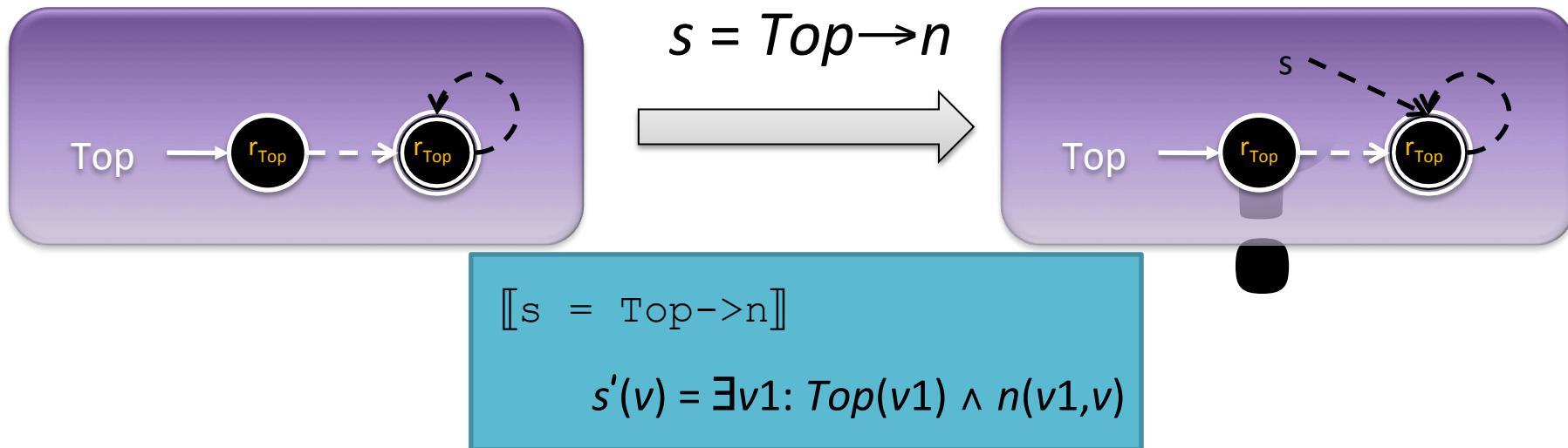


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Semantics



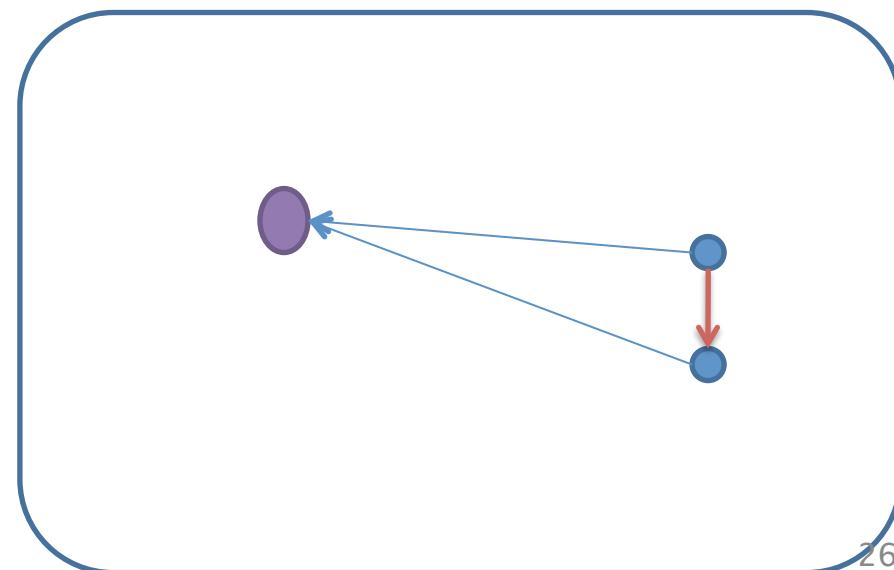
# Abstract Semantics



# Problem: Imprecise Transformers

# Semantic Reduction

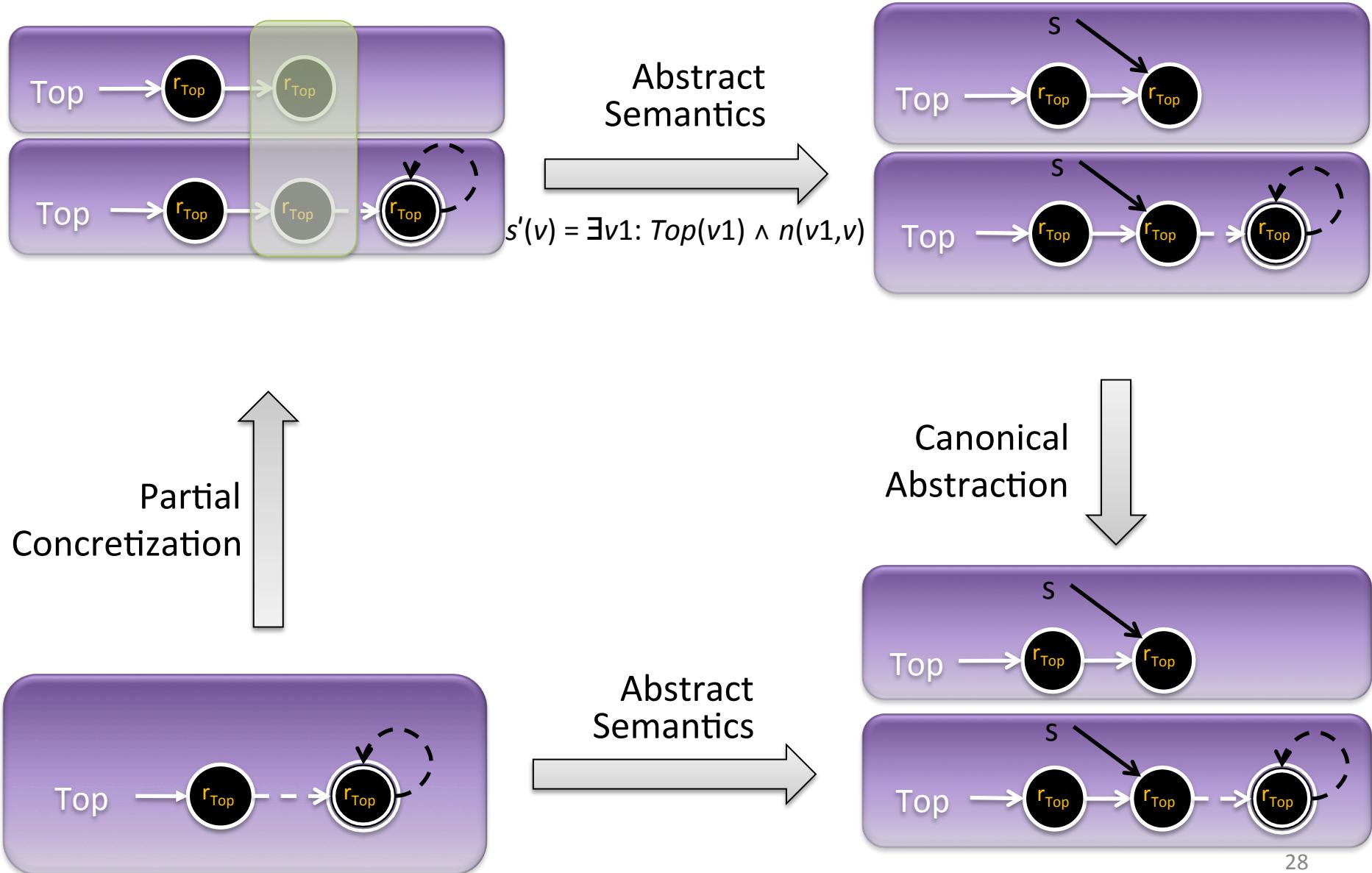
- Improve the precision of the analysis by recovering properties of the program semantics
- A Galois connection  $(C, \alpha, \gamma, A)$
- An operation  $\text{op}:A \rightarrow A$  is a **semantic reduction** when
  - $\forall I \in L_2 \text{ op}(I) \sqsubseteq I$  and
  - $\gamma(\text{op}(I)) = \gamma(I)$



# The Focus Operation

- Focus:  $\text{Formula} \rightarrow (\wp(\text{3-Struct}) \hookrightarrow \wp(\text{3-Struct}))$
- Generalizes materialization
- For every formula  $\varphi$ 
  - $\text{Focus}(\varphi)(X)$  yields structure in which  $\varphi$  evaluates to a definite values in all assignments
  - Only maximal in terms of embedding
  - $\text{Focus}(\varphi)$  is a semantic reduction
  - But  $\text{Focus}(\varphi)(X)$  may be undefined for some  $X$

## Partial Concretization Based on Transformer ( $s=Top \rightarrow n$ )



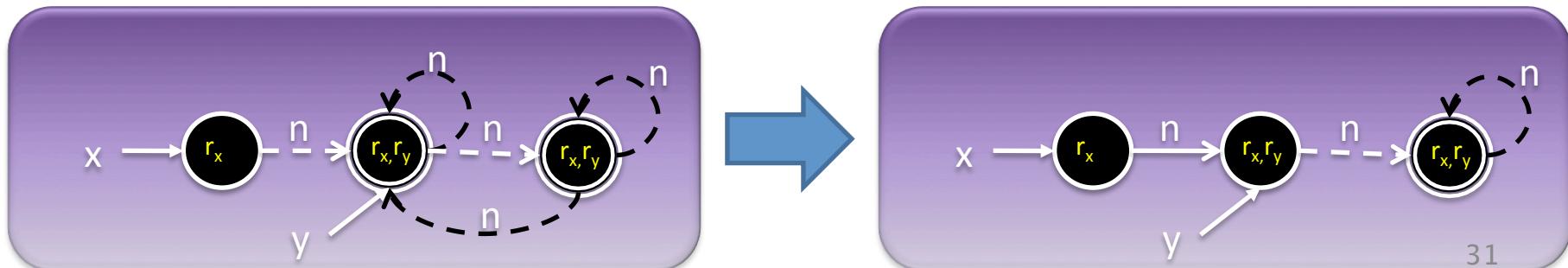
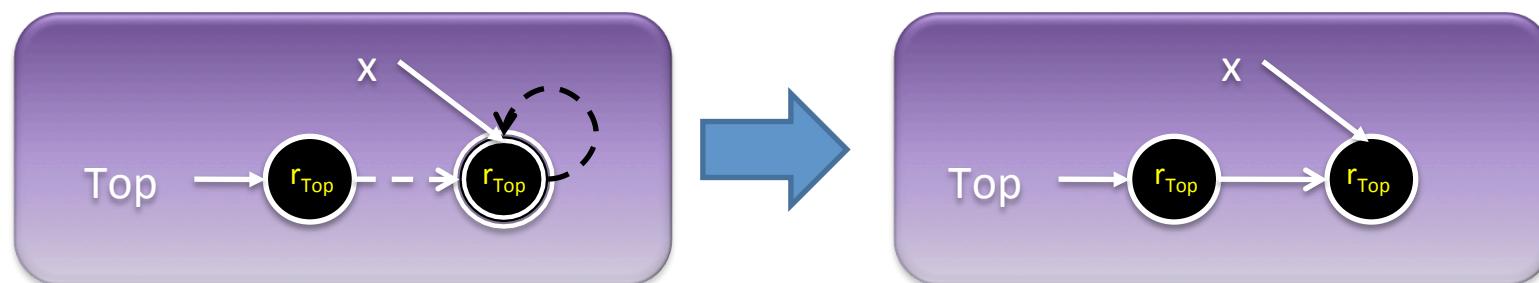
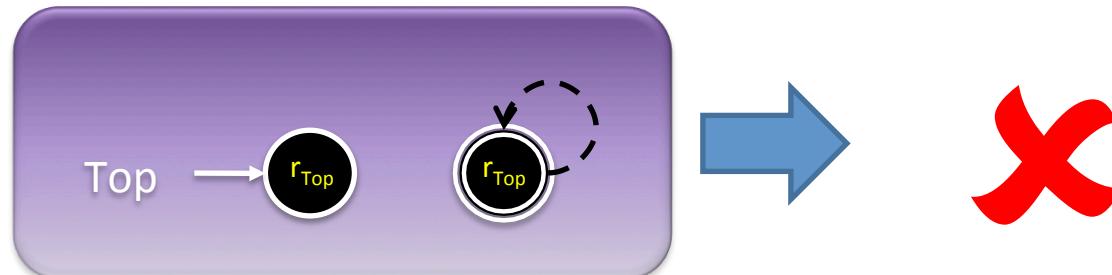
# Partial Concretization

- Locally refine the abstract domain per statement
- Soundness is immediate
- Employed in other shape analysis algorithms  
[Distefano et.al., TACAS'06, Evan et.al., SAS'07, POPL'08]

# The Coercion Principle

- Another Semantic Reduction
- Can be applied after Focus or after Update or both
- Increase precision by exploiting some structural properties possessed by all stores (Global invariants)
- Structural properties captured by **constraints**
- Apply a constraint solver

# Apply Constraint Solver



# Sources of Constraints

- Properties of the operational semantics
- Domain specific knowledge
  - Instrumentation predicates
- User supplied

# Example Constraints

$x(v1) \wedge x(v2) \rightarrow eq(v1, v2)$

$n(v, v1) \wedge n(v, v2) \rightarrow eq(v1, v2)$

$n(v1, v) \wedge n(v2, v) \wedge \neg eq(v1, v2) \leftrightarrow is(v)$

$n^*(v3, v4) \leftrightarrow t[n](v1, v2)$

# Abstract Transformers: Summary

- Kleene evaluation yields sound solution
- Focus is a statement-specific partial concretization
- Coerce applies global constraints

# Abstract Semantics

$$SS[v] = \begin{cases} \{ <\emptyset, \emptyset> \} & \text{if } v = \text{entry} \\ \bigcup \{ t\_embed(coerce(\llbracket st(w) \rrbracket_3(focus_{F(w)}(SS[w])))) \cup \\ (w,v) \in E(G), \\ w \in \text{Assignments}(G) \} \\ \bigcup \{ S \mid S \in SS[w] \} \cup & \text{otherwise} \\ (w,v) \in E(G), \\ w \in \text{Skip}(G) \} \\ \bigcup \{ t\_embed(S) \mid S \in coerce(\llbracket st(w) \rrbracket_3(focus_{F(w)}(SS[w])))) \\ (w,v) \in \text{True-Banches}(G) \quad \text{and } S \models_3 \text{cond}(w) \} \cup \\ \bigcup \{ t\_embed(S) \mid S \in coerce(\llbracket st(w) \rrbracket_3(focus_{F(w)}(SS[w])))) \\ (w,v) \in \text{False-Banches}(G) \quad \text{and } S \models_3 \neg \text{cond}(w) \} \cup \end{cases}$$

# Recap

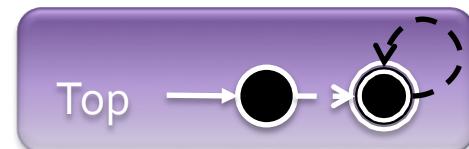
- Abstraction
  - canonical abstraction
  - recording derived information
- Transformers
  - partial concretization (focus)
  - constraint solver (coerce)
  - sound information extraction

# Stack Push

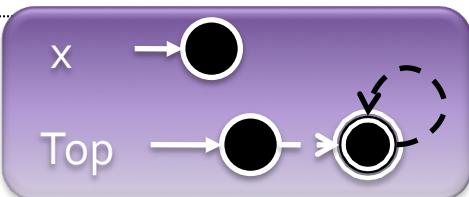
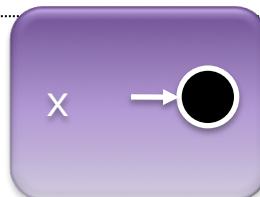
```
void push (int v) {
    Node *x =
        alloc(sizeof(Node));
```



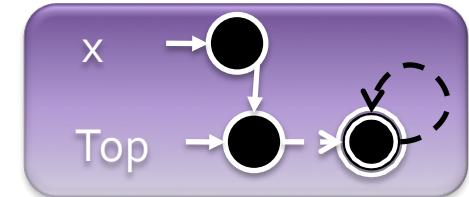
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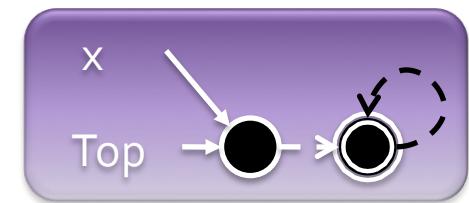


$\exists v: x(v)$



Top = x;

$\neg \exists v_1, v_2: n(v_1, v_2) \wedge \text{Top}(v_2)$



$\forall v: \neg c(v)$



# Interprocedural Analysis

# Today

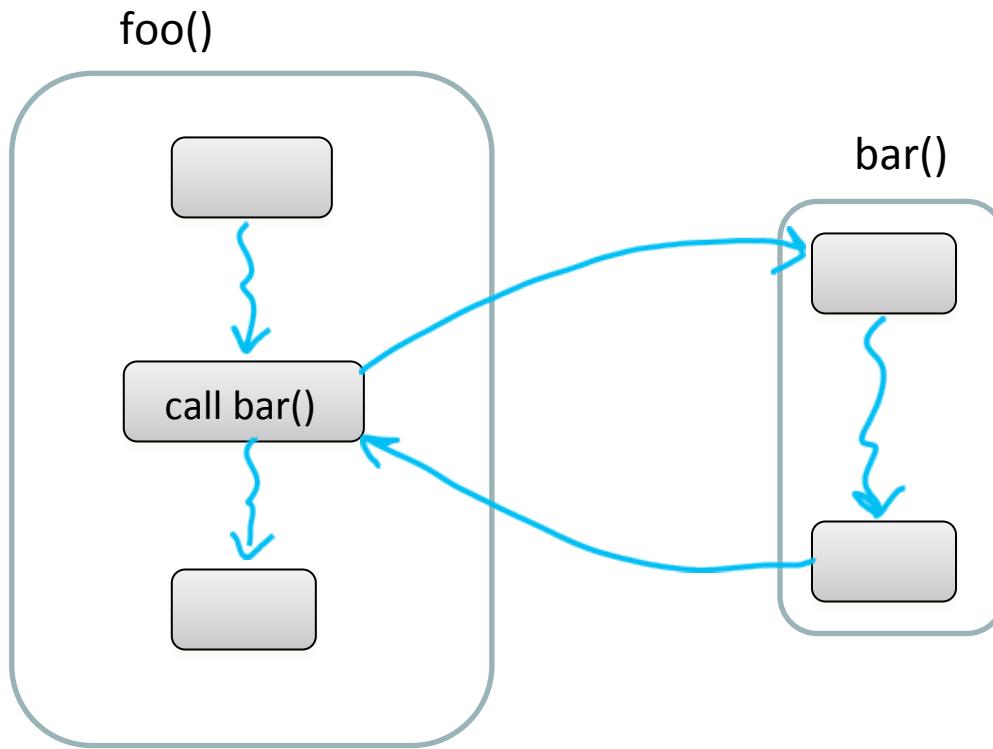
- Analyzing programs with procedures
  - Precision (consider calling contexts)
  - Performance

# Procedural program

```
void main() {  
    int x;  
    x = p(7);  
    x = p(9);  
}
```

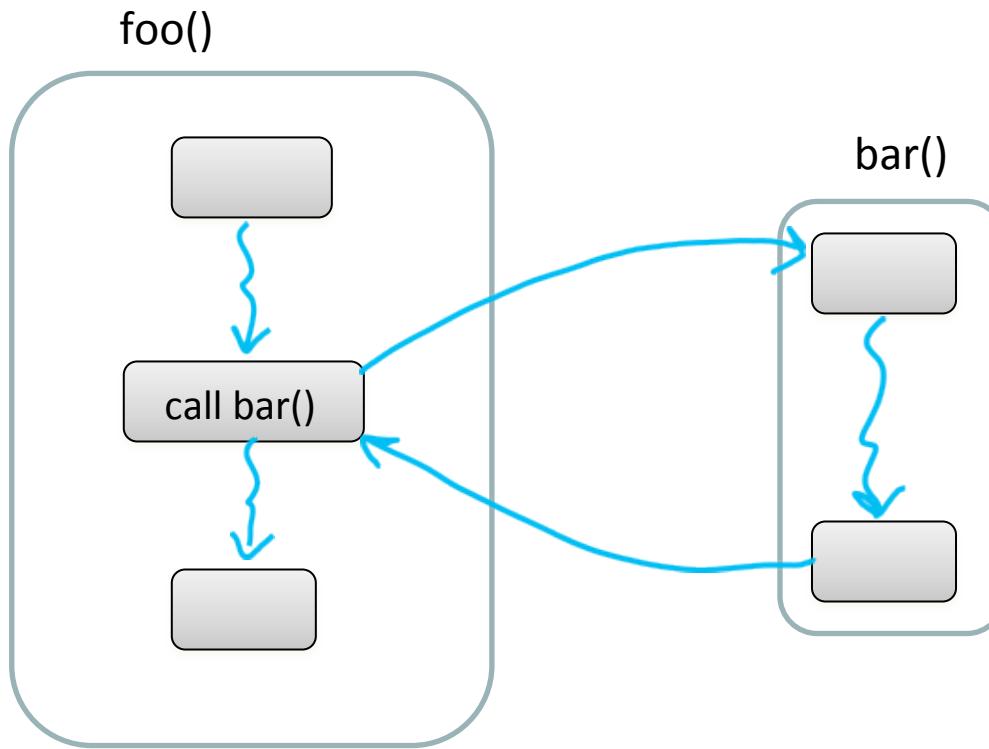
```
int p(int a) {  
    return a + 1;  
}
```

# Effect of procedures



The effect of calling a procedure is the effect of executing its body

# Interprocedural Analysis

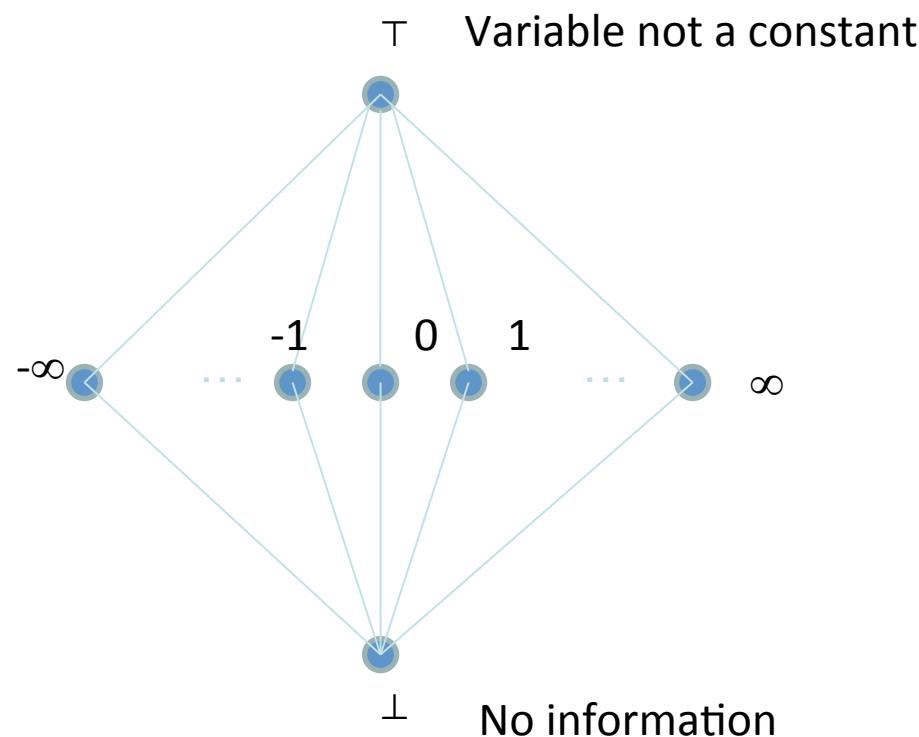


goal: compute the abstract effect of calling a procedure

# Reduction to intraprocedural analysis

- Procedure inlining
- Naive solution: call-as-goto

# Reminder: Constant Propagation



$Z^T_{\perp}$

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- $L = (\text{Var} \rightarrow Z, \sqsubseteq^\top)$
- $\sigma_1 \sqsubseteq \sigma_2$  iff  $\forall x: \sigma_1(x) \sqsubseteq' \sigma_2(x)$ 
  - $\sqsubseteq'$  ordering in the  $Z_\perp$  lattice
- Examples:
  - $[x \mapsto \perp, y \mapsto 42, z \mapsto \perp] \sqsubseteq [x \mapsto \perp, y \mapsto 42, z \mapsto 73]$
  - $[x \mapsto \perp, y \mapsto 42, z \mapsto 73] \sqsubseteq [x \mapsto \perp, y \mapsto 42, z \mapsto \top]$

# Reminder: Constant Propagation

- Conservative Solution
  - Every detected constant is indeed constant
    - But may fail to identify some constants
  - Every potential impact is identified
    - Superfluous impacts

# Procedure Inlining

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void main() {  
    int a, x, ret;  
    [a ↦ ⊥, x ↦ ⊥, ret ↦ ⊥]  
    a = 7; ret = a+1; x = ret;  
    [a ↦ 7, x ↦ 8, ret ↦ 8]  
    a = 9; ret = a+1; x = ret;  
    [a ↦ 9, x ↦ 10, ret ↦ 10]  
}
```

# Procedure Inlining

- Pros
  - Simple
- Cons
  - Does not handle recursion
  - Exponential blow up
  - Reanalyzing the body of procedures

```
p1 {                                p2 {                                p3{  
    call p2                            call p3  
    ...                                ...  
    call p2                            call p3  
}  
}
```

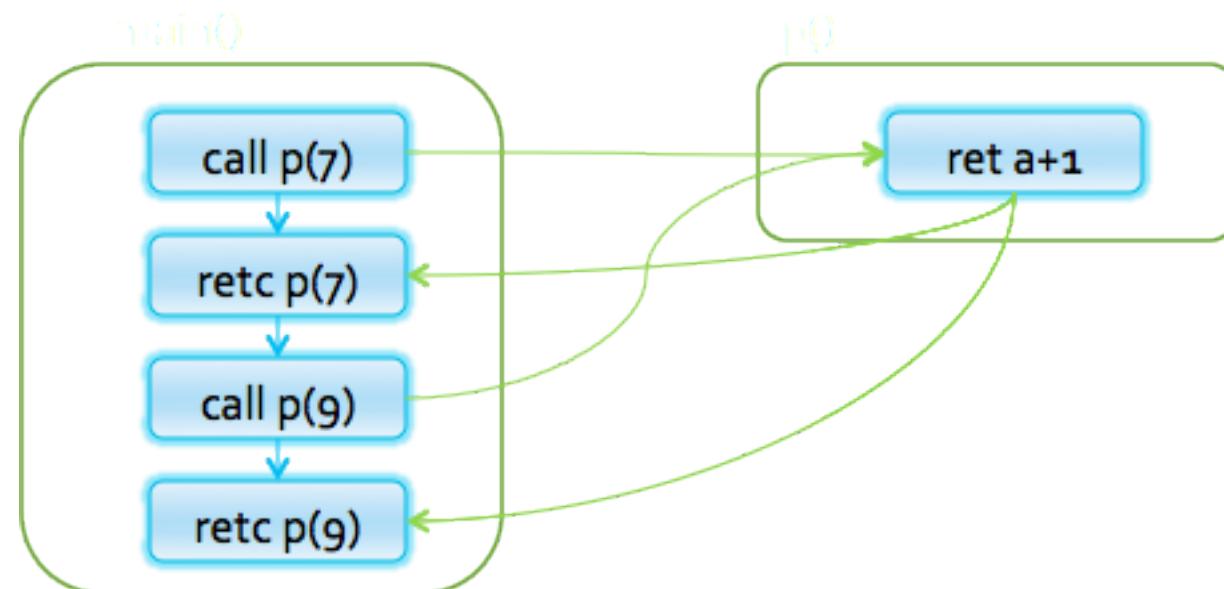
# A Naive Interprocedural solution

- Treat procedure calls as gotos

# Simple Example

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    → x = p(7);  
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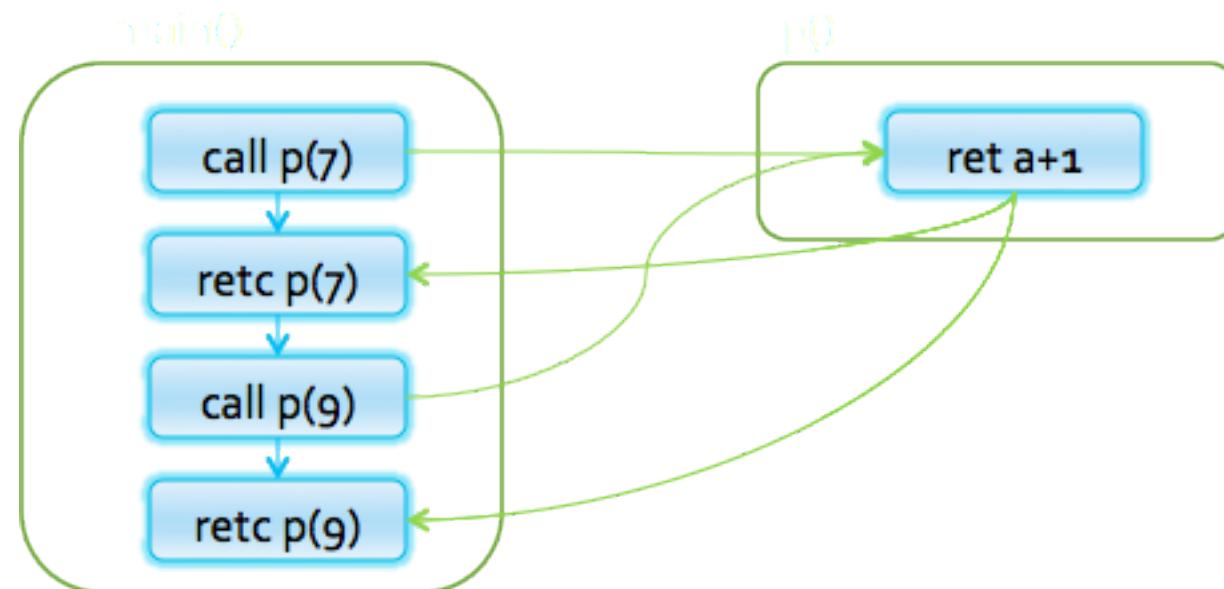
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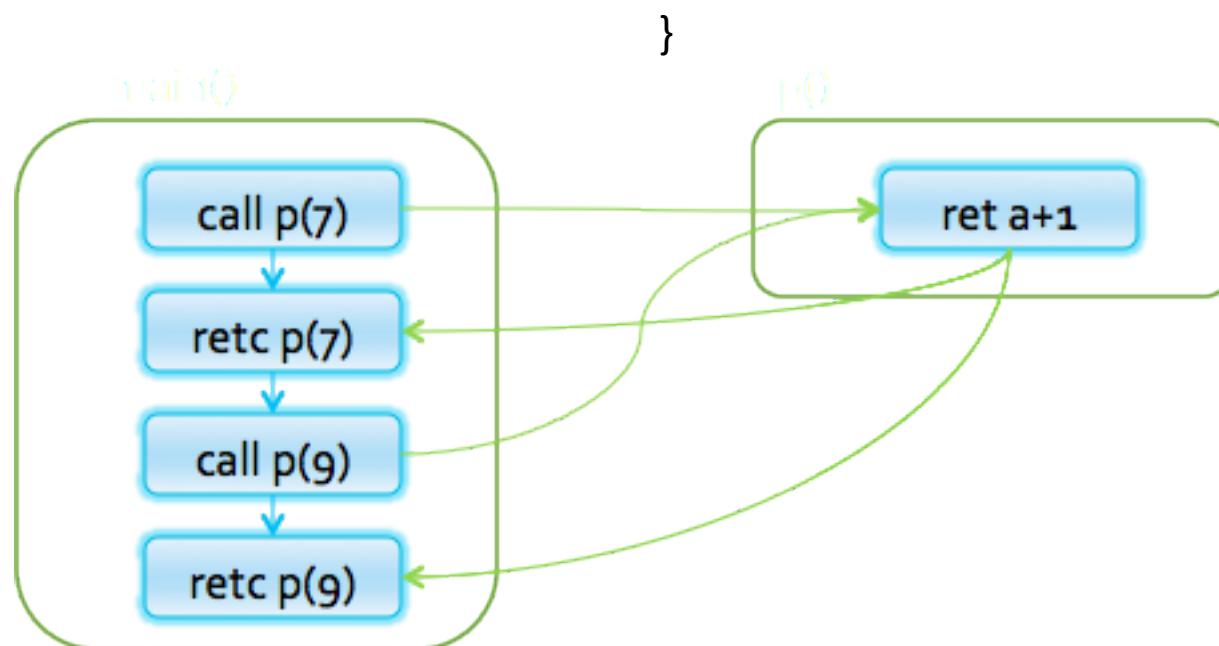
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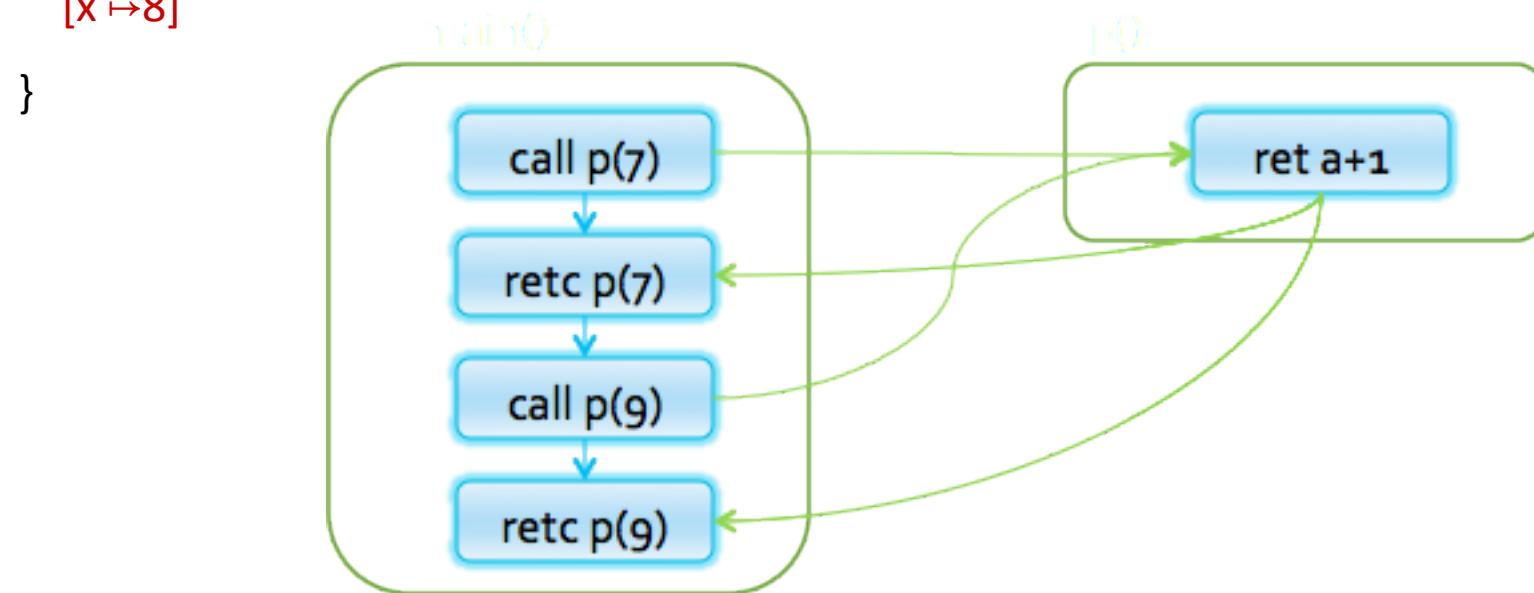
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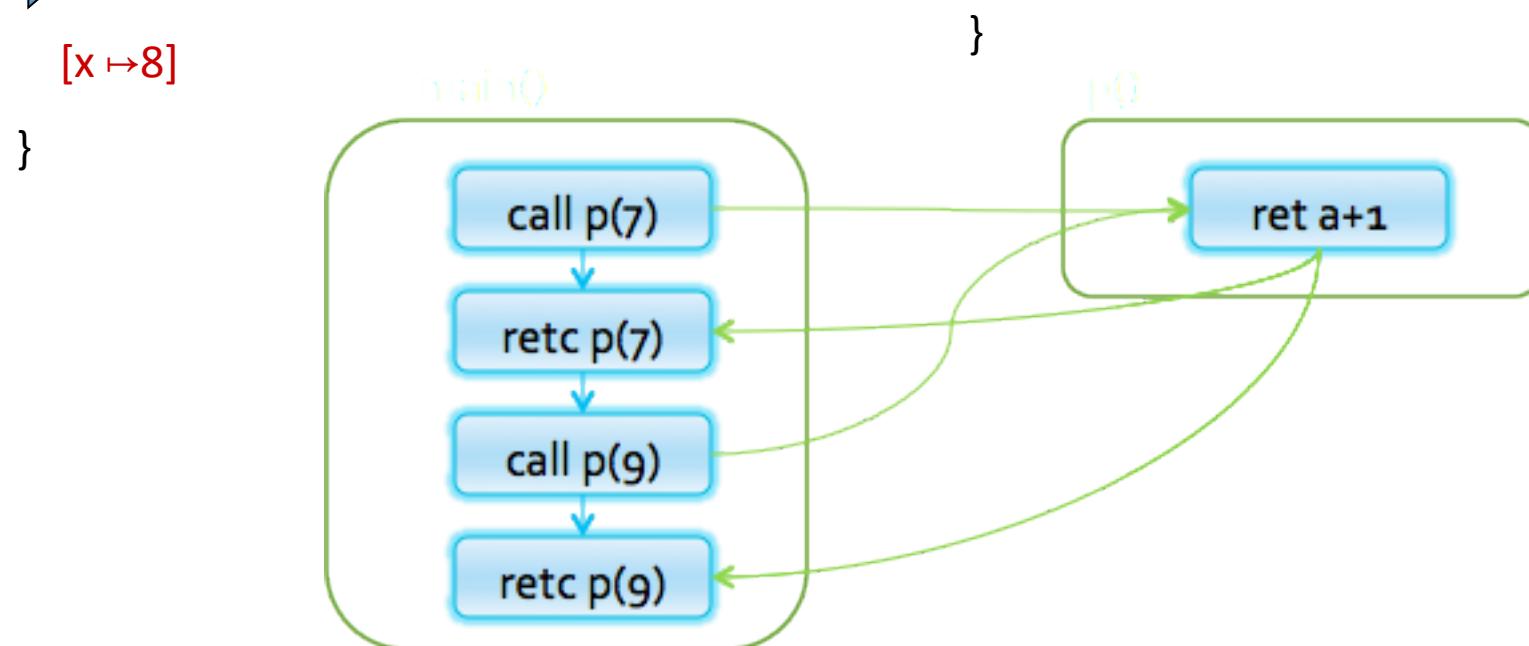
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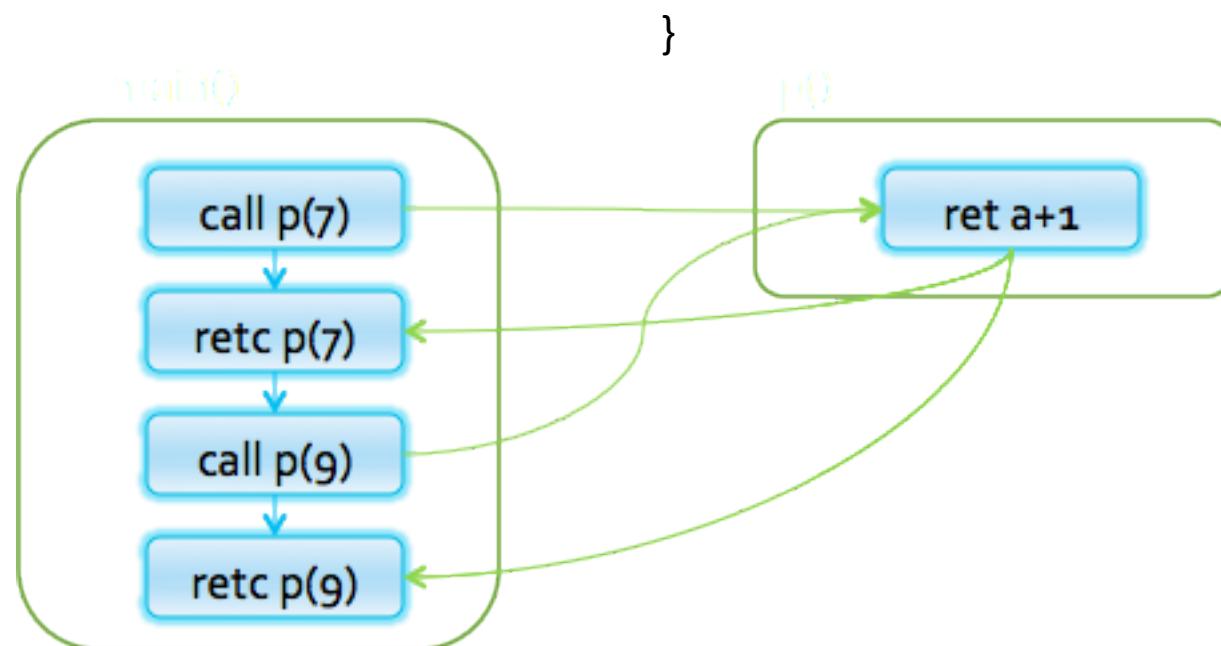
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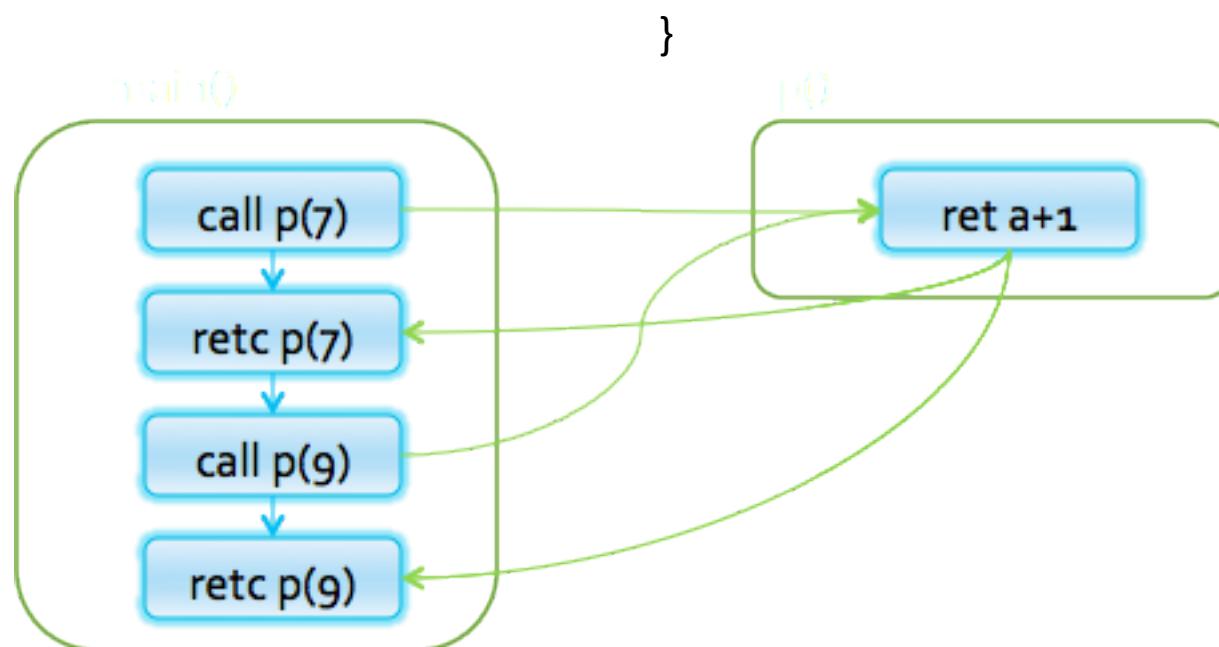
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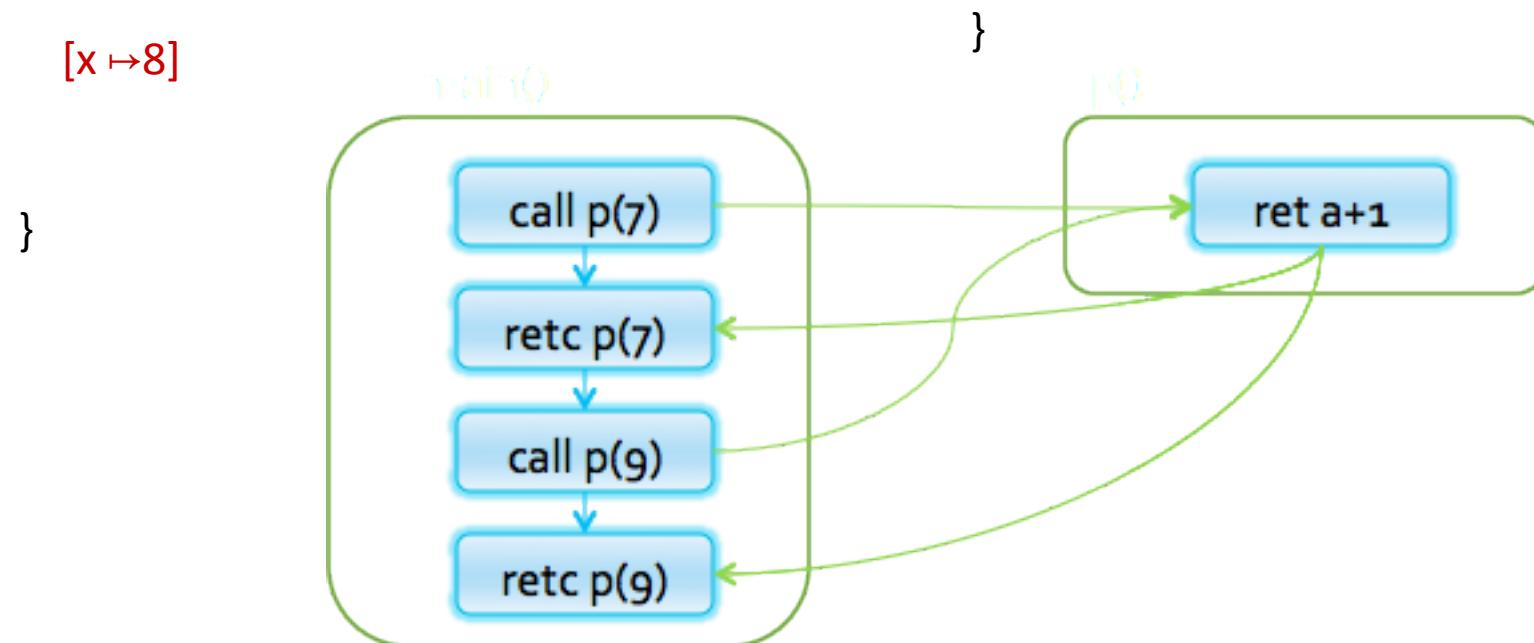
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    [a ↦ T]  
    return a + 1;  
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}
```



# Simple Example

```
void main() {  
    int x ;  
    x = p(7);  
    [x ↦ 8]  
    x = p(9);  
    [x ↦ 8]
```

```
int p(int a) {  
    [a ↦ T]  
    → return a + 1;  
    [a ↦ T, $S ↦ T]  
}
```



# Simple Example

```
void main() {
```

```
    int x ;
```

```
    x = p(7) ; ←
```

[ $x \mapsto T$ ]

```
    x = p(9) ; ←
```

[ $x \mapsto T$ ]

```
int p(int a) {
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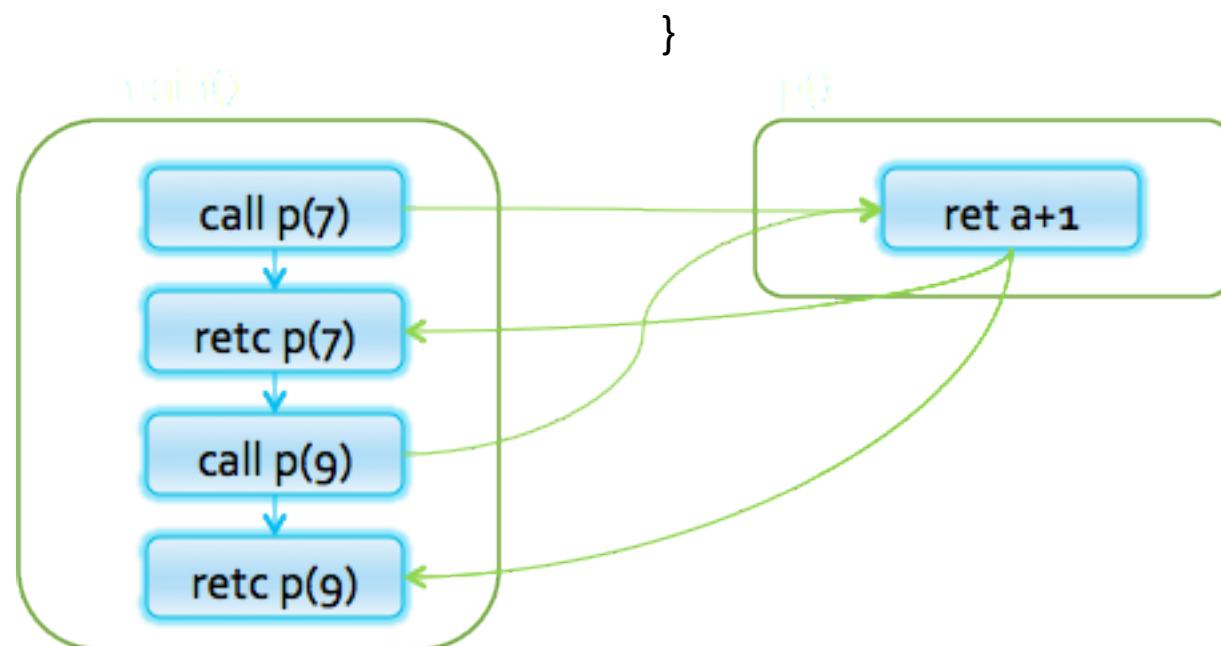
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```
    return a + 1;
```

[ $a \mapsto T, \$\$ \mapsto T$ ]

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}
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```
}
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# A Naive Interprocedural solution

- Treat procedure calls as gotos
- Pros:
  - Simple
  - Usually fast
- Cons:
  - Abstract call/return correlations
  - Obtain a conservative solution

# analysis by reduction

## Call-as-goto

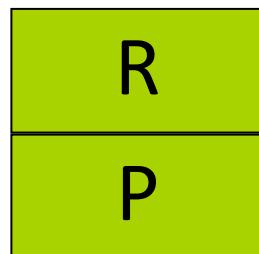
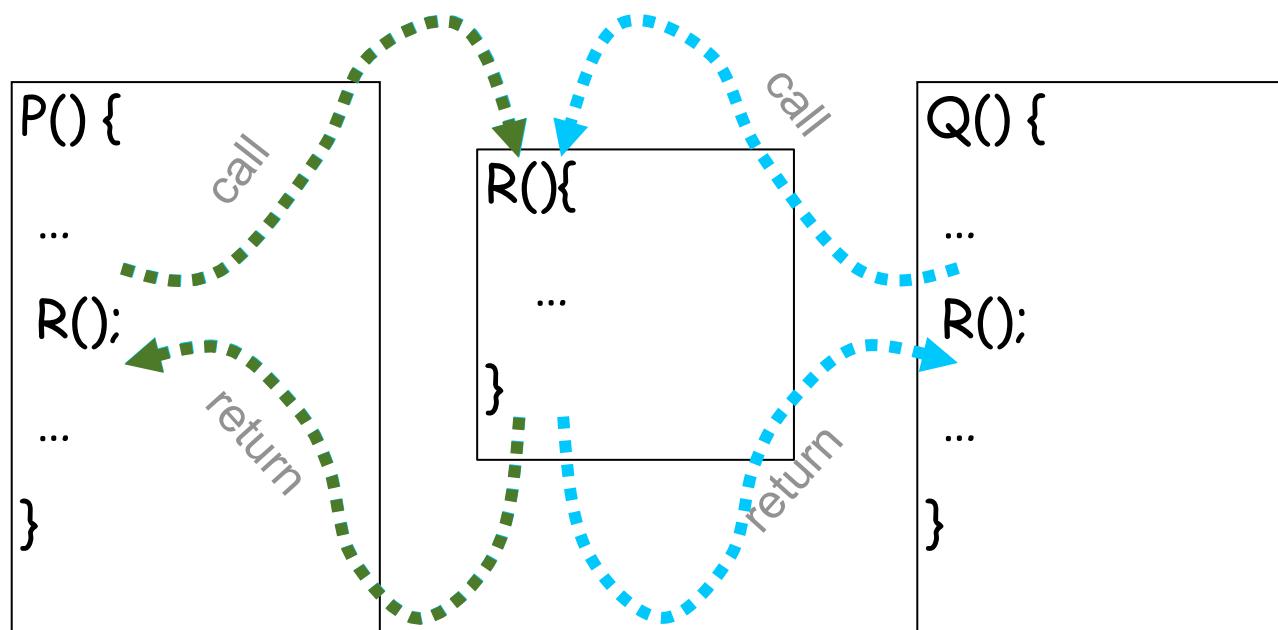
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void main() {           int p(int a) {  
    int x ;             [a ↦ T]  
    x = p(7) ;          return a + 1;  
    [x ↦ T]              [a ↦ T, $$ ↦ T]  
    x = p(9) ;          }  
    [x ↦ T]  
}  
}
```

## Procedure inlining

```
void main() {  
    int a, x, ret;  
    [a ↦ ⊥, x ↦ ⊥, ret ↦ ⊥]  
    a = 7; ret = a+1; x = ret;  
    [a ↦ 7, x ↦ 8, ret ↦ 8]  
    a = 9; ret = a+1; x = ret;  
    [a ↦ 9, x ↦ 10, ret ↦ 10]  
}
```

why was the naive solution less precise?

# Stack regime



# Guiding light

- Exploit stack regime
  - Precision
  - Efficiency



# Simplifying Assumptions

- Parameter passed by value
- No procedure nesting
- No concurrency

✓ Recursion is supported

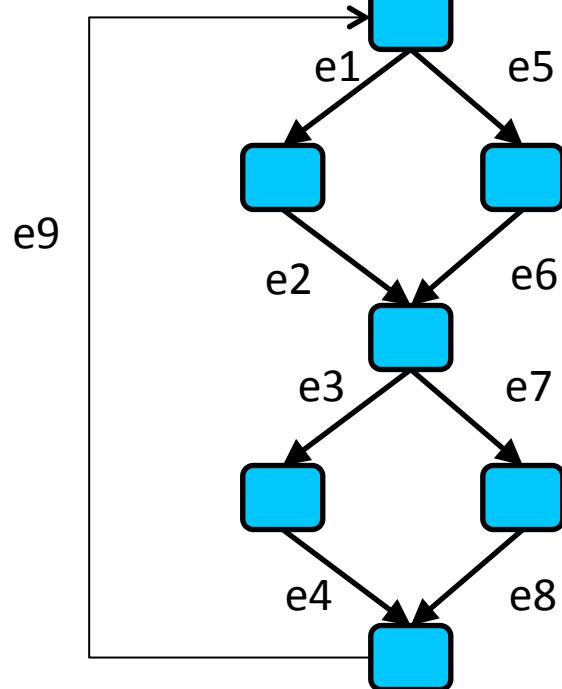
# Topics Covered

- ✓ Procedure Inlining
- ✓ The naive approach
- Valid paths
- The callstring approach
- The Functional Approach
- IFDS: Interprocedural Analysis via Graph Reachability
- IDE: Beyond graph reachability
- The trivial modular approach

# Join-Over-All-Paths (JOP)

- Let  $\text{paths}(v)$  denote the potentially infinite set paths from start to  $v$  (written as sequences of edges)
- For a sequence of edges  $[e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n]$  define  $f [e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n]: L \rightarrow L$  by composing the effects of basic blocks  
$$f [e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n](l) = f(e_n)(\dots (f(e_2)(f(e_1)(l))) \dots)$$
- $JOP[v] = \sqcup \{f [e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n](l) \mid [e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n] \in \text{paths}(v)\}$

# Join-Over-All-Paths (JOP)



Paths transformers:

$f[e1, e2, e3, e4]$   
 $f[e1, e2, e7, e8]$   
 $f[e5, e6, e7, e8]$   
 $f[e5, e6, e3, e4]$   
 $f[e1, e2, e3, e4, e9, e1, e2, e3, e4]$   
 $f[e1, e2, e7, e8, e9, e1, e2, e3, e4, e9, \dots]$   
...

JOP:

$f[e1, e2, e3, e4](\text{initial}) \sqcup$   
 $f[e1, e2, e7, e8](\text{initial}) \sqcup$   
 $f[e5, e6, e7, e8](\text{initial}) \sqcup$   
 $f[e5, e6, e3, e4](\text{initial}) \sqcup \dots$

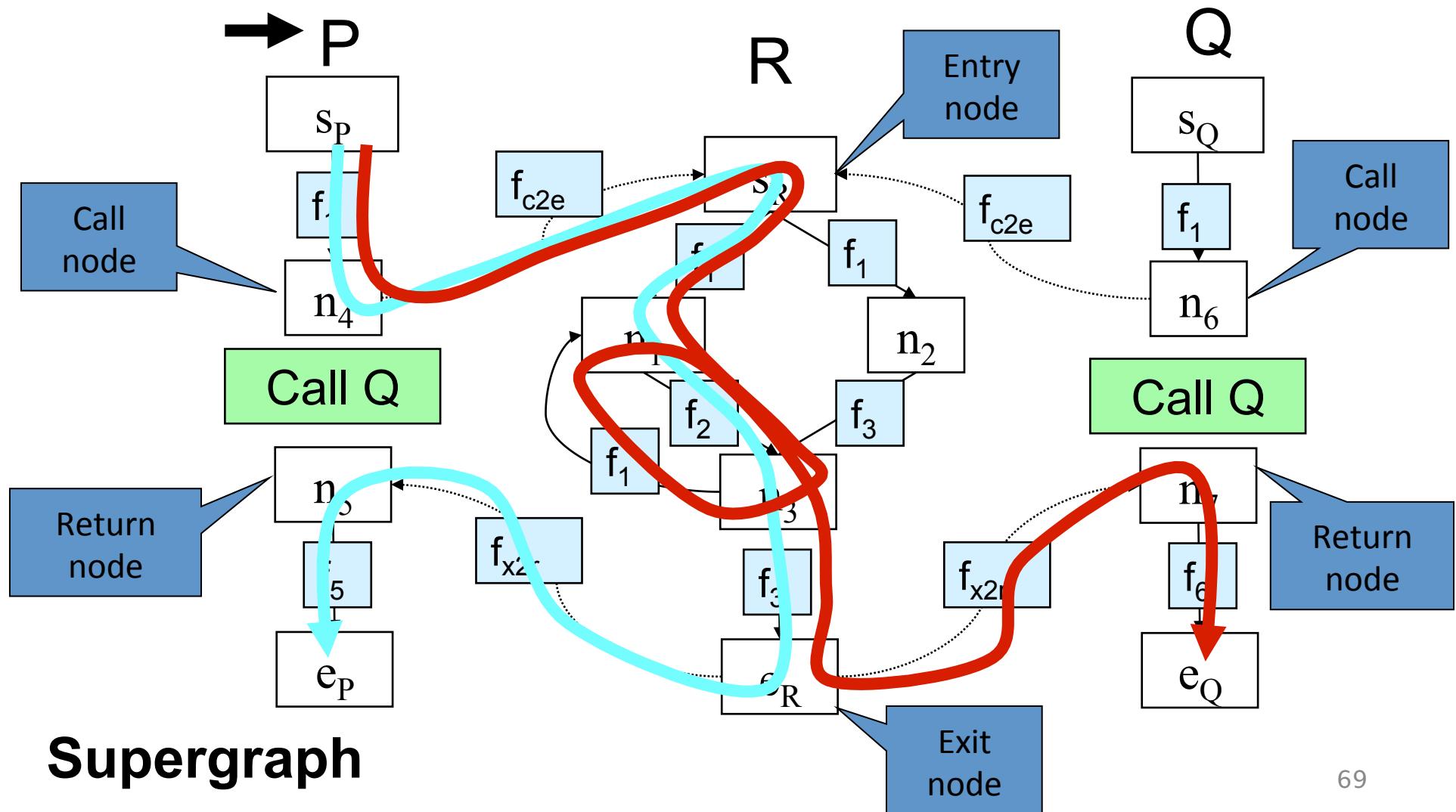
Number of program paths is unbounded due to loops

## The lfp computation approximates JOP

- $JOP[v] = \sqcup\{f[e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n](\iota) \mid [e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n] \in \text{paths}(v)\}$
- $LFP[v] = \sqcup\{f[e](LFP[v']) \mid e = (v', v)\}$
- $LFP[v_0] = \iota$
- $JOP \sqsubseteq LFP$  - for a monotone function
  - $f(x \sqcup y) \supseteq f(x) \sqcup f(y)$
- $JOP = LFP$  - for a distributive function
  - $f(x \sqcup y) = f(x) \sqcup f(y)$

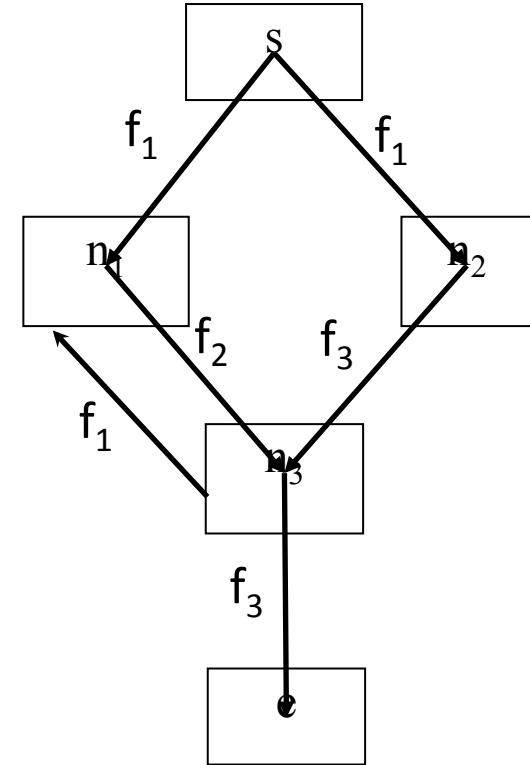
JOP may not be precise enough for interprocedural analysis!

# Interprocedural analysis

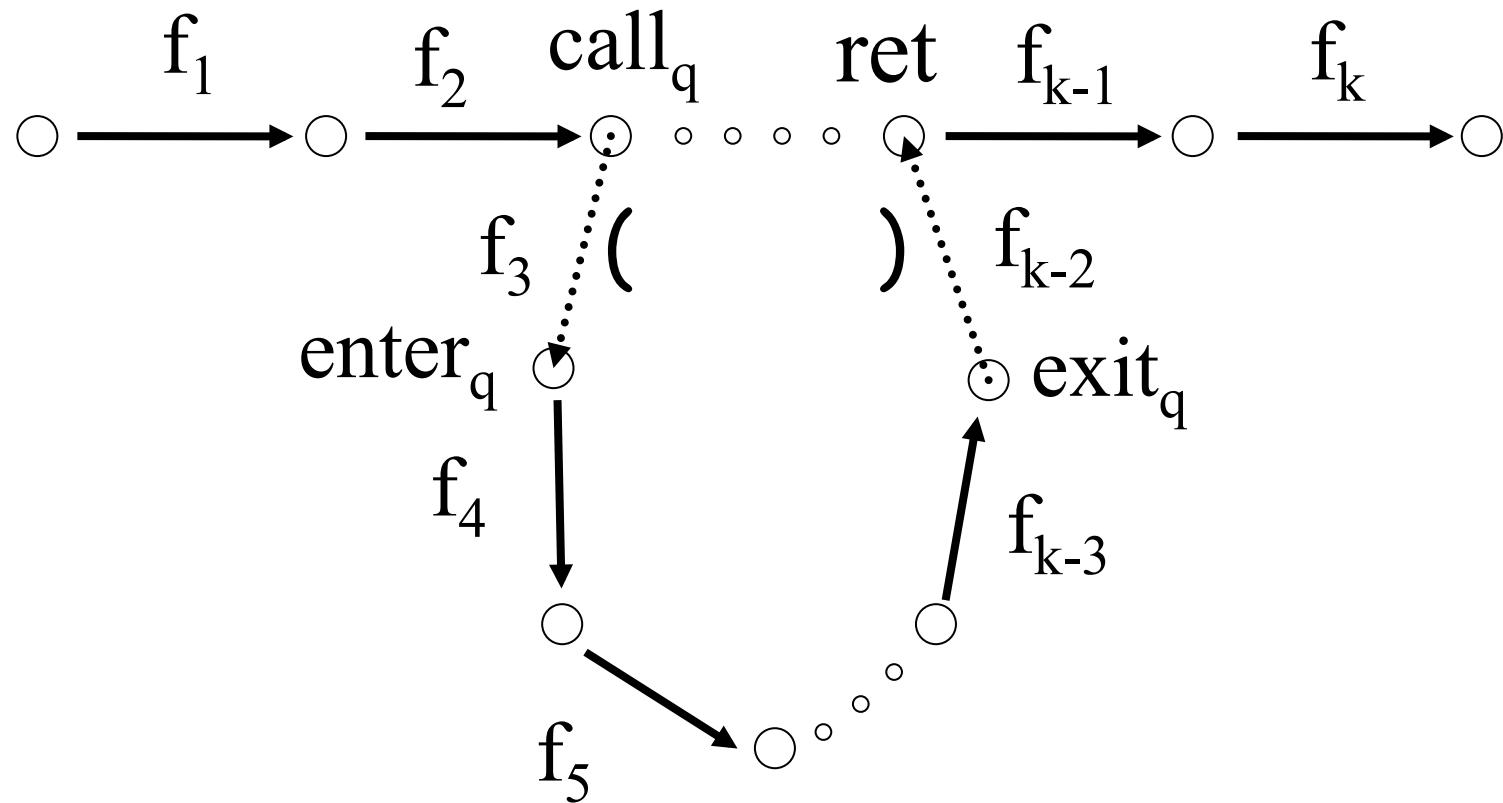


# Paths

- $\text{paths}(n)$  the set of paths from  $s$  to  $n$ 
  - $( (s, n_1), (n_1, n_3), (n_3, n_1) )$



# Interprocedural Valid Paths

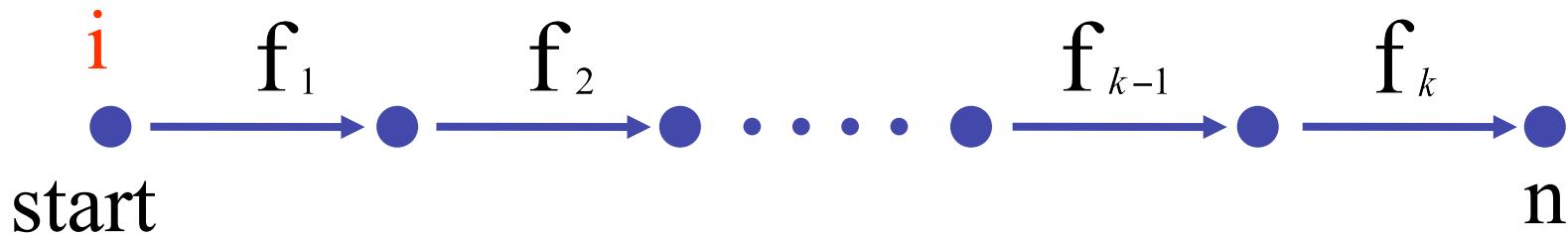


- IVP: all paths with matching calls and returns
  - And prefixes

# Interprocedural Valid Paths

- IVP set of paths
  - Start at program entry
- Only considers matching calls and returns
  - aka, **valid**
- Can be defined via context free grammar
  - $\text{matched} ::= \text{matched} \ (\_i \ \text{matched})_i \mid \epsilon$
  - $\text{valid} ::= \text{valid} \ (\_i \ \text{matched} \mid \text{matched})$ 
    - paths can be defined by a regular expression

# Join Over All Paths (JOP)



$$[[f_k \circ \dots \circ f_1]] \in L \rightarrow L$$

- $JOP[v] = \sqcup\{[[e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n]](\iota) \mid (e_1, \dots, e_n) \in \text{paths}(v)\}$
- $JOP \sqsubseteq LFP$ 
  - Sometimes  $JOP = LFP$ 
    - precise up to “symbolic execution”
    - Distributive problem

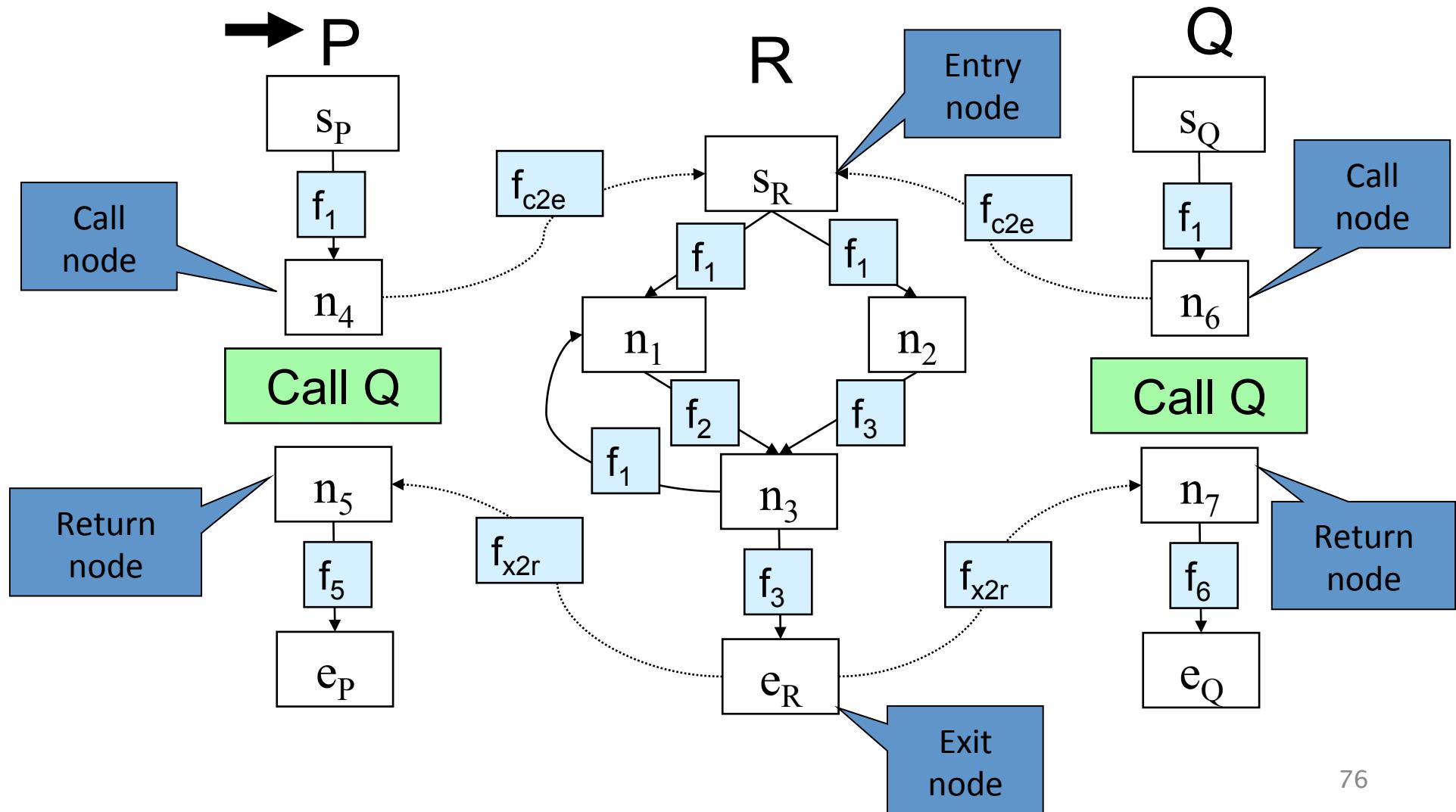
# The Join-Over-Valid-Paths (JVP)

- $vpaths(n)$  all valid paths from program start to  $n$
- $JVP[n] = \sqcup\{[[e_1, e_2, \dots, e]](\iota) \mid (e_1, e_2, \dots, e) \in vpaths(n)\}$
- $JVP \sqsubseteq JOP$ 
  - In some cases the JVP can be computed
  - (Distributive problem)

# The Call String Approach

- The data flow value is associated with sequences of calls (call string)
- Use Chaotic iterations over the supergraph

# supergraph



# Simple Example

```
void main() {  
    int x;  
    → c1: x = p(7);  
    c2: x = p(9) ;  
}
```

```
int p(int a) {  
    return a + 1;  
}
```

# Simple Example

```
void main() {
```

```
    int x;
```

```
    c1: x = p(7);
```

```
    c2: x = p(9);
```

```
}
```

→ int p(int a) {

c1: [a ↦ 7]

return a + 1;

}

# Simple Example

```
void main() {
```

```
    int x ;
```

```
    c1: x = p(7);
```

```
    c2: x = p(9) ;
```

```
}
```

```
int p(int a) {
```

c1: [a ↦ 7]

→ return a + 1;

c1:[a ↦ 7, \$\$ ↦ 8]

```
}
```

# Simple Example

```
void main() {
```

```
    int x;
```

```
    c1: x = p(7); ←
```

$\varepsilon: x \mapsto 8$

```
    c2: x = p(9);
```

```
}
```

```
int p(int a) {
```

c1:  $[a \mapsto 7]$

```
    return a + 1;
```

c1:[ $a \mapsto 7, \$\$ \mapsto 8$ ]

```
}
```

# Simple Example

```
void main() {                                int p(int a) {  
    int x ;                                c1:[a ↦ 7]  
    c1: x = p(7);                          return a + 1;  
    ε: [x ↦ 8]                            c1:[a ↦ 7, $$ ↦ 8]  
    → c2: x = p(9) ;                      }  
}
```

# Simple Example

```
void main() {  
    int x ;  
    c1: x = p(7);  
    ε: [x ↦ 8]  
    c2: x = p(9) ;  
}  
  
→ int p(int a) {  
    c1:[a ↦ 7]  
    c2:[a ↦ 9]  
    return a + 1;  
    c1:[a ↦ 7, $$ ↦ 8]  
}
```

# Simple Example

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    c1: x = p(7);  
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}
```

```
int p(int a) {  
    c1:[a ↦ 7]  
    c2:[a ↦ 9]  
    → return a + 1;  
    c1:[a ↦ 7, $$ ↦ 8]  
    c2:[a ↦ 9, $$ ↦ 10]  
}
```

# Simple Example

```
void main() {  
    int x ;  
    c1: x = p(7);  
    ε: [x ↦ 8]  
    c2: x = p(9) ; ←  
    ε: [x ↦ 10]  
}
```

```
int p(int a) {  
    c1:[a ↦ 7]  
    c2:[a ↦ 9]  
    return a + 1;  
    c1:[a ↦ 7, $$ ↦ 8]  
    c2:[a ↦ 9, $$ ↦ 10]  
}
```

# The Call String Approach

- The data flow value is associated with sequences of calls (call string)
- Use Chaotic iterations over the supergraph
- To guarantee termination limit the size of call string (typically 1 or 2)
  - Represents tails of calls
- Abstract inline

# Another Example ( $|cs|=2$ )

```
void main() {  
    int x;  
    c1: x = p(7);  
    ε: [x ↦ 16]  
    c2: x = p(9) ;  
    ε: [x ↦ 20]  
}
```

```
int p(int a) {  
    c1:[a ↦ 7]  
    c2:[a ↦ 9]  
    return c3: p1(a + 1);  
    c1:[a ↦ 7, $$ ↦ 16]  
    c2:[a ↦ 9, $$ ↦ 20]  
}
```

```
int p1(int b) {  
    c1.c3:[b ↦ 8]  
    c2.c3:[b ↦ 10]  
    return 2 * b;  
    c1.c3:[b ↦ 8,$$ ↦ 16]  
    c2.c3:[b ↦ 10,$$ ↦ 20]  
}
```

# Another Example ( $|cs|=1$ )

```
void main() {                                int p(int a) {                                int p1(int b) {  
    int x ;                                c1:[a ↦ 7]                                (c1|c2)c3:[b ↦ T]  
    c1: x = p(7);                            c2:[a ↦ 9]                                return 2 * b;  
    ε: [x ↦ T]                                return c3: p1(a + 1);  
    c2: x = p(9) ;                            c1:[a ↦ 7, $$ ↦ T]                                (c1|c2)c3:[b ↦ T, $$ ↦ T]  
    ε: [x ↦ T]                                c2:[a ↦ 9, $$ ↦ T]                                }  
}  
}
```

# Handling Recursion

```
void main() {  
    c1: p(7);  
    ε: [x ↦ T]  
}
```

```
int p(int a) {  
    c1: [a ↦ 7]  c1.c2+: [a ↦ T]  
    if (...) {  
        c1: [a ↦ 7]  c1.c2+: [a ↦ T]  
        a = a - 1;  
        c1: [a ↦ 6]  c1.c2+: [a ↦ T]  
        c2: p (a);  
        c1.c2*: [a ↦ T]  
        a = a + 1;  
        c1.c2*: [a ↦ T]  
    }  
    c1.c2*: [a ↦ T]  
  
    x = -2*a + 5;  
    c1.c2*: [a ↦ T, x ↦ T]  
}
```

# Summary Call String

- Easy to implement
- Efficient for very small call strings
- Limited precision
  - Often loses precision for recursive programs
  - For finite domains can be precise even with recursion (with a bounded callstring)
- Order of calls can be abstracted
- Related method: procedure cloning

# The Functional Approach

- The meaning of a procedure is mapping from states into states
- The abstract meaning of a procedure is function from an abstract state to abstract states
- Relation between input and output
- In certain cases can compute JVP

# The Functional Approach

- Two phase algorithm
  - Compute the dataflow solution at the exit of a procedure as a function of the initial values at the procedure entry (functional values)
  - Compute the dataflow values at every point using the functional values

# Phase 1

```
void main() {
```

```
    p(7);
```

```
}
```

```
int p(int a) {
```

```
[a ↦ a0, x ↦ x0]
```

```
if (...) {
```

```
[a ↦ a0, x ↦ x0]
```

```
a = a - 1 ;
```

```
[a ↦ a0-1, x ↦ x0]
```

```
p (a);
```

```
[a ↦ a0-1, x ↦ -2a0+7]
```

```
a = a + 1;
```

```
[a ↦ a0, x ↦ -2a0+7]
```

```
}
```

```
[a ↦ a0, x ↦ x0] [a ↦ a0, x ↦ T]
```

```
x = -2*a + 5;
```

```
[a ↦ a0, x ↦ -2*a0+5]
```

```
}
```

$$p(a_0, x_0) = [a \mapsto a_0, x \mapsto -2a_0 + 5]$$

# Phase 2

```
void main() {  
    p(7);  
    [x ↦ -9]  
}
```

$$p(a_0, x_0) = [a \mapsto a_0, x \mapsto -2a_0 + 5]$$

```
int p(int a) {  
    [a ↦ 7, x ↦ 0]      [a ↦ T, x ↦ 0]  
    if (...) {  
        [a ↦ 7, x ↦ 0]      [a ↦ T, x ↦ 0]  
        a = a - 1;  
        [a ↦ 6, x ↦ 0]      [a ↦ T, x ↦ 0]  
        p (a);  
        [a ↦ 6, x ↦ -7]      [a ↦ T, x ↦ T]  
        a = a + 1;  
        [a ↦ 7, x ↦ -7]      [a ↦ T, x ↦ T]  
    }  
    [a ↦ 7, x ↦ 0]      [a ↦ T, x ↦ T]  
    x = -2*a + 5;  
    [a ↦ 7, x ↦ -9]      [a ↦ T, x ↦ T]  
}
```

# Summary Functional approach

- Computes procedure abstraction
- Sharing between different contexts
- Rather precise
- Recursive procedures may be more precise/  
efficient than loops
- But requires more from the implementation
  - Representing (input/output) relations
  - Composing relations

# Issues in Functional Approach

- How to guarantee that finite height for functional lattice?
  - It may happen that  $L$  has finite height and yet the lattice of monotonic function from  $L$  to  $L$  do not
- Efficiently represent functions
  - Functional join
  - Functional composition
  - Testing equality

# Tabulation

- Special case:  $L$  is finite
- Data facts:  $d \in L \times L$
- Initialization:
  - $f_{\text{start},\text{start}} = (\top,\top)$  ; otherwise  $(\perp,\perp)$
  - $S[\text{start}, \top] = \top$
- Propagation of  $(x,y)$  over edge  $e = (n,n')$ 
  - Maintain summary:  $S[n',x] = S[n',x] \sqcup \llbracket n \rrbracket(y)$
  - $n$  intra-node:  $\rightarrow n' : (x, \llbracket n \rrbracket(y))$
  - $n$  call-node:
    - $\rightarrow n' : (y,y)$  if  $S[n',y] = \perp$  and  $n'$  = entry node
    - $\rightarrow n' : (x,z)$  if  $S[\text{exit(call}(n),y] = z$  and  $n'$  = ret-site-of  $n$
  - $n$  return-node:  $\rightarrow n' : (u,y) ; n_c = \text{call-site-of } n', S[n_c,u]=x$

# CFL-Graph reachability

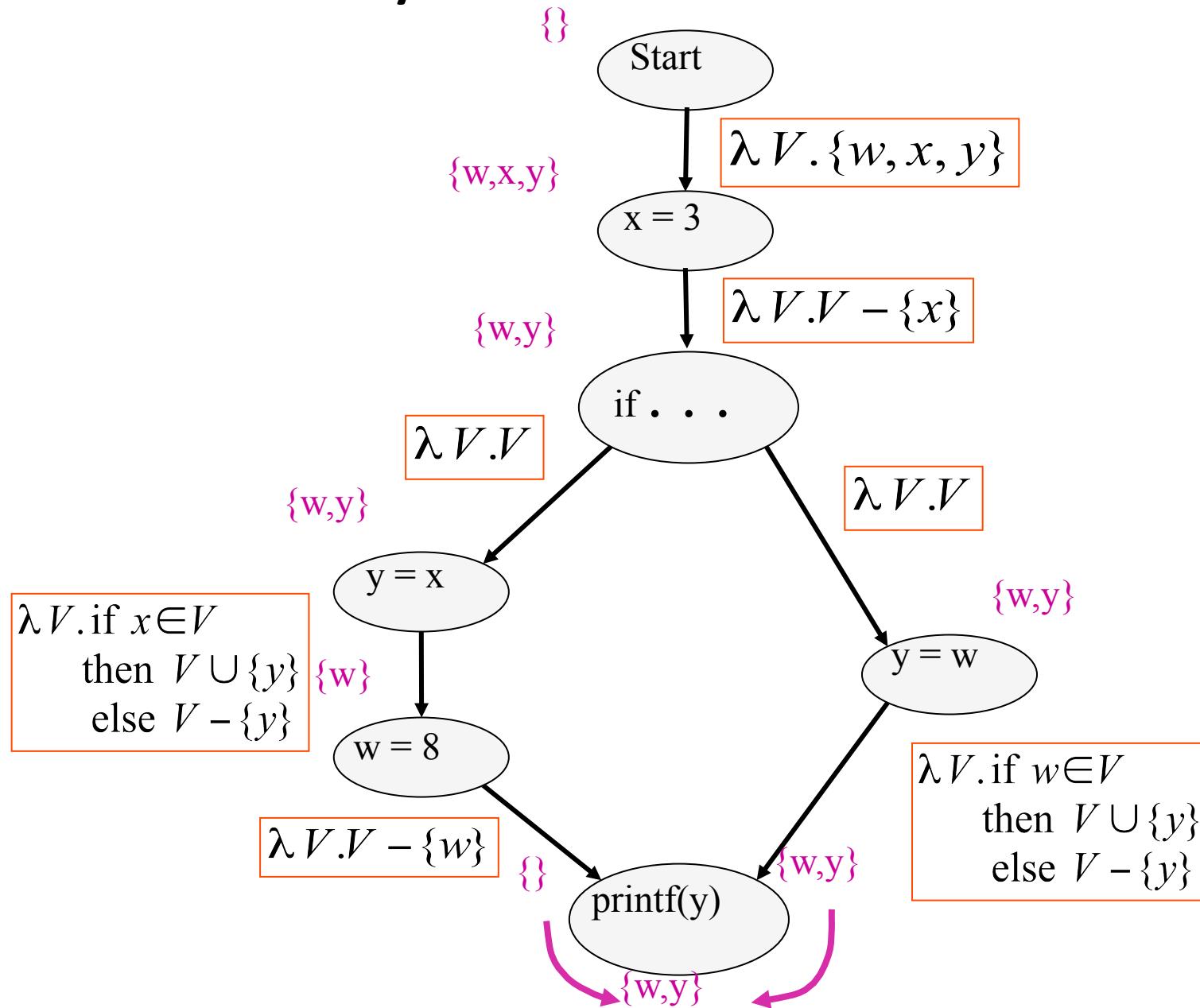
- Special cases of functional analysis
- Finite distributive lattices
- Provides more efficient analysis algorithms
- Reduce the interprocedural analysis problem to finding context free reachability



# IDFS / IDE

- IDFS Interprocedural Distributive Finite Subset  
Precise interprocedural dataflow analysis via graph reachability. Reps, Horowitz, and Sagiv, POPL' 95
- IDE Interprocedural Distributive Environment  
Precise interprocedural dataflow analysis with applications to constant propagation. Reps, Horowitz, and Sagiv, FASE' 95, TCS' 96
  - More general solutions exist

# Possibly Uninitialized Variables

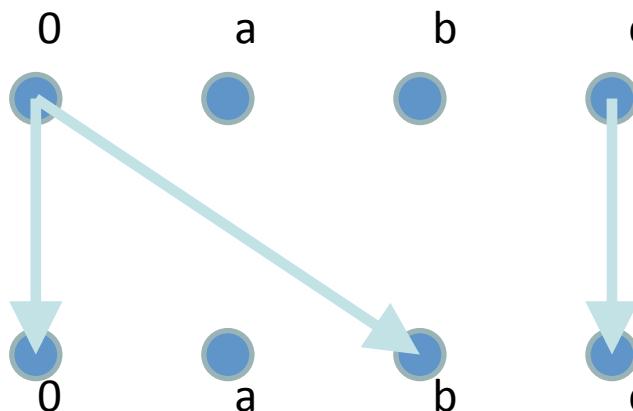


# IFDS Problems

- Finite subset distributive
  - Lattice  $L = \wp(D)$
  - $\sqsubseteq$  is  $\subseteq$
  - $\sqcup$  is  $\cup$
  - Transfer functions are distributive
- Efficient solution through formulation as CFL reachability

# Encoding Transfer Functions

- Enumerate all input space and output space
- Represent functions as graphs with  $2(D+1)$  nodes
- Special symbol “0” denotes empty sets (sometimes denoted  $\Lambda$ )
- Example:  $D = \{ a, b, c \}$   
 $f(S) = (S - \{a\}) \cup \{b\}$



# Efficiently Representing Functions

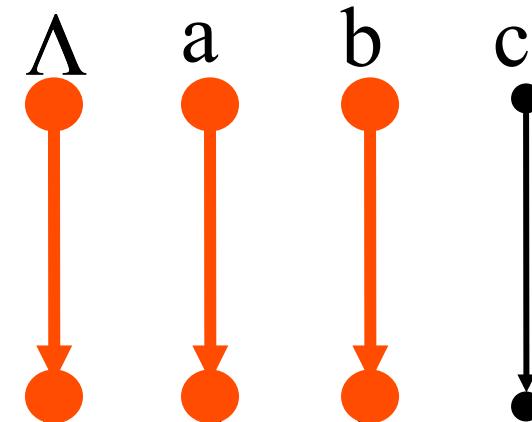
- Let  $f:2^D \rightarrow 2^D$  be a distributive function
- Then:
  - $f(X) = f(\emptyset) \cup (\cup \{ f(\{z\}) \mid z \in X \})$
  - $f(X) = f(\emptyset) \cup (\cup \{ f(\{z\}) \setminus f(\emptyset) \mid z \in X \})$

# Representing Dataflow Functions

Identity Function

$$f = \lambda V.V$$

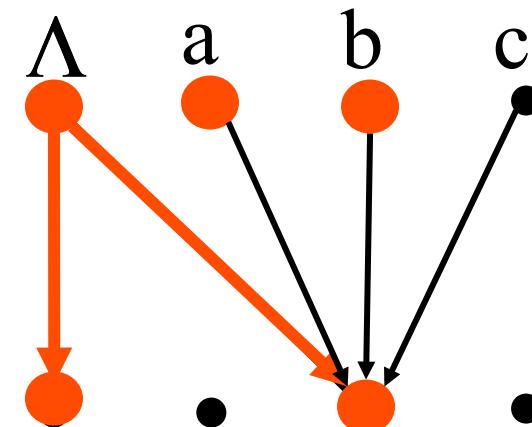
$$f(\{a, b\}) = \{a, b\}$$



Constant Function

$$f = \lambda V.\{b\}$$

$$f(\{a, b\}) = \{b\}$$

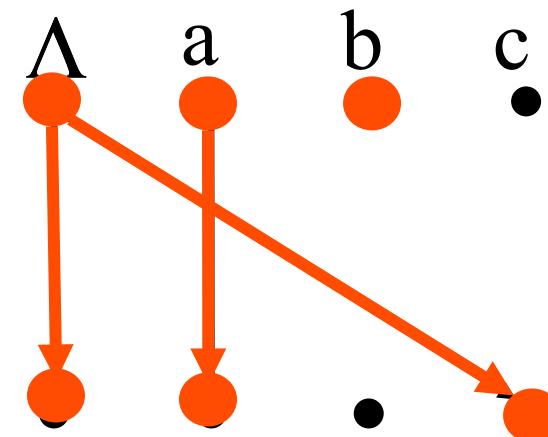


# Representing Dataflow Functions

“Gen/Kill” Function

$$f = \lambda V. (V - \{b\}) \cup \{c\}$$

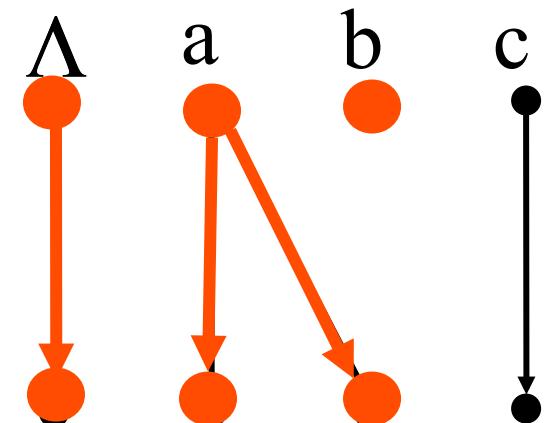
$$f(\{a, b\}) = \{a, c\}$$

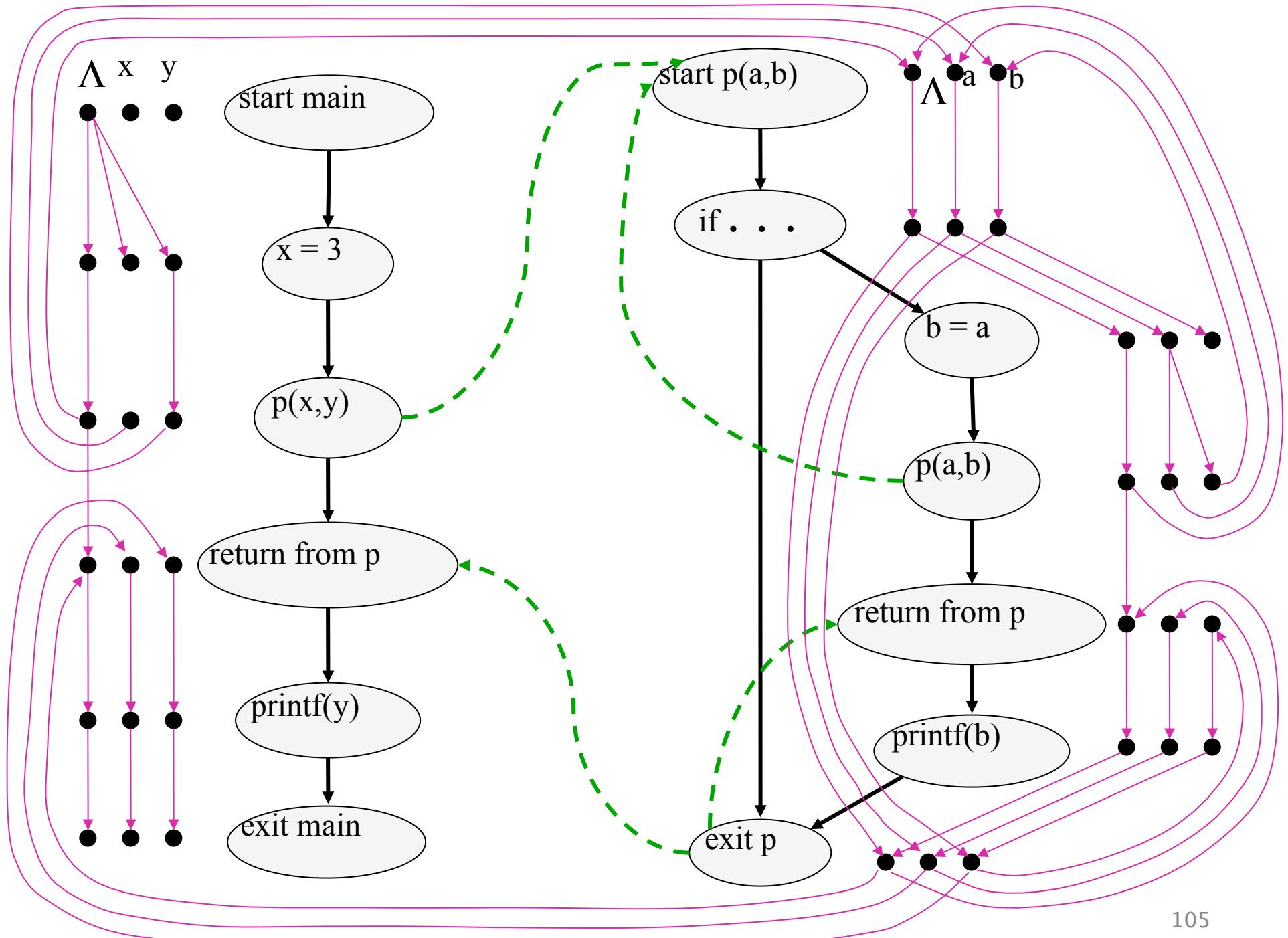


Non-“Gen/Kill” Function

$$\begin{aligned} f = \lambda V. & \text{if } a \in V \\ & \text{then } V \cup \{b\} \\ & \text{else } V - \{b\} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(\{a, b\}) = \{a, b\}$$

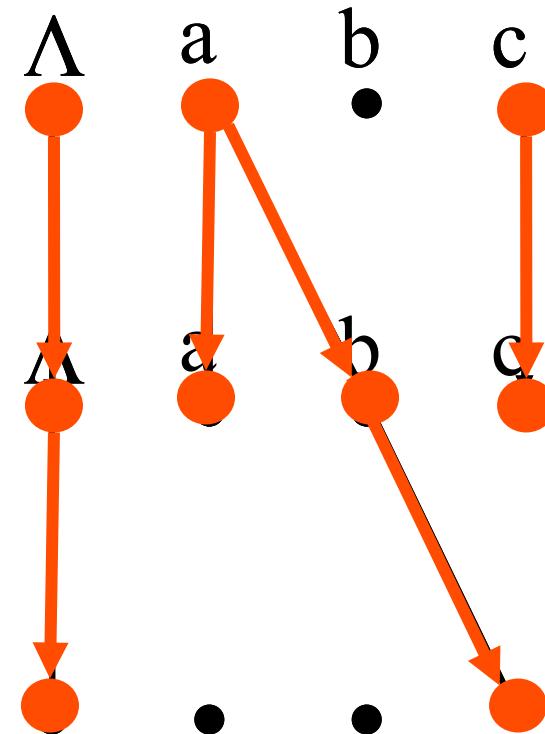




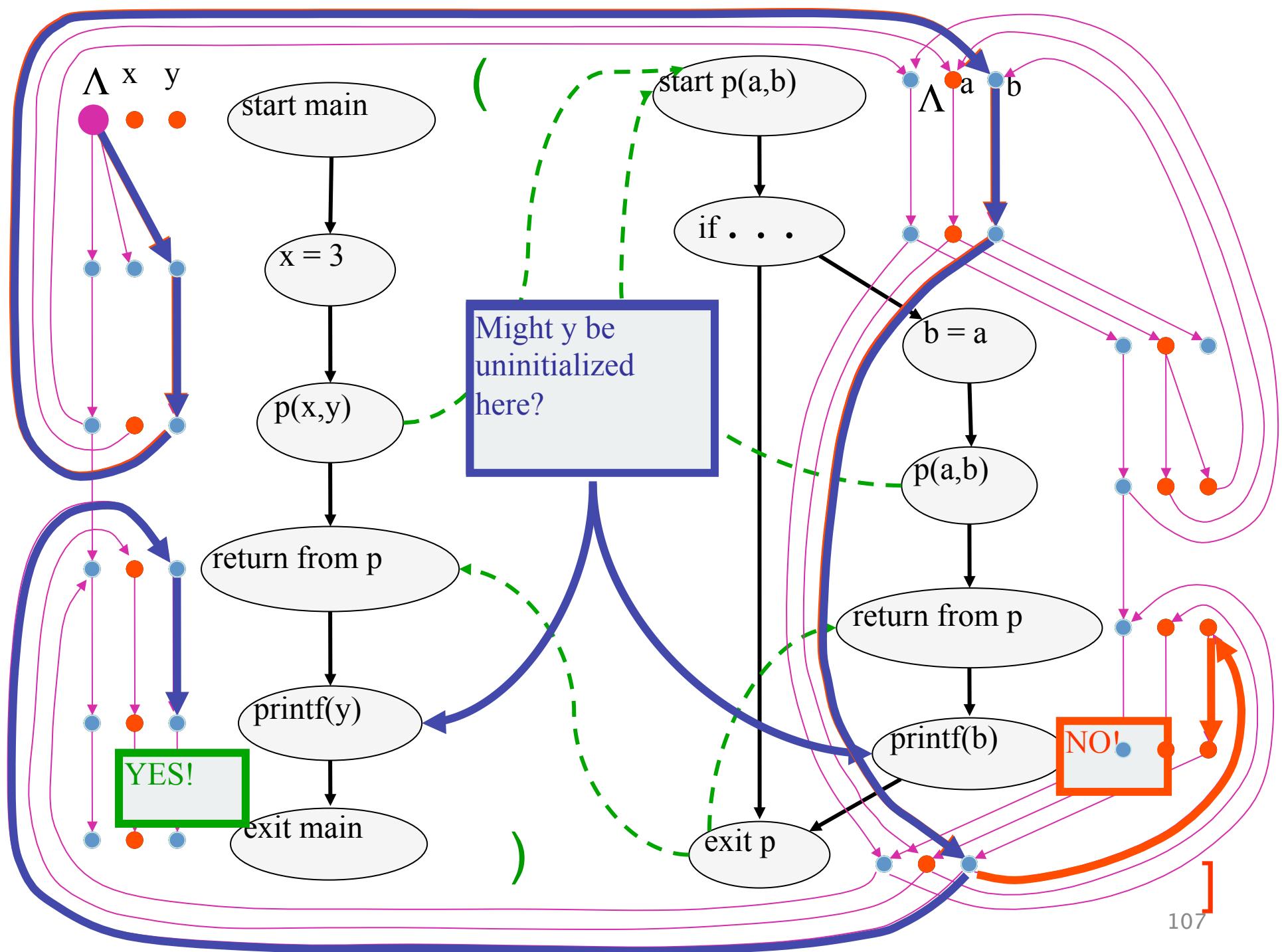
# Composing Dataflow Functions

$f_1 = \lambda V. \text{if } a \in V$   
then  $V \cup \{b\}$   
else  $V - \{b\}$

$f_2 = \lambda V. \text{if } b \in V$   
then  $\{c\}$   
else  $\emptyset$



$$f_2 \circ f_1(\{a, c\}) = \boxed{\{c\}}$$



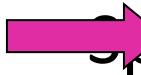
# The Tabulation Algorithm

- Worklist algorithm, start from entry of “main”
- Keep track of
  - Path edges: matched paren paths from procedure entry
  - Summary edges: matched paren call-return paths
- At each instruction
  - Propagate facts using transfer functions; **extend path edges**
- At each call
  - Propagate to procedure entry, start with an empty path
  - If a summary for that entry exists, use it
- At each exit
  - Store paths from corresponding call points as summary paths
  - When a new summary is added, propagate to the return node

# Interprocedural Dataflow Analysis via CFL-Reachability

- Graph: Exploded control-flow graph
- $L: L(\text{unbalLeft})$ 
  - $\text{unbalLeft} = \text{valid}$
- Fact  $d$  holds at  $n$  iff there is an  $L(\text{unbalLeft})$ -path from  $\langle start_{main}, \Lambda \rangle$  to  $\langle n, d \rangle$

# Asymptotic Running Time

- CFL-reachability
  - Exploded control-flow graph:  $ND$  nodes
  - Running time:  $O(N^3D^3)$
- Exploded control-flow graph  special structure

Running time:  $O(ED^3)$

Typically:  $E \approx N$ , hence  $O(ED^3) \approx O(ND^3)$

“Gen/kill” problems:  $O(ED)$

# IDE

- Goes beyond IFDS problems
  - Can handle unbounded domains
- Requires special form of the domain
- Can be much more efficient than IFDS

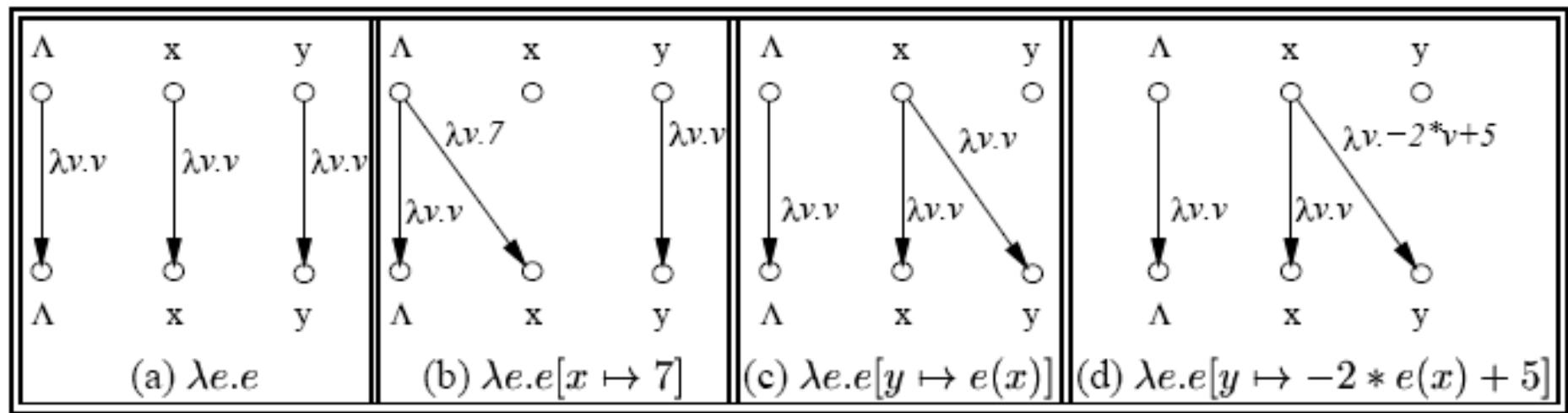
# Example Linear Constant Propagation

- Consider the constant propagation lattice
- The value of every variable  $y$  at the program exit can be represented by:

$$y = \sqcup \{(a_x x + b_x) \mid x \in \text{Var}_*\} \sqcup c$$
$$a_x, c \in \mathbb{Z} \cup \{\perp, \top\} \quad b_x \in \mathbb{Z}$$

- Supports efficient composition and “functional” join
  - $[z := a * y + b]$
  - What about  $[z := x + y]?$

# Linear constant propagation



Point-wise representation of environment transformers

# IDE Analysis

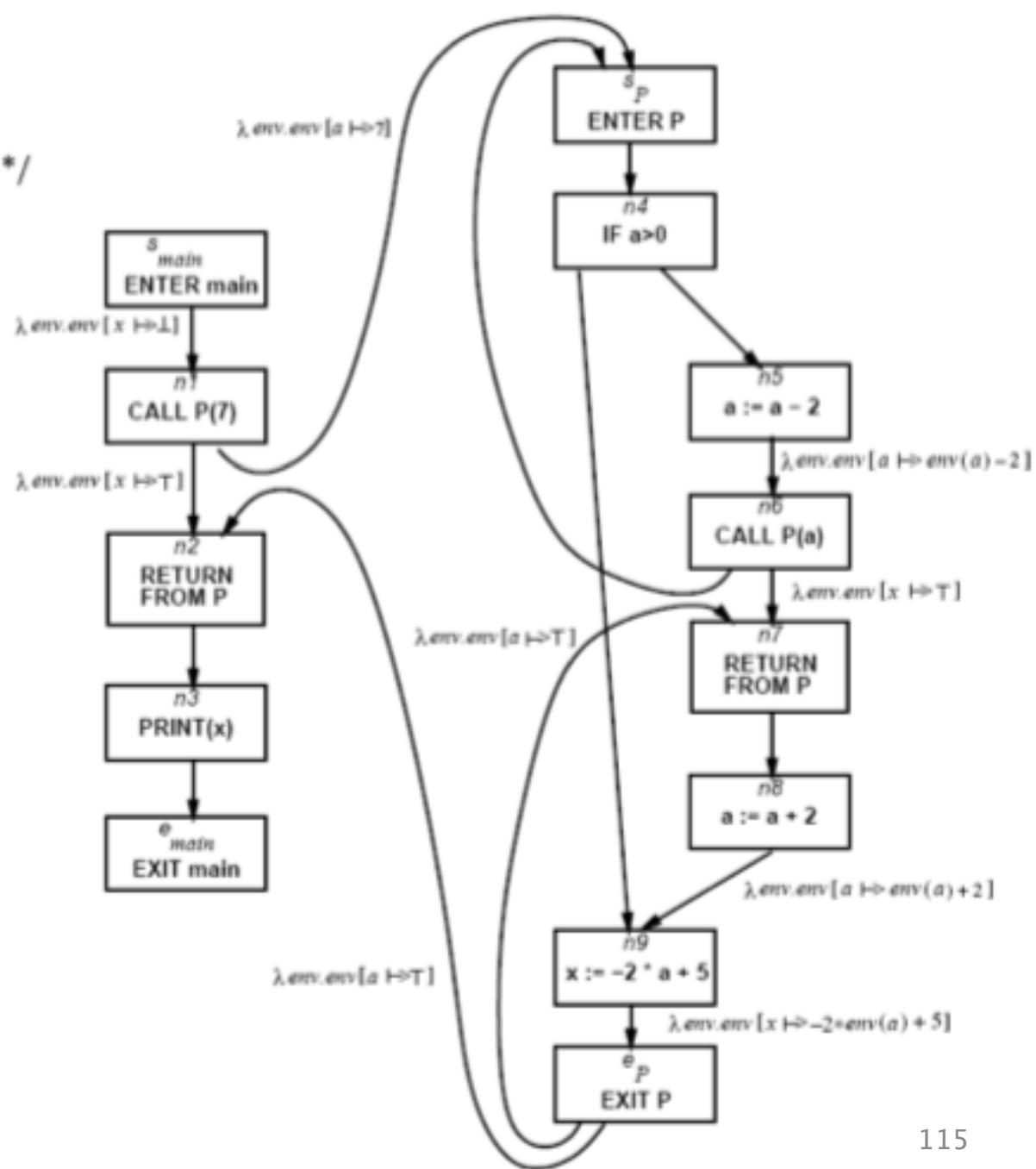
- Point-wise representation closed under composition
- CFL-Reachability on the exploded graph
- Compose functions

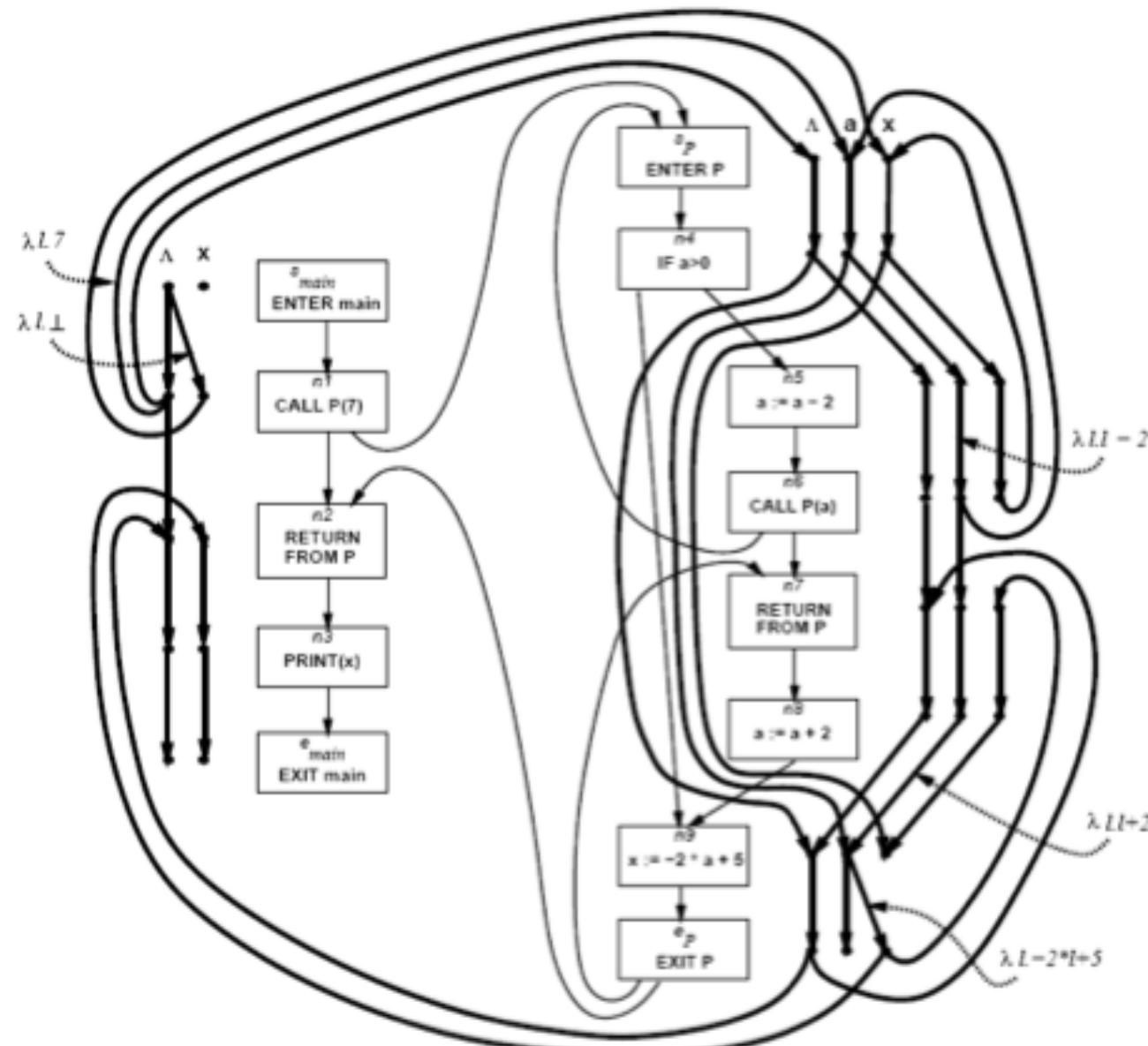
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declare x: integer
program main
begin
    call P(7)
    print (x) /* x is a constant here */
end

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

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# Costs

- $O(ED^3)$
- Class of value transformers  $F \subseteq L \rightarrow L$ 
  - $\text{id} \in F$
  - Finite height
- Representation scheme with (efficient)
  - Application
  - Composition
  - Join
  - Equality
  - Storage

# Conclusion

- Handling functions is crucial for abstract interpretation
- Virtual functions and exceptions complicate things
- But scalability is an issue
  - Small call strings
  - Small functional domains
  - Demand analysis

# Challenges in Interprocedural Analysis

- Respect call-return mechanism
- Handling recursion
- Local variables
- Parameter passing mechanisms
- The called procedure is not always known
- The source code of the called procedure is not always available

# A trivial treatment of procedure

- Analyze a single procedure
- After every call continue with conservative information
  - Global variables and local variables which “may be modified by the call” have unknown values
- Can be easily implemented
- Procedures can be written in different languages
- Procedure inline can help

# Disadvantages of the trivial solution

- Modular (object oriented and functional) programming encourages small frequently called procedures
- Almost all information is lost

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