

Module 15: Reaching Definition

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Reaching Definition

- Definition: Assignment of a value to a variable
- A definition d of a variable reaches a point p if there is a path from d to p and value of a variable is same as assigned at d
- Use iterative forward bit vector problem
- A bit vector of a 8 bit can be used to represent all the definition
- Initial condition
 $\text{in}(\text{entry}) = \emptyset = 00000000$
 $\text{in}(i) = \emptyset = 00000000$ for all nodes i
- If an instruction re-defines a variable then it is killed

| Bit position | Definition | Basic block |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1 | m in node 1 | B1 |
| 2 | $f0$ in node 2 | |
| 3 | $f1$ in node 3 | |
| 4 | i in node 5 | B3 |
| 5 | $f2$ in node 8 | B6 |
| 6 | $f0$ in node 9 | |
| 7 | $f1$ in node 10 | |
| 8 | i in node 11 | |

a definition not killed is preserved

$\text{prsv}(B1) = 4, 5, 8 = 00011001$

$\text{prsv}(B3) = 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 = 11101110$

$\text{prsv}(B6) = 1 = 10000000$

$\text{prsv}(i) = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 = 11111111$ for $i \neq B1, B3, B6$

Gen: Definitions generated in a basic block and not subsequently killed in it

$\text{gen}(B1) = 1, 2, 3 = 11100000$

$\text{gen}(B3) = 4 = 00010000$

$\text{gen}(B6) = 5, 6, 7, 8 = 00001111$

$\text{gen}(i) = \emptyset = 00000000$ for $i \neq B1, B3, B6$

Out: Definitions which reach at the end of a basic block

$\text{out}(i) = \emptyset = 00000000$ for all i

A definition reaches end of a basic block iff either

- It is generated in the basic block OR
- It reaches in and is preserved

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Therefore,

$out = gen \cup (in \cap prsv)$ for all i

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$in(i) = S \ out(j)$ for all predecessors of i

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Taxonomy of Dataflow Problems

Categorized along several dimensions

- The information they are designed to provide
- The direction of flow
- Tonfluence operator

Techniques

- Iterative dataflow analysis
- Control tree based method using intervals
- Control tree based method using structural analysis

Four Kinds of Dataflow Problems

Four varieties are distinguished by two orthogonal characteristic

- The operator used for confluence or divergence
- Data flows backward or forward

| | | |
|----------|---------------|----------------------|
| | \cup | \cap |
| Forward | reaching def | available expression |
| Backward | live variable | busy epxression |

Transfer Function

- In forward dataflow $out(B)$ is a transfer function of $in(B)$
- In backward dataflow $in(B)$ is a transfer function of $out(B)$

$out = (in - kill) \cup gen$

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A Lattice L Consists of

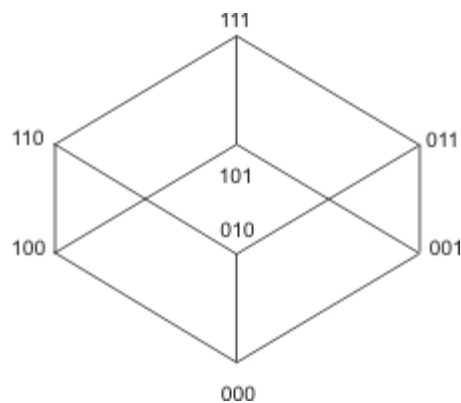
- A set of values
- 'Meet' operator \sqcap
- 'Join' operator \sqcup

Properties of Lattices

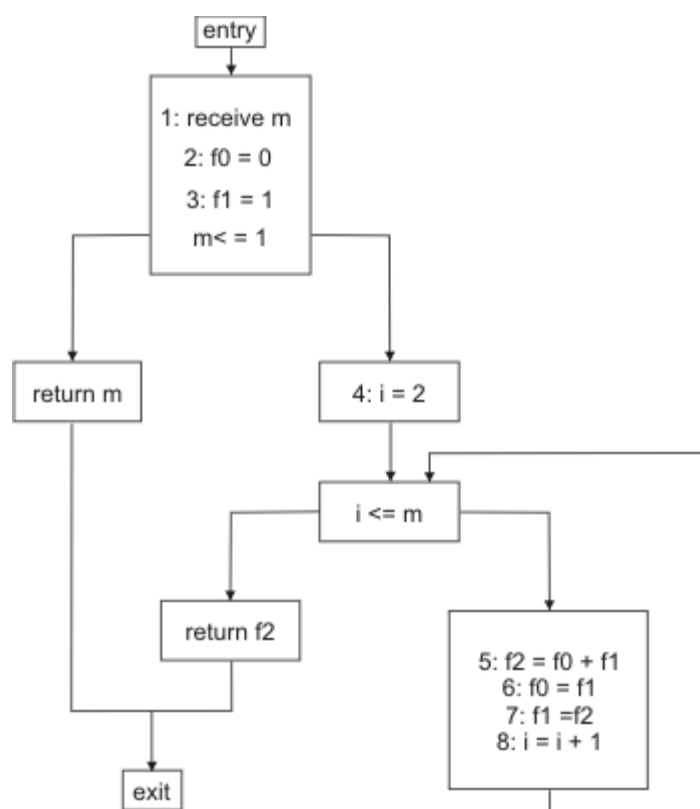
- $\forall x, y \in L \exists w, z \in L$ such that $x \sqcap y = w$ and $x \sqcup y = z$ (closure)
- $\forall x, y \in L$
 $x \sqcap y = y \sqcap x$ and $x \sqcup y = y \sqcup x$ (Commutative)
- $\forall x, y, z \in L$
 $(x \sqcap y) \sqcap z = x \sqcap (y \sqcap z)$ and
 $(x \sqcup y) \sqcup z = x \sqcup (y \sqcup z)$ (associate)
- $\forall x, y, z \in L$
 $(x \sqcap y) \sqcup z = (x \sqcap z) \sqcup (y \sqcup z)$ and
 $(x \sqcup y) \sqcap z = (x \sqcap z) \sqcup (y \sqcap z)$ (distributive)
- It has two unique element top \top and bottom \perp
 Such that $\forall x \in L$
 $x \sqcap \perp = \perp$ and $x \sqcup \top = \top$

Forward Reaching Definition Analysis

- Elements are bit vectors
- Meet is bitwise and
- Join is bitwise or
- Bottom is 0^n and top is 1^n
- BV^n denotes lattice of n bits for example BV^3 is



Example



- A function f mapping a lattice to itself

$f: L \rightarrow L$ is monotonic if for all x, y

$$x \sqsubseteq y \Rightarrow f(x) \sqsubseteq f(y)$$

for example $f: BV^3 \rightarrow BV^3$ defined as

$f: (x_1, x_2, x_3) \rightarrow (x_1, 1, x_3)$ is monotonic

- Height: it is the length of the longest ascending chain such that there exists

x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n such that

$$\perp = x_1 \sqsubseteq x_2 \sqsubseteq \dots \sqsubseteq x_n = \top$$

- Monotonicity and finite height ensure that the data-flow algorithms implementing function f terminate
- flow function maps lattice to lattice.
Flow function for B_1 is given as

$$F_{B1}(< x_1, x_2, \dots, x_8 >) = < 111x_4x_500x_8 >$$

- Let $F_B()$ be the flow function representing flow through block B and F_p represent the composition of the flow functions encountered in following path p then $F_p = F_{Bn} \circ \dots \circ F_{B1}$

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Flow Functions For The Flow-graph in The Example

Fentry = id

$F_{B1}(\langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_8 \rangle) = \langle 111x_4 x_5 00x_8 \rangle$

$F_{B2} = id$

$F_{B3}(\langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_8 \rangle) = \langle x_1 x_2 x_3 1x_5 x_6 x_7 0 \rangle$

$F_{B4} = id$

$F_{B5} = id$

$F_{B6}(\langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_8 \rangle) = \langle x_1 000111 \rangle$

Iterative (forward) Data-flow Analysis

Compute in (B) and out (B) $\in L$ for each $B \in$ flow graph

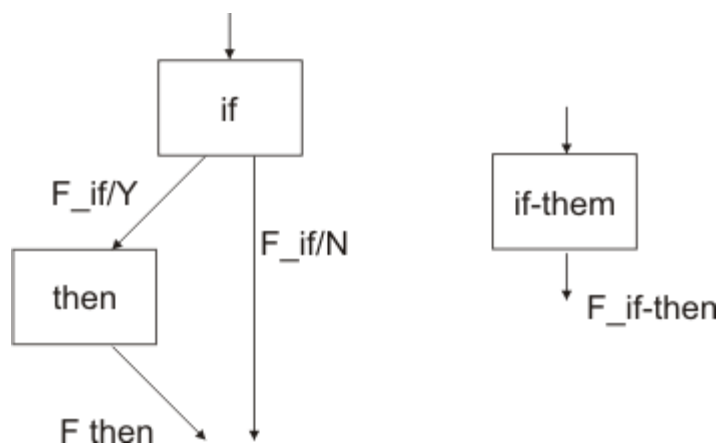
$$in(B) = \begin{cases} init & \text{for } B = entry \\ \bigcap_{P \in pred(B)} out(P) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Out (B) = F_B (in(B))

Control Tree Based Data-Flow Analysis

- These methods are known as elimination methods
- Applies to both intervals and structures
- Significantly harder to implement - requiring node splitting, iteration, solving of data flow problems over improper regions
- Can be easily adapted to incremental updating of data flow information
- It makes two passes over the control tree
 - First pass (bottom up) constructs flow functions
 - Second pass (top down) constructs and evaluates data-flow equations for each region

If-then Construct



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First Pass

$$F_{if-then} = (F_{if/Y}) \sqcap F_{if/N}$$

If we do not distinguish between $F_{if/Y}$ and $F_{if/N}$ then

$$F_{if-then} = (F_{then} \circ F_{if}) \sqcap F_{if} = (F_{then} \sqcap id) \circ F_{if}$$

Second Pass

$in(if) = in(if-then)$

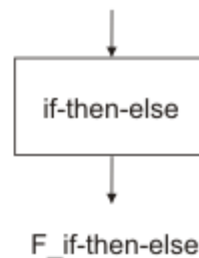
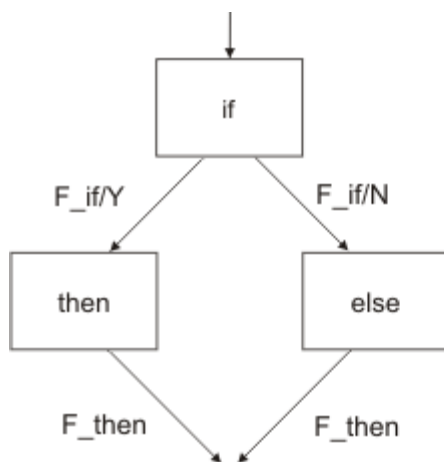
$in(then) = F_{if/Y} (in(if))$

If we do not distinguish between the true and the false parts

$in(if) = in(if-then)$

$in(then) = F_{if} (in(if))$

If-then-else Construct



First Pass

$$F_{if-then-else} = (F_{then} \circ F_{if/Y}) \sqcap (F_{else} \circ F_{if/N})$$

Second Pass

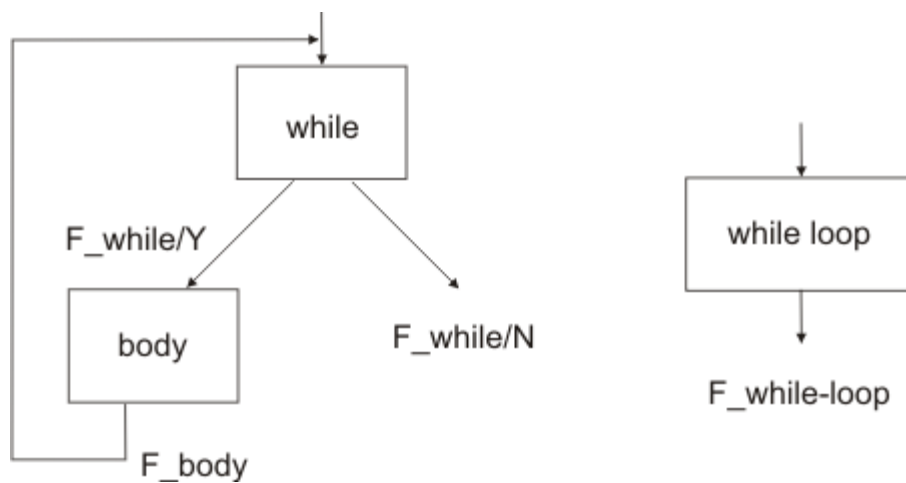
$in(if) = in(if-then-else)$

$in(then) = F_{if/Y} (in(if))$

$in(else) = F_{if/N} (in(if))$

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While Loop



First Pass

$$F_{loop} = (F_{body} \circ F_{while/Y})^*$$

$$F_{while-loop} = F_{while/N} \circ F_{loop}$$

Second Pass

$$\text{in}(\text{while}) = F_{loop}(\text{in}(\text{while-loop}))$$

$$\text{in}(\text{body}) = F_{while/Y}(\text{in}(\text{while}))$$

If we do not distinguish between $F_{while/Y}$ and $F_{while/N}$ then

$$F_{loop} = (F_{body} \circ F_{while})^*$$

$$F_{while-loop} = F_{while} \circ F_{loop}$$

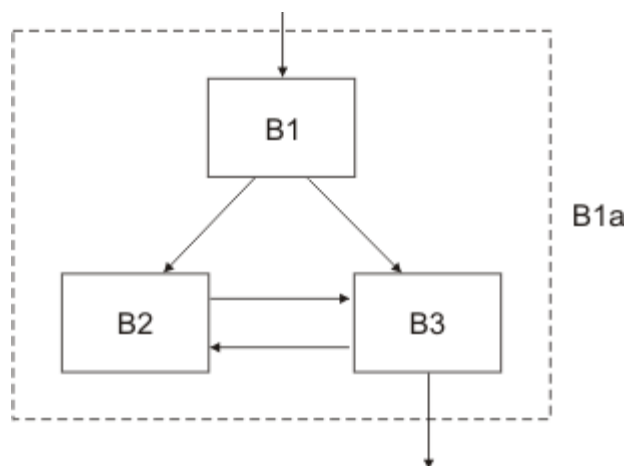
$$= F_{while} \circ (F_{body} \circ F_{while})^*$$

$$\text{In}(\text{while}) = F_{loop}(\text{in while-loop})$$

$$\text{In}(\text{body}) = F_{while}(\text{in}(\text{while}))$$

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Improper Region



Bottom up equation:

$$((F_{B1a} = F_{B3} \circ F_{B2}) + \circ F_{B1})$$

$$\sqcap ((F_{B3} \circ F_{B2}) * \circ F_{B3} \circ F_{B1})$$

Top down equations:

$$\text{in}(B1) = \text{in}(B1a)$$

$$\text{in}(B2) = F_{B1}(\text{in}(B1)) \sqcap F_{B3}(\text{in}(B3))$$

$$\text{in}(B3) = F_{B1}(\text{in}(B1)) \sqcap F_{B2}(\text{in}(B2))$$

solve for $\text{in}(B2)$ and $\text{in}(B3)$ in function lattice

$$\text{in}(B2) = (((F_{B3} \circ F_{B2}) * \circ F_{B1})$$

$$\sqcap ((F_{B3} \circ F_{B2}) * \circ F_{B3} \circ F_{B1}))(\text{in}(B1))$$

$$= ((F_{B3} \circ F_{B2}) * \circ (\text{id} \sqcap F_{B3}) \circ F_{B1})(\text{in}(B1))$$

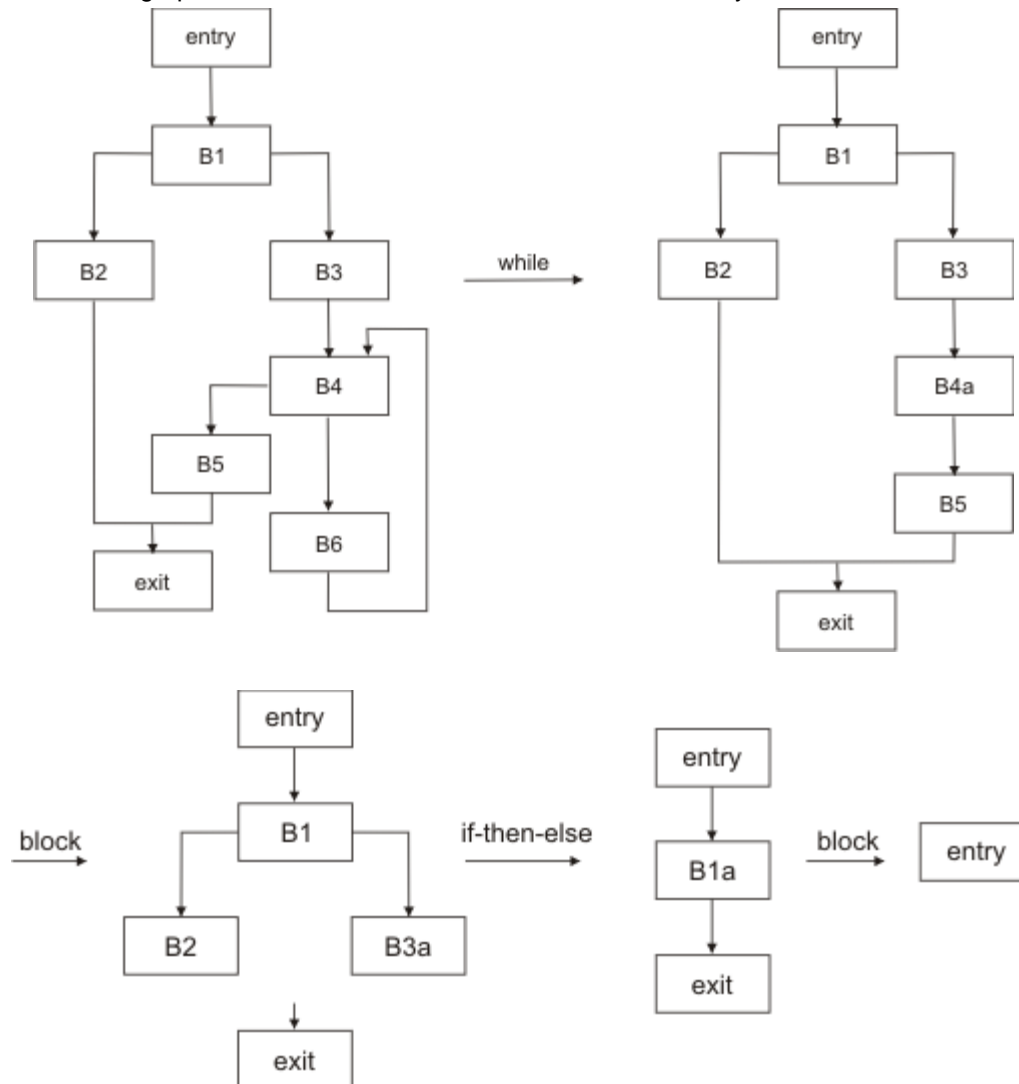
$$\text{in}(B3) = (((F_{B2} \circ F_{B3}) * \circ F_{B1})$$

$$\sqcap ((F_{B2} \circ F_{B3}) * \circ F_{B2} \circ F_{B1}))(\text{in}(B1))$$

$$((F_{B3} \circ F_{B2}) * (\text{id} \sqcap F_{B2}) \circ F_{B2}) \circ F_{B1})(\text{in}(B1))$$

Example

Consider the flow graph in an earlier slide and its structural flow analysis



First Pass

$$F_{B_{4a}} = F_{B_4} \circ (F_{B_5} \circ F_{B_4}) *$$

$$F_{B_{3a}} = F_{B_3} \circ F_{B_{4a}} \circ F_{B_5}$$

$$F_{B_{1a}} = (F_{B_2} \circ F_{B_1}) \cap (F_{B_{3a}} \circ F_{B_1})$$

$$F_{entrya} = F_{exit} \circ F_{B_{1a}} \circ F_{entry}$$

Second Pass

For entrya block

$$in(entry) = init$$

$$in(B_{1\alpha}) = F_{entry}(in(entry))$$

$$in(exit) = F_{B_{1\alpha}}(in(B_{1\alpha}))$$

For if-then else block

$$in(B_1) = in(B_{1\alpha})$$

$$in(B_2) = F_{B_1}(in(B_1))$$

$$in(B_3) = F_{B_1}(in(B_1))$$

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