

# Principles of Program Analysis:

## A Sampler of Approaches

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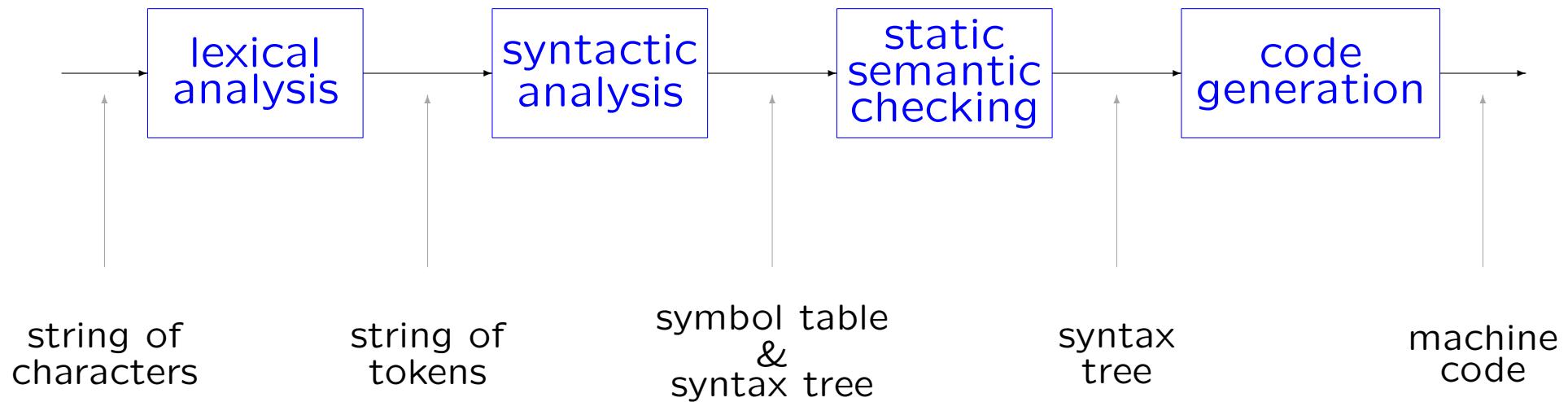
# Compiler Optimisation

The classical use of program analysis is to facilitate the construction of compilers generating “optimal” code.

We begin by outlining the structure of optimising compilers.

We then prepare the setting for a worked example where we “optimise” a naive implementation of Algol-like arrays in a C-like language by performing a series of analyses and transformations.

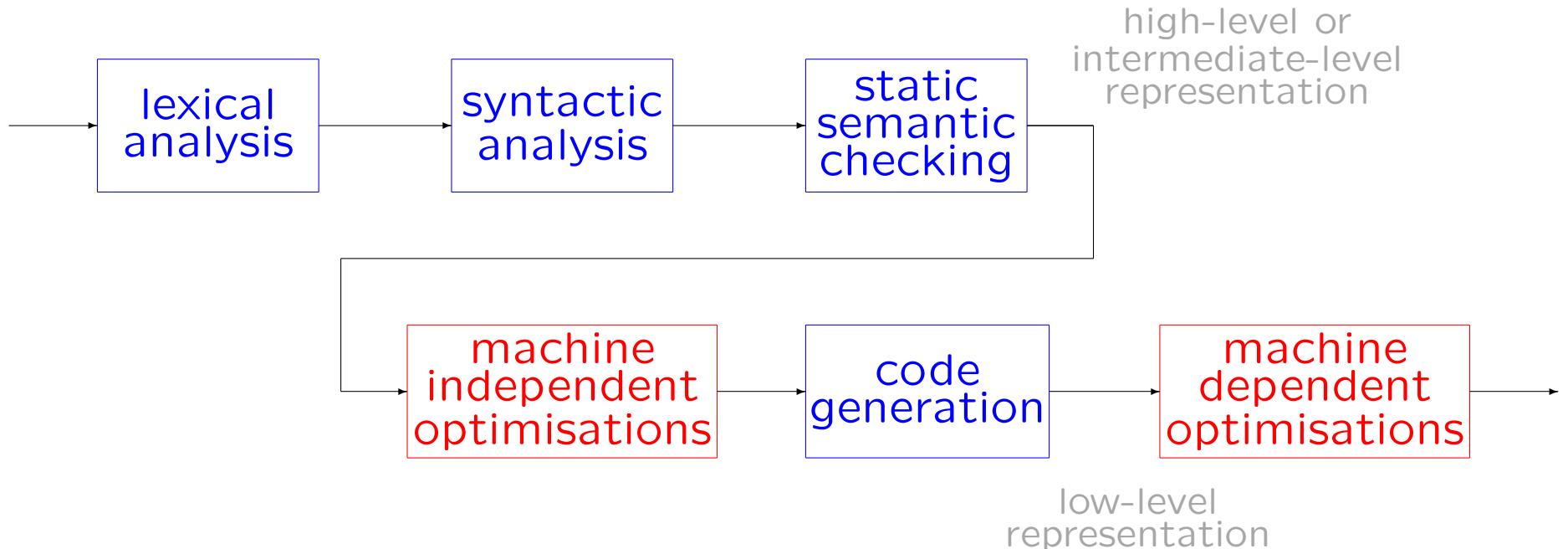
# The structure of a simple compiler



## Characteristics of a simple compiler:

- many phases – one or more passes
- the compiler is fast – but the code is not very efficient

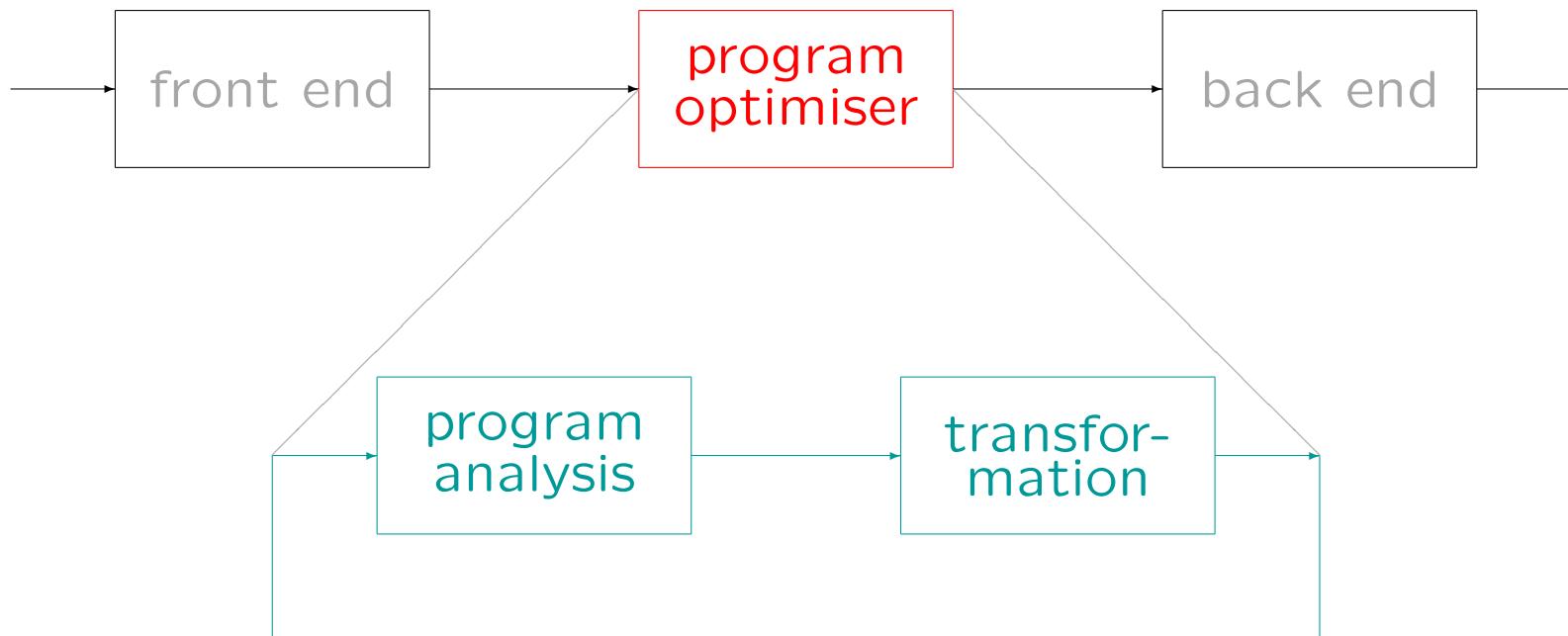
# The structure of an optimising compiler



Characteristics of the optimising compiler:

- high-level optimisations: easy to adapt to new architectures
- low-level optimisations: less likely to port to new architectures

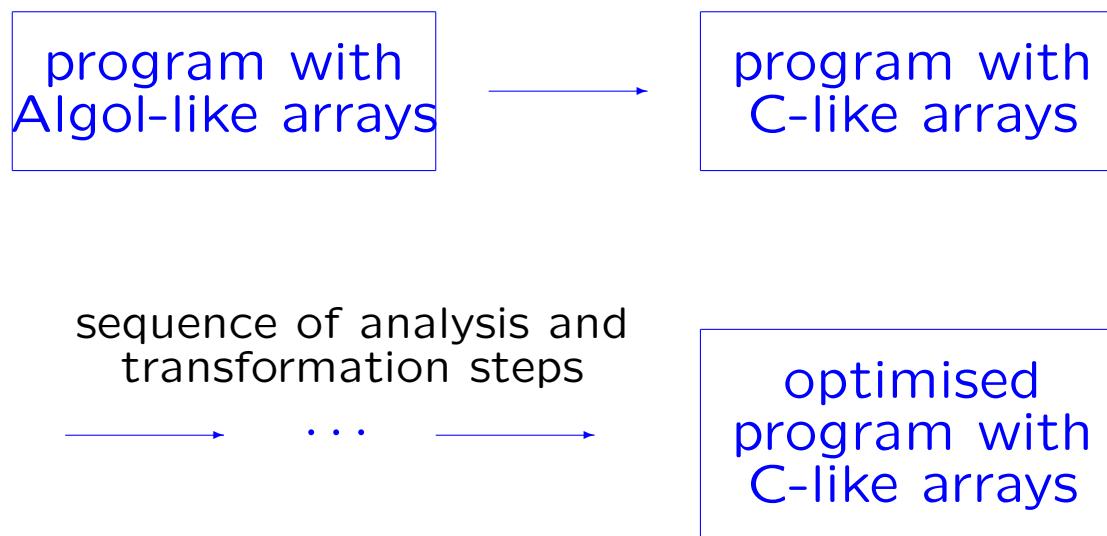
# The structure of the optimisation phase



Avoid redundant computations: reuse available results, move loop invariant computations out of loops, ...

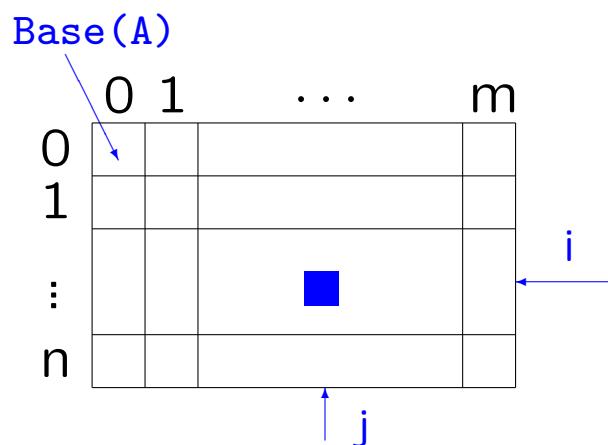
Avoid superfluous computations: results known not to be needed, results known already at compile time, ...

# Example: Array Optimisation



## Array representation: Algol vs. C

A: array [0:n, 0:m] of integer



Accessing the (i,j)'th element of A:

in Algol:

`A[i, j]`

in C:

`Cont(Base(A) + i * (m+1) + j)`

## An example program and its naive realisation

Algol-like arrays:

```
i := 0;  
while i <= n do  
    j := 0;  
    while j <= m do  
        A[i,j] := B[i,j] + C[i,j];  
        j := j+1  
    od;  
    i := i+1  
od
```

C-like arrays:

```
i := 0;  
while i <= n do  
    j := 0;  
    while j <= m do  
        temp := Base(A) + i * (m+1) + j;  
        Cont(temp) := Cont(Base(B) + i * (m+1) + j)  
                     + Cont(Base(C) + i * (m+1) + j);  
        j := j+1  
    od;  
    i := i+1  
od
```

# Available Expressions analysis and Common Subexpression Elimination

```
i := 0;  
while i <= n do      first computation  
    j := 0;  
    while j <= m do  
        temp := Base(A) + i*(m+1) + j;  
        Cont(temp) := Cont(Base(B) + i*(m+1) + j)  
                    + Cont(Base(C) + i*(m+1) + j);  
        j := j+1  
    od;  
    i := i+1  
od
```

re-computations

```
t1 := i * (m+1) + j;  
temp := Base(A) + t1;  
Cont(temp) := Cont(Base(B)+t1)  
            + Cont(Base(C)+t1);
```

## Detection of Loop Invariants and Invariant Code Motion

```
i := 0;
while i <= n do
    j := 0;          loop invariant
    while j <= m do
        t1 := i * (m+1) + j;
        temp := Base(A) + t1;
        Cont(temp) := Cont(Base(B) + t1)
                      + Cont(Base(C) + t1);
        j := j+1
    od;
    i := i+1
od
```

```
t2 := i * (m+1);
while j <= m do
    t1 := t2 + j;
    temp := ...
    Cont(temp) := ...
    j := ...
od
```

## Detection of Induction Variables and Reduction of Strength

```
i := 0;  
while i <= n do  
    j := 0;  
    t2 := i * (m+1);  
    while j <= m do  
        t1 := t2 + j;  
        temp := Base(A) + t1;  
        Cont(temp) := Cont(Base(B) + t1)  
                     + Cont(Base(C) + t1);  
        j := j+1  
    od;  
    i := i+1  
od
```

induction variable

```
i := 0;  
t3 := 0;  
while i <= n do  
    j := 0;  
    t2 := t3;  
    while j <= m do ... od  
    i := i + 1;  
    t3 := t3 + (m+1)  
od
```

## Equivalent Expressions analysis and Copy Propagation

```
i := 0;  
t3 := 0;  
while i <= n do  
    j := 0;  
    t2 := t3; t2 = t3  
    while j <= m do  
        t1 := t2 + j;  
        temp := Base(A) + t1;  
        Cont(temp) := Cont(Base(B) + t1)  
                     + Cont(Base(C) + t1);  
        j := j+1  
    od;  
    i := i+1;  
    t3 := t3 + (m+1)  
od
```

```
while j <= m do  
    t1 := t3 + j;  
    temp := ...;  
    Cont(temp) := ...;  
    j := ...  
od
```

## Live Variables analysis and Dead Code Elimination

```
i := 0;  
t3 := 0;  
while i <= n do  
    j := 0;  
t2 := t3;  
    while j <= m do  
        t1 := t3 + j;  
        temp := Base(A) + t1;  
        Cont(temp) := Cont(Base(B) + t1)  
                     + Cont(Base(C) + t1);  
        j := j+1  
    od;  
    i := i+1;  
    t3 := t3 + (m+1)  
od
```

dead variable

```
i := 0;  
t3 := 0;  
while i <= n do  
    j := 0;  
    while j <= m do  
        t1 := t3 + j;  
        temp := Base(A) + t1;  
        Cont(temp) := Cont(Base(B) + t1)  
                     + Cont(Base(C) + t1);  
        j := j+1  
    od;  
    i := i+1;  
    t3 := t3 + (m+1)  
od
```

## Summary of analyses and transformations

| Analysis                         | Transformation                   |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Available expressions analysis   | Common subexpression elimination |
| Detection of loop invariants     | Invariant code motion            |
| Detection of induction variables | Strength reduction               |
| Equivalent expression analysis   | Copy propagation                 |
| Live variables analysis          | Dead code elimination            |

# The Essence of Program Analysis

Program analysis offers techniques for predicting  
**statically** at compile-time

safe & efficient **approximations**

to the set of configurations or behaviours arising  
**dynamically** at run-time

we cannot expect  
exact answers!

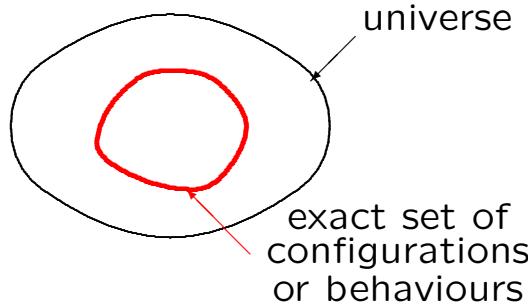
**Safe:** faithful to the semantics

**Efficient:** implementation with

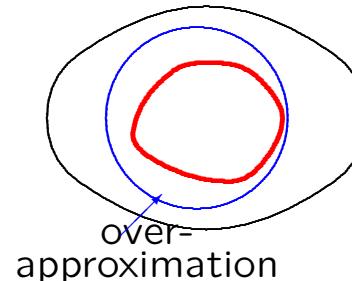
- good time performance and
- low space consumption

# The Nature of Approximation

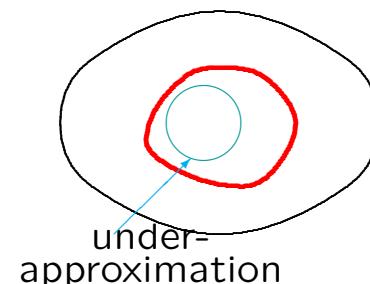
The exact world



Over-approximation



Under-approximation



Slogans: Err on the safe side!  
Trade precision for efficiency!

# Approaches to Program Analysis

A family of techniques ...

- data flow analysis
- constraint based analysis
- abstract interpretation
- type and effect systems
- ...
- flow logic:  
a unifying framework

... that differ in their focus:

- algorithmic methods
- semantic foundations
- language paradigms
  - imperative/procedural
  - object oriented
  - logical
  - functional
  - concurrent/distributive
  - mobile
  - ...

# Data Flow Analysis

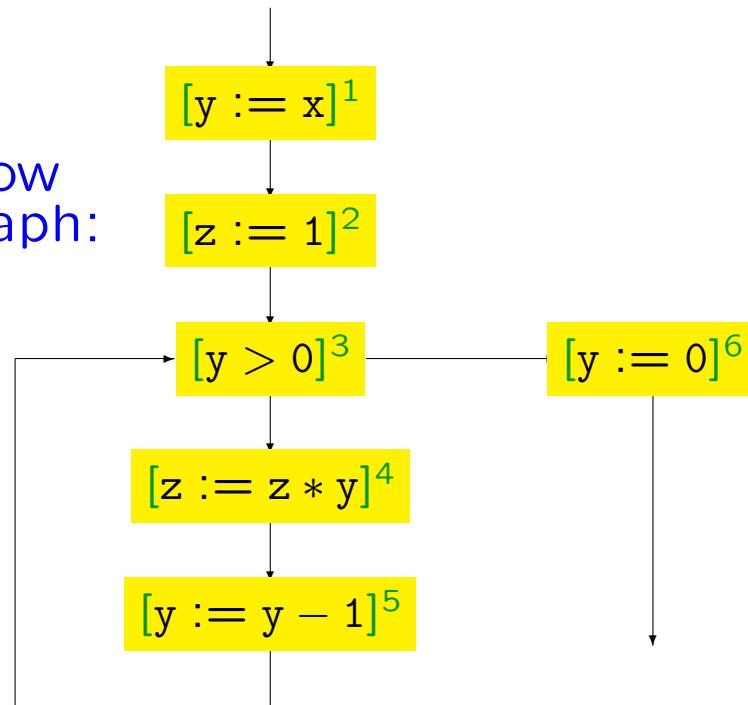
- **Technique:** Data Flow Analysis
- **Example:** Reaching Definitions analysis
  - idea
  - constructing an equation system
  - solving the equations
  - theoretical underpinnings

## Example program

Program with labels for elementary blocks:

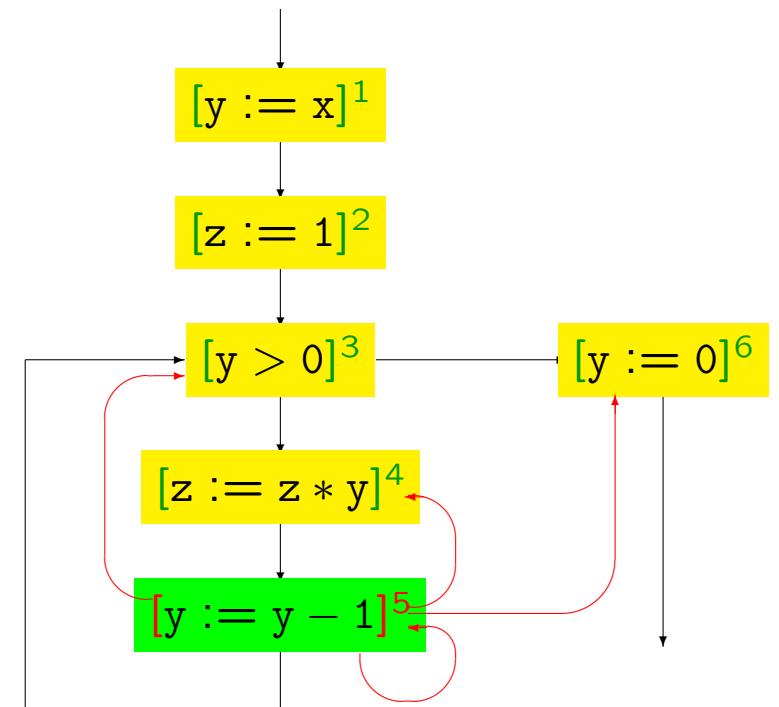
```
[y := x]1;  
[z := 1]2;  
while [y > 0]3 do  
  [z := z * y]4;  
  [y := y - 1]5  
od;  
[y := 0]6
```

Flow graph:



# Example: Reaching Definitions

The assignment  $[x := a]^\ell$  reaches  $\ell'$  if there is an execution where  $x$  was last assigned at  $\ell$



## Reaching Definitions analysis (1)

|                               |   |                              |
|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
|                               | ← | $\{(x, ?), (y, ?), (z, ?)\}$ |
| [y := x] <sup>1</sup> ;       | ← | $\{(x, ?), (y, 1), (z, ?)\}$ |
| [z := 1] <sup>2</sup> ;       | ← | $\{(x, ?), (y, 1), (z, 2)\}$ |
| while [y > 0] <sup>3</sup> do | ← | $\{(x, ?), (y, 1), (z, 2)\}$ |
| [z := z * y] <sup>4</sup> ;   | ← |                              |
| [y := y - 1] <sup>5</sup>     | ← |                              |
| od;                           | ← | $\{(x, ?), (y, 1), (z, 2)\}$ |
| [y := 0] <sup>6</sup>         | ← |                              |

## Reaching Definitions analysis (2)

|                               |   |  |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
|                               | ← | $\{(x, ?), (y, ?), (z, ?)\}$                         |
| [y := x] <sup>1</sup> ;       | ← | $\{(x, ?), (y, 1), (z, ?)\}$                         |
| [z := 1] <sup>2</sup> ;       | ← | $\{(x, ?), (y, 1), (z, 2)\} \cup \{(y, 5), (z, 4)\}$ |
| while [y > 0] <sup>3</sup> do | ← | $\{(x, ?), (y, 1), (z, 2)\}$                         |
| [z := z * y] <sup>4</sup> ;   | ← | $\{(x, ?), (y, 1), (z, 4)\}$                         |
| [y := y - 1] <sup>5</sup>     | ← | $\{(x, ?), (y, 5), (z, 4)\}$                         |
| od;                           | ← | $\{(x, ?), (y, 1), (z, 2)\}$                         |
| [y := 0] <sup>6</sup>         | ← |  |

## Reaching Definitions analysis (3)

|                               |   |  |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
|                               | ← | $\{(x, ?), (y, ?), (z, ?)\}$   |
| [y := x] <sup>1</sup> ;       | ← | $\{(x, ?), (y, 1), (z, ?)\}$   |
| [z := 1] <sup>2</sup> ;       | ← | $\{(x, ?), (y, 1), (y, 5), (z, 2), (z, 4)\} \cup \{(y, 5), (z, 4)\}$ |
| while [y > 0] <sup>3</sup> do | ← | $\{(x, ?), (y, 1), (y, 5), (z, 2), (z, 4)\}$                         |
| [z := z * y] <sup>4</sup> ;   | ← | $\{(x, ?), (y, 1), (y, 5), (z, 4)\}$                                 |
| [y := y - 1] <sup>5</sup>     | ← | $\{(x, ?), (y, 5), (z, 4)\}$   |
| od;                           | ← | $\{(x, ?), (y, 1), (y, 5), (z, 2), (z, 4)\}$                         |
| [y := 0] <sup>6</sup>         | ← |  |

# The best solution

```
[y := x]1;  
[z := 1]2;  
while [y > 0]3 do  
  [z := z * y]4;  
  [y := y - 1]5  
od;  
[y := 0]6
```

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
|                  | ←———— { (x, ?), (y, ?), (z, ?) }                 |
| [y := x];        | ←———— { (x, ?), (y, 1), (z, ?) }                 |
| [z := 1];        | ←———— { (x, ?), (y, 1), (y, 5), (z, 2), (z, 4) } |
| while [y > 0] do | ←———— { (x, ?), (y, 1), (y, 5), (z, 2), (z, 4) } |
| [z := z * y];    | ←———— { (x, ?), (y, 1), (y, 5), (z, 4) }         |
| [y := y - 1];    | ←———— { (x, ?), (y, 5), (z, 4) }                 |
| od;              | ←———— { (x, ?), (y, 1), (y, 5), (z, 2), (z, 4) } |
| [y := 0];        | ←———— { (x, ?), (y, 6), (z, 2), (z, 4) }         |

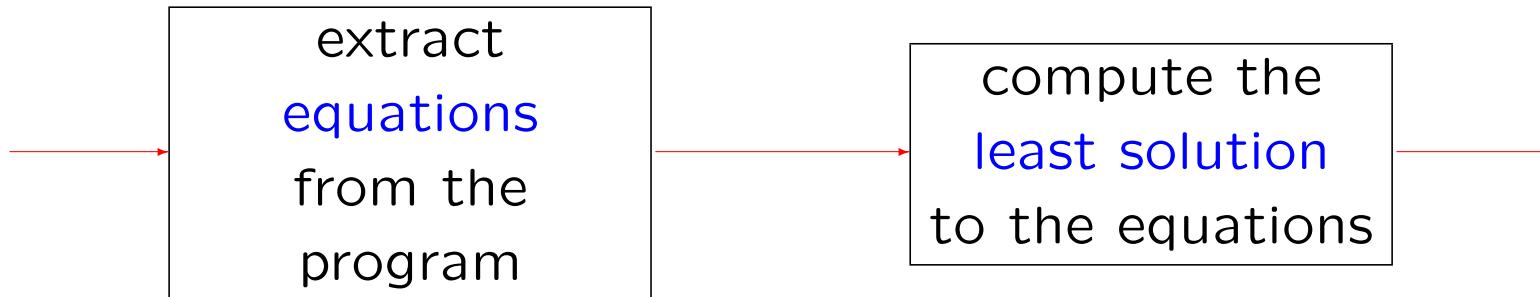
## A safe solution — but not the best

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| [y := x] <sup>1</sup> ;       | ← { (x, ?), (y, ?), (z, ?) }                 |
| [z := 1] <sup>2</sup> ;       | ← { (x, ?), (y, 1), (z, ?) }                 |
| while [y > 0] <sup>3</sup> do | ← { (x, ?), (y, 1), (y, 5), (z, 2), (z, 4) } |
| [z := z * y] <sup>4</sup> ;   | ← { (x, ?), (y, 1), (y, 5), (z, 2), (z, 4) } |
| [y := y - 1] <sup>5</sup>     | ← { (x, ?), (y, 1), (y, 5), (z, 2), (z, 4) } |
| od;                           | ← { (x, ?), (y, 1), (y, 5), (z, 2), (z, 4) } |
| [y := 0] <sup>6</sup>         | ← { (x, ?), (y, 6), (z, 2), (z, 4) }         |

## An unsafe solution

|                               |   |  |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| [y := x] <sup>1</sup> ;       | ← | $\{(x, ?), (y, ?), (z, ?)\}$                 |
| [z := 1] <sup>2</sup> ;       | ← | $\{(x, ?), (y, 1), (z, ?)\}$                 |
| while [y > 0] <sup>3</sup> do | ← | $\{(x, ?), (y, 1), (z, 2), (y, 5), (z, 4)\}$ |
| [z := z * y] <sup>4</sup> ;   | ← | $\{(x, ?), (y, 1), (z, 2), (y, 5), (z, 4)\}$ |
| [y := y - 1] <sup>5</sup>     | ← | $\{(x, ?), (y, 1), (z, 4)\}$                 |
| od;                           | ← | $\{(x, ?), (y, 1), (z, 2), (y, 5), (z, 4)\}$ |
| [y := 0] <sup>6</sup>         | ← | $\{(x, ?), (y, 6), (z, 2), (z, 4)\}$         |

## How to automate the analysis



Analysis information:

- $RD_o(\ell)$ : information available at the **entry** of block  $\ell$
- $RD_e(\ell)$ : information available at the **exit** of block  $\ell$

## Two kinds of equations

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \downarrow \text{RD}_o(\ell) \\
 [x := a]^\ell \\
 \downarrow \text{RD}_\bullet(\ell) \\
 \text{RD}_o(\ell) \setminus \{(x, \ell') \mid \ell' \in \text{Lab}\} \cup \{(x, \ell)\} \\
 = \text{RD}_\bullet(\ell)
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 [...]^{\ell_1} & & [...]^{\ell_2} \\
 \text{RD}_\bullet(\ell_1) \swarrow & & \searrow \text{RD}_\bullet(\ell_2) \\
 & [...]^\ell & \text{RD}_o(\ell)
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{RD}_\bullet(\ell_1) \cup \text{RD}_\bullet(\ell_2) = \text{RD}_o(\ell)$$

## Flow through assignments and tests

|                               |   |  |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| [y := x] <sup>1</sup> ;       | ← | $RD_{\bullet}(1) = RD_{\circ}(1) \setminus \{(y, \ell) \mid \ell \in \text{Lab}\} \cup \{(y, 1)\}$ |
| [z := 1] <sup>2</sup> ;       | ← | $RD_{\bullet}(2) = RD_{\circ}(2) \setminus \{(z, \ell) \mid \ell \in \text{Lab}\} \cup \{(z, 2)\}$ |
| while [y > 0] <sup>3</sup> do | ← | $RD_{\bullet}(3) = RD_{\circ}(3)$  |
| [z := z * y] <sup>4</sup> ;   | ← | $RD_{\bullet}(4) = RD_{\circ}(4) \setminus \{(z, \ell) \mid \ell \in \text{Lab}\} \cup \{(z, 4)\}$ |
| [y := y - 1] <sup>5</sup>     | ← | $RD_{\bullet}(5) = RD_{\circ}(5) \setminus \{(y, \ell) \mid \ell \in \text{Lab}\} \cup \{(y, 5)\}$ |
| od;                           | ← |  |
| [y := 0] <sup>6</sup>         | ← | $RD_{\bullet}(6) = RD_{\circ}(6) \setminus \{(y, \ell) \mid \ell \in \text{Lab}\} \cup \{(y, 6)\}$ |
| <b>Lab</b> = {1,2,3,4,5,6}    | ← | 6 equations in<br>$RD_{\circ}(1), \dots, RD_{\bullet}(6)$  |

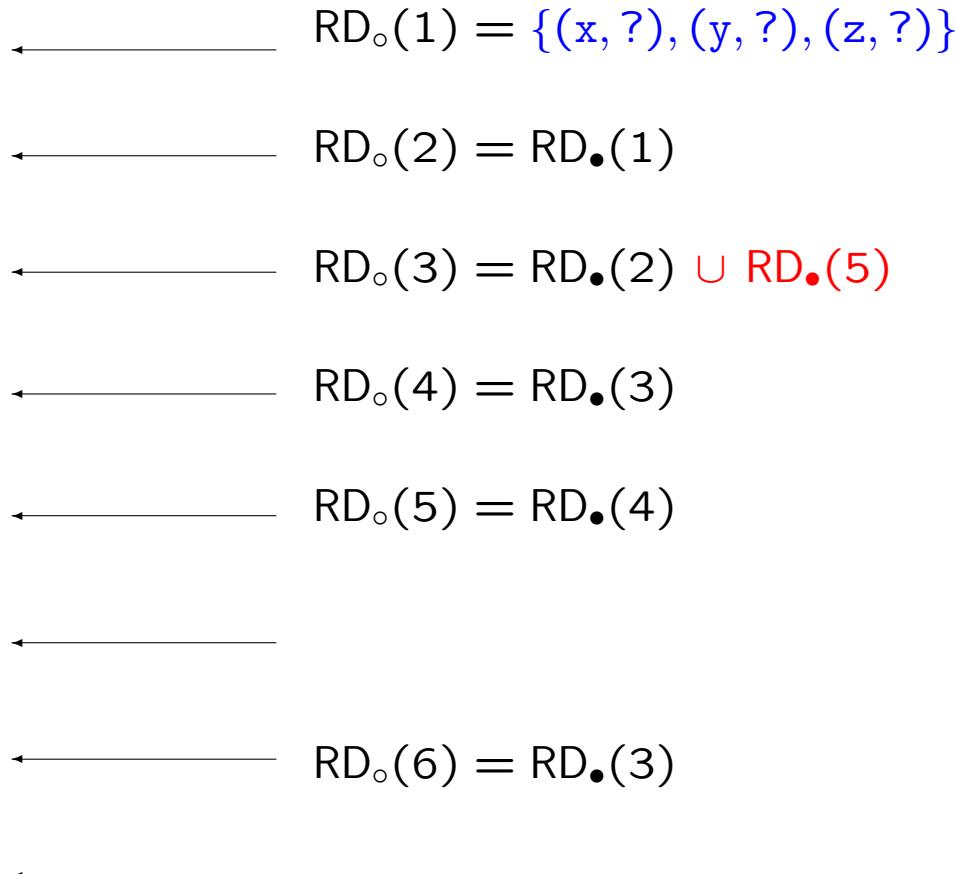
## Flow along the control

```
[y := x]1;  
[z := 1]2;  
while [y > 0]3 do
```

```
[z := z * y]4;  
[y := y - 1]5
```

```
od;
```

```
[y := 0]6
```



**Lab** = {1,2,3,4,5,6}

6 equations in  
 $\text{RD}_o(1), \dots, \text{RD}_o(6)$

## Summary of equation system

$$RD_{\bullet}(1) = RD_{\circ}(1) \setminus \{(y, \ell) \mid \ell \in \text{Lab}\} \cup \{(y, 1)\}$$

$$RD_{\bullet}(2) = RD_{\circ}(2) \setminus \{(z, \ell) \mid \ell \in \text{Lab}\} \cup \{(z, 2)\}$$

$$RD_{\bullet}(3) = RD_{\circ}(3)$$

$$RD_{\bullet}(4) = RD_{\circ}(4) \setminus \{(z, \ell) \mid \ell \in \text{Lab}\} \cup \{(z, 4)\}$$

$$RD_{\bullet}(5) = RD_{\circ}(5) \setminus \{(y, \ell) \mid \ell \in \text{Lab}\} \cup \{(y, 5)\}$$

$$RD_{\bullet}(6) = RD_{\circ}(6) \setminus \{(y, \ell) \mid \ell \in \text{Lab}\} \cup \{(y, 6)\}$$

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

$$RD_{\circ}(2) = RD_{\bullet}(1)$$

$$RD_{\circ}(3) = RD_{\bullet}(2) \cup RD_{\bullet}(5)$$

$$RD_{\circ}(4) = RD_{\bullet}(3)$$

$$RD_{\circ}(5) = RD_{\bullet}(4)$$

$$RD_{\circ}(6) = RD_{\bullet}(3)$$

- **12 sets:**  $RD_{\circ}(1), \dots, RD_{\bullet}(6)$   
all being subsets of  $\text{Var} \times \text{Lab}$
- **12 equations:**  
 $RD_j = F_j(RD_{\circ}(1), \dots, RD_{\bullet}(6))$
- **one function:**  
 $F : \mathcal{P}(\text{Var} \times \text{Lab})^{12} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\text{Var} \times \text{Lab})^{12}$
- we want the **least fixed point** of  $F$  — this is the **best solution** to the equation system

# How to solve the equations

## A simple iterative algorithm

- **Initialisation**

$\text{RD}_1 := \emptyset; \dots; \text{RD}_{12} := \emptyset;$

- **Iteration**

while  $\text{RD}_j \neq F_j(\text{RD}_1, \dots, \text{RD}_{12})$  for some  $j$

do

$\text{RD}_j := F_j(\text{RD}_1, \dots, \text{RD}_{12})$

The algorithm terminates and computes the least fixed point of  $F$ .

## The example equations

| $RD_o$ | 1            | 2             | 3              | 4           | 5           | 6           |
|--------|--------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 0      | $\emptyset$  | $\emptyset$   | $\emptyset$    | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ |
| 1      | $x?, y?, z?$ | $\emptyset$   | $\emptyset$    | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ |
| 2      | $x?, y?, z?$ | $\emptyset$   | $\emptyset$    | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ |
| 3      | $x?, y?, z?$ | $x?, y_1, z?$ | $\emptyset$    | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ |
| 4      | $x?, y?, z?$ | $x?, y_1, z?$ | $\emptyset$    | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ |
| 5      | $x?, y?, z?$ | $x?, y_1, z?$ | $x?, y_1, z_2$ | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ |
| 6      | $x?, y?, z?$ | $x?, y_1, z?$ | $x?, y_1, z_2$ | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ |
| :      | :            | :             | :              | :           | :           | :           |

| $RD_\bullet$ | 1             | 2              | 3              | 4           | 5           | 6           |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 0            | $\emptyset$   | $\emptyset$    | $\emptyset$    | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ |
| 1            | $\emptyset$   | $\emptyset$    | $\emptyset$    | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ |
| 2            | $x?, y_1, z?$ | $\emptyset$    | $\emptyset$    | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ |
| 3            | $x?, y_1, z?$ | $\emptyset$    | $\emptyset$    | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ |
| 4            | $x?, y_1, z?$ | $x?, y_1, z_2$ | $\emptyset$    | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ |
| 5            | $x?, y_1, z?$ | $x?, y_1, z_2$ | $\emptyset$    | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ |
| 6            | $x?, y_1, z?$ | $x?, y_1, z_2$ | $x?, y_1, z_2$ | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$ |
| :            | :             | :              | :              | :           | :           | :           |

### The equations:

$$RD_\bullet(1) = RD_o(1) \setminus \{(y, \ell) \mid \dots\} \cup \{(y, 1)\}$$

$$RD_\bullet(2) = RD_o(2) \setminus \{(z, \ell) \mid \dots\} \cup \{(z, 2)\}$$

$$RD_\bullet(3) = RD_o(3)$$

$$RD_\bullet(4) = RD_o(4) \setminus \{(z, \ell) \mid \dots\} \cup \{(z, 4)\}$$

$$RD_\bullet(5) = RD_o(5) \setminus \{(y, \ell) \mid \dots\} \cup \{(y, 5)\}$$

$$RD_\bullet(6) = RD_o(6) \setminus \{(y, \ell) \mid \dots\} \cup \{(y, 6)\}$$

$$RD_o(1) = \{(x, ?), (y, ?), (z, ?)\}$$

$$RD_o(2) = RD_\bullet(1)$$

$$RD_o(3) = RD_\bullet(2) \cup RD_\bullet(5)$$

$$RD_o(4) = RD_\bullet(3)$$

$$RD_o(5) = RD_\bullet(4)$$

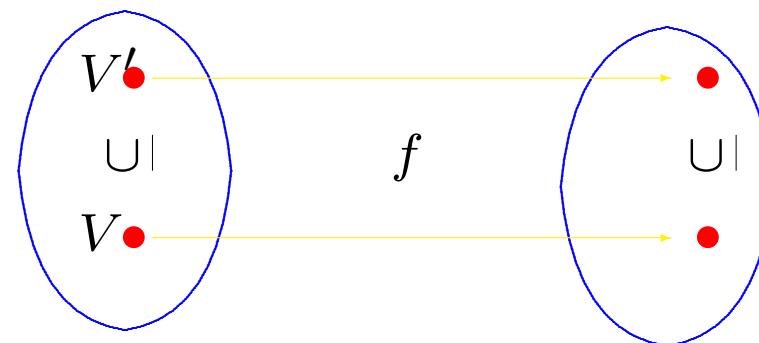
$$RD_o(6) = RD_\bullet(3)$$

## Why does it work? (1)

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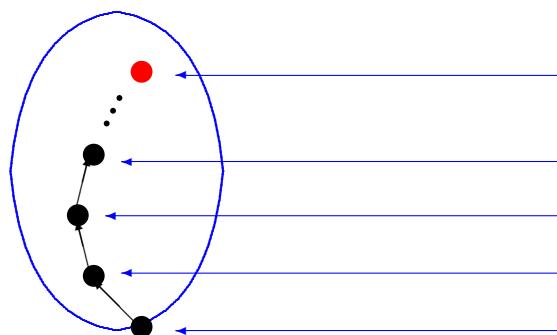
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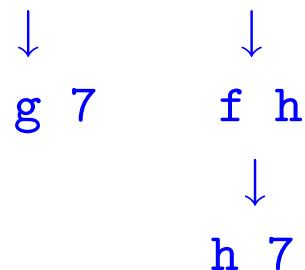
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# Constraint Based Analysis

- **Technique:** Constraint Based Analysis
- **Example:** Control Flow Analysis
  - idea
  - constructing a constraint system
  - solving the constraints
  - theoretical underpinnings

# Example: Control Flow Analysis

```
let f = fn x => x 7  
g = fn y => y  
h = fn z => 3  
  
in f g + f (g h)
```



**Aim:** For each function application, which function abstractions may be applied?

| function applications | function abstractions that may be applied |
|-----------------------|---|
| x 7                   | g, h                                      |
| f g                   | f   |
| g h                   | g   |
| f (g h)               | f   |

# Solutions

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A safe solution – but not the best:

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The best solution:

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## An application of control flow analysis

```
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```

**Aim:** For each function application, which function abstractions may be applied?

Partial evaluation of function call:

```
let f = fn x => case x of
                      g: 7
                      h: 3
  g = fn y => y
  h = fn z => 3
in f g + f (g h)
```

| function applications | function abstractions that may be applied |
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| x 7                   | g, h                                      |
| f g                   | f   |
| g h                   | g   |
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## The underlying analysis problem

```
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      g = fn y => y  
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in f g + f (g h)
```

Aim: for each **function application**, which function abstractions may be applied?

The analysis will compute:

- for each **subexpression**, which function abstractions may it denote?
  - e.g.  $(g h)$  may evaluate to  $h$  introduce abstract cache **C**
- for each **variable**, which function abstractions may it denote?
  - e.g.  $x$  may be  $g$  or  $h$  introduce abstract environment **R**

## The best solution to the analysis problem

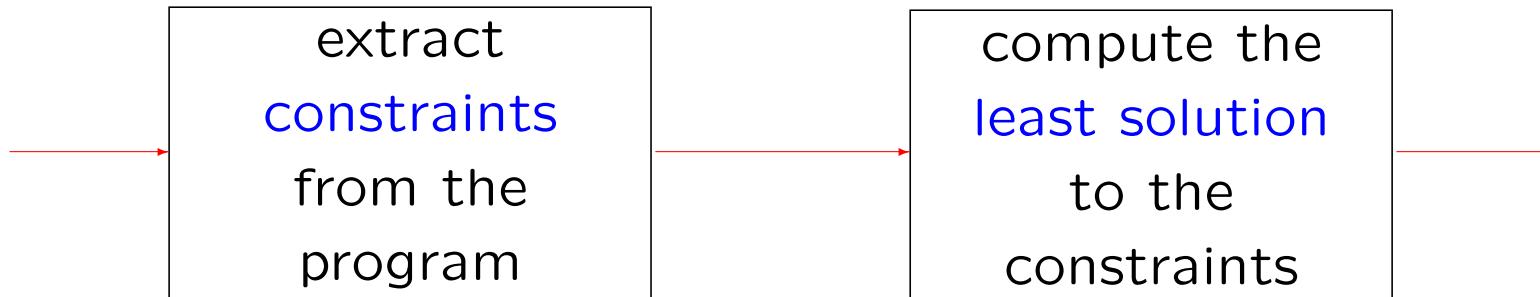
Add labels to subexpressions:

```
let f = fn x => (x1 72)3
    g = fn y => y4
    h = fn z => 35
in (f6 g7)8 + (f9 (g10 h11)12)13
```

| R | variable may be bound to                                 |
|---|--|
| x | {fn y => y <sup>4</sup> , fn z => 3 <sup>5</sup> }       |
| y | {fn z => 3 <sup>5</sup> }                                |
| z | ∅  |
| f | {fn x => (x <sup>1</sup> 7 <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>3</sup> } |
| g | {fn y => y <sup>4</sup> }                                |
| h | {fn z => 3 <sup>5</sup> }                                |

| C  | subexpression may evaluate to                            |
|----|--|
| 1  | {fn y => y <sup>4</sup> , fn z => 3 <sup>5</sup> }       |
| 2  | ∅  |
| 3  | ∅  |
| 4  | {fn z => 3 <sup>5</sup> }                                |
| 5  | ∅  |
| 6  | {fn x => (x <sup>1</sup> 7 <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>3</sup> } |
| 7  | {fn y => y <sup>4</sup> }                                |
| 8  | ∅  |
| 9  | {fn x => (x <sup>1</sup> 7 <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>3</sup> } |
| 10 | {fn y => y <sup>4</sup> }                                |
| 11 | {fn z => 3 <sup>5</sup> }                                |
| 12 | {fn z => 3 <sup>5</sup> }                                |
| 13 | ∅  |

## How to automate the analysis



Analysis information:

- $R(x)$ : information available for the variable  $x$
- $C(\ell)$ : information available at the subexpression labelled  $\ell$

## Three kinds of constraints

- let-bound variables evaluate to their abstraction
- variables evaluate to their (abstract) values
- if a function abstraction is applied to an argument then
  - the argument is a possible value of the formal parameter
  - the value of the body of the abstraction is a possible value of the application

## let-bound variables

let-bound variables evaluate to their abstractions

`let f = fn x => e` gives rise to the constraint  $\{\text{fn } x \Rightarrow e\} \subseteq R(f)$

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`let f = fn x => (x1 72)3`       $\xleftarrow{\quad}$        $\{\text{fn } x \Rightarrow (x^1 7^2)^3\} \subseteq R(f)$

`g = fn y => y4`       $\xleftarrow{\quad}$        $\{\text{fn } y \Rightarrow y^4\} \subseteq R(g)$

in  $(f^5 g^6)^7$

## Variables

Variables evaluate to their abstract values

$x^\ell$  gives rise to the constraint  $R(x) \subseteq C(\ell)$

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let  $f = fn\ x \Rightarrow (\textcolor{red}{x}^1\ 7^2)^3$        $\longleftarrow$        $R(\textcolor{red}{x}) \subseteq C(1)$

$g = fn\ y \Rightarrow \textcolor{red}{y}^4$        $\longleftarrow$        $R(\textcolor{red}{y}) \subseteq C(4)$

in  $(\textcolor{red}{f}^5\ \textcolor{red}{g}^6)^7$        $\longleftarrow$        $\begin{cases} R(\textcolor{red}{f}) \subseteq C(5) \\ R(\textcolor{red}{g}) \subseteq C(6) \end{cases}$

## Function application (1)

if a function abstraction is applied to an argument then

- the argument is a possible value of the formal parameter
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```
let f = fn x => (x1 72)3
          g = fn y => y4
in (f5 g6)7
```

if  $(fn y \Rightarrow y^4) \in C(1)$   
then  $C(2) \subseteq R(y)$  and  $C(4) \subseteq C(3)$

if  $(fn x \Rightarrow (x^1 7^2)^3) \in C(1)$   
then  $C(2) \subseteq R(x)$  and  $C(3) \subseteq C(3)$

Conditional constraints

## Function application (2)

if a function abstraction is applied to an argument then

- the argument is a possible value of the formal parameter
- the value of the body of the abstraction is a possible value of the application

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```
let f = fn x => (x1 72)3
  g = fn y => y4
in (f5 g6)7
```

if (fn y => y<sup>4</sup>) ∈ C(5)  
then C(6) ⊆ R(y) and C(4) ⊆ C(7)

if (fn x => (x<sup>1</sup> 7<sup>2</sup>)<sup>3</sup>) ∈ C(5)  
then C(6) ⊆ R(x) and C(3) ⊆ C(7)

## Summary of constraint system

$$\{\text{fn } x \Rightarrow (x^1 7^2)^3\} \subseteq R(f)$$

$$\{\text{fn } y \Rightarrow y^4\} \subseteq R(g)$$

$$R(x) \subseteq C(1)$$

$$R(y) \subseteq C(4)$$

$$R(f) \subseteq C(5)$$

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- **11 sets:**  $R(x), R(y), R(f), R(g), C(1), \dots, C(7)$ ; all being subsets of the set **Abstr** of function abstractions
- the constraints can be reformulated as a function:  
 $F : \mathcal{P}(\text{Abstr})^{11} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\text{Abstr})^{11}$
- we want the **least fixed point** of  $F$  — this is the **best solution** to the constraint system

$\mathcal{P}(S)$  is the set of all subsets of the set  $S$ ; e.g.  $\mathcal{P}(\{0, 1\}) = \{\emptyset, \{0\}, \{1\}, \{0, 1\}\}$ .

## The constraints define a function

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$F : \mathcal{P}(\text{Abstr})^{11} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\text{Abstr})^{11}$   
is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} F_{R(f)}(\dots, R_f, \dots) &= \\ \vdots & R_f \cup \{\text{fn } x \Rightarrow (x^1 7^2)^3\} \\ F_{C(1)}(R_x, \dots, C_1, \dots) &= C_1 \cup R_x \\ \vdots & \\ F_{R(y)}(\dots, R_y, \dots, C_1, C_2, \dots, C_5, C_6, \dots) &= \\ R_y \cup \{a \in C_2 \mid \text{fn } y \Rightarrow y^4 \in C_1\} & \\ \cup \{a \in C_6 \mid \text{fn } y \Rightarrow y^4 \in C_5\} & \end{aligned}$$

## How to solve the constraints

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writing

$X_1, \dots, X_{11}$  for  
 $R(x), \dots, R(g), C(1), \dots, C(7)$

- **Iteration**

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**do**

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The algorithm terminates and computes the least fixed point of  $F$

In practice we propagate smaller contributions than  $F_{X_j}$ , e.g. a constraint at a time.

# The example constraint system

| R | x                              | y           | f                              | g                              |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 0 | $\emptyset$                    | $\emptyset$ | $\emptyset$                    | $\emptyset$                    |
| 1 | $\emptyset$                    | $\emptyset$ | $\text{fn } x \Rightarrow .^3$ | $\emptyset$                    |
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| 6 | $\text{fn } y \Rightarrow .^4$ | $\emptyset$ | $\text{fn } x \Rightarrow .^3$ | $\text{fn } y \Rightarrow .^4$ |

| C | 1                              | 2           | 3           | 4           | 5                              | 6                              | 7           |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
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The constraints:

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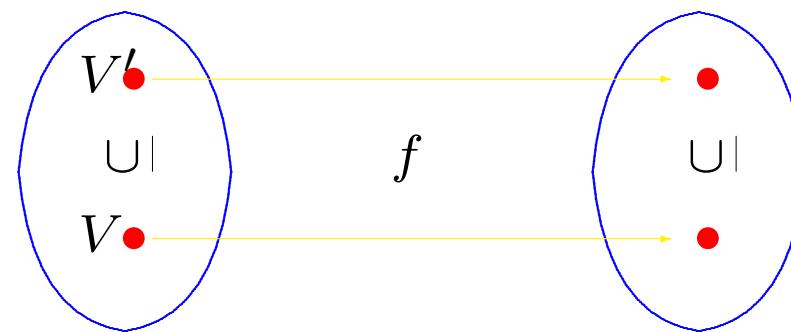
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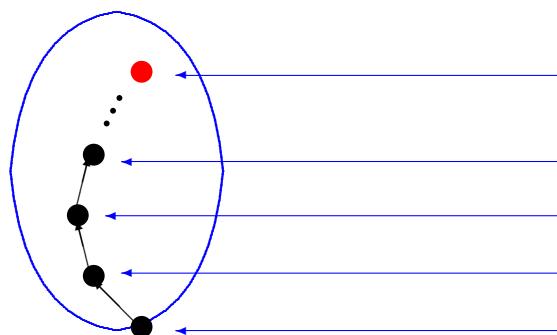
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# Abstract Interpretation

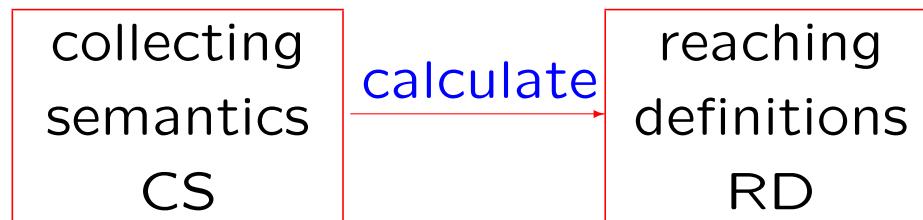
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# Abstract Interpretation



- We have the analysis **old**: it has already been proved **correct** but it is **inefficient**, or maybe even uncomputable
- We want the analysis **new**: it has to be **correct** as well as **efficient!**
- Can we develop **new** from **old**?  
**abstract interpretation !**

## Example: Collecting Semantics and Reaching Definitions



The **collecting semantics** CS

- collects the set of traces that can reach a given program point
- has an easy correctness proof
- is uncomputable

The **reaching definitions analysis** RD is as before

# Example: Collecting Semantics

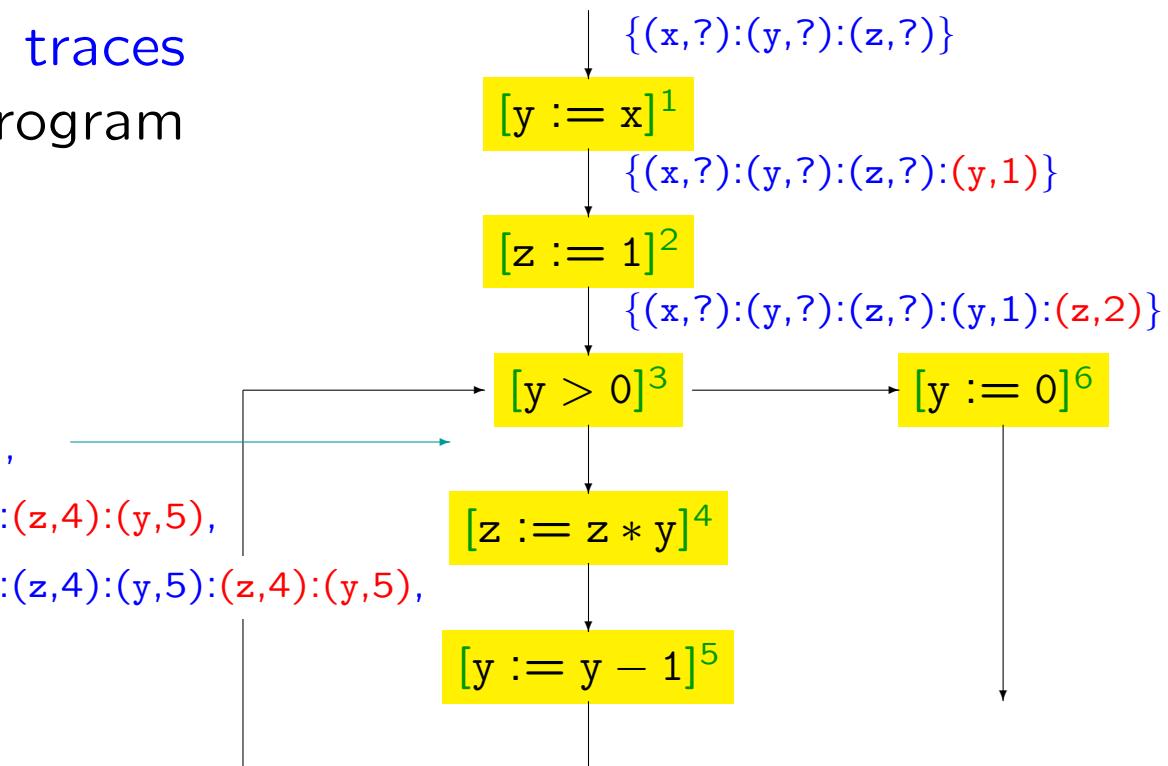
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point  $\ell$

$\{(x,?):(y,?):(z,?):(y,1):(z,2),$

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$(x,?):(y,?):(z,?):(y,1):(z,2):(z,4):(y,5):(z,4):(y,5),$

$\dots\}$



## How to proceed

As before:

- extract a **set of equations** defining the possible sets of traces
- compute the **least fixed point** of the set of equations

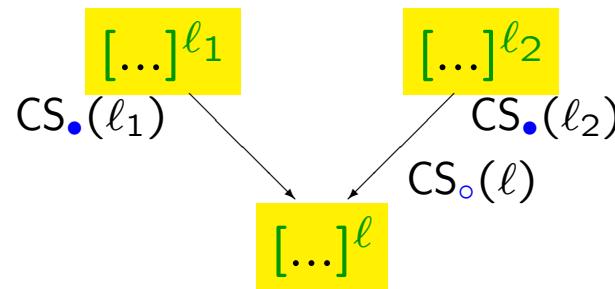
And furthermore:

- prove the **correctness**: the set of traces computed by the analysis is a superset of the possible traces

## Two kinds of equations

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \text{CS}_\circ(\ell) \\ [x := a]^\ell \\ \downarrow \text{CS}_\bullet(\ell) \end{array}$$

$$\{ \text{trace} : (x, \ell) \mid \text{trace} \in \text{CS}_\bullet(\ell) \} = \text{CS}_\bullet(\ell)$$



$$\text{CS}_\bullet(\ell_1) \cup \text{CS}_\bullet(\ell_2) = \text{CS}_\circ(\ell)$$

## Flow through assignments and tests

|                               |   |  |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| [y := x] <sup>1</sup> ;       | ← | $\text{CS}_\bullet(1) = \{\text{trace} : (\text{y}, 1) \mid \text{trace} \in \text{CS}_o(1)\}$ |
| [z := 1] <sup>2</sup> ;       | ← | $\text{CS}_\bullet(2) = \{\text{trace} : (\text{z}, 2) \mid \text{trace} \in \text{CS}_o(2)\}$ |
| while [y > 0] <sup>3</sup> do | ← | $\text{CS}_\bullet(3) = \text{CS}_o(3)$  |
| [z := z * y] <sup>4</sup> ;   | ← | $\text{CS}_\bullet(4) = \{\text{trace} : (\text{z}, 4) \mid \text{trace} \in \text{CS}_o(4)\}$ |
| [y := y - 1] <sup>5</sup>     | ← | $\text{CS}_\bullet(5) = \{\text{trace} : (\text{y}, 5) \mid \text{trace} \in \text{CS}_o(5)\}$ |
| od;                           |   |  |
| [y := 0] <sup>6</sup>         | ← | $\text{CS}_\bullet(6) = \{\text{trace} : (\text{y}, 6) \mid \text{trace} \in \text{CS}_o(6)\}$ |
|                               |   | 6 equations in<br>$\text{CS}_o(1), \dots, \text{CS}_\bullet(6)$                                |

## Flow along the control

```
[y := x]1;           ← CSo(1) = {(x, ?) : (y, ?) : (z, ?)}
```

```
[z := 1]2;           ← CSo(2) = CS•(1)
```

```
while [y > 0]3 do   ← CSo(3) = CS•(2) ∪ CS•(5)
```

```
    [z := z * y]4;   ← CSo(4) = CS•(3)
```

```
    [y := y - 1]5   ← CSo(5) = CS•(4)
```

```
od;                   ← CSo(6) = CS•(3)
```

```
[y := 0]6
```

6 equations in  
 $CS_o(1), \dots, CS_{\bullet}(6)$

## Summary of Collecting Semantics

$$CS_{\bullet}(1) = \{trace : (y, 1) \mid trace \in CS_{\circ}(1)\}$$

$$CS_{\bullet}(2) = \{trace : (z, 2) \mid trace \in CS_{\circ}(2)\}$$

$$CS_{\bullet}(3) = CS_{\circ}(3)$$

$$CS_{\bullet}(4) = \{trace : (z, 4) \mid trace \in CS_{\circ}(4)\}$$

$$CS_{\bullet}(5) = \{trace : (y, 5) \mid trace \in CS_{\circ}(5)\}$$

$$CS_{\bullet}(6) = \{trace : (y, 6) \mid trace \in CS_{\circ}(6)\}$$

$$CS_{\circ}(1) = \{(x, ?) : (y, ?) : (z, ?)\}$$

$$CS_{\circ}(2) = CS_{\bullet}(1)$$

$$CS_{\circ}(3) = CS_{\bullet}(2) \cup CS_{\bullet}(5)$$

$$CS_{\circ}(4) = CS_{\bullet}(3)$$

$$CS_{\circ}(5) = CS_{\bullet}(4)$$

$$CS_{\circ}(6) = CS_{\bullet}(3)$$

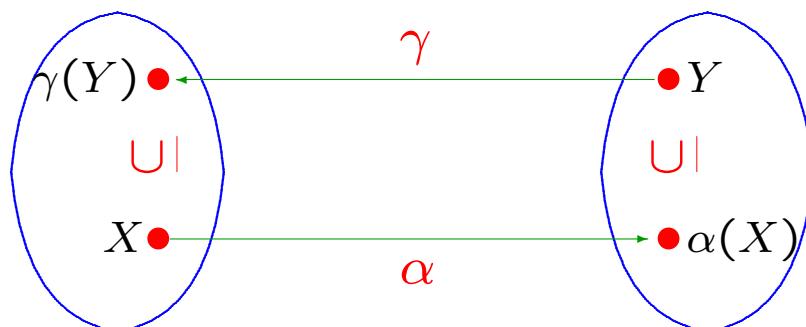
- **12 sets:**  $CS_{\circ}(1), \dots, CS_{\bullet}(6)$   
all being subsets of Trace
- **12 equations:**  
 $CS_j = G_j(CS_{\circ}(1), \dots, CS_{\bullet}(6))$
- **one function:**  
 $G : \mathcal{P}(\text{Trace})^{12} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\text{Trace})^{12}$
- we want the **least fixed point**  
of  $G$  — but it is **uncomputable!**

# Example: Inducing an analysis

## Galois Connections

A Galois connection between two sets is a pair of  $(\alpha, \gamma)$  of functions between the sets satisfying

$$X \subseteq \gamma(Y) \Leftrightarrow \alpha(X) \subseteq Y$$



$\mathcal{P}(\text{Trace})$

collecting semantics

$\mathcal{P}(\text{Var} \times \text{Lab})$

reaching definitions

$\alpha$ : abstraction function  
 $\gamma$ : concretisation function

## Semantically Reaching Definitions

For a single trace:

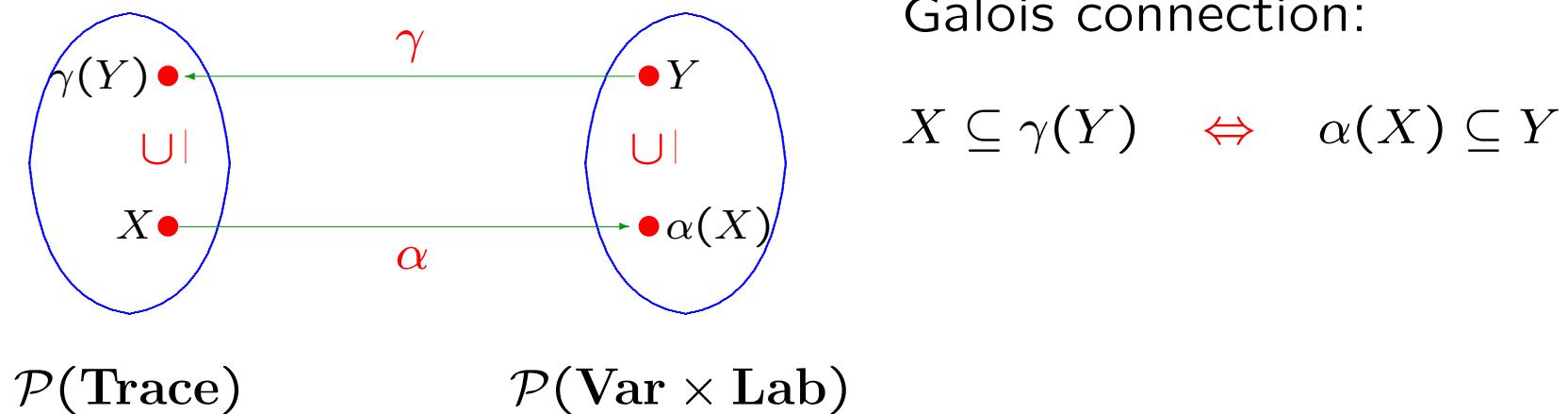
$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{trace:} & (x,?):(y,?):(z,?):(y,1):(z,2) \\ & \downarrow \\ \text{SRD(trace):} & \{(x,?), (y,1), (z,2)\} \end{array}$$

For a set of traces:

$$\begin{array}{ll} X \in \mathcal{P}(\text{Trace}): & \{(x,?):(y,?):(z,?):(y,1):(z,2), \\ & \quad (x,?):(y,?):(z,?):(y,1):(z,2):(z,4):(y,5)\} \\ & \downarrow \\ \text{SRD}(X): & \{(x,?), (y,1), (z,2), (z,4), (y,5)\} \end{array}$$

## Galois connection for Reaching Definitions analysis

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(X) &= \text{SRD}(X) \\ \gamma(Y) &= \{ \text{trace} \mid \text{SRD}(\text{trace}) \subseteq Y \}\end{aligned}$$



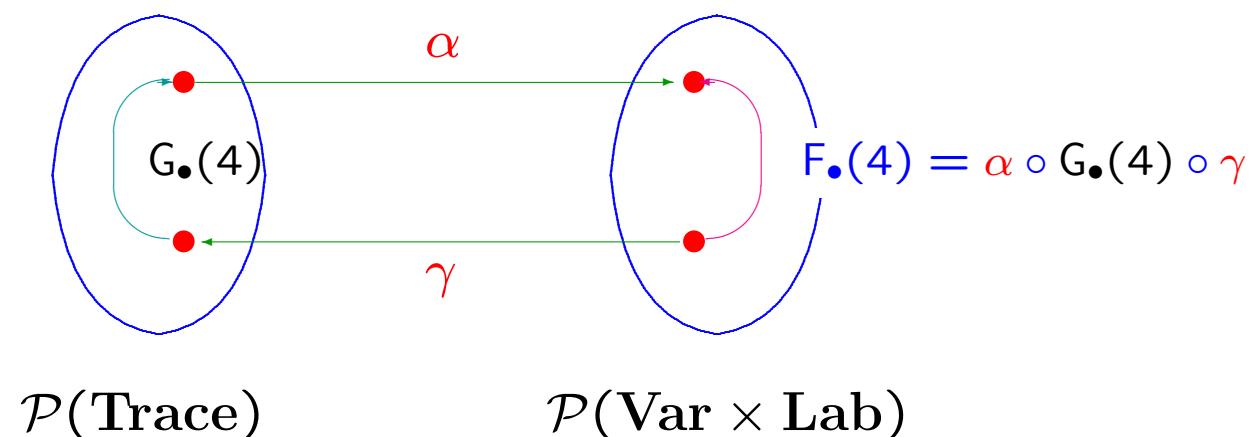
## Inducing the Reaching Definitions analysis (1)

Known:

- $G_\bullet(4)$  defined on  $\mathcal{P}(\text{Trace})$
- the Galois connection  $(\alpha, \gamma)$

Calculate:

- $F_\bullet(4)$  defined on  $\mathcal{P}(\text{Var} \times \text{Lab})$   
as  $F_\bullet(4) = \alpha \circ G_\bullet(4) \circ \gamma$



## Inducing the Reaching Definitions analysis (2)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RD}_\bullet(4) &= F_\bullet(4)(\dots, \text{RD}_\circ(4), \dots) \\ &= \alpha(G_\bullet(4)(\gamma(\dots, \text{RD}_\circ(4), \dots))) \text{ using } F_\bullet(4) = \alpha \circ G_\bullet(4) \circ \gamma \\ &= \alpha(\{tr : (z, 4) \mid tr \in \gamma(\text{RD}_\circ(4))\}) \\ &\quad \text{using } G_\bullet(4)(\dots, CS_\circ(4), \dots) = \{tr : (z, 4) \mid tr \in CS_\circ(4)\} \\ &= \text{SRD}(\{tr : (z, 4) \mid tr \in \gamma(\text{RD}_\circ(4))\}) \quad \text{using } \alpha = \text{SRD} \\ &= (\text{SRD}(\{tr \mid tr \in \gamma(\text{RD}_\circ(4))\}) \setminus \{(z, \ell) \mid \ell \in \text{Lab}\}) \cup \{(z, 4)\} \\ &= (\alpha(\gamma(\text{RD}_\circ(4)) \setminus \{(z, \ell) \mid \ell \in \text{Lab}\}) \cup \{(z, 4)\}) \text{ using } \alpha = \text{SRD} \\ &= (\text{RD}_\circ(4) \setminus \{(z, \ell) \mid \ell \in \text{Lab}\}) \cup \{(z, 4)\} \quad \text{using } \alpha \circ \gamma = id \end{aligned}$$

just as before!

# Type and Effect Systems

- **Technique:** Annotated Type Systems
- **Example:** Reaching Definitions analysis
  - idea
  - annotated base types
  - annotated type constructors

# The while language

- syntax of statements:

$$\begin{aligned} S ::= & [x:=a]^\ell \mid S_1; S_2 \\ & \mid \text{if } [b]^\ell \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2 \text{ fi} \\ & \mid \text{while } [b]^\ell \text{ do } S \text{ od} \end{aligned}$$

- semantics:

statements map states to states

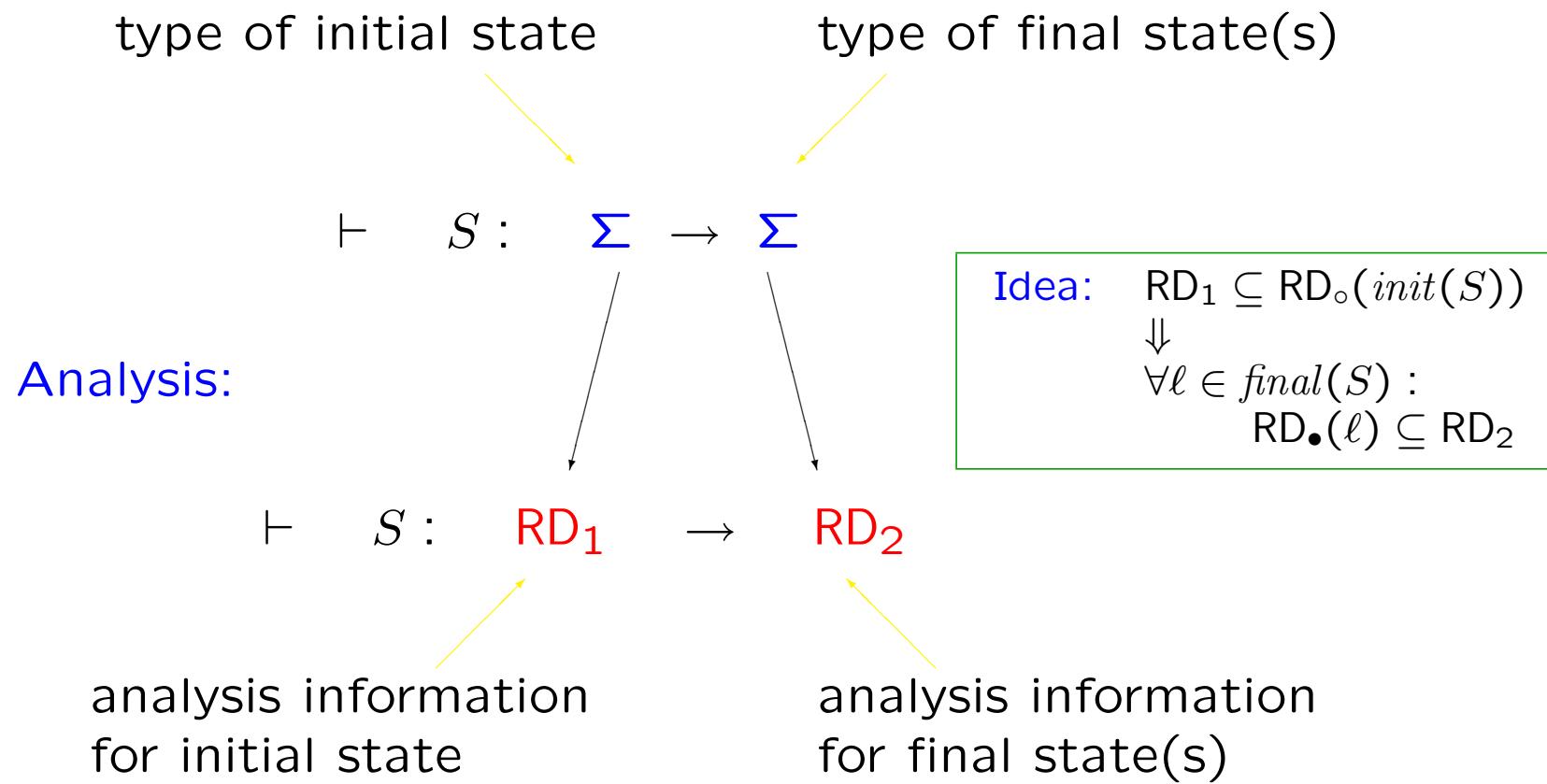
- types:

$\Sigma$  is the type of states;

all statements  $S$  have type  $\Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma$

written  $\vdash S : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma$

## Annotated base types



## Annotated type system (1)

$$\vdash [x:=a]^\ell : \underbrace{\text{RD}}_{\text{before}} \rightarrow \underbrace{(\text{RD} \setminus \{(x, \ell') \mid \ell' \in \text{Lab}\}) \cup \{(x, \ell)\}}_{\text{after}}$$

$$\frac{\vdash S_1 : \text{RD}_1 \rightarrow \text{RD}_2 \quad \vdash S_2 : \text{RD}_2 \rightarrow \text{RD}_3}{\vdash S_1; S_2 : \underbrace{\text{RD}_1}_{\text{before}} \rightarrow \underbrace{\text{RD}_3}_{\text{after}}} \quad \frac{\text{assumptions}}{\text{conclusion}}$$

Implicit: the analysis information at the **exit** of  $S_1$  equals the analysis information at the **entry** of  $S_2$

## Annotated type system (2)

$$\frac{\vdash S_1 : \text{RD}_1 \rightarrow \text{RD}_2 \quad \vdash S_2 : \text{RD}_1 \rightarrow \text{RD}_2}{\vdash \text{if } [b]^\ell \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2 \text{ fi} : \text{RD}_1 \rightarrow \text{RD}_2}$$

**Implicit:** the two branches have the same analysis information at their respective **entry** and **exit** points

$$\frac{\vdash S : \text{RD} \rightarrow \text{RD}}{\vdash \text{while } [b]^\ell \text{ do } S \text{ od} : \text{RD} \rightarrow \text{RD}}$$

**Implicit:** the occurrences of **RD** express an invariance  
i.e. a fixed point property!

## Annotated type system (3)

The subsumption rule:

$$\frac{\vdash S : \text{RD}'_1 \rightarrow \text{RD}'_2}{\vdash S : \text{RD}_1 \rightarrow \text{RD}_2} \quad \text{if } \text{RD}_1 \subseteq \text{RD}'_1 \text{ and } \text{RD}'_2 \subseteq \text{RD}_2$$

The rule is essential for the rules for conditional and iteration to work

- $\text{RD}_1 \subseteq \text{RD}'_1$ : strengthen the analysis information for the initial state
- $\text{RD}'_2 \subseteq \text{RD}_2$ : weaken the analysis information for the final states

## Example inference in the annotated type system

Abbreviation:  $\text{RD} = \{(x, ?), (y, 1), (y, 5), (z, 2), (z, 4)\}$

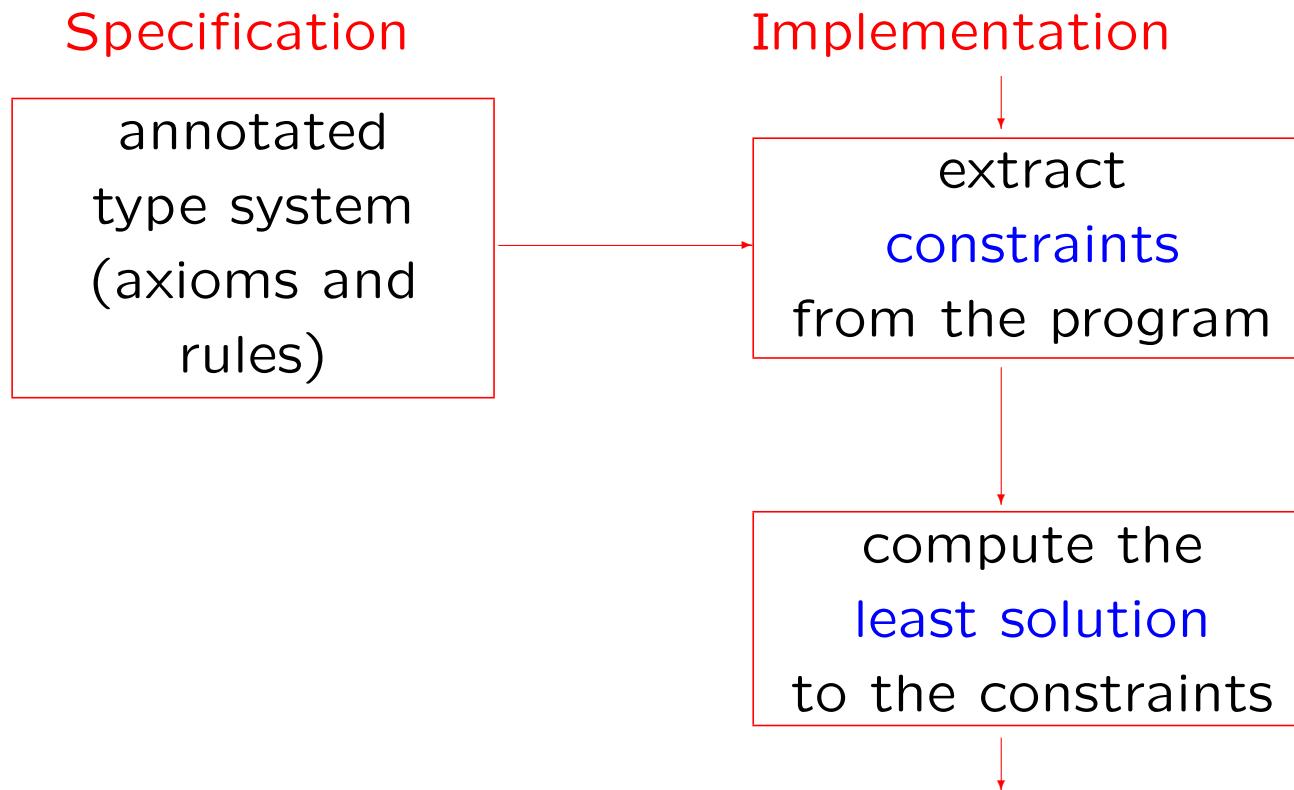
$$\frac{\vdash [z := z * y]^4 : \text{RD} \rightarrow \{(x, ?), (y, 1), (y, 5), (z, 4)\} \\ \vdash [y := y - 1]^5 : \{(x, ?), (y, 1), (y, 5), (z, 4)\} \rightarrow \{(x, ?), (y, 5), (z, 4)\}}{\vdash [z := z * y]^4; [y := y - 1]^5 : \text{RD} \rightarrow \{(x, ?), (y, 5), (z, 4)\}}$$

$$\frac{\vdash [z := z * y]^4; [y := y - 1]^5 : \text{RD} \rightarrow \text{RD} \\ \text{using } \{(x, ?), (y, 5), (z, 4)\} \subseteq \text{RD}}{\vdash \text{while } [y > 1]^3 \text{ do } [z := z * y]^4; [y := y - 1]^5 \text{ od} : \text{RD} \rightarrow \text{RD}}$$

⋮

$$\frac{\vdash [y := x]^1; [z := 1]^2; \text{while } [y > 1]^3 \text{ do } [z := z * y]^4; [y := y - 1]^5 \text{ od}; [y := 0]^6 : \{(x, ?), (y, ?), (z, ?)\} \rightarrow \{(x, ?), (y, 6), (z, 2), (z, 4)\}}{\vdash \text{while } [y > 1]^3 \text{ do } [z := z * y]^4; [y := y - 1]^5 \text{ od}; [y := 0]^6 : \text{RD} \rightarrow \text{RD}}$$

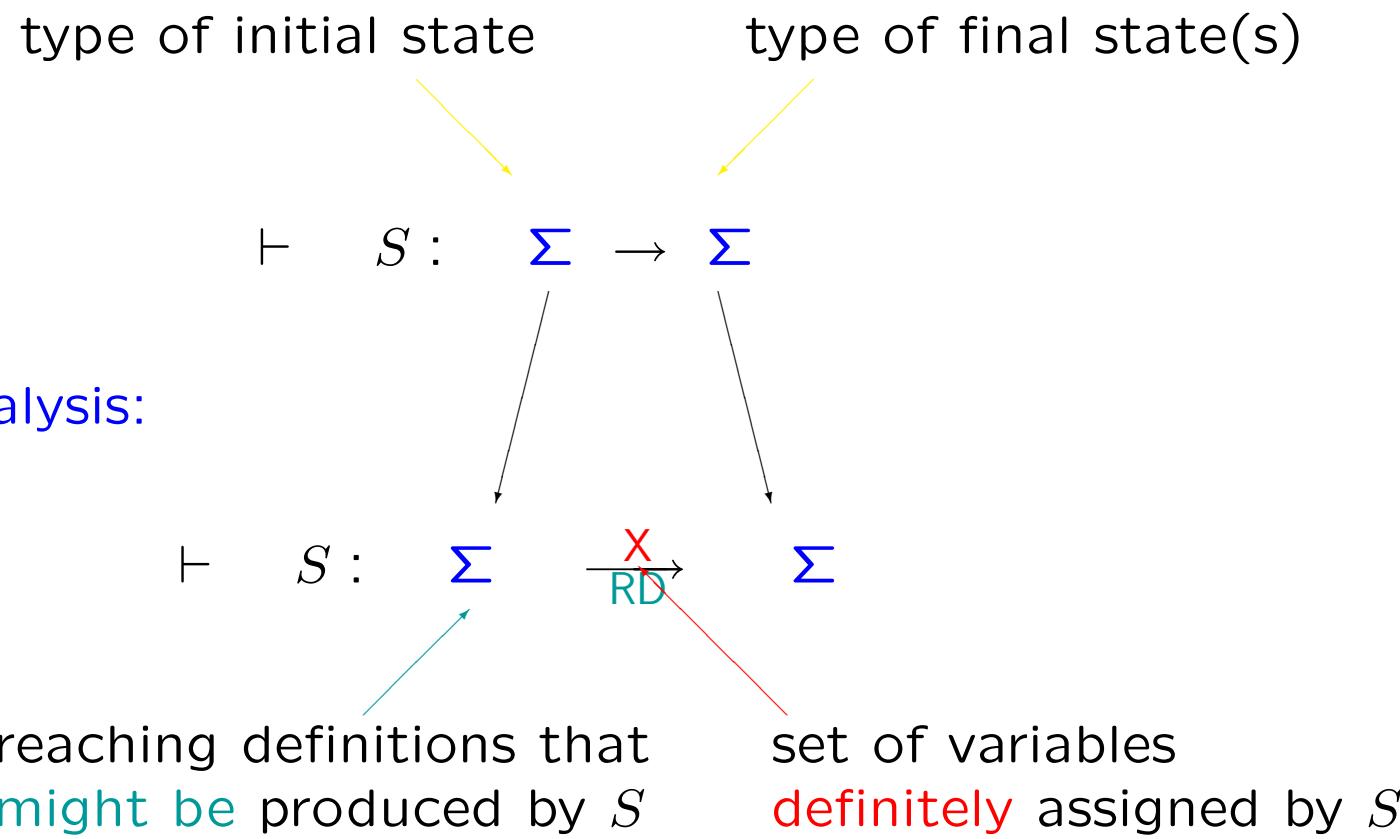
## How to automate the analysis



## Change of abstraction level: annotated type constructors

- Until now:  
given a statement and a **specific** entry information  $RD_o$  we determine  
the **specific** exit information  $RD_e$ .
- Now:  
given a statement we determine how entry information is **transformed** into exit information

## Annotated type constructors



## Annotated type constructors (1)

$$\vdash [x:=a]^\ell : \Sigma \xrightarrow{\{(x)\} \atop \{(x,\ell)\}} \Sigma$$

$\{x\}$  : variables definitely assigned  
 $\{(x,\ell)\}$  : potential reaching definitions

$$\frac{\vdash S_1 : \Sigma \xrightarrow{X_1 \atop RD_1} \Sigma \quad \vdash S_2 : \Sigma \xrightarrow{X_2 \atop RD_2} \Sigma}{\vdash S_1; S_2 : \Sigma \xrightarrow{(RD_1 \setminus X_2) \cup RD_2} \Sigma}$$

$X_1 \cup X_2$  : variables definitely assigned  
 $(RD_1 \setminus X_2) \cup RD_2$  :  
potential reaching definitions

## Annotated type constructors (2)

$$\frac{\vdash S_1 : \Sigma \xrightarrow[X_1]{\text{RD}_1} \Sigma \quad \vdash S_2 : \Sigma \xrightarrow[X_2]{\text{RD}_2} \Sigma}{\vdash \text{if } [b]^\ell \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2 \text{ fi} : \Sigma \xrightarrow[X_1 \cap X_2]{\text{RD}_1 \cup \text{RD}_2} \Sigma}$$

$X_1 \cap X_2$  :  
variables definitely assigned  
 $\text{RD}_1 \cup \text{RD}_2$  :  
potential reaching definitions

$$\frac{\vdash S : \Sigma \xrightarrow[X]{\text{RD}} \Sigma}{\vdash \text{while } [b]^\ell \text{ do } S \text{ od} : \Sigma \xrightarrow[\emptyset]{\text{RD}} \Sigma}$$

$\emptyset$  : variables definitely assigned  
 $\text{RD}$  : potential reaching definitions

## Annotated type constructors (3)

Subsumption rule:

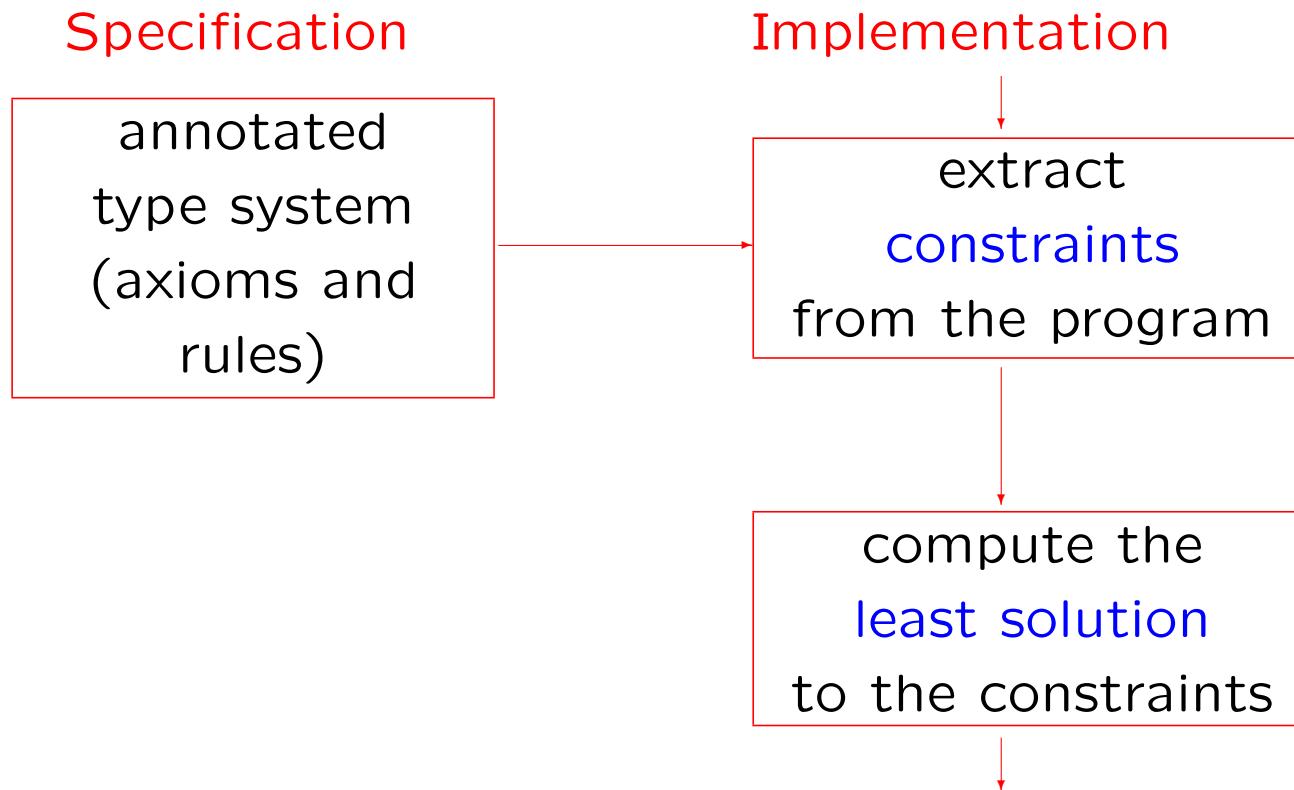
$$\frac{\vdash S : \Sigma \xrightarrow[\text{RD}]{X} \Sigma}{\vdash S : \Sigma \xrightarrow[\text{RD}']{X'} \Sigma} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{if } X' \subseteq X \\ \text{and } \text{RD} \subseteq \text{RD}' \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{(variables definite assigned)} \\ \text{(potential reaching definitions)} \end{array}$$

the rule can be omitted!

## Example inference in the annotated type system

$$\begin{array}{c} \vdash [z := z * y]^4 : \Sigma \xrightarrow{\frac{\{z\}}{\{(z,4)\}}} \Sigma \\ \vdash [y := y - 1]^5 : \Sigma \xrightarrow{\frac{\{y\}}{\{(y,5)\}}} \Sigma \\ \hline \vdash [z := z * y]^4; [y := y - 1]^5 : \Sigma \xrightarrow{\frac{\{y,z\}}{\{(y,5), (z,4)\}}} \Sigma \\ \hline \vdash \text{while } [y > 1]^3 \text{ do } [z := z * y]^4; [y := y - 1]^5 \text{ od} : \Sigma \xrightarrow{\frac{\emptyset}{\{(y,5), (z,4)\}}} \Sigma \\ \hline \vdots \\ \hline \vdash [y := x]^1; [z := 1]^2; \text{while } [y > 1]^3 \text{ do } [z := z * y]^4; [y := y - 1]^5 \text{ od}; [y := 0]^6 : \\ \qquad \Sigma \xrightarrow{\frac{\{y,z\}}{\{(y,6), (z,2), (z,4)\}}} \Sigma \end{array}$$

## How to automate the analysis



# Type and Effect Systems

- **Technique:** Effect systems
- **Example:** Call Tracking analysis
  - idea
  - simple type system
  - effect system

# The fun language

- syntax of expressions

$$e ::= x \mid \text{fn}_{\pi} \ x \Rightarrow e \mid e_1 \ e_2 \mid \dots$$

$\pi$  names the function abstraction

- types

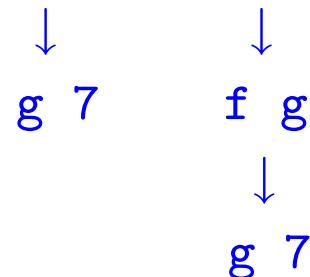
$$\tau ::= \text{int} \mid \text{bool} \mid \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2$$

$f$  has type  $\tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2$  means that

- $f$  expects a parameter of type  $\tau_1$
- $f$  returns a value of type  $\tau_2$

## Call Tracking analysis

```
let f = fnF x => x 7  
g = fnG y => y  
h = fnH z => z  
in f g + f (h g)
```



**Aim:** For each function application, which function abstractions might be applied during its execution?

| function applications | function abstractions that might be applied during its execution |
|-----------------------|--|
| x 7                   | G, H   |
| f g                   | F, G   |
| h g                   | H, G   |
| f (h g)               | F, H, G  |

## Simple types

```
let f = fnF x => x 7  ←  f: (int → int) → int
    g = fnG y => y  ←  g: int → int
    h = fnH z => z  ←  h: (int → int) → (int → int)
in f g + f (h g)  ←  int
```

## Simple type system

- type environment:  $\Gamma$  gives types to the variables (like R)
- an expression  $e$  has type  $\tau$  relative to type environment  $\Gamma$  (like C)

$$\boxed{\Gamma \vdash e : \tau}$$

## A simple type system

$$\Gamma \vdash x : \tau_x \quad \text{if } \Gamma(x) = \tau_x$$

$$\frac{\Gamma[x \mapsto \tau_x] \vdash e : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \text{fn}_\pi x \Rightarrow e : \tau_x \rightarrow \tau}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau_2 \rightarrow \tau, \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 \ e_2 : \tau}$$

guess:  $\tau_x$  is the type of the argument  $x$

the type of the formal parameter  
equals that of the actual parameter

## Effect systems

- Call Tracking analysis:

For each function application, which function abstractions might be applied during its execution?

- Idea:

Annotate the function arrows with **sets of names** of function abstractions that **might be applied** when calling the function.

$$\tau_1 \xrightarrow{\varphi} \tau_2$$

the type of functions from  $\tau_1$  to  $\tau_2$  that might call functions with names in  $\varphi$ .

## Example: Types and Effects

```
let f = fnF x => x 7 ← f: (int  $\xrightarrow{\{G\}}$  int)  $\xrightarrow{\{F,G\}}$  int
    g = fnG y => y ← g: int  $\xrightarrow{\{G\}}$  int
    h = fnH z => z ← h: (int  $\xrightarrow{\{G\}}$  int)  $\xrightarrow{\{H\}}$  (int  $\xrightarrow{\{G\}}$  int)
in f g + f (h g) ← int &  $\{F, G, H\}$ 
```

the effect  
of executing  
 $f g + f (g h)$

## The effect system

$$\Gamma \vdash x : \tau_x \And \emptyset \quad \text{if } \Gamma(x) = \tau_x$$

$$\frac{\Gamma[x \mapsto \tau_x] \vdash e : \tau \And \varphi}{\Gamma \vdash \text{fn}_\pi x \Rightarrow e : \tau_x} \xrightarrow{\varphi \cup \{\pi\}} \tau \And \emptyset$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau_2 \xrightarrow{\varphi} \tau \And \varphi_1 \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \tau_2 \And \varphi_2}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 e_2 : \tau \And \varphi_1 \cup \varphi_2 \cup \varphi}$$

variables have no effect

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{the latent effect consists of} \\ \text{--that of the function body} \\ \text{--the function itself} \\ \text{the function abstraction itself} \\ \text{has no effect} \end{array} \right.$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{the overall effect comes from} \\ \text{--evaluating the function} \\ \text{--evaluating the argument} \\ \text{--evaluating the function} \\ \text{application: the latent effect!} \end{array} \right.$

## The effect system

The subsumption rule:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : \tau \And \varphi}{\Gamma \vdash e : \tau \And \varphi \cup \varphi'} \quad \text{the names of functions that may be applied}$$

## Example (1)

```
let f = fnF x => x 7
      g = fnG y => y
      h = fnH z => z
in f g + f (h g)
```

$$\frac{\Gamma[x \mapsto \tau_x] \vdash e : \tau \And \varphi}{\Gamma \vdash \text{fn}_{\pi} x => e : \tau_x \xrightarrow{\varphi \cup \{\pi\}} \tau \And \emptyset}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau_2 \xrightarrow{\varphi} \tau \And \varphi_1 \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \tau_2 \And \varphi_2}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 e_2 : \tau \And \varphi_1 \cup \varphi_2 \cup \varphi}$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [x \mapsto \text{int} \xrightarrow{\{G\}} \text{int}] \vdash x : \text{int} \xrightarrow{\{G\}} \text{int} \And \emptyset \\ [x \mapsto \text{int} \xrightarrow{\{G\}} \text{int}] \vdash 7 : \text{int} \And \emptyset \end{array}}{[x \mapsto \text{int} \xrightarrow{\{G\}} \text{int}] \vdash x 7 : \text{int} \And \{G\}}$$

$$[ ] \vdash \text{fn}_F x => x 7 : (\text{int} \xrightarrow{\{G\}} \text{int}) \xrightarrow{\{F,G\}} \text{int} \And \emptyset$$

## Example (2)

```
let f = fnF x => x 7
    g = fnG y => y
    h = fnH z => z
in f g + f (h g)
```

$$\boxed{\frac{\Gamma[x \mapsto \tau_x] \vdash e : \tau \And \varphi}{\Gamma \vdash \text{fn}_{\pi} x => e : \tau_x \xrightarrow{\varphi \cup \{\pi\}} \tau \And \emptyset}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau_2 \xrightarrow{\varphi} \tau \And \varphi_1 \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \tau_2 \And \varphi_2}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 e_2 : \tau \And \varphi_1 \cup \varphi_2 \cup \varphi}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash h : (\text{int} \xrightarrow{\{G\}} \text{int}) \xrightarrow{\{H\}} (\text{int} \xrightarrow{\{G\}} \text{int}) \And \emptyset \quad \Gamma \vdash g : \text{int} \xrightarrow{\{G\}} \text{int} \And \emptyset}{\Gamma \vdash f : (\text{int} \xrightarrow{\{G\}} \text{int}) \xrightarrow{\{F,G\}} \text{int} \And \emptyset \quad \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash h g : \text{int} \xrightarrow{\{G\}} \text{int} \And \{H\}}}$$

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash f (h g) : \text{int} \And \{F, G, H\}}$$

## How to automate the analysis

