

A Live Variable Analysis for
Non-higher order Languages
based on 0-CFA

Flow Analysis

- Prediction of the possible values of any expression
- Prediction of the possible values of a variable
- Data flow
- Control flow

Higher-order Languages and flow analysis

- `proc(x) ... (x y) ...`
- must build control flow and data flow at the same time
- Solution: track closures and their flow through the program

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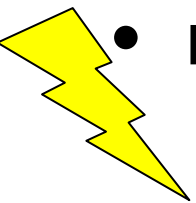
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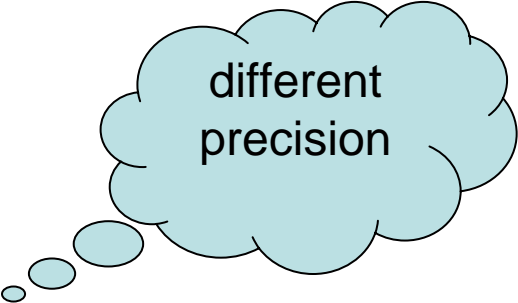
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infinite
domain

Another Approach

- collapse context environments
- collapse call caches
- abstract semantics
- different abstraction, different analysis



different
precision

0-CFA

- no context environment
- all bindings of a given variable are merged together
- calls with distinct environments from the same call are merged together

0-CFA

consider the CBV lambda-calculus with scalars

$$x \in VAR$$

$$l \in LAB$$

$$e \equiv x^l \mid (e_1 \ e_2)^l \mid (\lambda^l x.e) \mid b^l$$

$$v \equiv (\lambda^l x.e, \rho) \mid b^l$$

$$\rho \equiv [\] \mid [x = v] \rho$$

0-CFA

$$(x^l, \rho) \Downarrow \rho(x)$$

$$((\lambda^l x.e), \rho) \Downarrow ((\lambda^l x.e), \rho)$$

$$(b^l, \rho) \Downarrow (b^l, \rho)$$

$$(e_1, \rho) \Downarrow ((\lambda^{l'} x.e), \rho')$$

$$(e_2, \rho) \Downarrow v$$

$$(e, [x = v]\rho') \Downarrow w$$

$$((e_1 \quad e_2)^l, \rho) \Downarrow w$$

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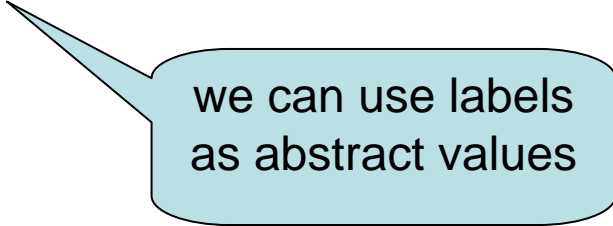
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and since labels
are unique

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$$\hat{v} \equiv \ell$$



we can use labels
as abstract values

Defining a correct analysis

- So an analysis can be defined as:

$$\Phi : (LAB + VAR) \rightarrow P(\hat{V})$$

- An analysis describes an environment

$$\Phi \succ \rho$$

$$\Phi \succ []$$

$$\Phi \succ [x = b^l] \rho \quad , \text{iff } (l \in \Phi(x)) \wedge (\Phi \succ \rho)$$

$$\Phi \succ [x = ((\lambda^l z.e), \rho')] \rho \quad , \text{iff } (l \in \Phi(x)) \wedge (\Phi \succ \rho') \wedge (\Phi \succ \rho)$$

Defining a correct analysis

$\Phi \succ e^l$ iff for all ρ :

if $\Phi \succ \rho$ and $(e^l, \rho) \Downarrow v^{l'}$, then

1. $l' \in \Phi(l)$

2. if $v^{l'} = ((\lambda^{l'} z.e), \rho')$,
then $(\Phi \succ \rho')$

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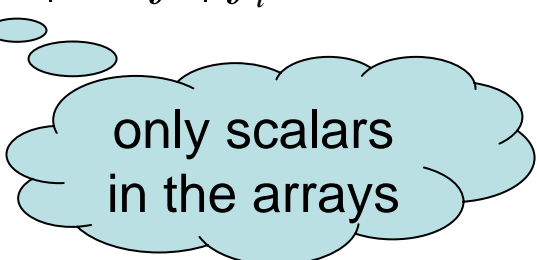
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Generating a correct analysis based on a set of constraints

- $O(n^2)$ constraints
- Relaxation on the rules in $C[U]$
- We can find the smallest correct Φ in $O(n^3)$ time

A Non-higher order Language

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only scalars
in the arrays

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$$f_1(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n}) = e_1^{\ell_1}$$

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$$f_n(x_{n1}, \dots, x_{nn}) = e_n^{\ell_n}$$

in $e_0^{\ell_0}$

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computation
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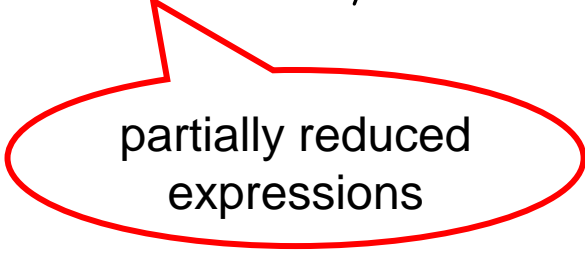


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partially reduced
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store

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 $\varphi \equiv op \mid New \mid Upd \mid Ref \mid f_i$
- $Conf \equiv \langle halted, v \rangle \mid \langle a, \rho, G, K, \Sigma \rangle$
- the initial configuration:
 $\langle a_0, \rho_0, e_0, halt, \emptyset \rangle$

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Defining a Live Location

1. No location is live in *halt*

2. ℓ is live in $\langle a, \rho, R, K \rangle$ iff either :

a. ℓ occurs in R , or

b. there exists $x \in \text{fv}(R)$ such that $\rho(x) = \ell$, or

c. ℓ is live in K

Defining a Sound Live Variable Analysis

A live variable analysis $L[-]$ is a map from expression labels ℓ to sets of variables. $L[-]$ is sound iff for each label ℓ , $L[\ell]$ is a set of variables such that for all reachable store configurations of the form $\langle a, \rho, e^\ell, K, \Sigma \rangle$, $\rho(x)$ live in K implies $x \in L[\ell]$.

Set Constraints for a Sound Variable Analysis

1. if ℓ_i occurs in the context

$$\varphi^\ell (e_1^{l_1}, \dots, e_{i-1}^{l_{i-1}}, e_i^{l_i}, e_{i+1}^{l_{i+1}}, \dots, e_n^{l_n})$$

then for every $x \in \text{fv}(e_i)$,

$$x \in L[\ell_i]$$

iff

$$\Phi(x) \cap \left(\bigcup_{j < i} \Phi(\ell_j) \right) \neq \emptyset, \text{ or}$$

$$\Phi(x) \cap \left(\bigcup_{j > i} \bigcup_{y \in \text{fv}(e_j)} \Phi(y) \right) \neq \emptyset, \text{ or}$$

$$x \in L[\ell]$$

Set Constraints for a Sound Variable Analysis

2. if ℓ_i occurs in the context

if $^{\ell} e_0^{\ell_0}$ then $e_1^{\ell_1}$ else $e_2^{\ell_2}$

then for every $x \in fv(e_0)$,

$x \in L[\ell_0]$

iff

$$\Phi(x) \cap \left(\bigcup_{j=1,2} \bigcup_{y \in fv(e_j)} \Phi(y) \right) \neq \emptyset, \text{ or}$$

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$x \in L[\ell_i]$

iff

$x \in L[\ell]$

Set Constraints for a Sound Variable Analysis

4. if $f_k(x_{k1}, \dots, x_{kn}) = e^{l'}$ then for each call

$$f_k^{l'}(e_1^{l_1}, \dots, e_{i-1}^{l_{i-1}}, e_i^{l_i}, e_{i+1}^{l_{i+1}}, \dots, e_n^{l_n})$$

,

$$x_{ki} \in L[l']$$

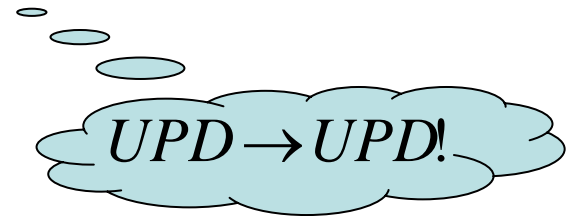
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- Higher-order Languages
- Arrays which can store any kind of value



scalars, arrays, closures

Thank you