

# Compilation

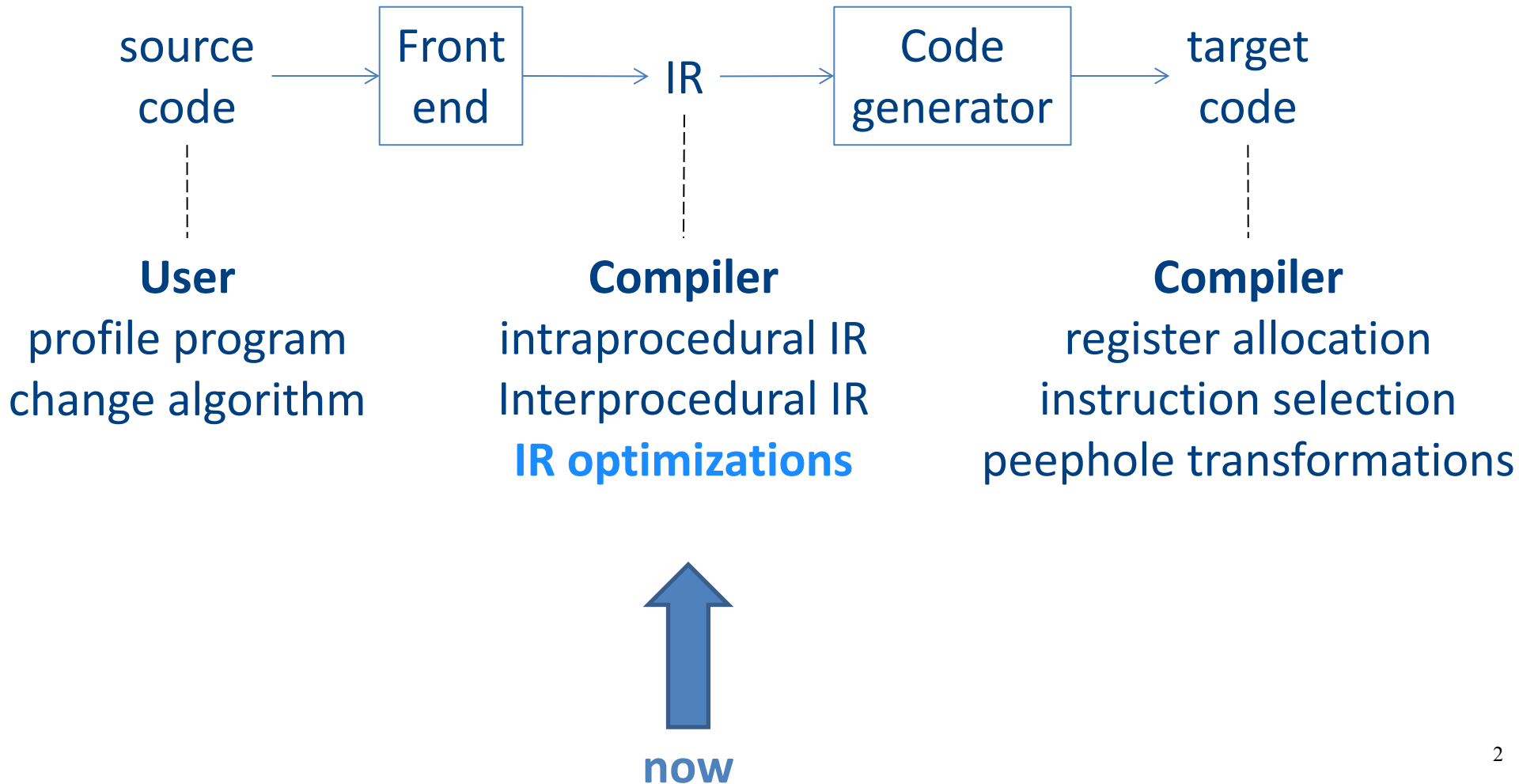
## Lecture 9



Optimizations

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# Optimization points



# IR Optimization

- Making code “better”

# Overview of IR optimization

- **Formalisms and Terminology**
  - Control-flow graphs
  - Basic blocks
- **Local optimizations**
  - Speeding up small pieces of a procedure
- **Global optimizations**
  - Speeding up procedure as a whole
- **The dataflow framework**
  - Defining and implementing a wide class of optimizations

# Program Analysis

- In order to optimize a program, the compiler has to be able to reason about the properties of that program
- An analysis is called **sound** if it never asserts an incorrect fact about a program
- All the analyses we will discuss in this class are sound
  - *(Why?)*

# Visualizing IR

main:

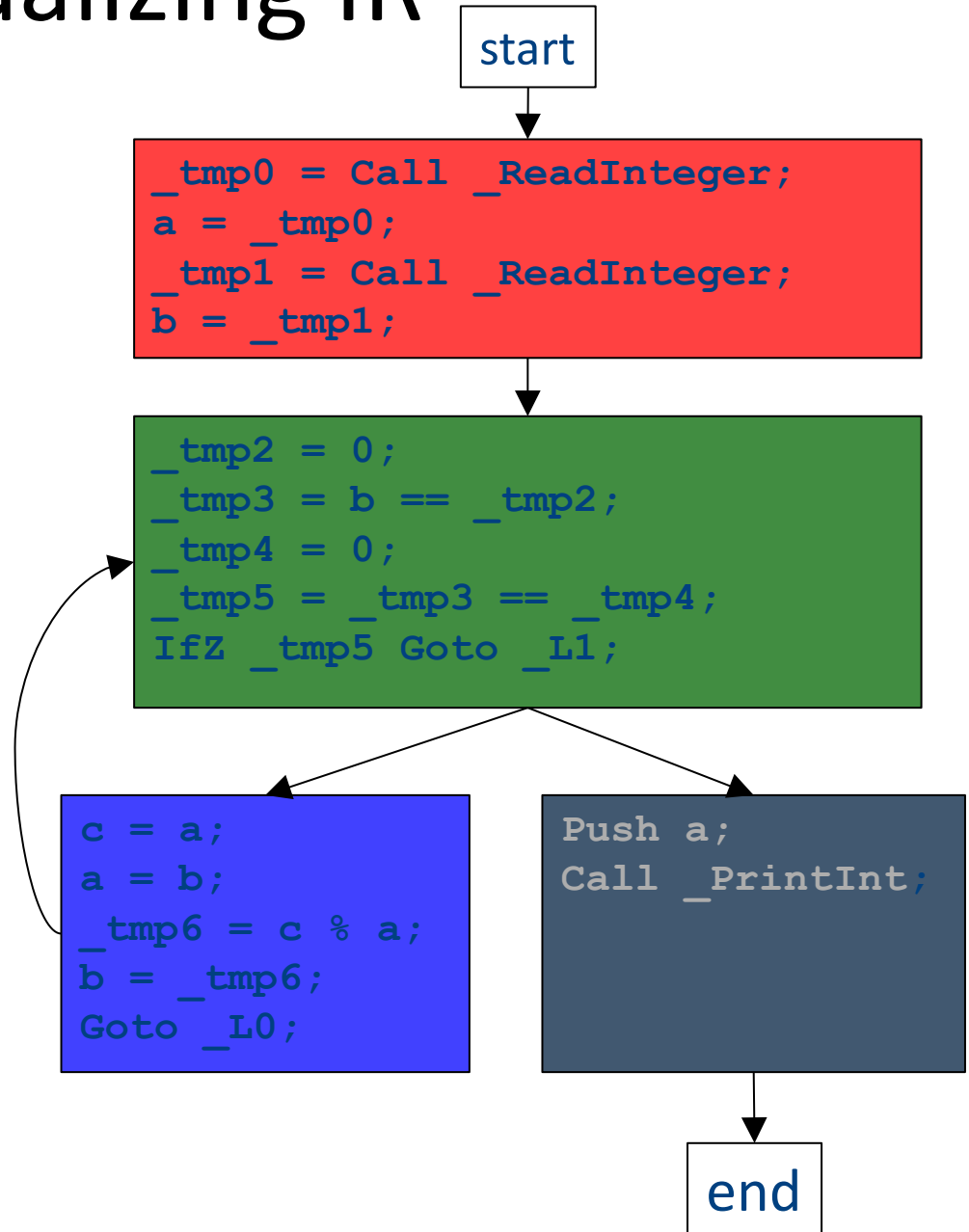
```
_tmp0 = Call _ReadInteger;  
a = _tmp0;  
_tmp1 = Call _ReadInteger;  
b = _tmp1;
```

\_L0:

```
_tmp2 = 0;  
_tmp3 = b == _tmp2;  
_tmp4 = 0;  
_tmp5 = _tmp3 == _tmp4;  
IfZ _tmp5 Goto _L1;  
c = a;  
a = b;  
_tmp6 = c % a;  
b = _tmp6;  
Goto _L0;
```

\_L1:

```
Push a;  
Call _PrintInt;
```



# Basic blocks

- A **basic block** is a sequence of IR instructions where
  - There is exactly one spot where control enters the sequence, which must be at the start of the sequence
  - There is exactly one spot where control leaves the sequence, which must be at the end of the sequence
- Informally, a sequence of instructions that always execute as a group

# Control-Flow Graphs

- A **control-flow graph** (CFG) is a graph of the basic blocks in a function
- The term CFG is overloaded – from here on out, we'll mean “control-flow graph” and not “context free grammar”
- Each edge from one basic block to another indicates that control can flow from the end of the first block to the start of the second block
- There is a dedicated node for the start and end of a function



# Common Subexpression Elimination

- If we have two variable assignments  
 $v1 = a \text{ op } b$   
...  
 $v2 = a \text{ op } b$
- and the values of  $v1$ ,  $a$ , and  $b$  have not changed between the assignments, rewrite the code as  
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# Copy Propagation

- If we have a variable assignment  
 $v1 = v2$   
then as long as  $v1$  and  $v2$  are not  
reassigned, we can rewrite expressions of  
the form  
 $a = \dots v1 \dots$   
as  
 $a = \dots v2 \dots$   
provided that such a rewrite is legal

# Dead Code Elimination

- An assignment to a variable  $v$  is called **dead** if the value of that assignment is never read anywhere
- **Dead code elimination** removes dead assignments from IR
- Determining whether an assignment is dead depends on what variable is being assigned to and when it's being assigned

# Other types of local optimizations

- Arithmetic Simplification

- Replace “hard” operations with easier ones

- e.g. rewrite  $\mathbf{x} = 4 * \mathbf{a};$  as  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{a} \ll 2;$

- Constant Folding

- Evaluate expressions at compile-time if they have a constant value.

- e.g. rewrite  $\mathbf{x} = 4 * 5;$  as  $\mathbf{x} = 20;$

# Optimizations and analyses

- Most optimizations are only possible given some analysis of the program's behavior
- In order to implement an optimization, we will talk about the corresponding program analyses

# Available expressions

- Both common subexpression elimination and copy propagation depend on an analysis of the **available expressions** in a program
- An expression is called **available** if some variable in the program holds the value of that expression
- In common subexpression elimination, we replace an available expression by the variable holding its value
- In copy propagation, we replace the use of a variable by the available expression it holds

# Finding available expressions

- Initially, no expressions are available
- Whenever we execute a statement  **$a = b \text{ op } c$** :
  - Any expression holding **a** is invalidated
  - The expression  **$a = b \text{ op } c$**  becomes available
- **Idea:** Iterate across the basic block, beginning with the empty set of expressions and updating available expressions at each variable



# Available expressions example

{ }

a = b + 2;

{ a = b + 2 }

b = x;

{ b = x }

d = a + b;

{ b = x, d = a + b }

e = a + b;

{ b = x, d = a + b, e = a + b }

d = x;

{ b = x, d = x, e = a + b }

f = a + b;

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# Common sub-expression elimination

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# Live variables

- The analysis corresponding to dead code elimination is called **liveness analysis**
- A variable is **live** at a point in a program if later in the program its value will be read before it is written to again
- Dead code elimination works by computing liveness for each variable, then eliminating assignments to dead variables

# Computing live variables

- To know if a variable will be used at some point, we iterate across the statements in a basic block in reverse order
- Initially, some small set of values are known to be live (which ones depends on the particular program)
- When we see the statement  $a = b \text{ op } c$ :
  - Just before the statement,  $a$  is not alive, since its value is about to be overwritten
  - Just before the statement, both  $b$  and  $c$  are alive, since we're about to read their values
  - (what if we have  $a = a + b$ ?)

# Liveness analysis

{ b }

a = b;

{ a, b }

c = a;

{ a, b }

d = a + b;

{ a, b, d }

e = d;

{ a, b, e }

d = a;

{ b, d, e }

f = e;

{ b, d } - given

Which statements are dead?

# Dead Code Elimination

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{ a, b }  
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{ b, d }
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```
e = d;  
{ a, b, e }
```

```
d = a;  
{ b, d, e }
```

```
{ b, d }
```



# Liveness analysis II

```
{ b }  
a = b;
```

```
{ a, b }  
d = a + b;  
{ a, b, d }  
e = d;  
{ a, b }  
d = a;  
{ b, d }
```

Which statements are dead?

# Liveness analysis II

```
{ b }  
a = b;
```

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{ a, b }  
d = a + b;  
{ a, b, d }  
e = d;  
{ a, b }  
d = a;  
{ b, d }
```

Which statements are dead?

```
{ b }  
a = b;
```

# Dead code elimination

Which statements are dead?

```
{ a, b }  
d = a + b;  
{ a, b, d }  
e = d;  
{ a, b }  
d = a;  
{ b, d }
```

```
{ b }  
a = b;
```

# Dead code elimination

```
{ a, b }  
d = a + b;  
{ a, b, d }
```

```
{ a, b }  
d = a;  
{ b, d }
```

# Liveness analysis III

{ b }  
a = b;

{ a, b }  
d = a + b;

{ a, b }  
d = a;  
{ b, d }

Which statements are dead?

{ b }  
a = b;

# Dead code elimination

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Which statements are dead?

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d = a;  
{ b, d }

```
{ b }  
a = b;
```

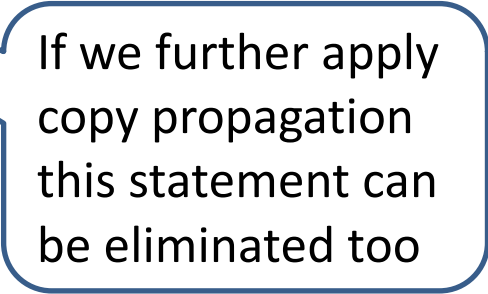
# Dead code elimination

```
{ a, b }
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```
{ a, b }  
d = a;  
{ b, d }
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# Dead code elimination

`a = b;`

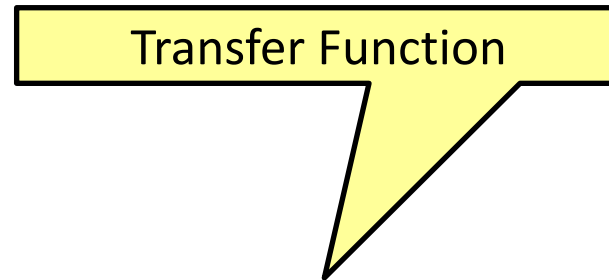
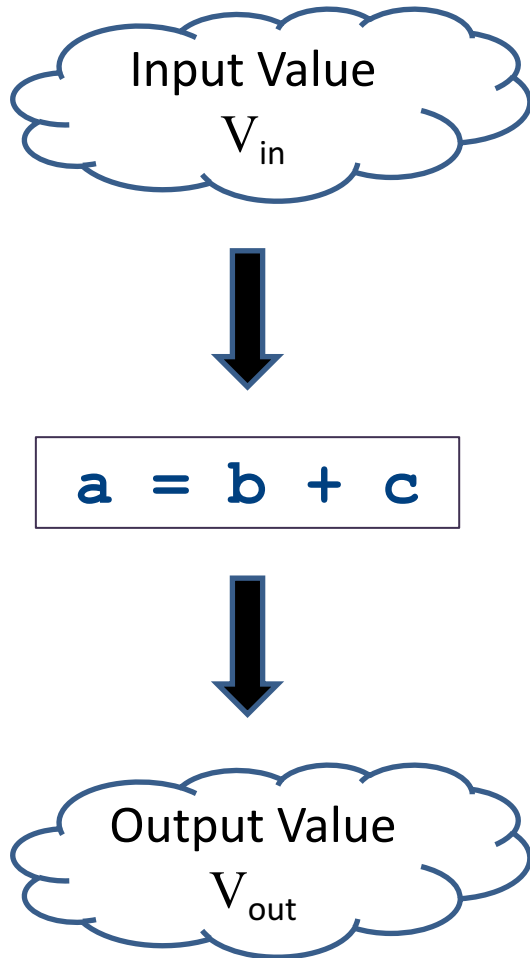


If we further apply  
copy propagation  
this statement can  
be eliminated too

`d = a;`

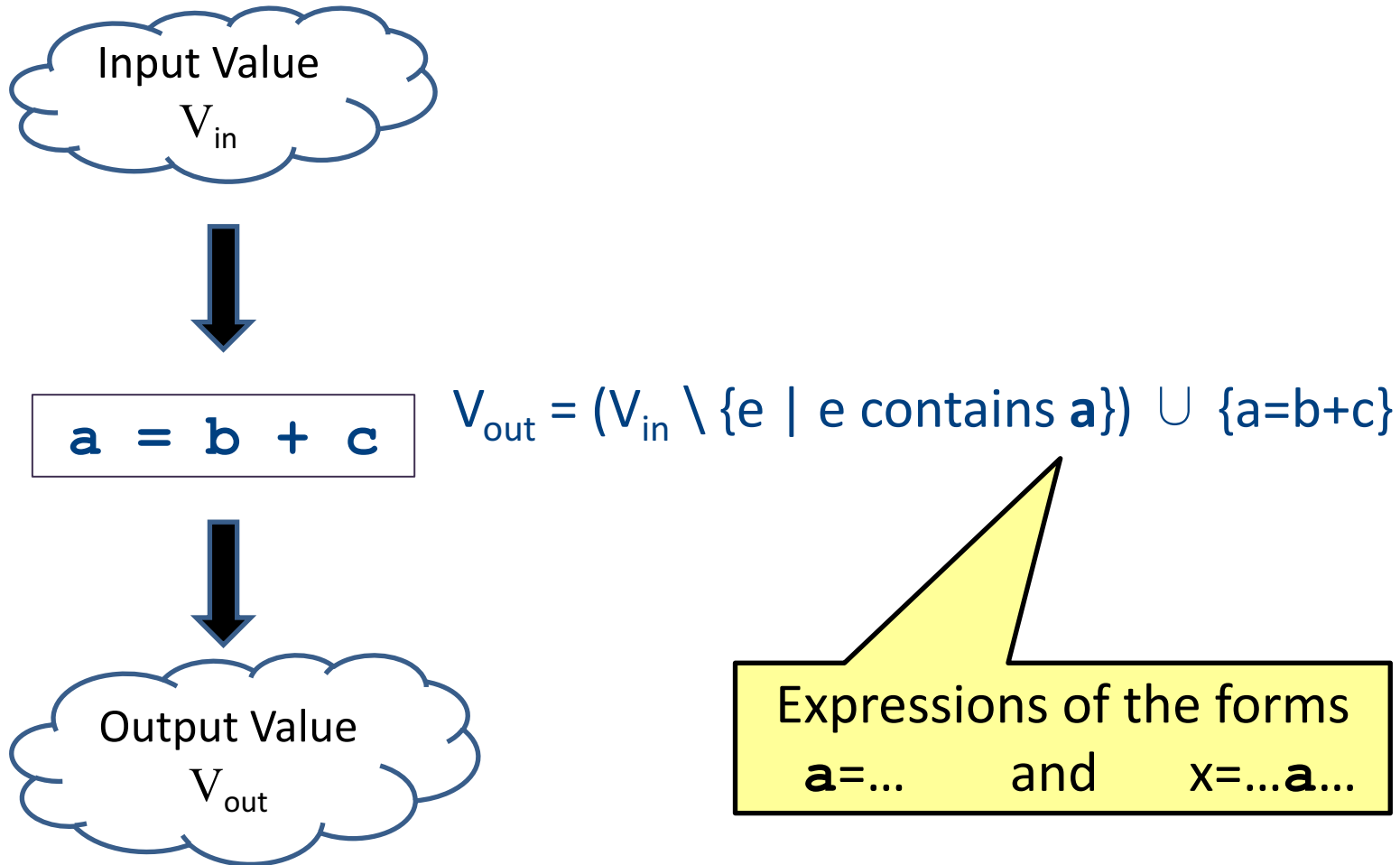


# Formalizing local analyses

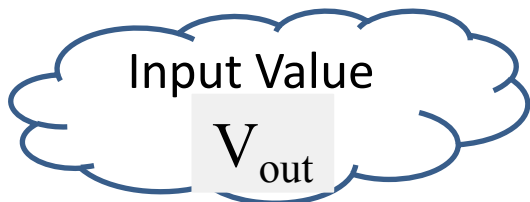


$$V_{out} = f_{a=b+c}(V_{in})$$

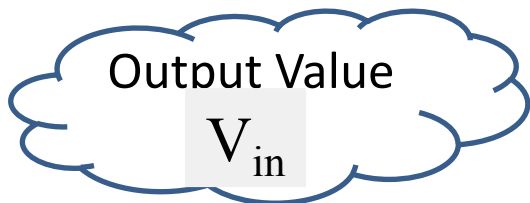
# Available Expressions



# Live Variables

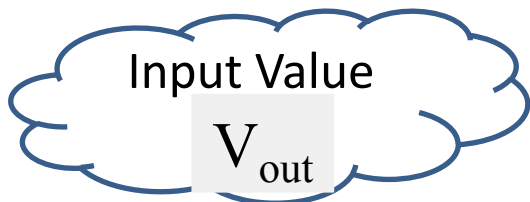


**a = b + c**

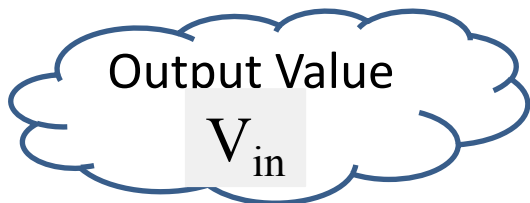


$$V_{in} = (V_{out} \setminus \{\mathbf{a}\}) \cup \{\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}\}$$

# Live Variables



$a = b + c$



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# Information for a local analysis

- What direction are we going?
  - Sometimes forward (available expressions)
  - Sometimes backward (liveness analysis)
- How do we update information after processing a statement?
  - What are the new semantics?
  - What information do we know initially?

# Formalizing local analyses

- Define an analysis of a basic block as a quadruple  $(D, V, F, I)$  where
  - $D$  is a direction (forwards or backwards)
  - $V$  is a set of values the program can have at any point
  - $F$  is a family of transfer functions defining the meaning of any expression as a function  $f : V \rightarrow V$
  - $I$  is the initial information at the top (or bottom) of a basic block

# Available Expressions

- **Direction:** Forward
- **Values:** Sets of expressions assigned to variables
- **Transfer functions:** Given a set of variable assignments  $V$  and statement  $a = b + c$ :
  - Remove from  $V$  any expression containing  $a$  as a subexpression
  - Add to  $V$  the expression  $a = b + c$
  - Formally:  $V_{\text{out}} = (V_{\text{in}} \setminus \{e \mid e \text{ contains } \mathbf{a}\}) \cup \{a = b + c\}$
- **Initial value:** Empty set of expressions

# Liveness Analysis

- **Direction:** Backward
- **Values:** Sets of variables
- **Transfer functions:** Given a set of variable assignments  $V$  and statement  $a = b + c$ :
  - Remove  $a$  from  $V$  (any previous value of  $a$  is now dead.)
  - Add  $b$  and  $c$  to  $V$  (any previous value of  $b$  or  $c$  is now live.)
- Formally:  $V_{in} = (V_{out} \setminus \{\mathbf{a}\}) \cup \{\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}\}$
- **Initial value:** Depends on semantics of language
  - E.g., function arguments and return values (pushes)
  - Result of local analysis of other blocks as part of a global analysis



# Running local analyses

- Given an analysis  $(\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{I})$  for a basic block
- Assume that  $\mathbf{D}$  is “forward;” analogous for the reverse case
- Initially, set  $\text{OUT}[\mathbf{entry}]$  to  $\mathbf{I}$
- For each statement  $\mathbf{s}$ , in order:
  - Set  $\text{IN}[\mathbf{s}]$  to  $\text{OUT}[\mathbf{prev}]$ , where  $\mathbf{prev}$  is the previous statement
  - Set  $\text{OUT}[\mathbf{s}]$  to  $f_{\mathbf{s}}(\text{IN}[\mathbf{s}])$ , where  $f_{\mathbf{s}}$  is the transfer function for statement  $\mathbf{s}$

# Global Optimizations

# High-level goals

- Generalize analysis mechanism
  - Reuse common ingredients for many analyses
  - Reuse proofs of correctness
- Generalize from basic blocks to entire CFGs
  - Go from local optimizations to global optimizations

# Global analysis

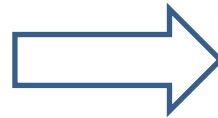
- A global analysis is an analysis that works on a control-flow graph as a whole
- Substantially more powerful than a local analysis
  - (Why?)
- Substantially more complicated than a local analysis
  - (Why?)

# Local vs. global analysis

- Many of the optimizations from local analysis can still be applied globally
  - Common sub-expression elimination
  - Copy propagation
  - Dead code elimination
- Certain optimizations are possible in global analysis that aren't possible locally:
  - e.g. code motion: Moving code from one basic block into another to avoid computing values unnecessarily
- Example global optimizations:
  - Global constant propagation
  - Partial redundancy elimination

# Loop invariant code motion example

```
while (t < 120) {  
  z = z + x - y;  
}
```



```
w = x - y;  
while (t < 120) {  
  z = z + w;  
}
```

value of expression  $x - y$  is  
not changed by loop body

# Why global analysis is hard

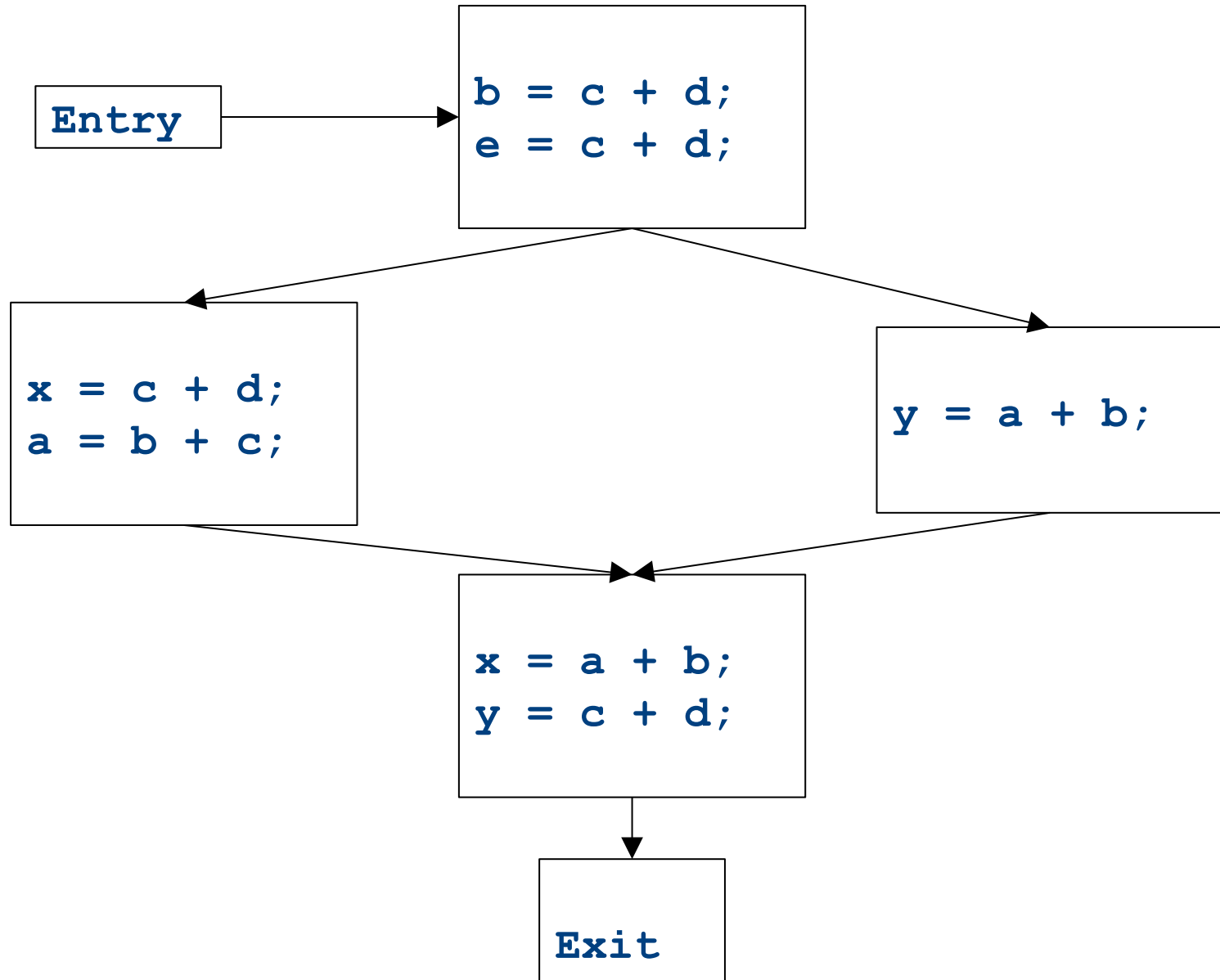
- Need to be able to handle multiple predecessors/successors for a basic block
- Need to be able to handle multiple paths through the control-flow graph, and may need to iterate multiple times to compute the final value (but the analysis still needs to terminate!)
- Need to be able to assign each basic block a reasonable default value for before we've analyzed it

# Global dead code elimination

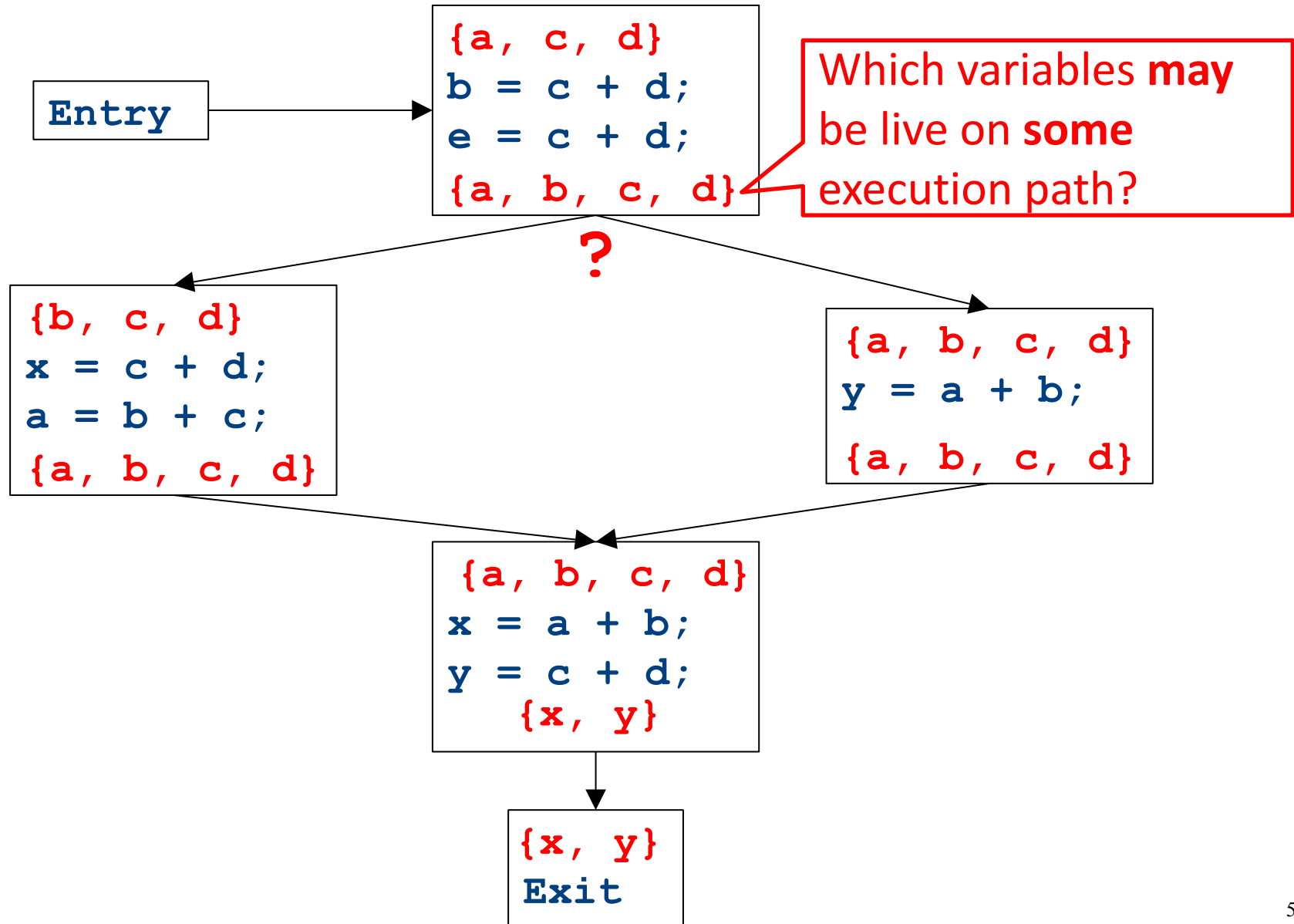
- Local dead code elimination needed to know what variables were live on exit from a basic block
- This information can only be computed as part of a global analysis
- How do we modify our liveness analysis to handle a CFG?



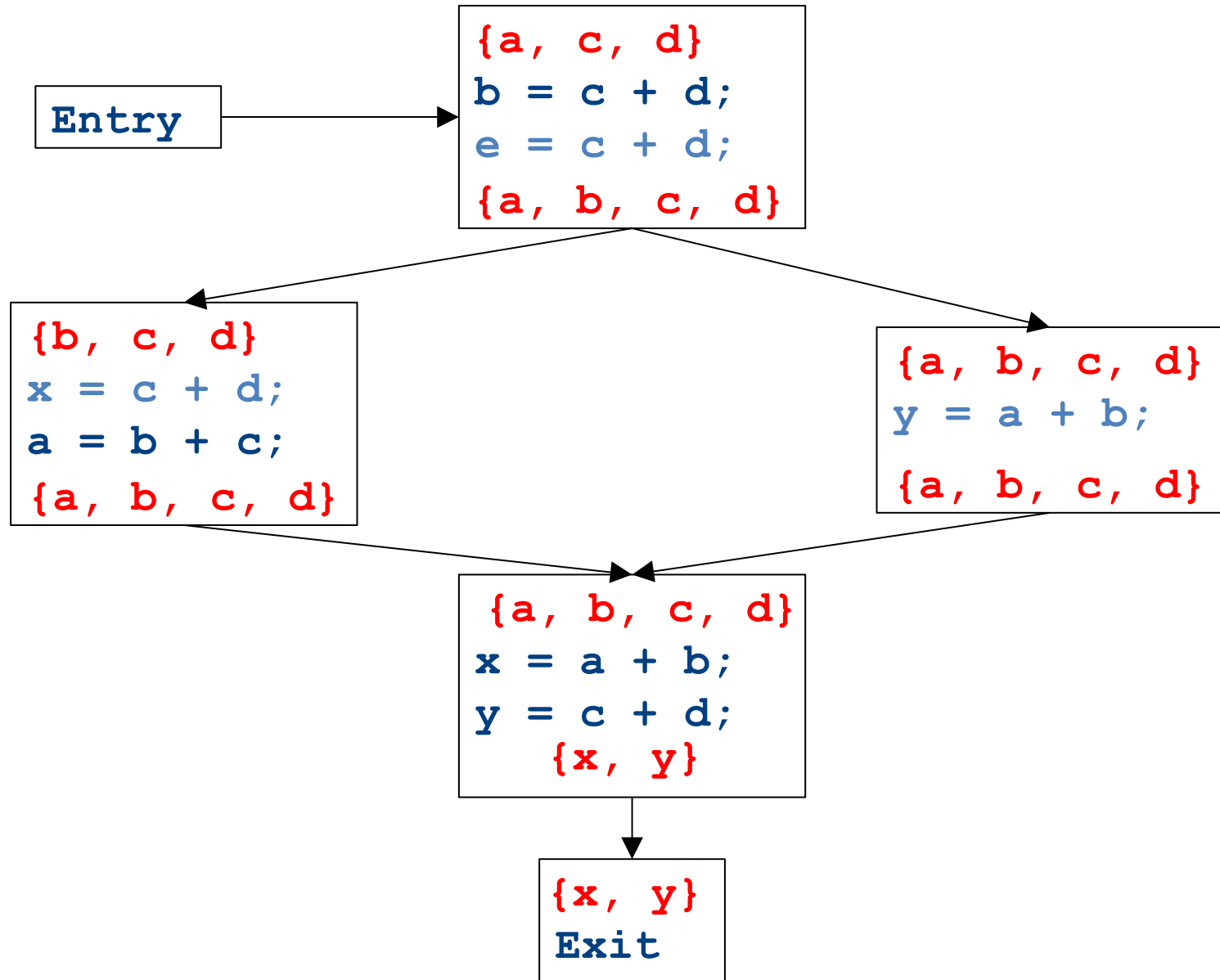
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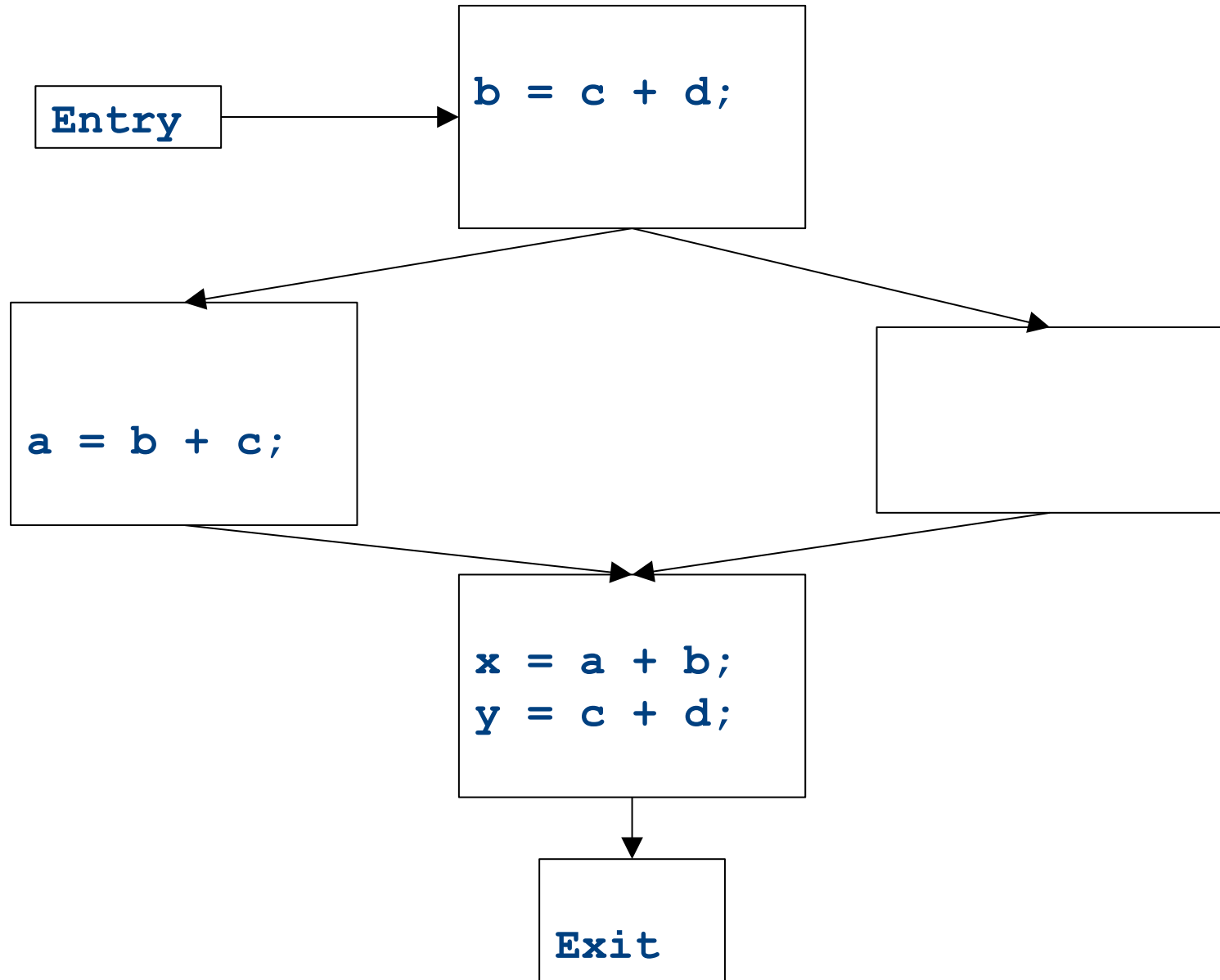
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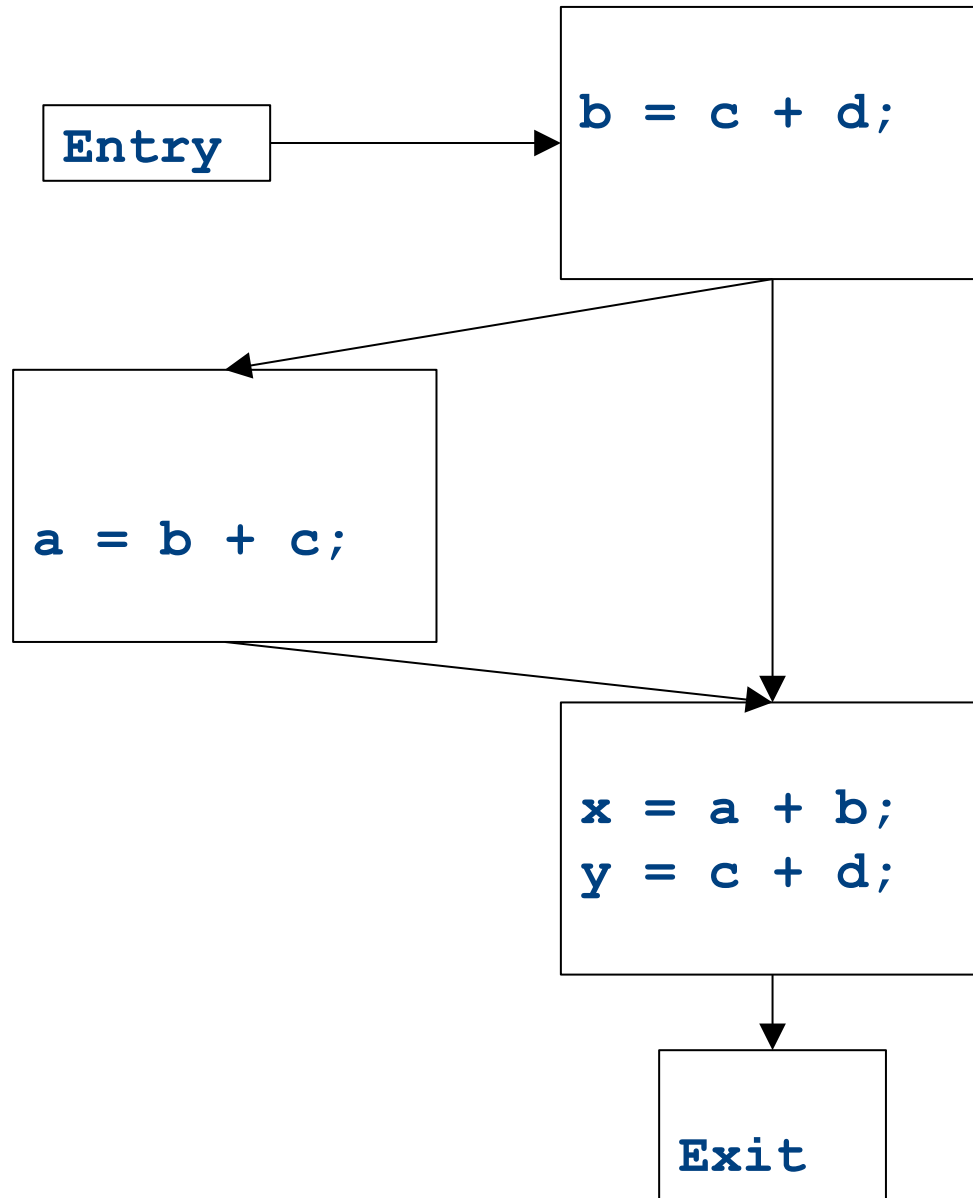
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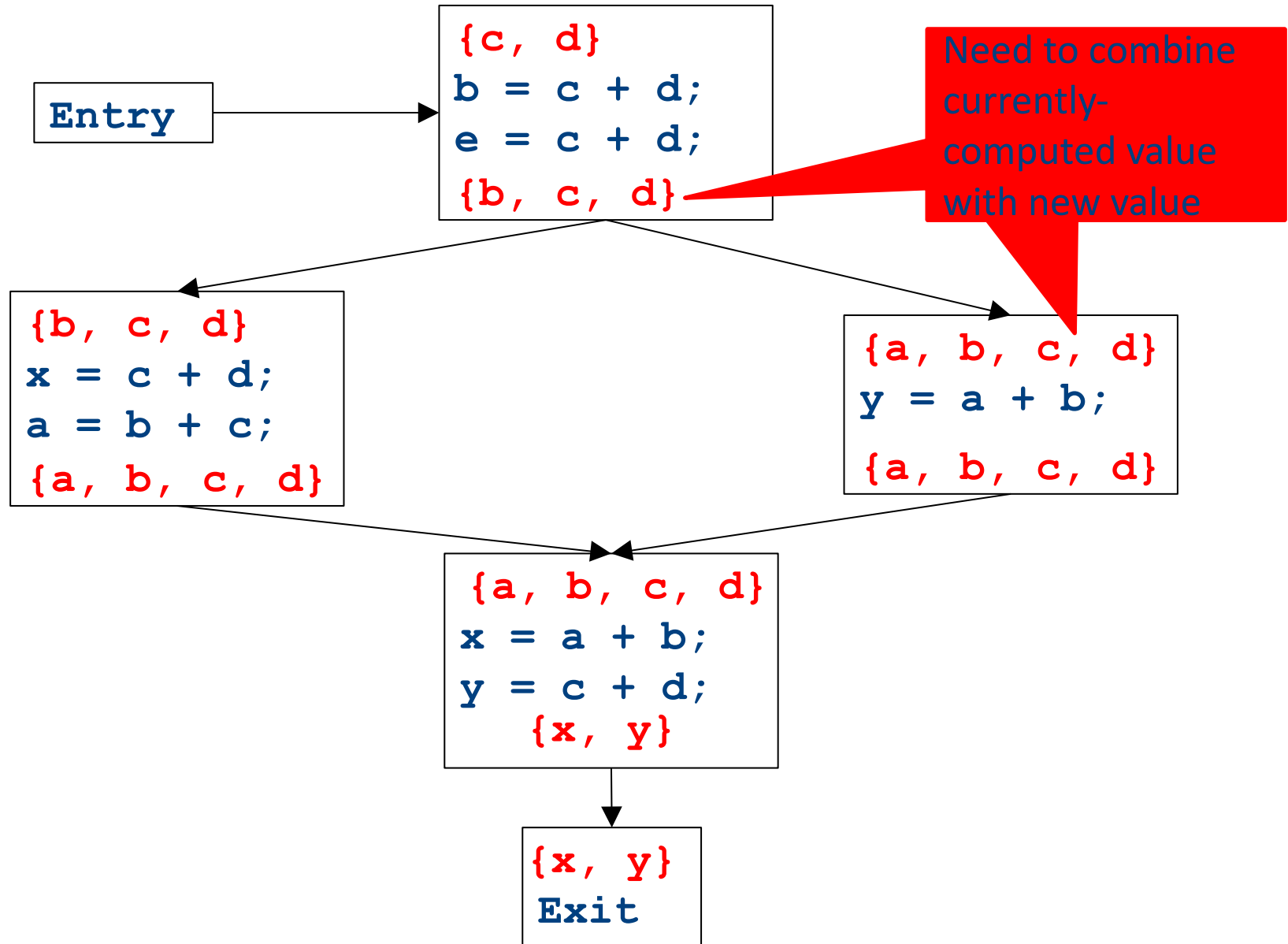
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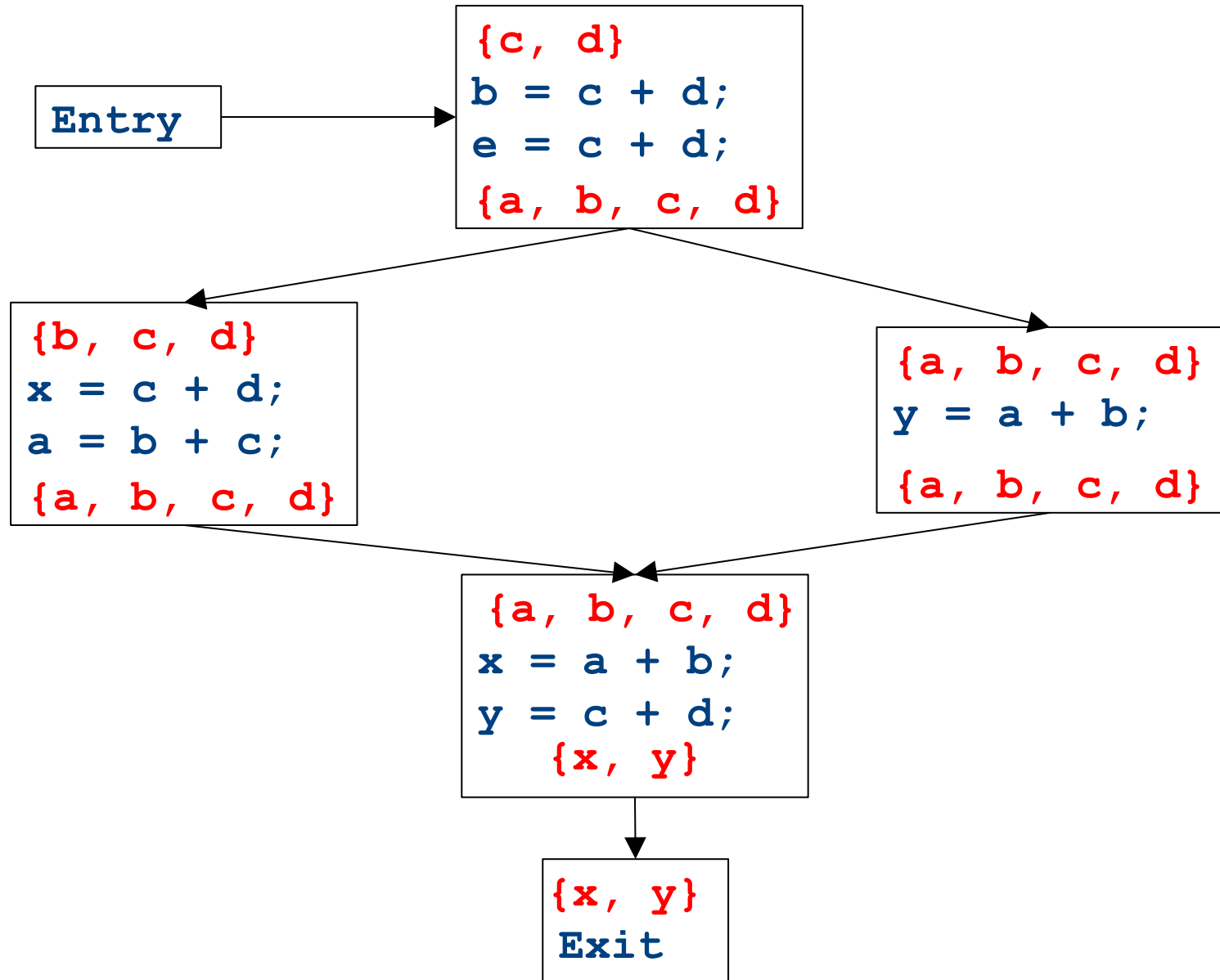
# Major changes – part 1

- In a local analysis, each statement has exactly one predecessor
- In a global analysis, each statement may have **multiple** predecessors
- A global analysis must have some means of **combining information** from all predecessors of a basic block

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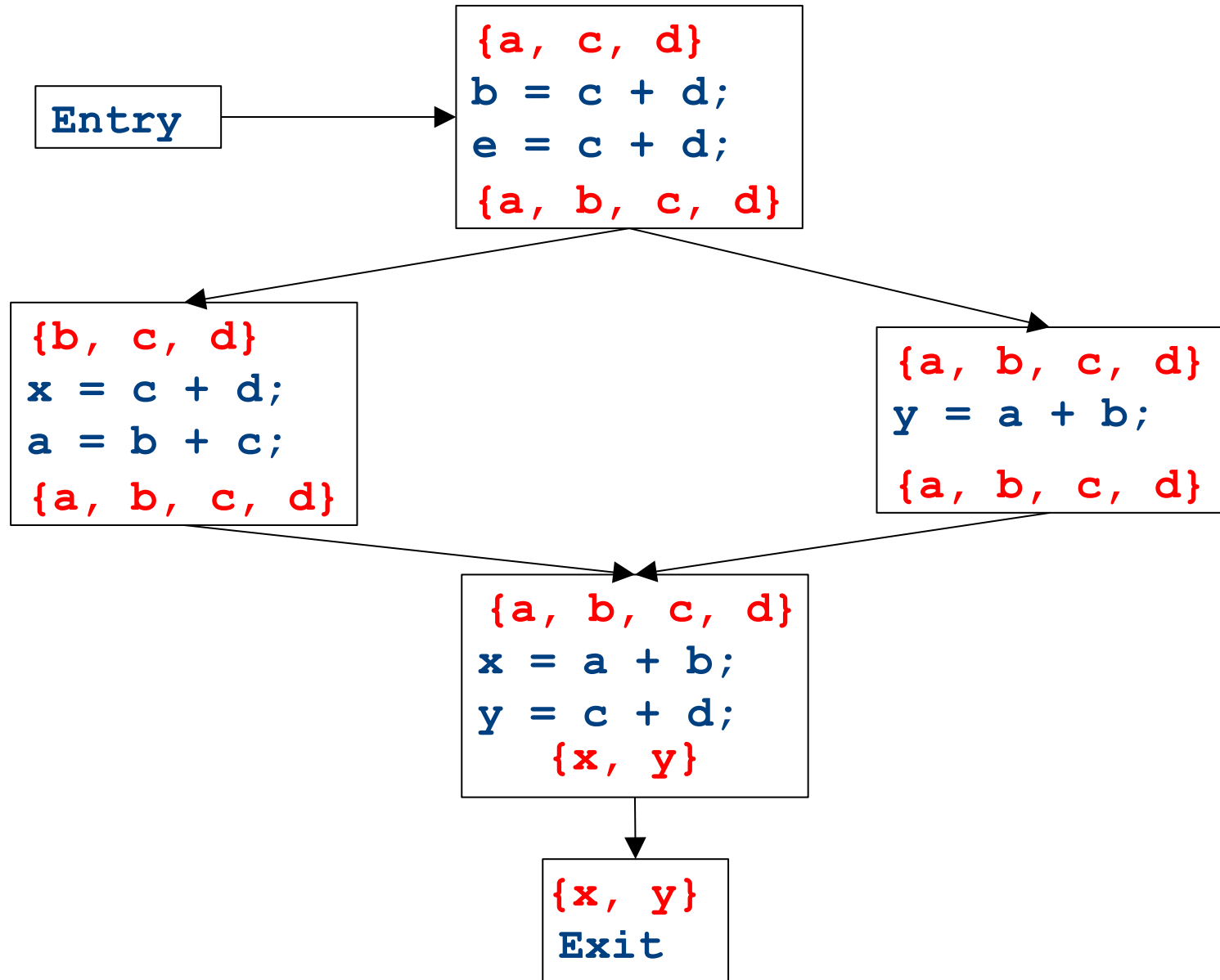


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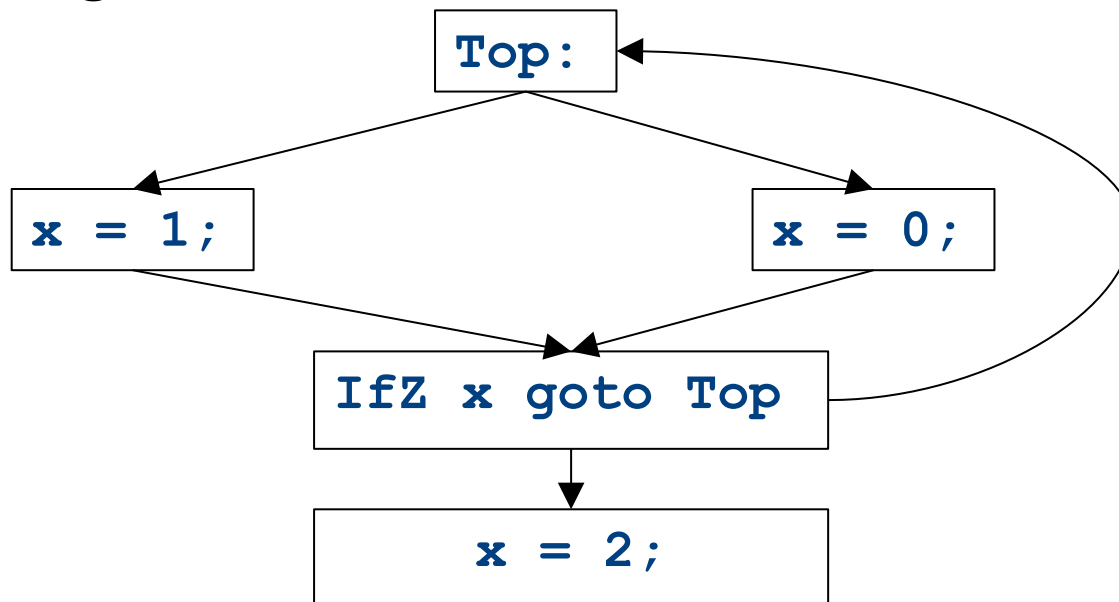


# Major changes – part 2

- In a local analysis, there is only one possible path through a basic block
- In a global analysis, there may be **many** paths through a CFG
- May need to recompute values multiple times as more information becomes available
- Need to be careful when doing this not to loop infinitely!
  - (More on that later)
- Can order of computation affect result?

# CFGs with loops

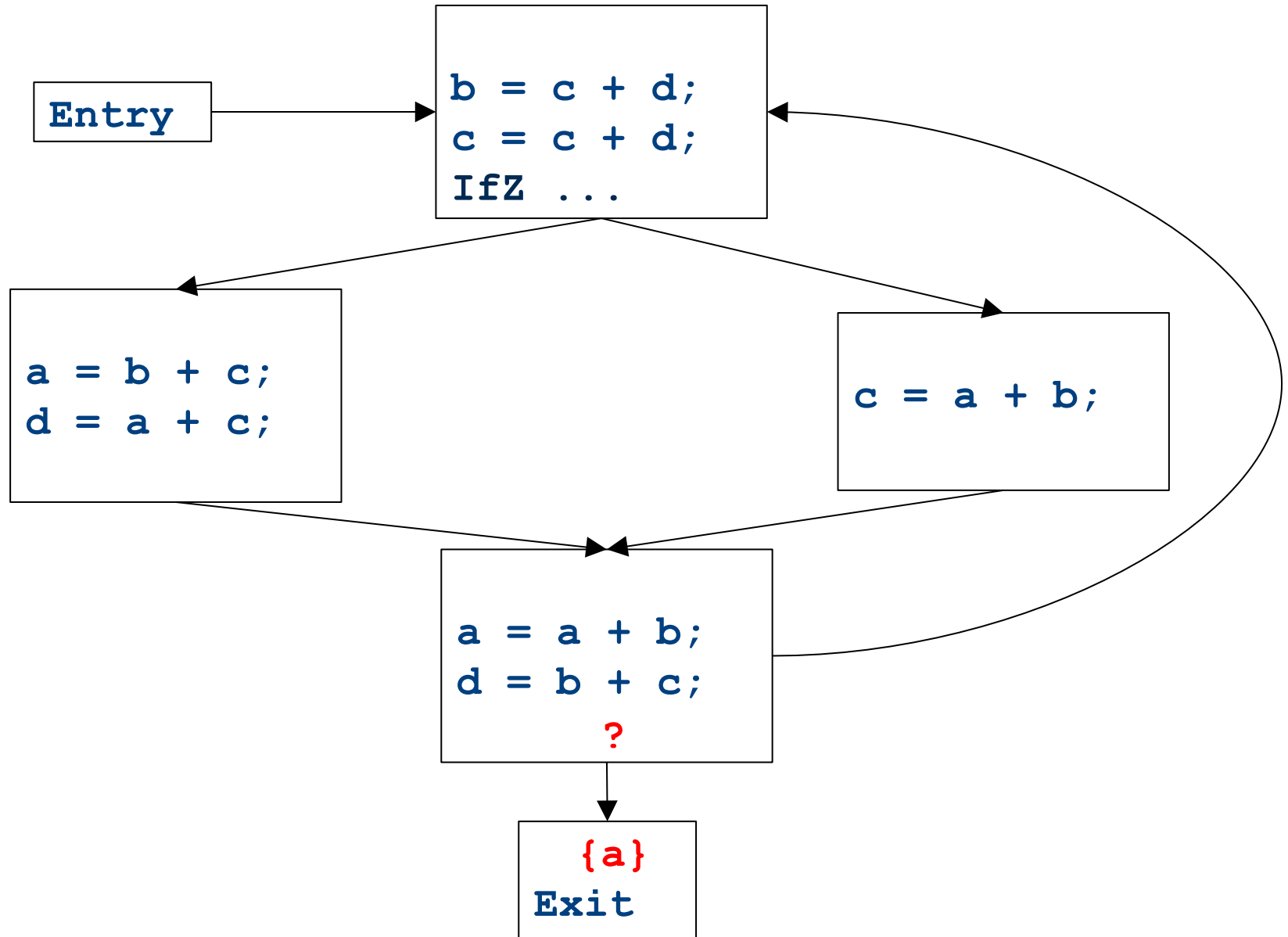
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- Up to this point, we've considered loop-free CFGs, which have only finitely many possible paths
- When we add loops into the picture, this is no longer true
- Not all possible loops in a CFG can be realized in the actual program
- **Sound approximation:** Assume that every possible path through the CFG corresponds to a valid execution
  - Includes all realizable paths, but some additional paths as well
  - May make our analysis less precise (but still sound)
  - Makes the analysis feasible; we'll see how later

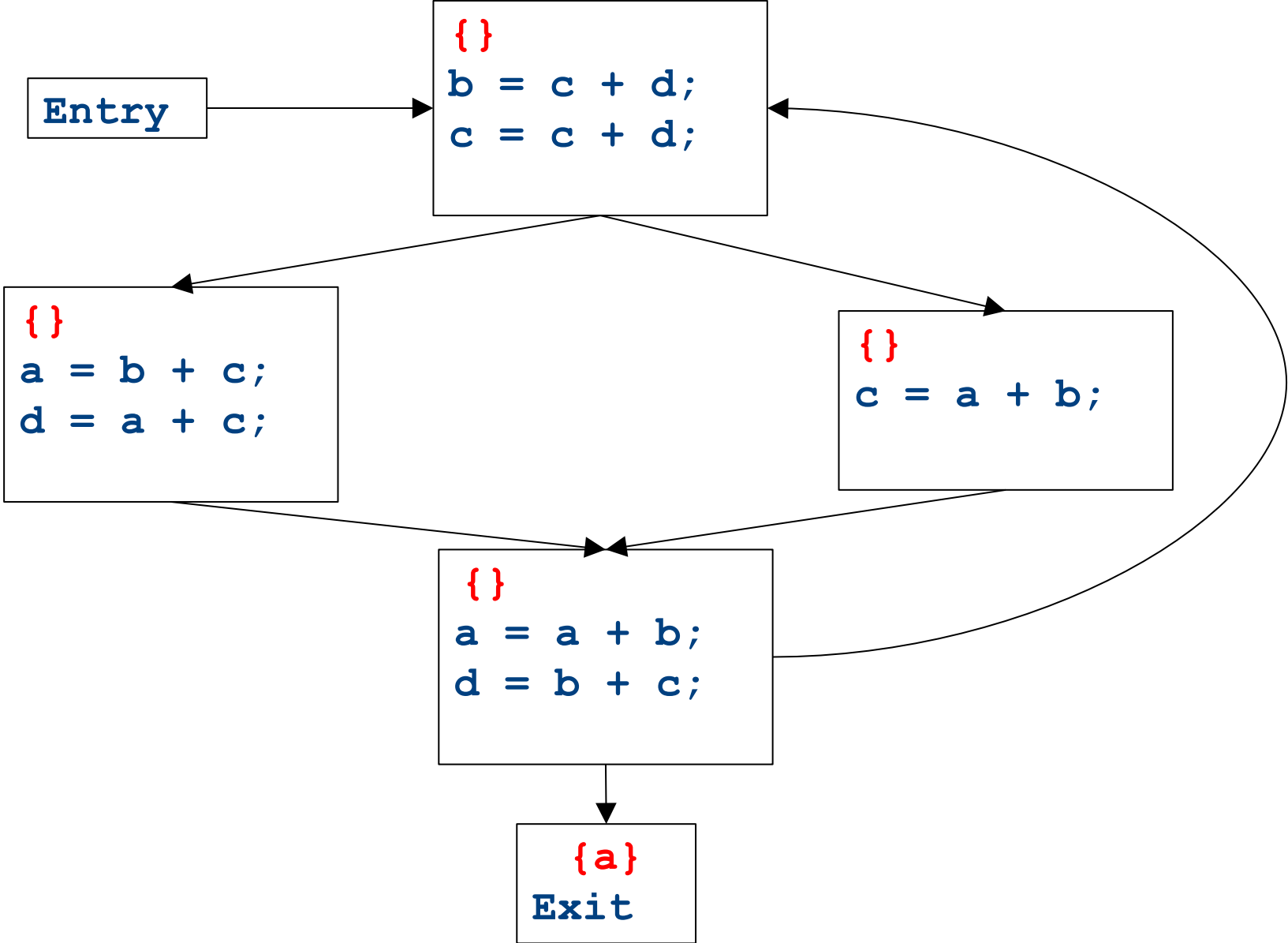
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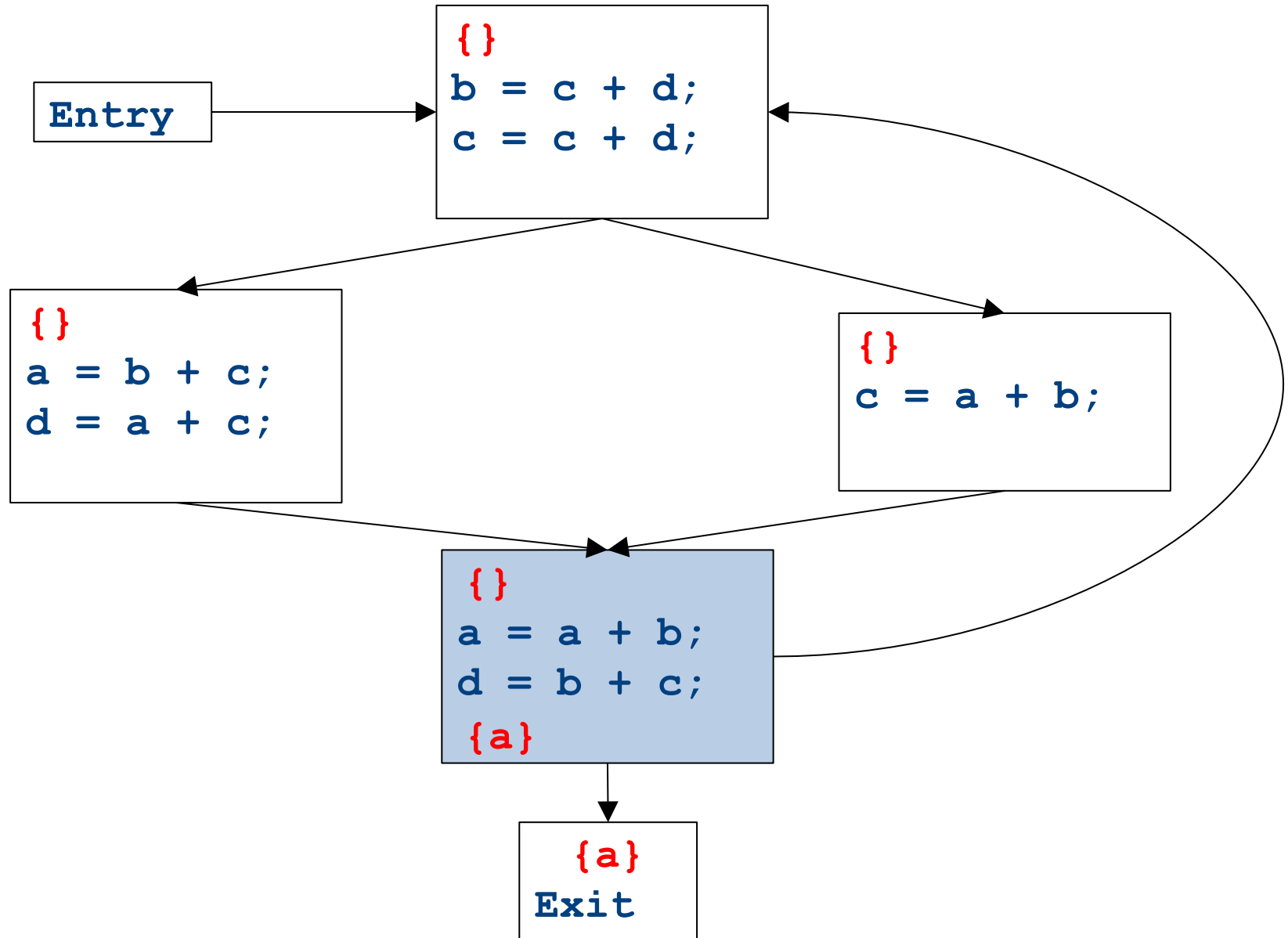
# Major changes – part 3

- In a local analysis, there is always a well defined “first” statement to begin processing
- In a global analysis with loops, every basic block might depend on every other basic block
- To fix this, we need to assign initial values to all of the blocks in the CFG

# CFGs with loops - initialization

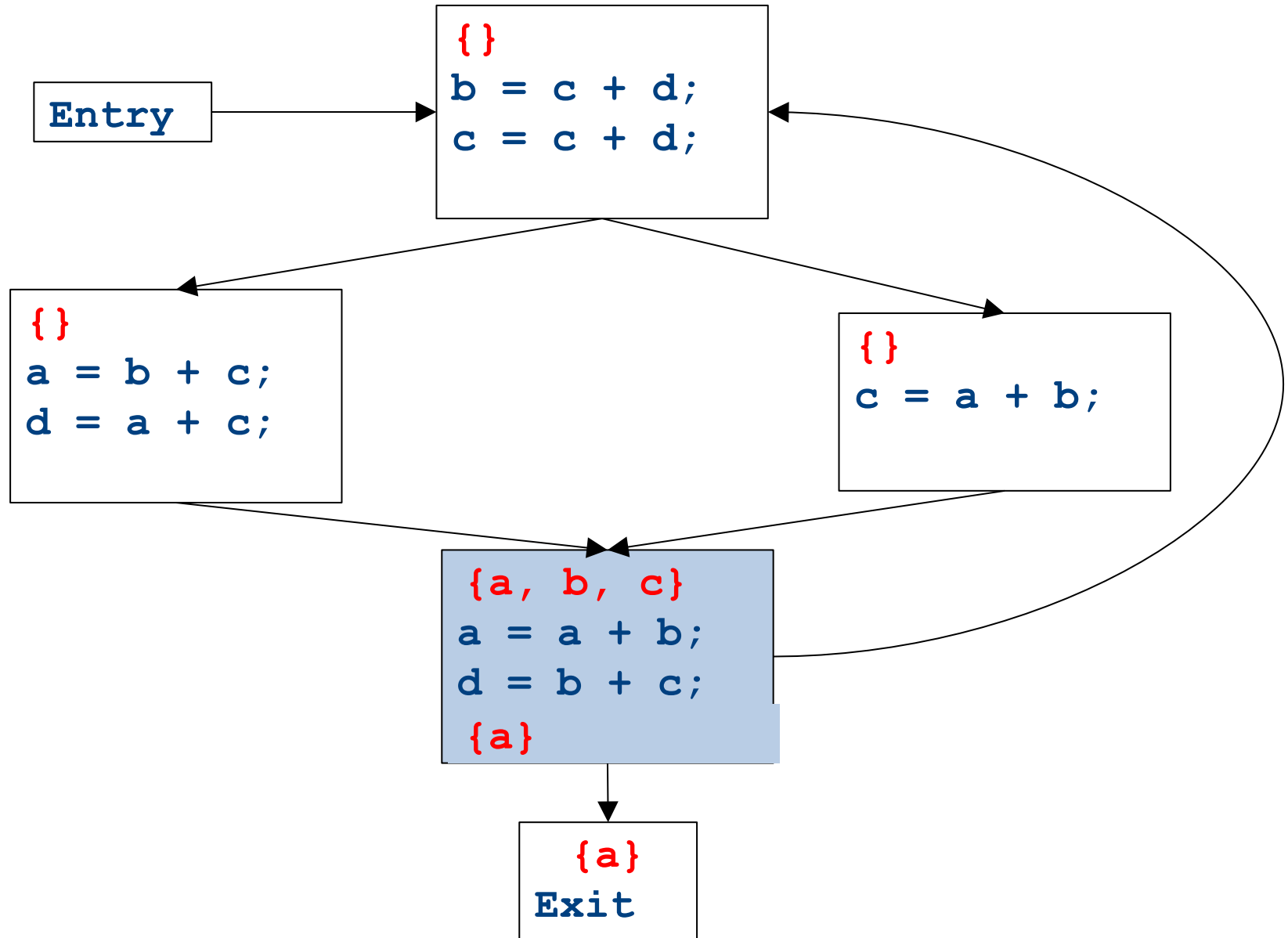


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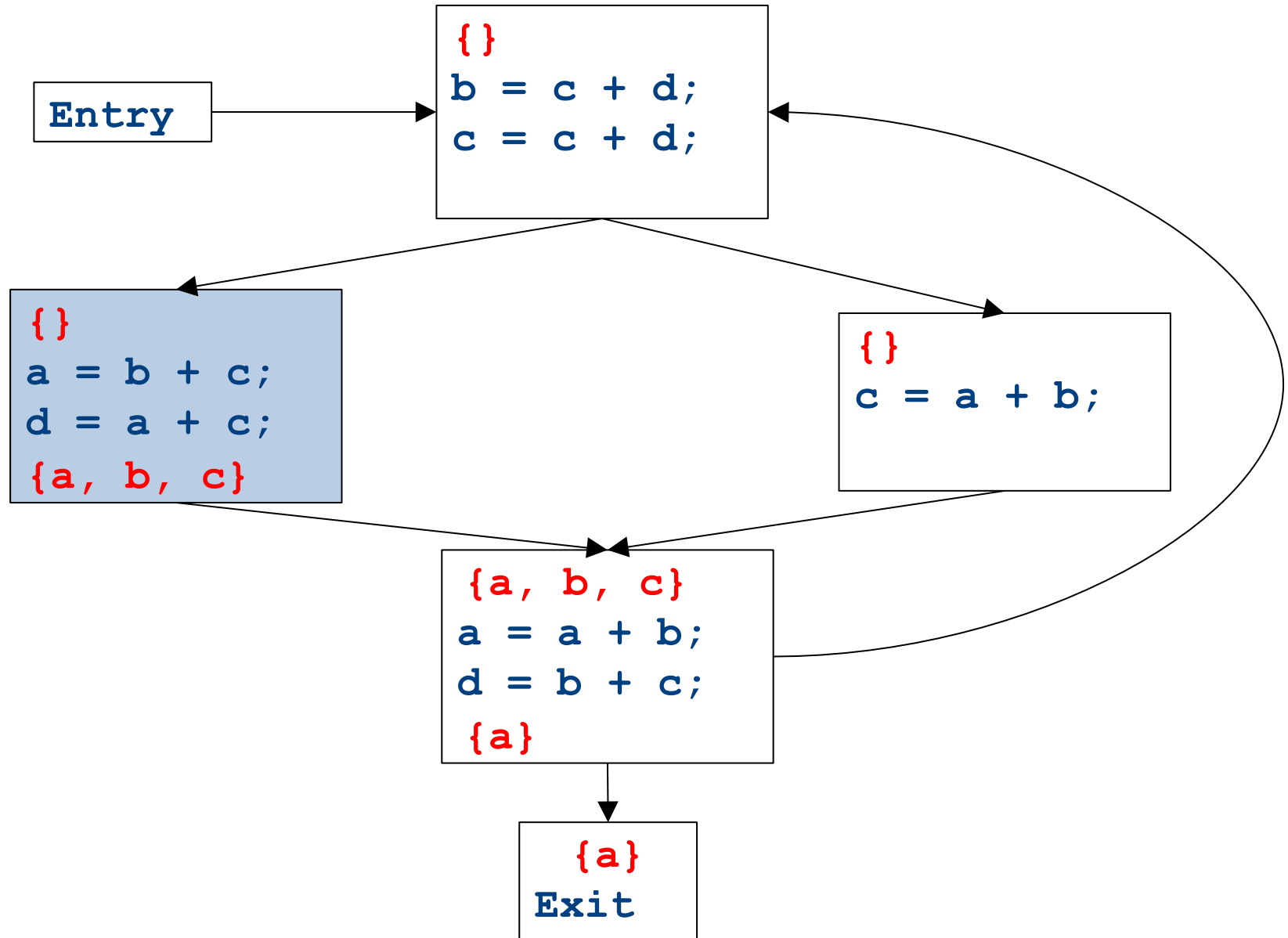




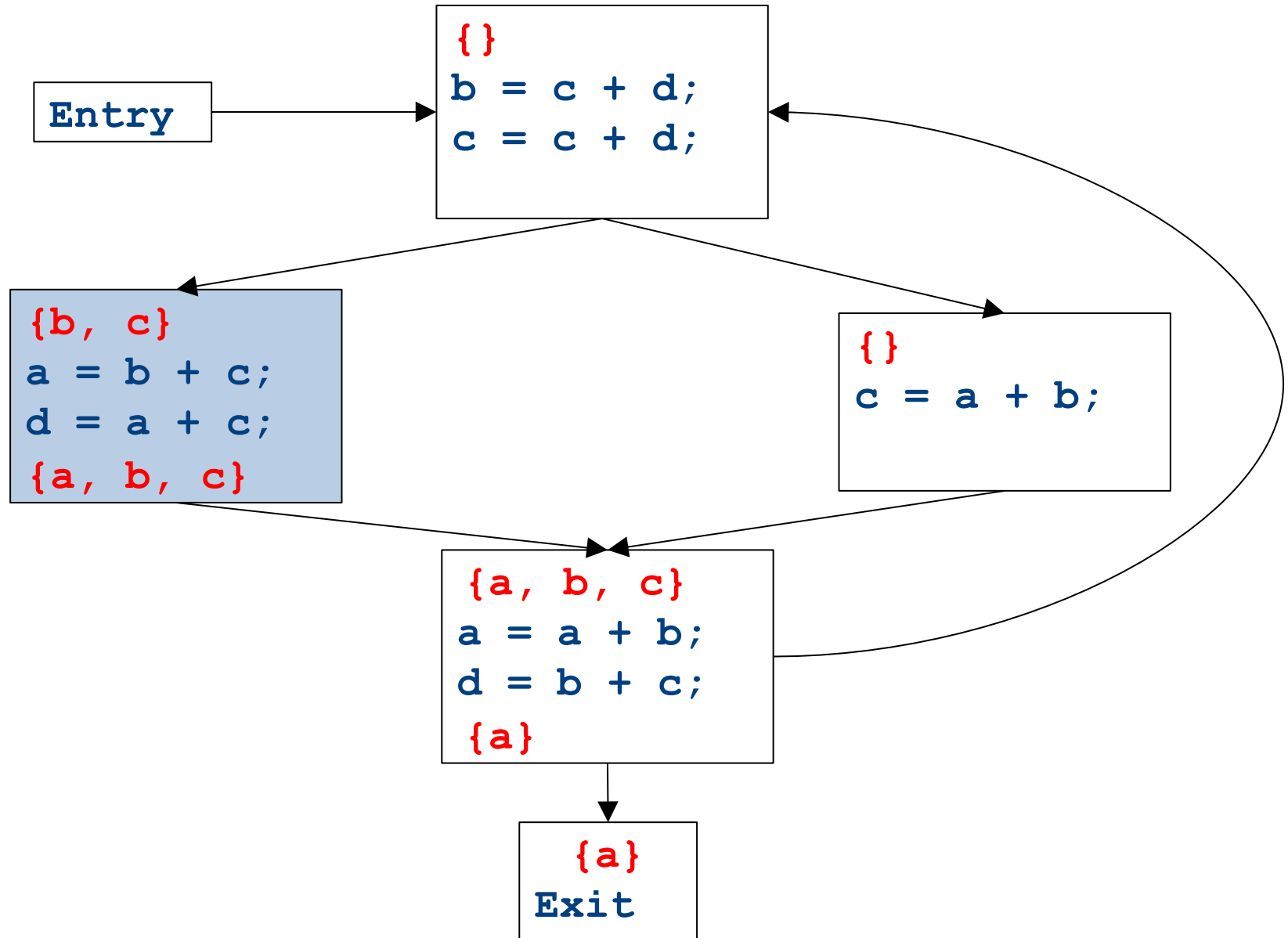
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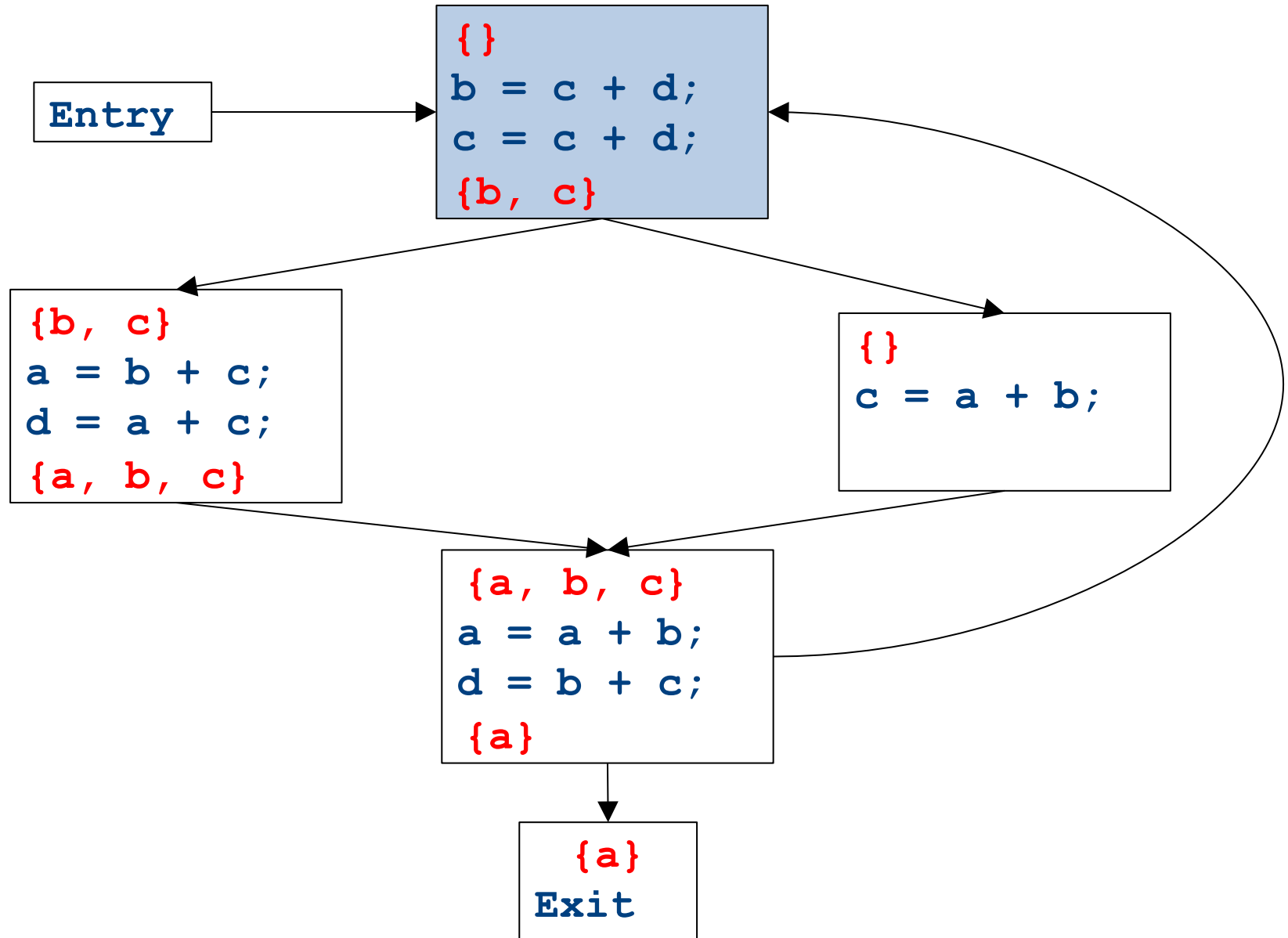
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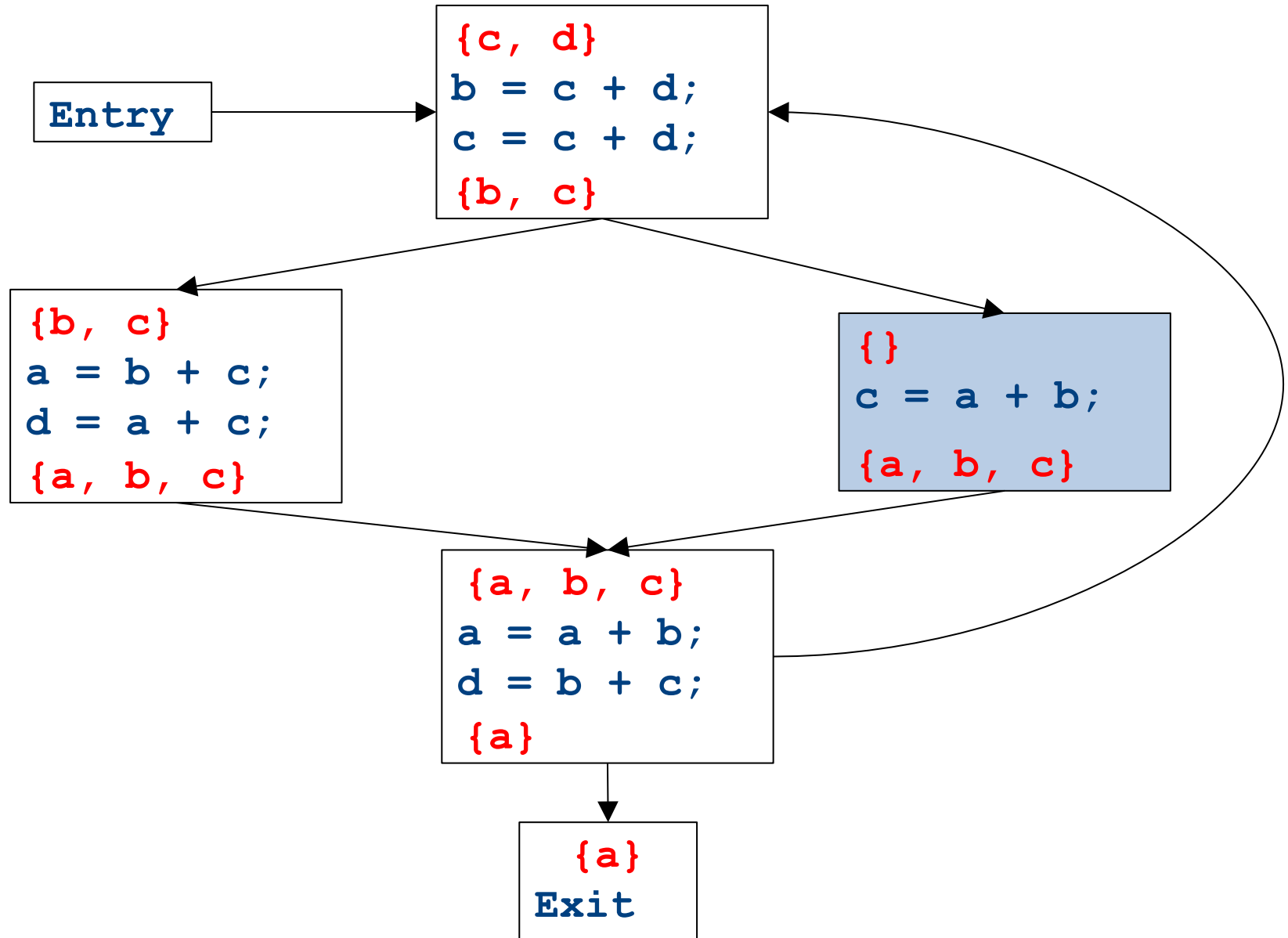
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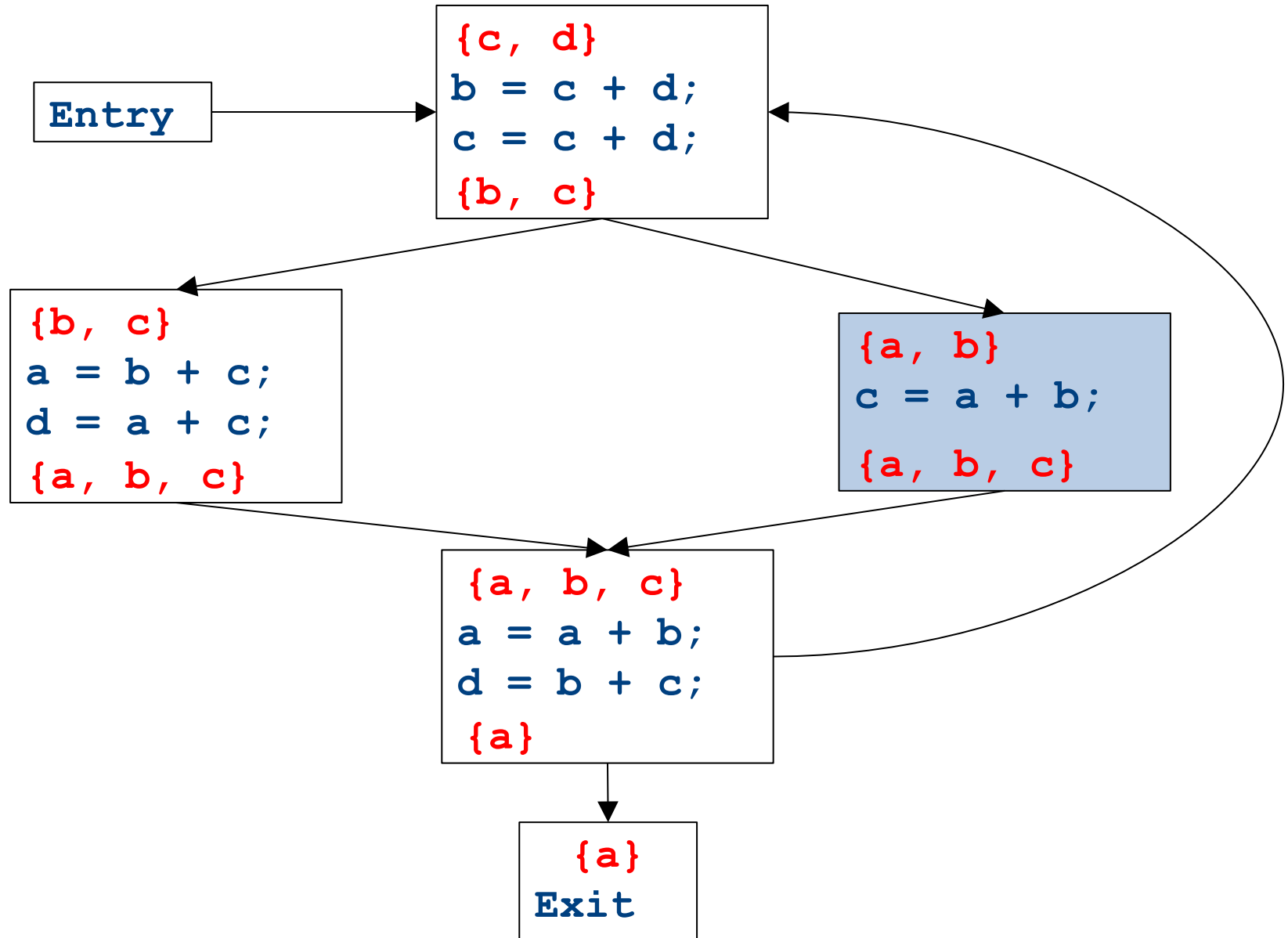
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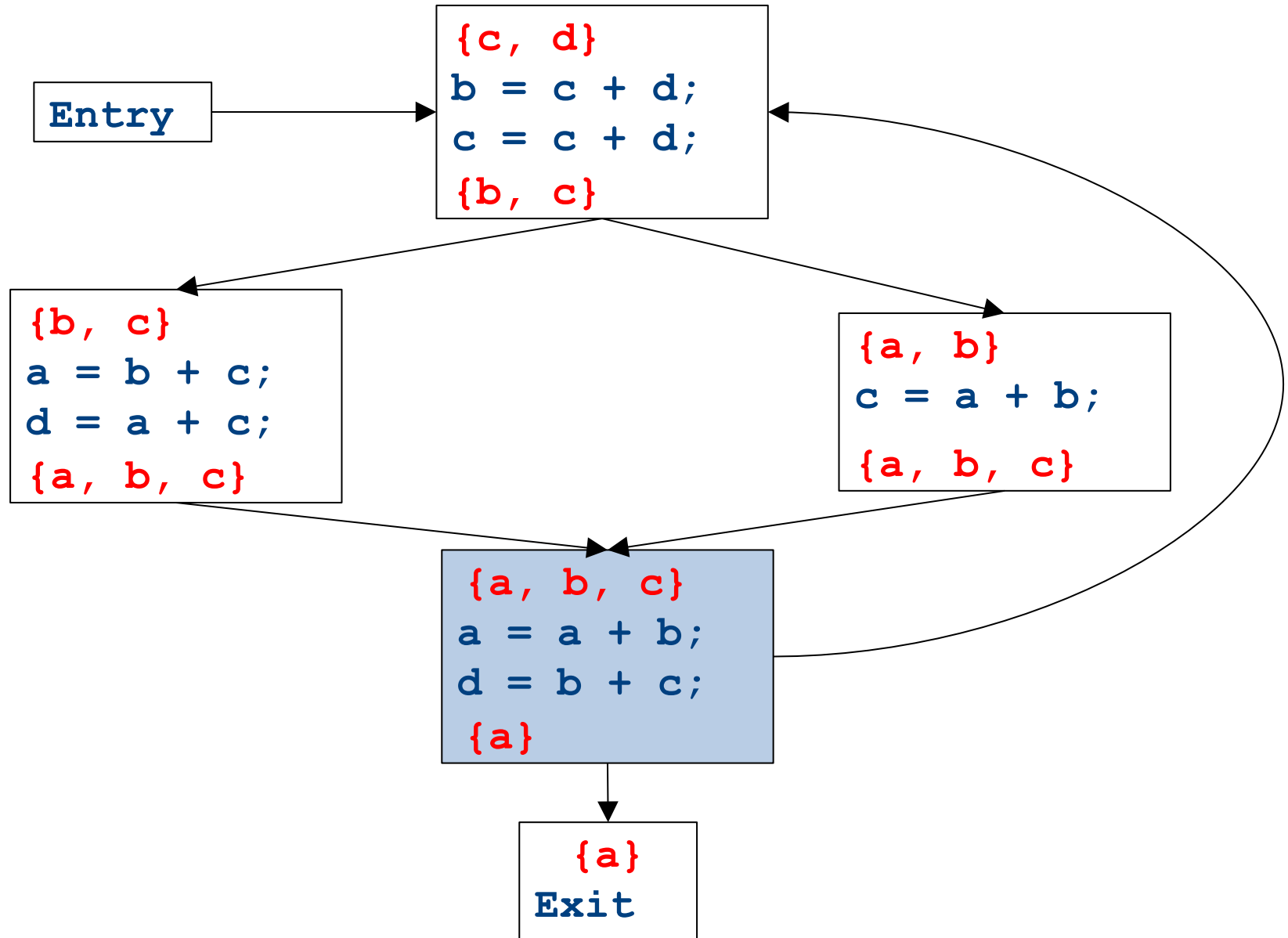
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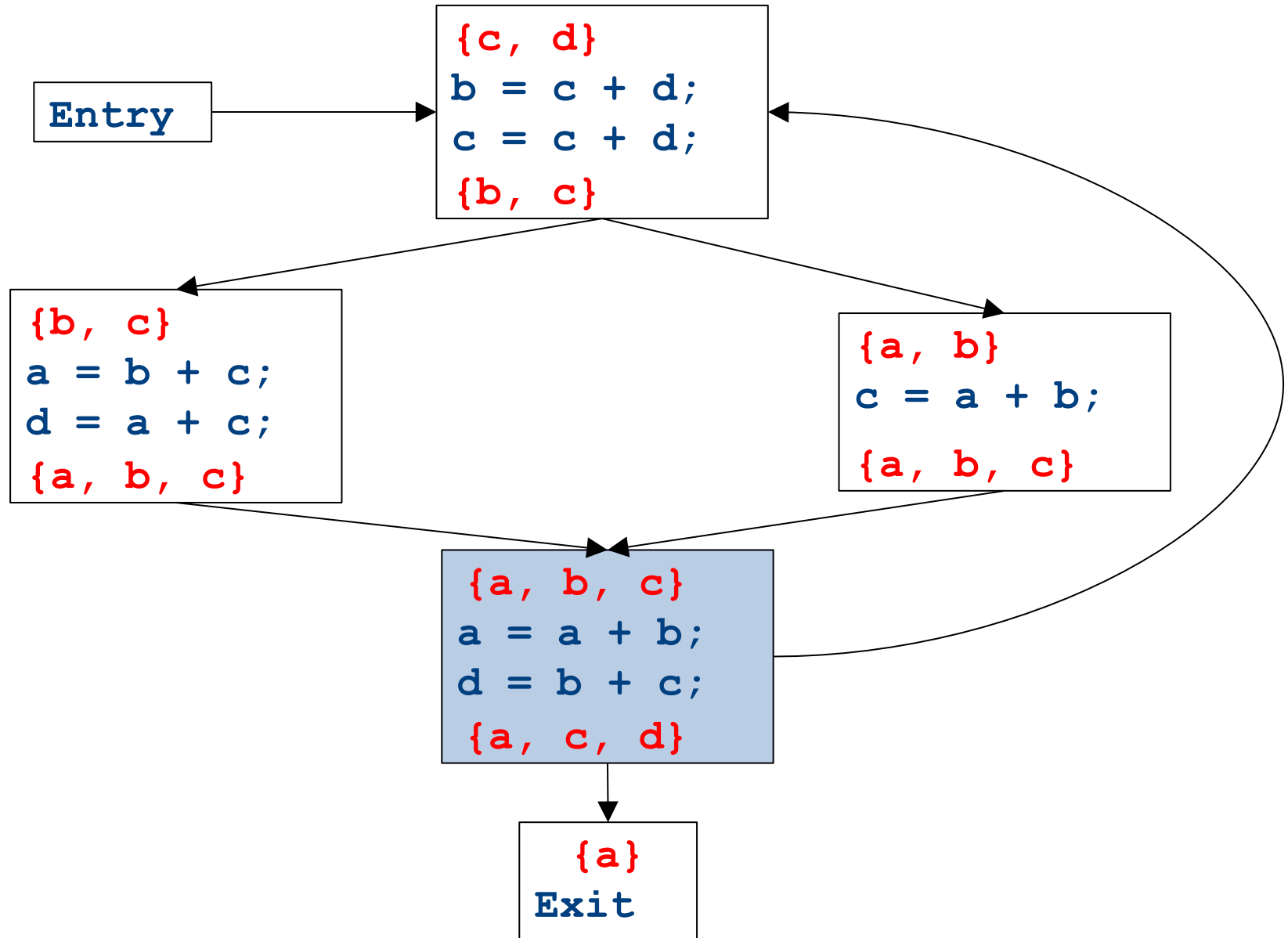
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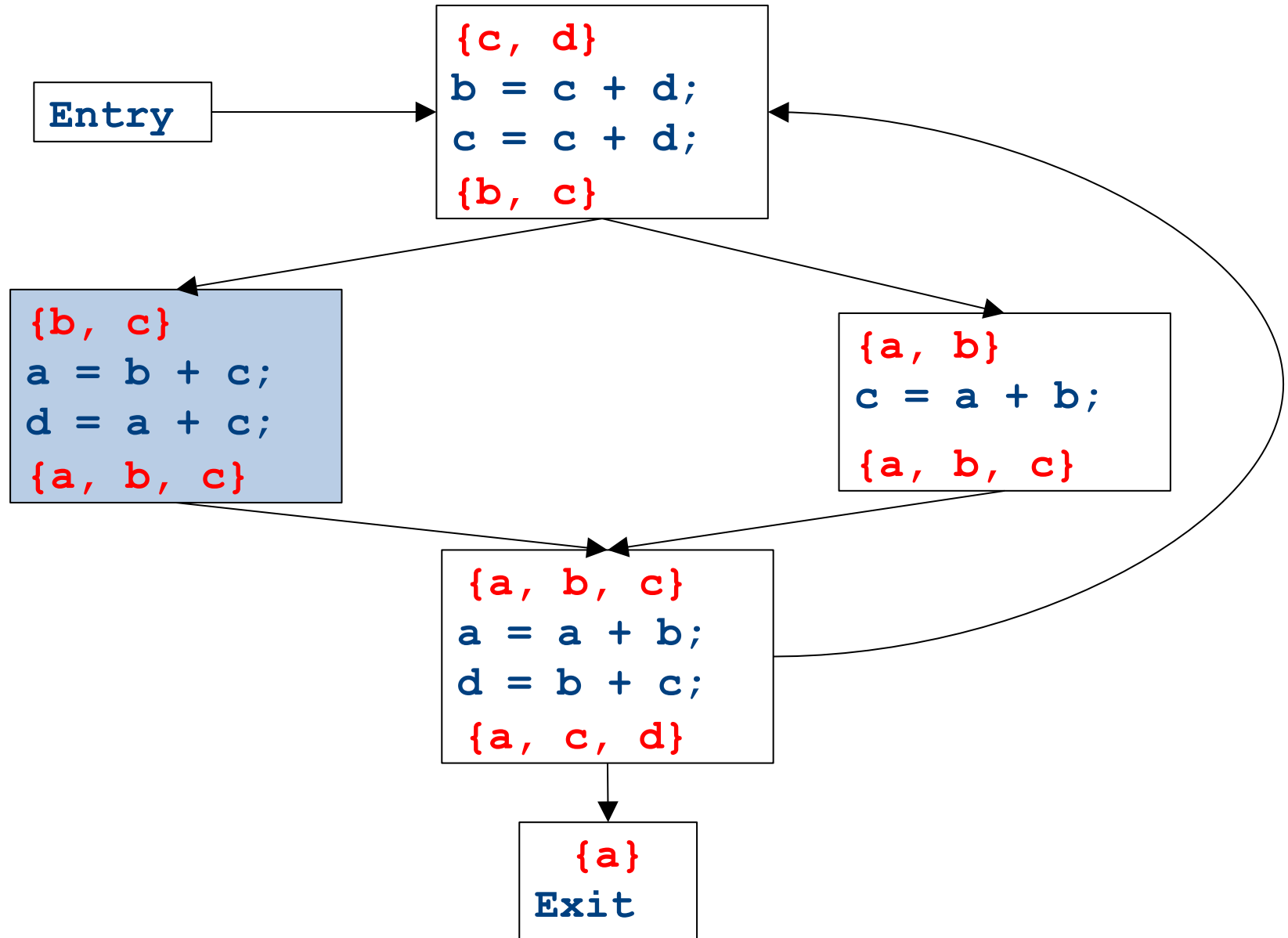


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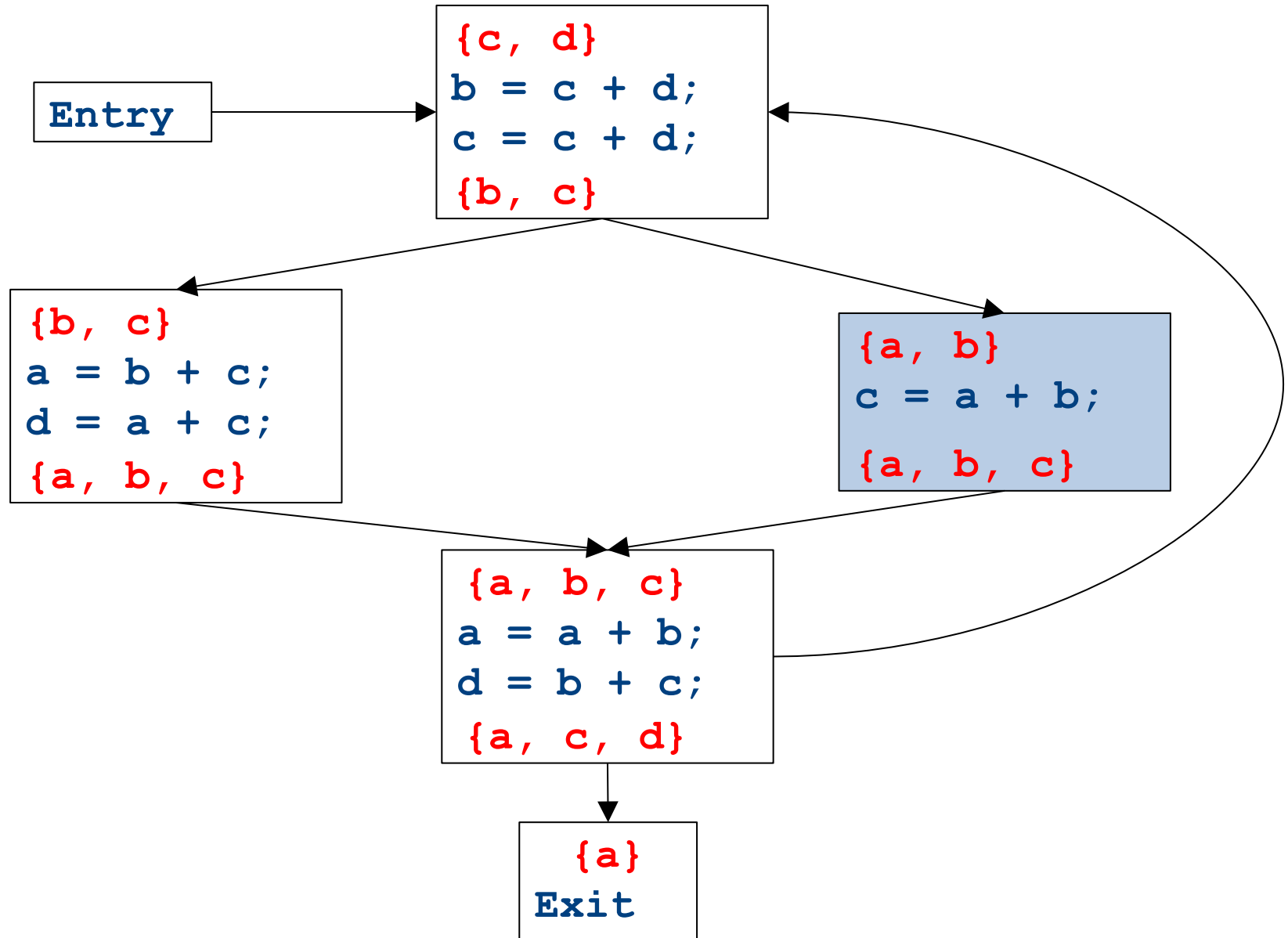




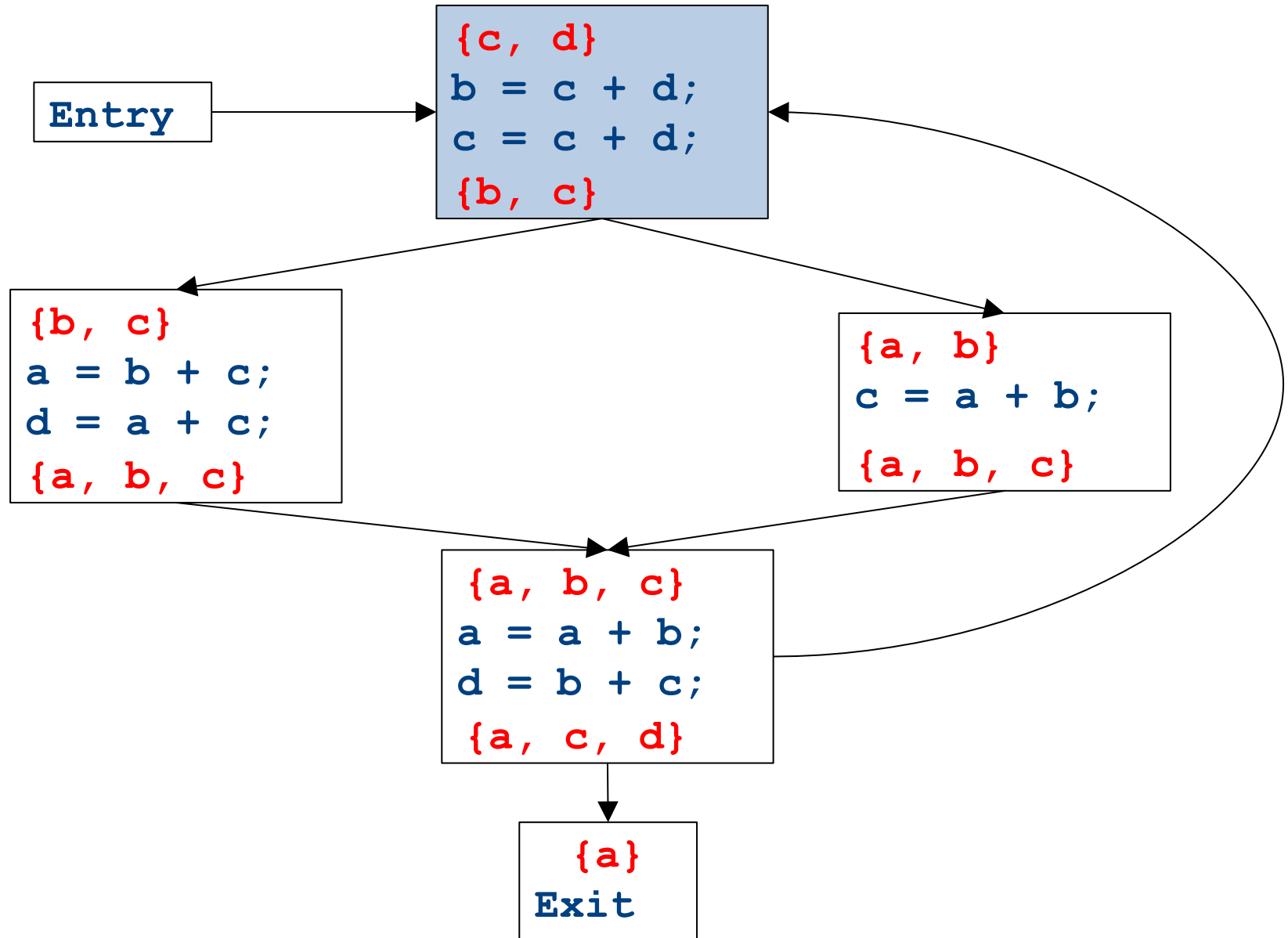
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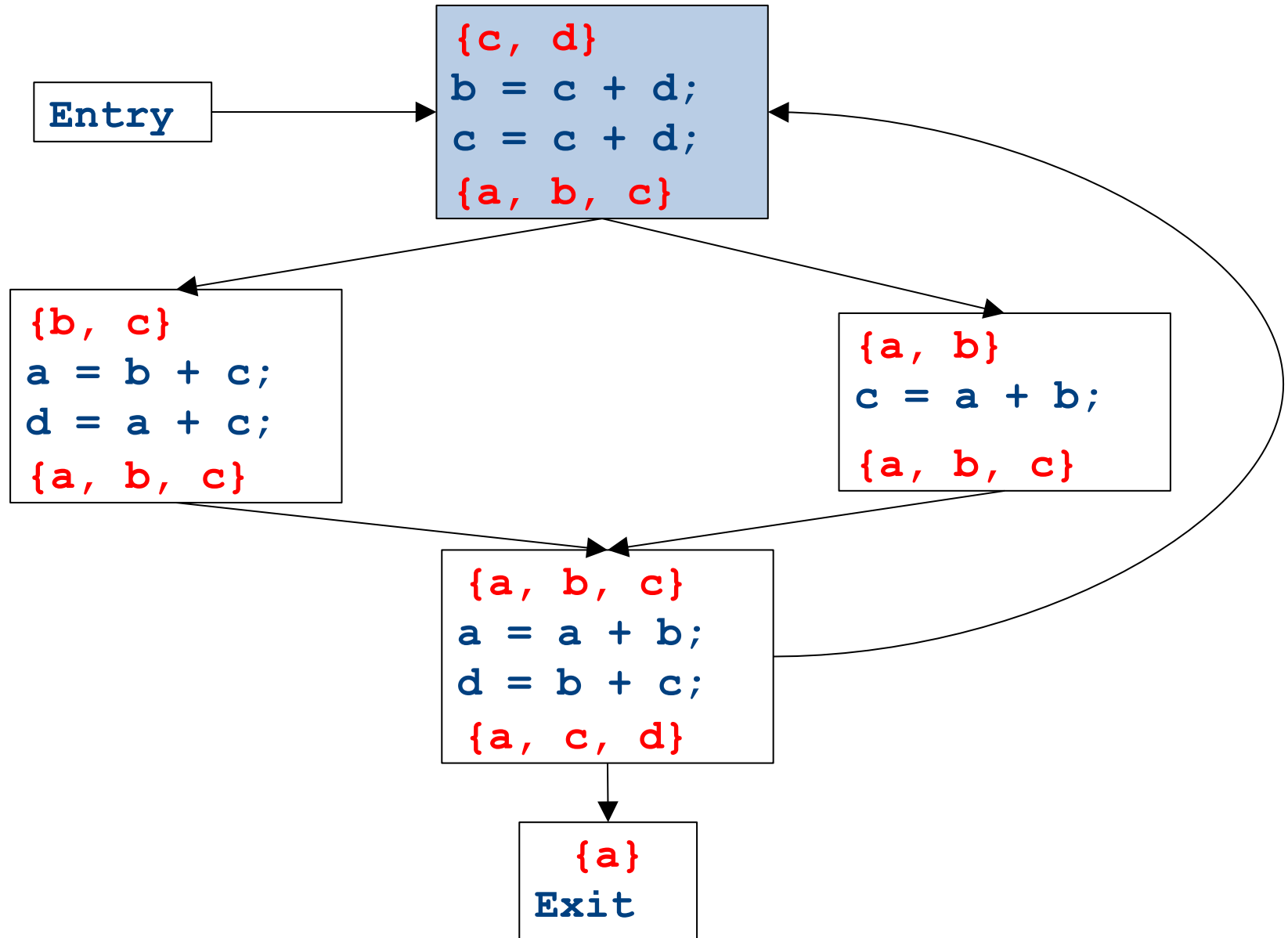
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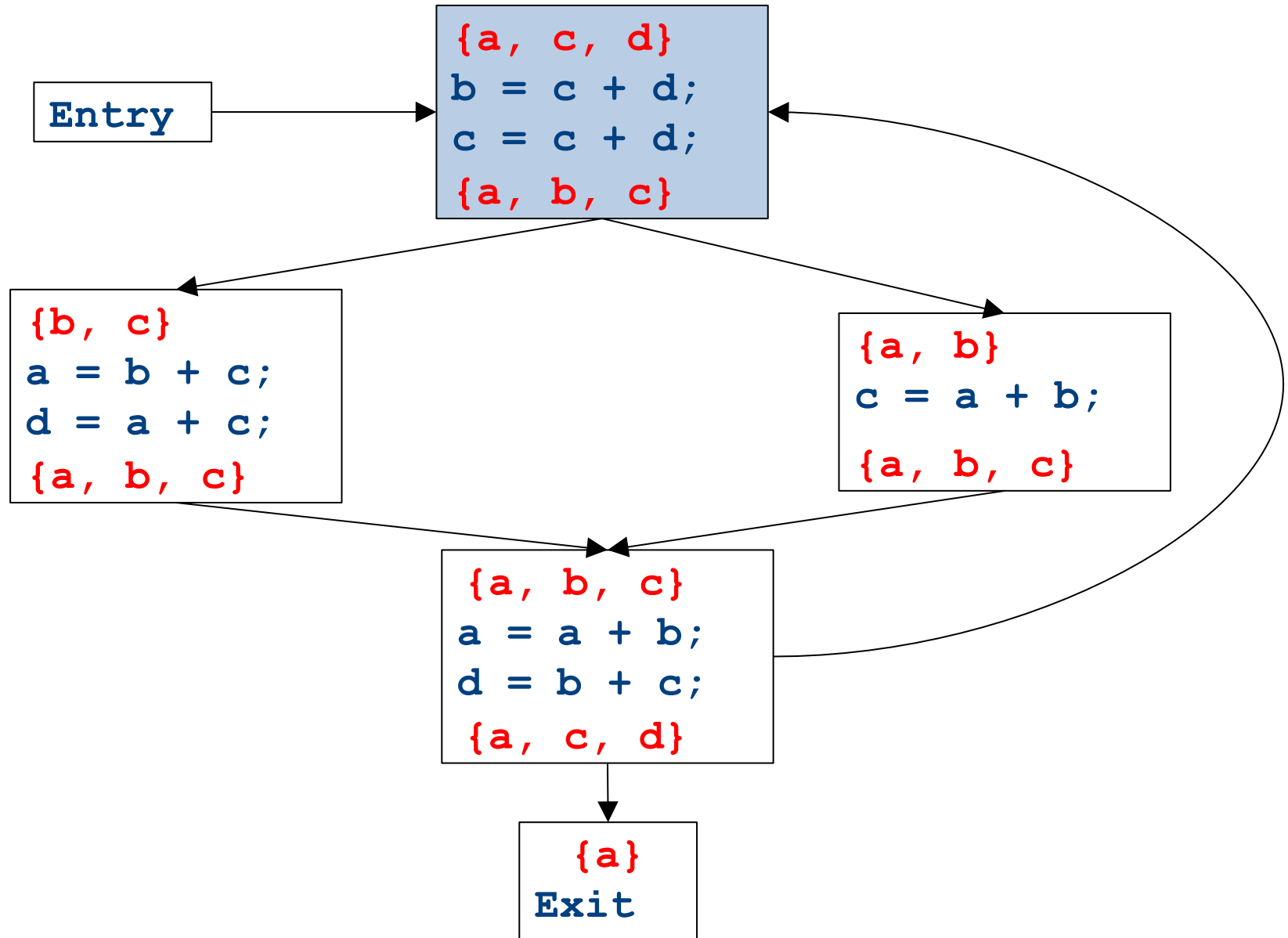
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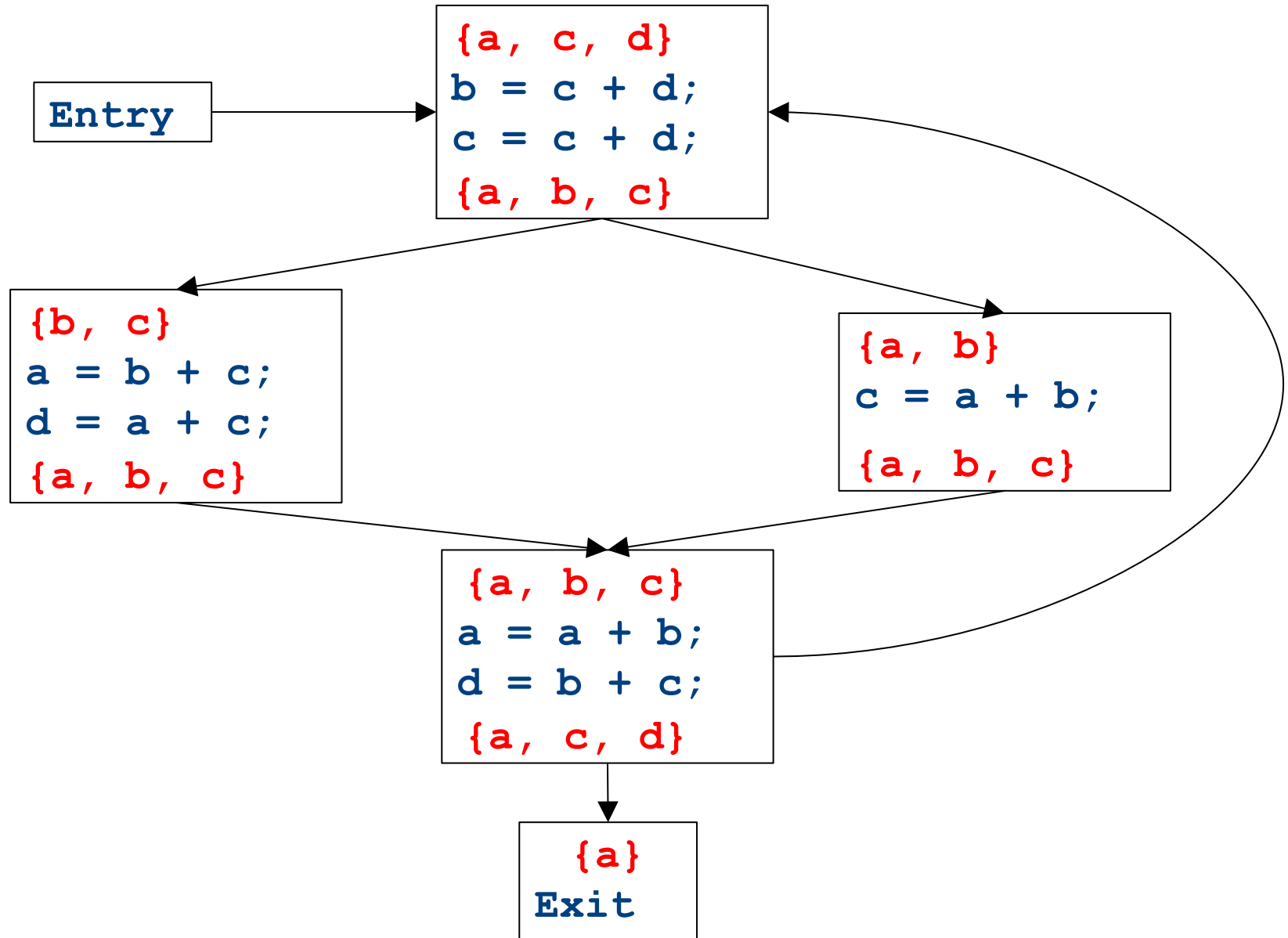
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# CFGs with loops - iteration



# Summary of differences

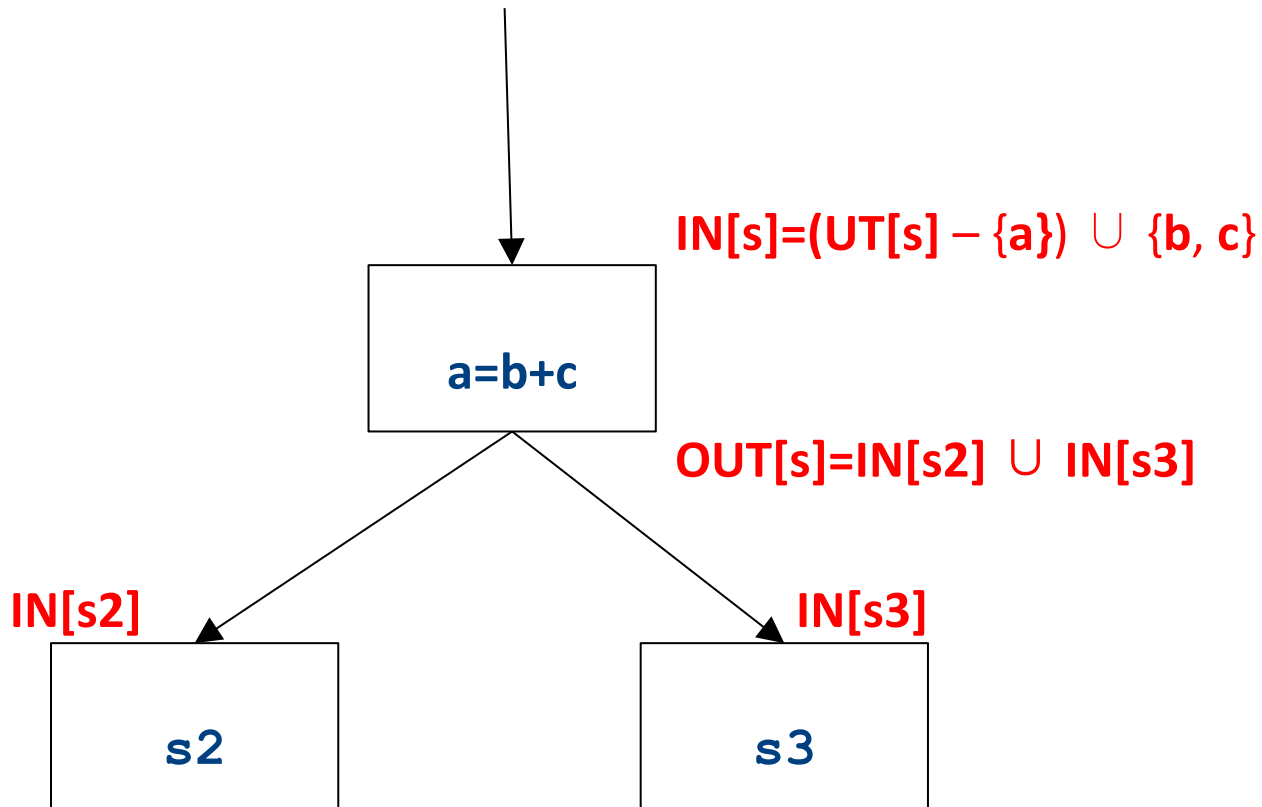
- Need to be able to handle multiple predecessors/successors for a basic block
- Need to be able to handle multiple paths through the control-flow graph, and may need to iterate multiple times to compute the final value
  - But the analysis still needs to terminate!
- Need to be able to assign each basic block a reasonable default value for before we've analyzed it

# Global liveness analysis

- Initially, set  $IN[s] = \{ \}$  for each statement  $s$
- Set  $IN[\mathbf{exit}]$  to the set of variables known to be live on exit (language-specific knowledge)
- Repeat until no changes occur:
  - For each statement  $s$  of the form  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}$ , in any order you'd like:
    - Set  $OUT[s]$  to set union of  $IN[p]$  for each successor  $p$  of  $s$
    - Set  $IN[s]$  to  $(OUT[s] - \mathbf{a}) \cup \{\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}\}$ .
- Yet another fixed-point iteration!



# Global liveness analysis



# Why does this work?

- To show correctness, we need to show that
  - The algorithm eventually terminates, and
  - When it terminates, it has a sound answer
- Termination argument:
  - Once a variable is discovered to be live during some point of the analysis, it always stays live
  - Only finitely many variables and finitely many places where a variable can become live
- Soundness argument (sketch):
  - Each individual rule, applied to some set, correctly updates liveness in that set
  - When computing the union of the set of live variables, a variable is only live if it was live on some path leaving the statement

# Abstract Interpretation

- Theoretical foundations of program analysis
- Cousot and Cousot 1977
- Abstract meaning of programs
  - Executed at compile time

# Another view of local optimization

- In local optimization, we want to reason about some property of the runtime behavior of the program
- Could we run the program and just watch what happens?
- **Idea:** Redefine the semantics of our programming language to give us information about our analysis

# Properties of local analysis

- The only way to find out what a program will actually do is to run it
- Problems:
  - The program might not terminate
  - The program might have some behavior we didn't see when we ran it on a particular input
- However, this is not a problem inside a basic block
  - Basic blocks contain no loops
  - There is only one path through the basic block

# Assigning new semantics

- Example: Available Expressions
- Redefine the statement  **$a = b + c$**  to mean “ **$a$  now holds the value of  $b + c$ , and any variable holding the value  $a$  is now invalid**”
- Run the program assuming these new semantics
- Treat the optimizer as an interpreter for these new semantics

# Theory to the rescue

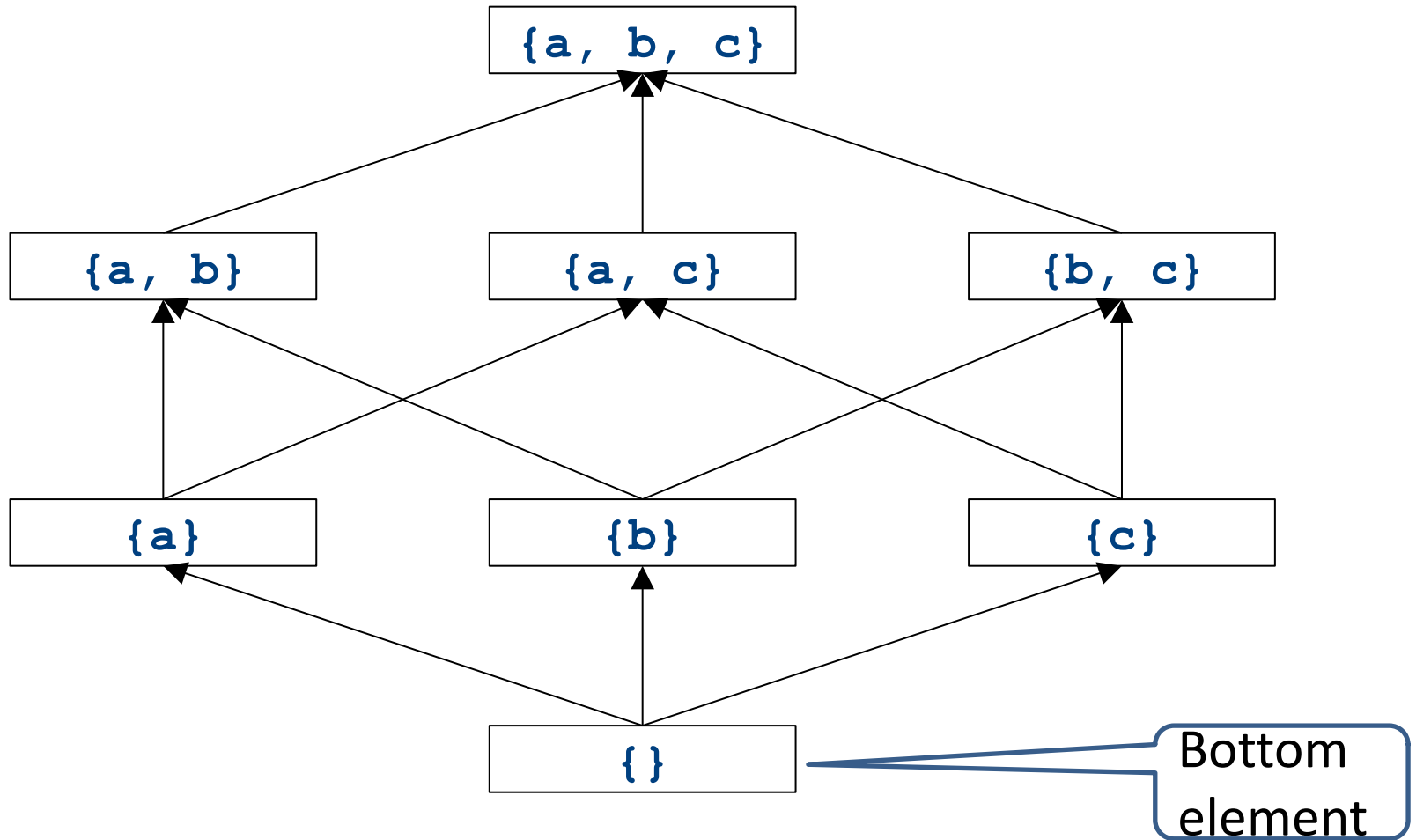
- Building up all of the machinery to design this analysis was tricky
- The key ideas, however, are mostly independent of the analysis:
  - We need to be able to compute functions describing the behavior of each statement
  - We need to be able to merge several subcomputations together
  - We need an initial value for all of the basic blocks
- There is a beautiful formalism that captures many of these properties

# Join semilattices

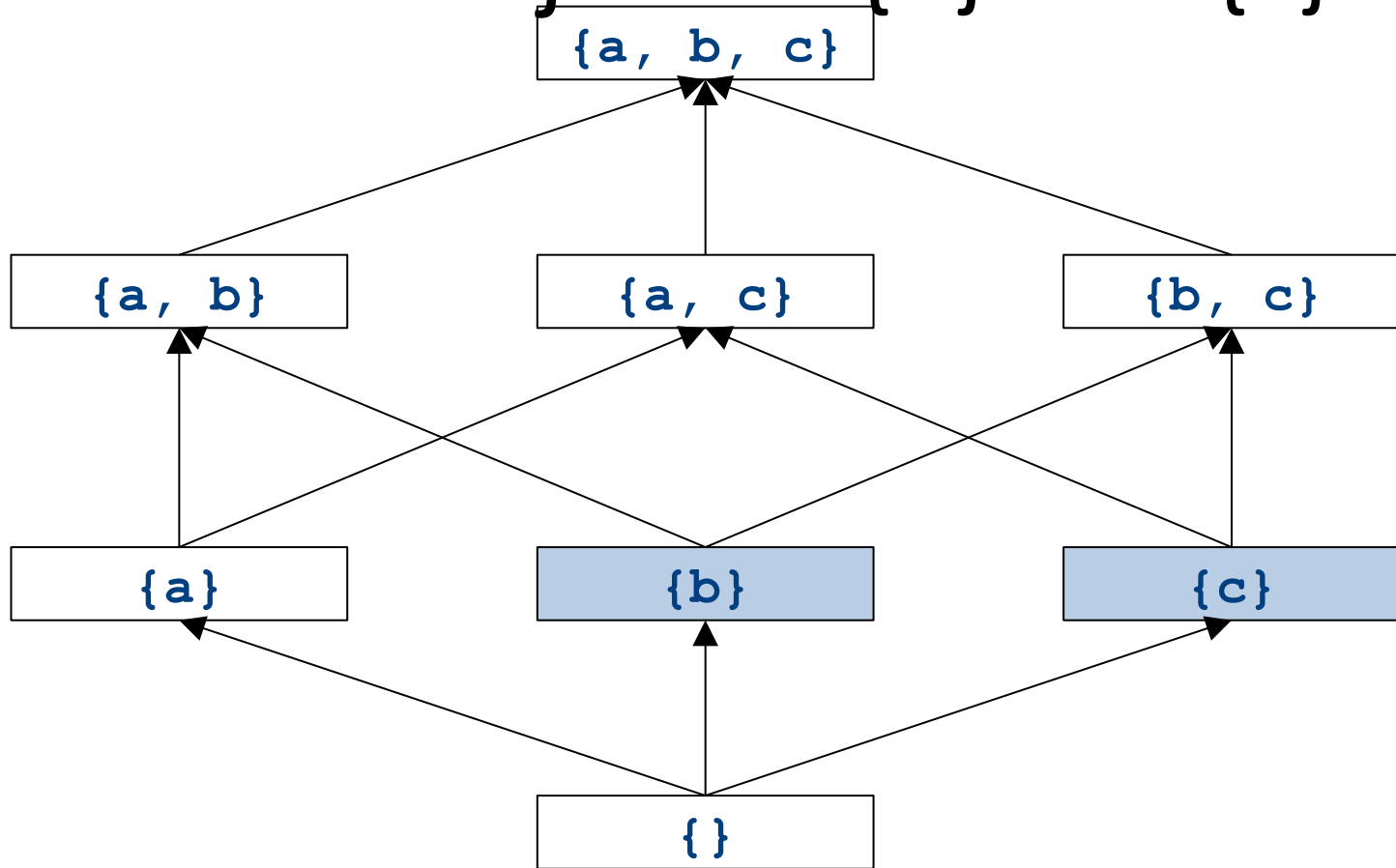
- A join semilattice is a ordering defined on a set of elements
- Any two elements have some join that is the smallest element larger than both elements
- There is a unique bottom element, which is smaller than all other elements
- Intuitively:
  - The join of two elements represents combining information from two elements by an overapproximation
- The bottom element represents “no information yet” or “the least conservative possible answer”



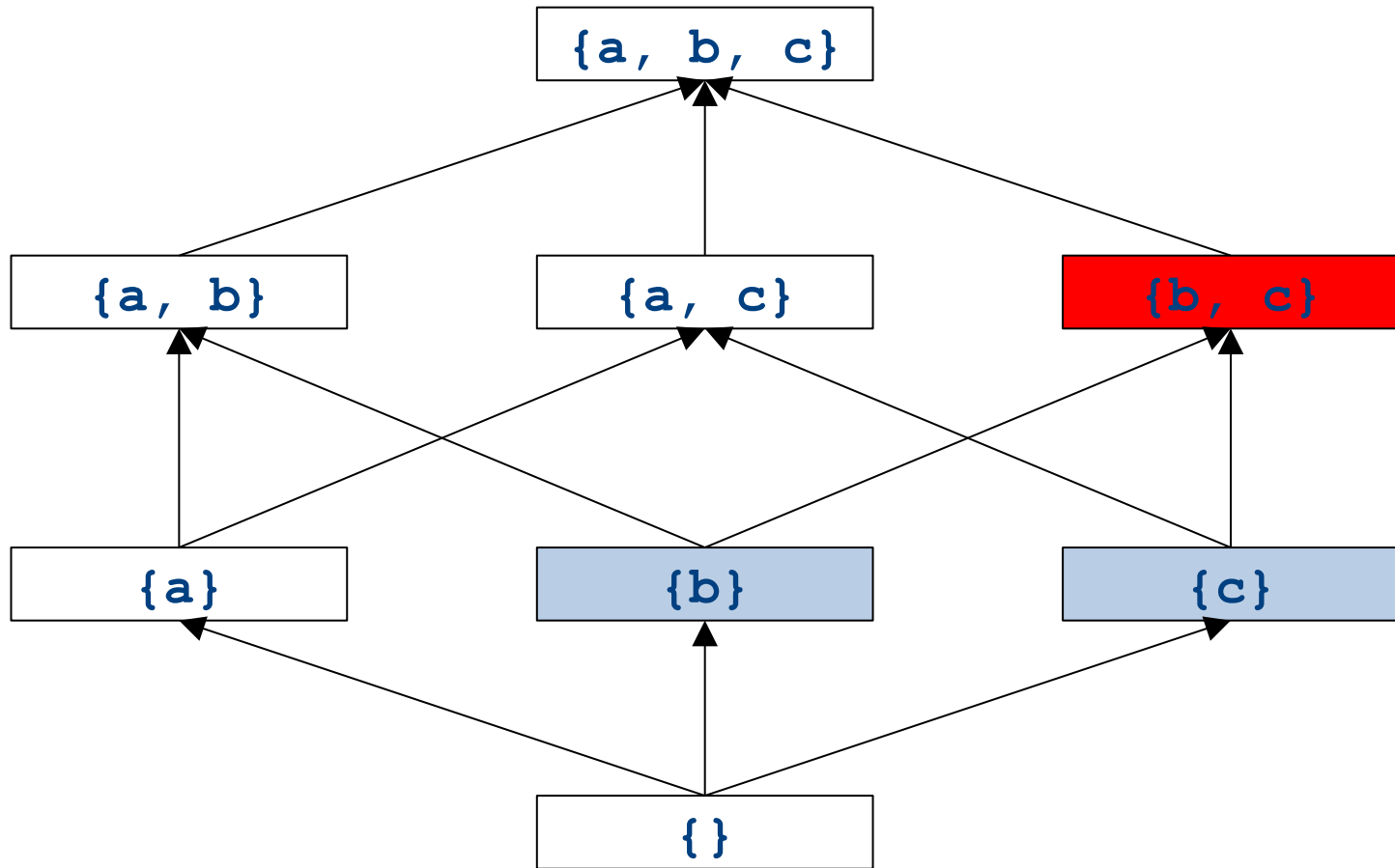
# Join semilattice for liveness



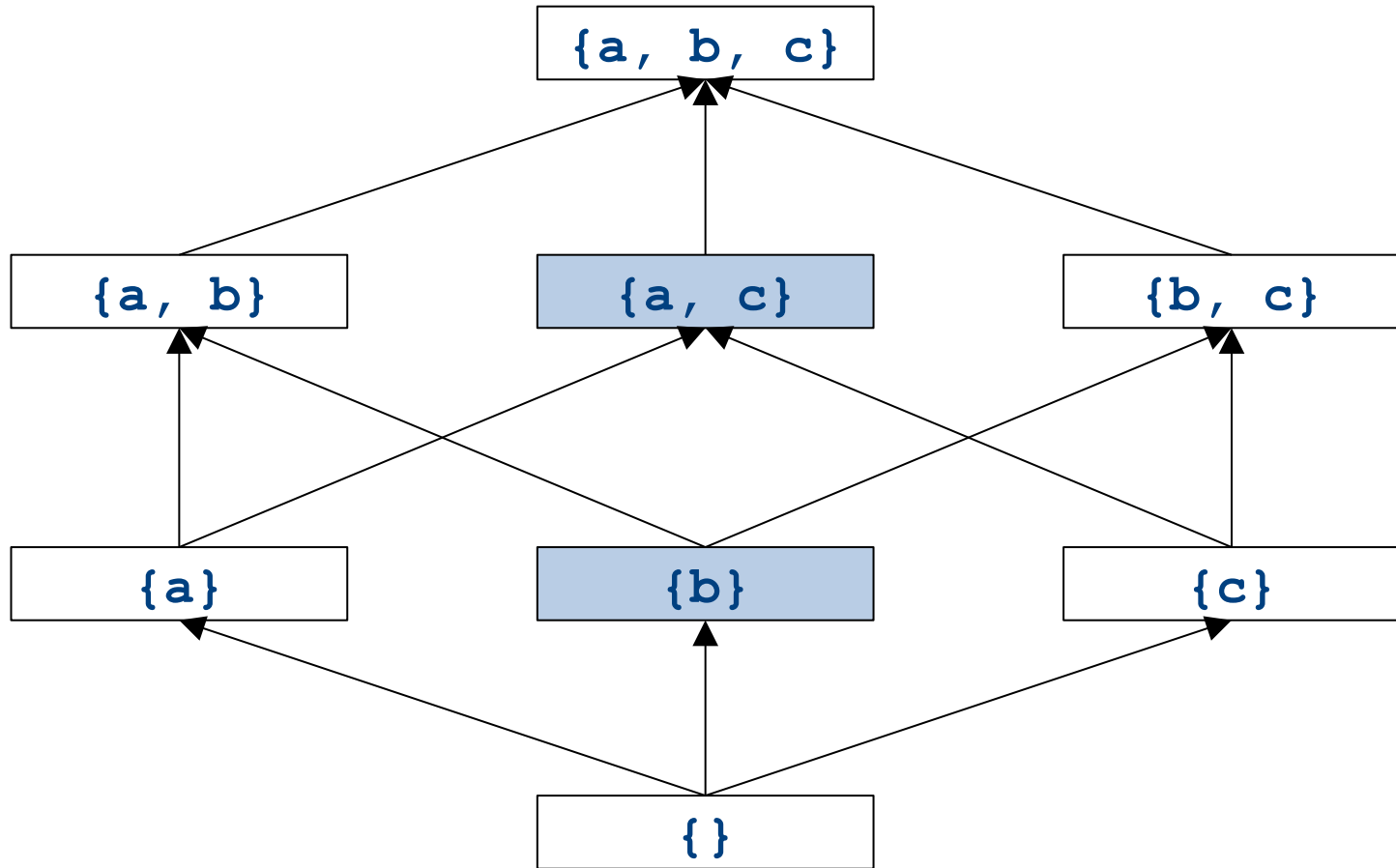
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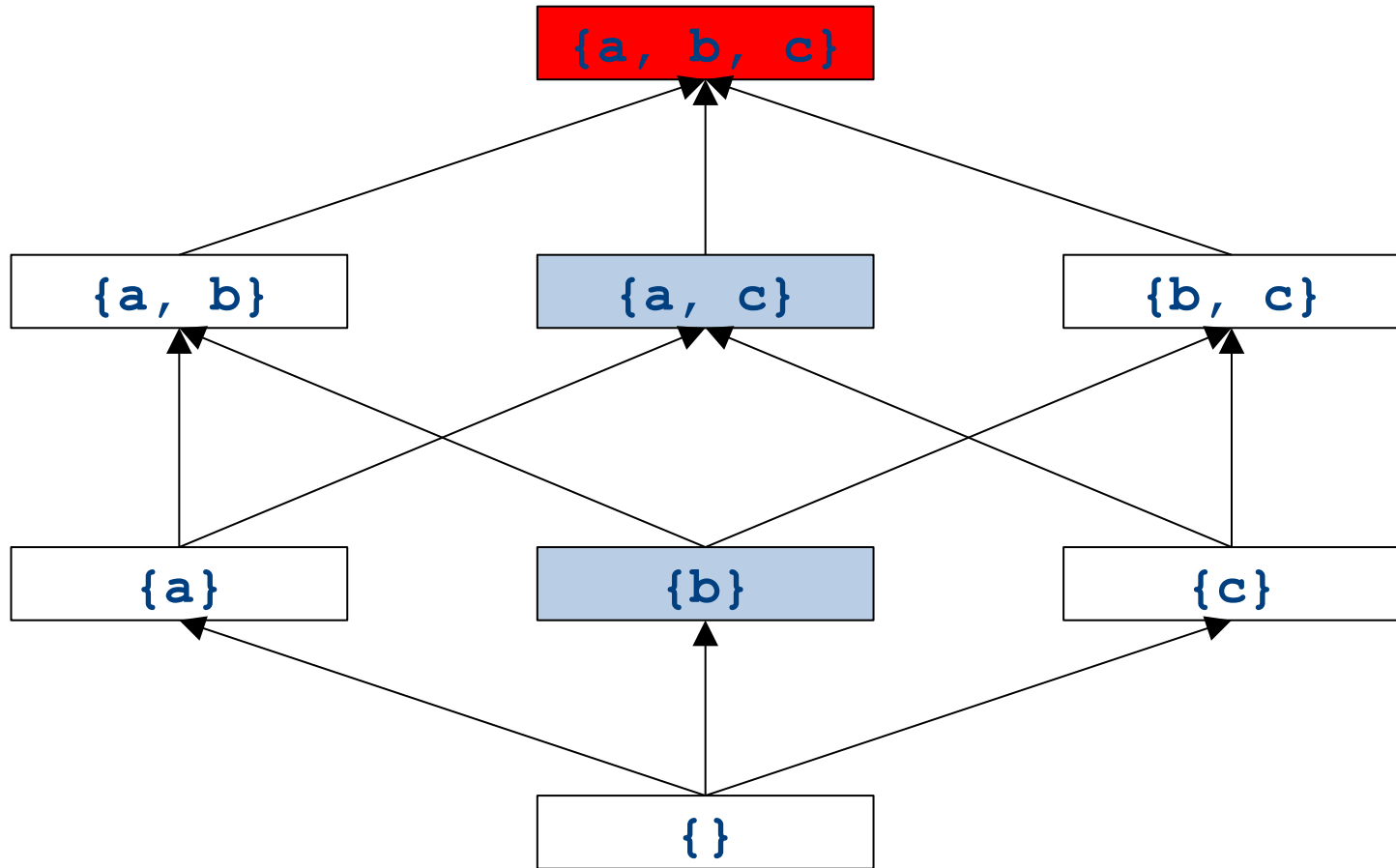
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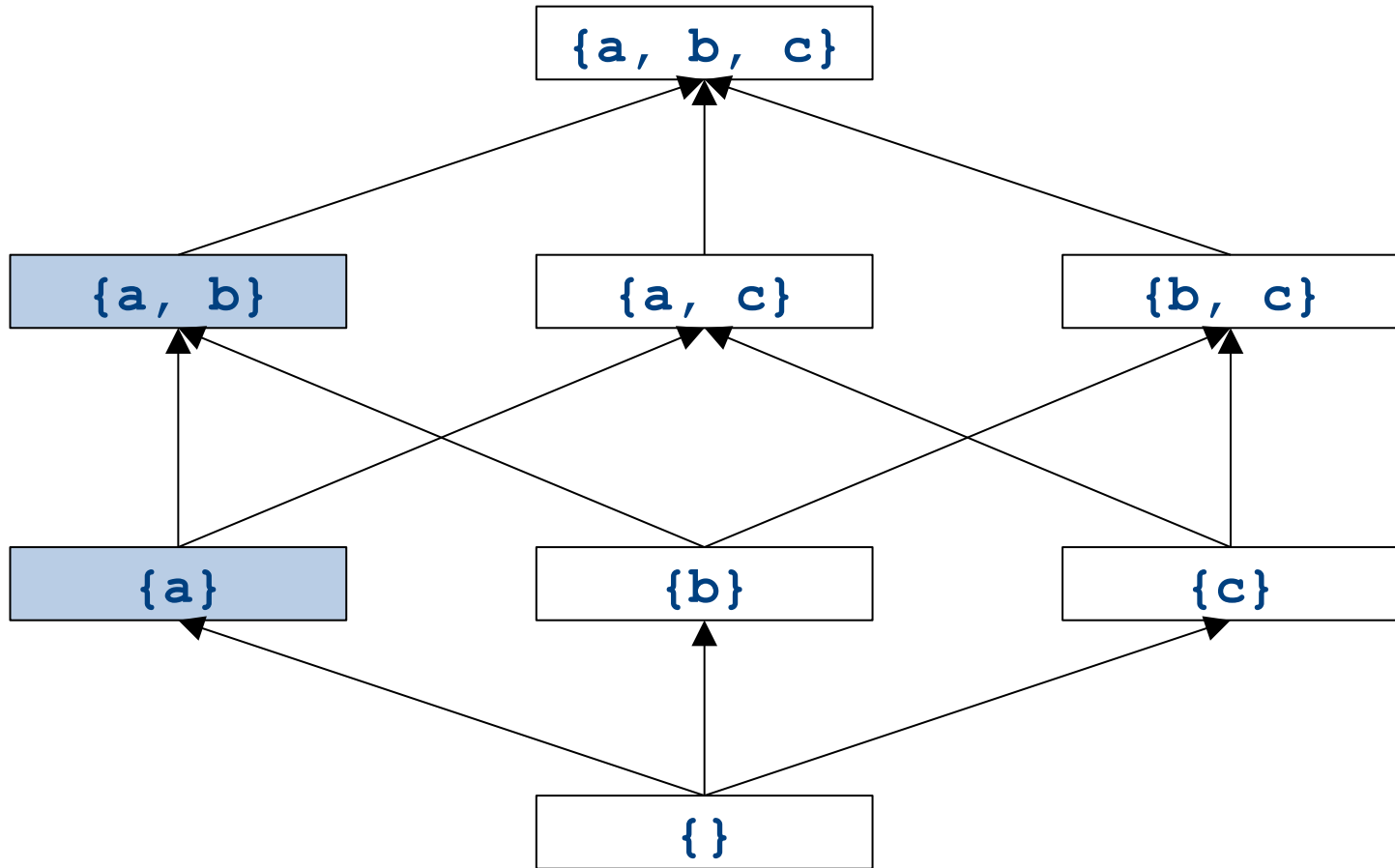
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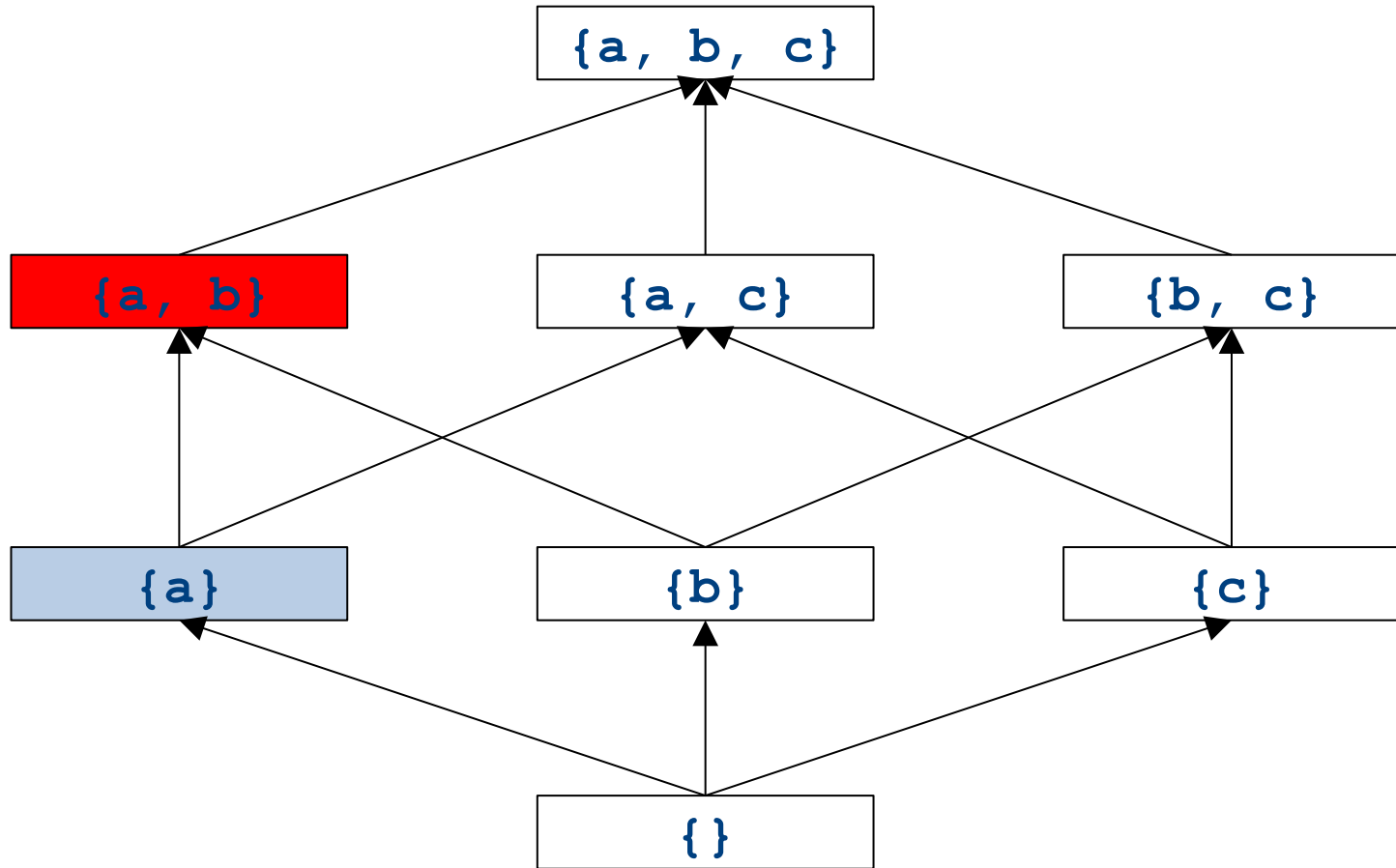
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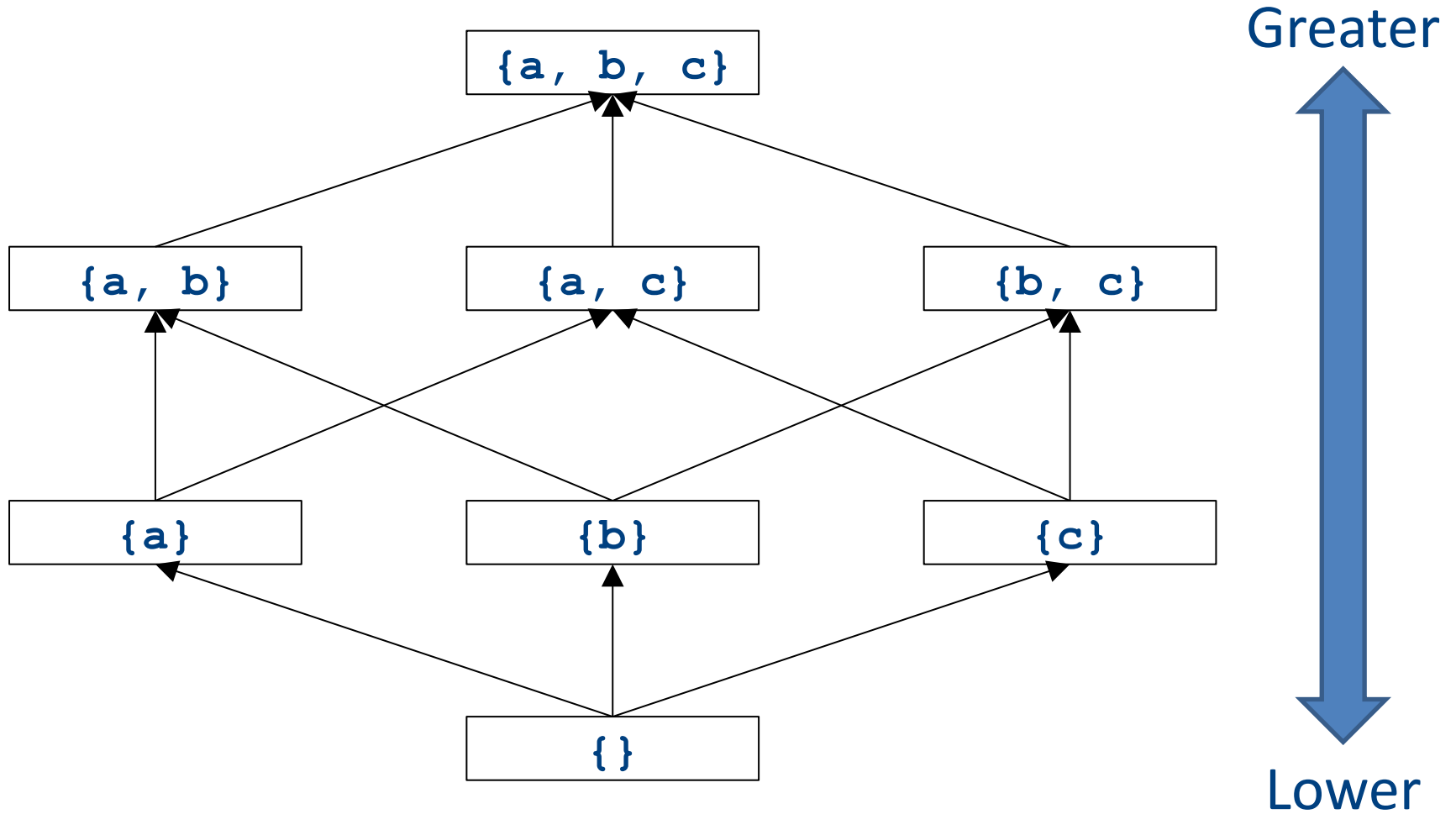


# Formal definitions

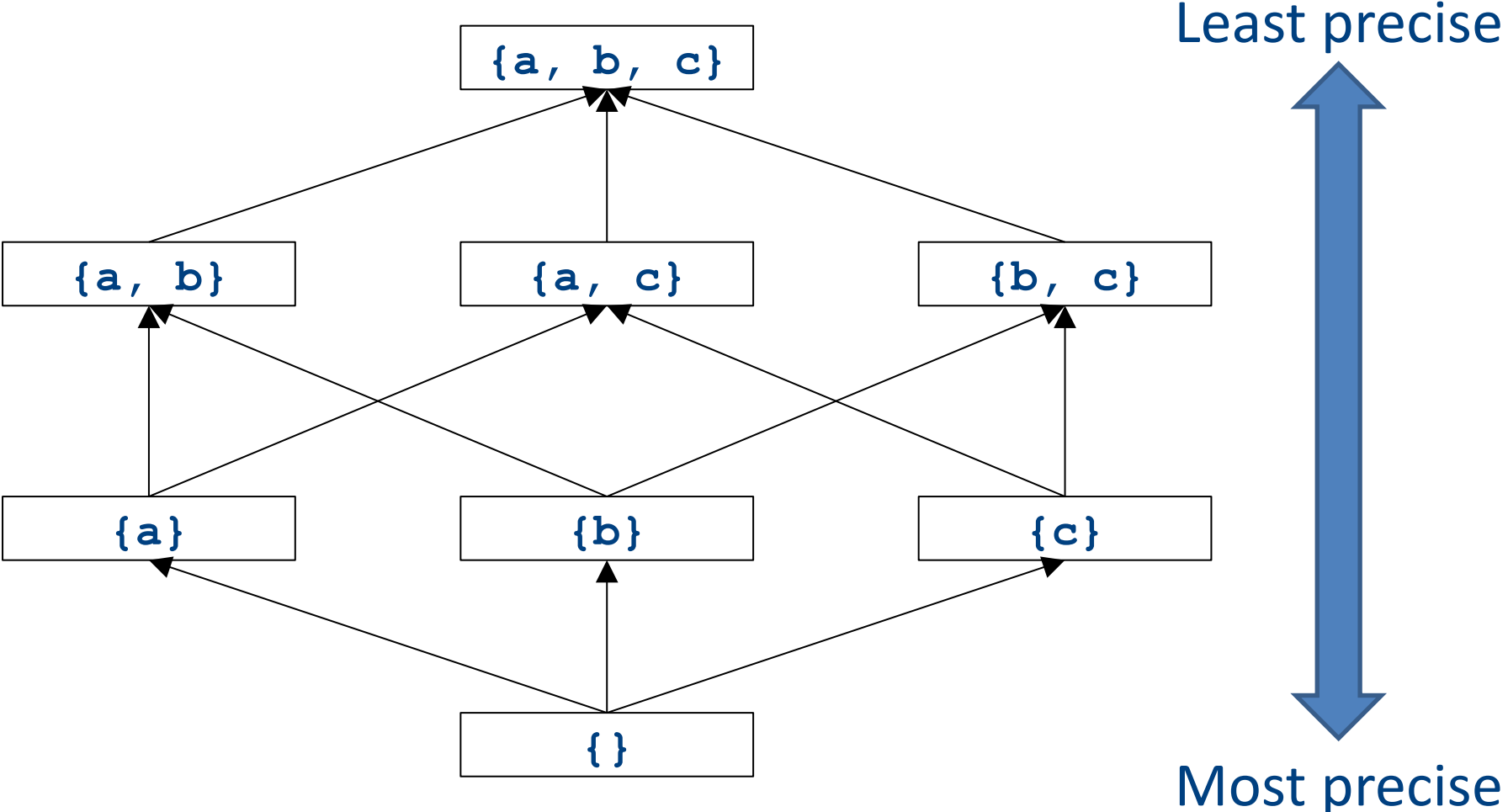
- A **join semilattice** is a pair  $(V, \sqcup)$ , where
- $V$  is a domain of elements
- $\sqcup$  is a **join operator** that is
  - **commutative**:  $x \sqcup y = y \sqcup x$
  - **associative**:  $(x \sqcup y) \sqcup z = x \sqcup (y \sqcup z)$
  - **idempotent**:  $x \sqcup x = x$
- If  $x \sqcup y = z$ , we say that  $z$  is the **join** or (**least upper bound**) of  $x$  and  $y$
- Every join semilattice has a **bottom element** denoted  $\perp$  such that  $\perp \sqcup x = x$  for all  $x$



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- Every join semilattice  $(V, \sqcup)$  induces an ordering relationship  $\sqsubseteq$  over its elements
- Define  $x \sqsubseteq y$  iff  $x \sqcup y = y$
- Need to prove
  - Reflexivity:  $x \sqsubseteq x$
  - Antisymmetry: If  $x \sqsubseteq y$  and  $y \sqsubseteq x$ , then  $x = y$
  - Transitivity: If  $x \sqsubseteq y$  and  $y \sqsubseteq z$ , then  $x \sqsubseteq z$

# An example join semilattice

- The set of natural numbers and the **max** function
- Idempotent
  - $\mathbf{max}\{a, a\} = a$
- Commutative
  - $\mathbf{max}\{a, b\} = \mathbf{max}\{b, a\}$
- Associative
  - $\mathbf{max}\{a, \mathbf{max}\{b, c\}\} = \mathbf{max}\{\mathbf{max}\{a, b\}, c\}$
- Bottom element is 0:
  - $\mathbf{max}\{0, a\} = a$
- What is the ordering over these elements?

# A join semilattice for liveness

- Sets of live variables and the set union operation
- Idempotent:
  - $x \cup x = x$
- Commutative:
  - $x \cup y = y \cup x$
- Associative:
  - $(x \cup y) \cup z = x \cup (y \cup z)$
- Bottom element:
  - The empty set:  $\emptyset \cup x = x$
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# A general framework

- A global analysis is a tuple  $(D, V, \sqsubseteq, F, I)$ , where
  - $D$  is a direction (forward or backward)
    - The order to visit statements within a basic block, not the order in which to visit the basic blocks
  - $V$  is a set of values
  - $\sqsubseteq$  is a join operator over those values
  - $F$  is a set of transfer functions  $f: V \rightarrow V$
  - $I$  is an initial value
- The only difference from local analysis is the introduction of the join operator

# Running global analyses

- Assume that  $(D, V, \sqcup, F, I)$  is a forward analysis
- Set  $OUT[s] = \perp$  for all statements  $s$
- Set  $OUT[\mathbf{entry}] = I$
- Repeat until no values change:
  - For each statement  $s$  with predecessors  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$ :
    - Set  $IN[s] = OUT[p_1] \sqcup OUT[p_2] \sqcup \dots \sqcup OUT[p_n]$
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- The order of this iteration does not matter
  - This is sometimes called **chaotic iteration**

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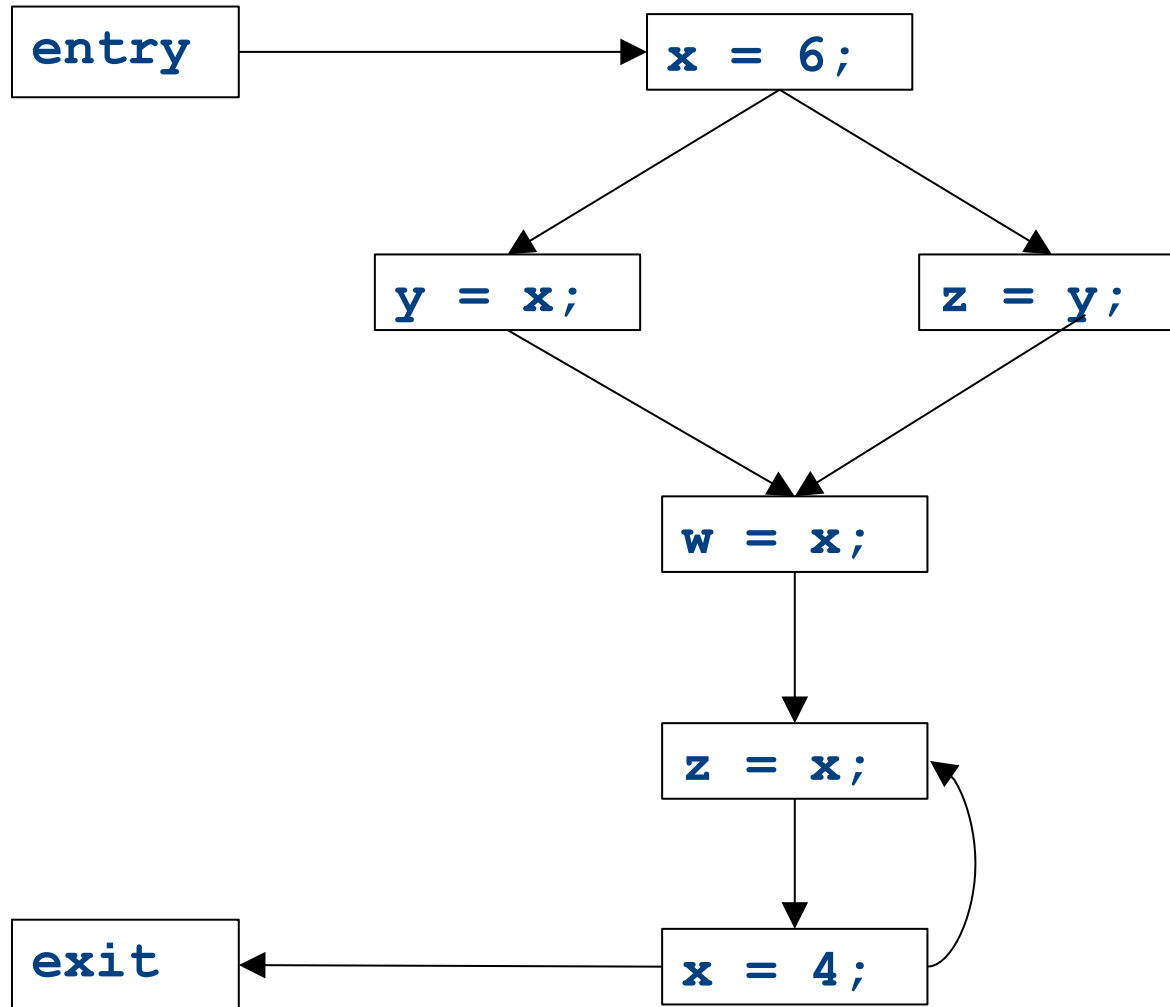
# The dataflow framework

- This form of analysis is called the **dataflow framework**
- Can be used to easily prove an analysis is sound
- With certain restrictions, can be used to prove that an analysis eventually terminates
  - Again, more on that later

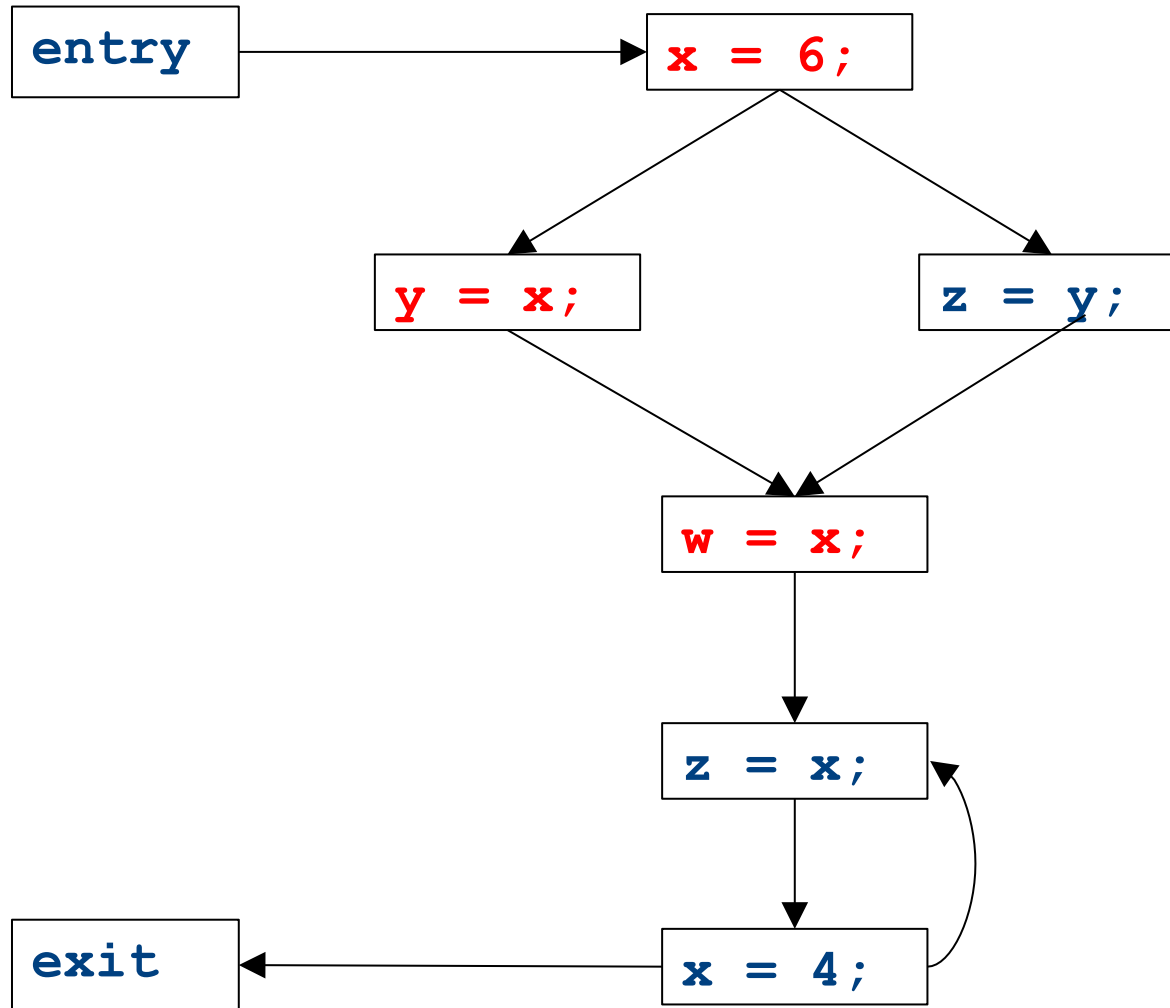
# Global constant propagation

- **Constant propagation** is an optimization that replaces each variable that is known to be a constant value with that constant
- An elegant example of the dataflow framework

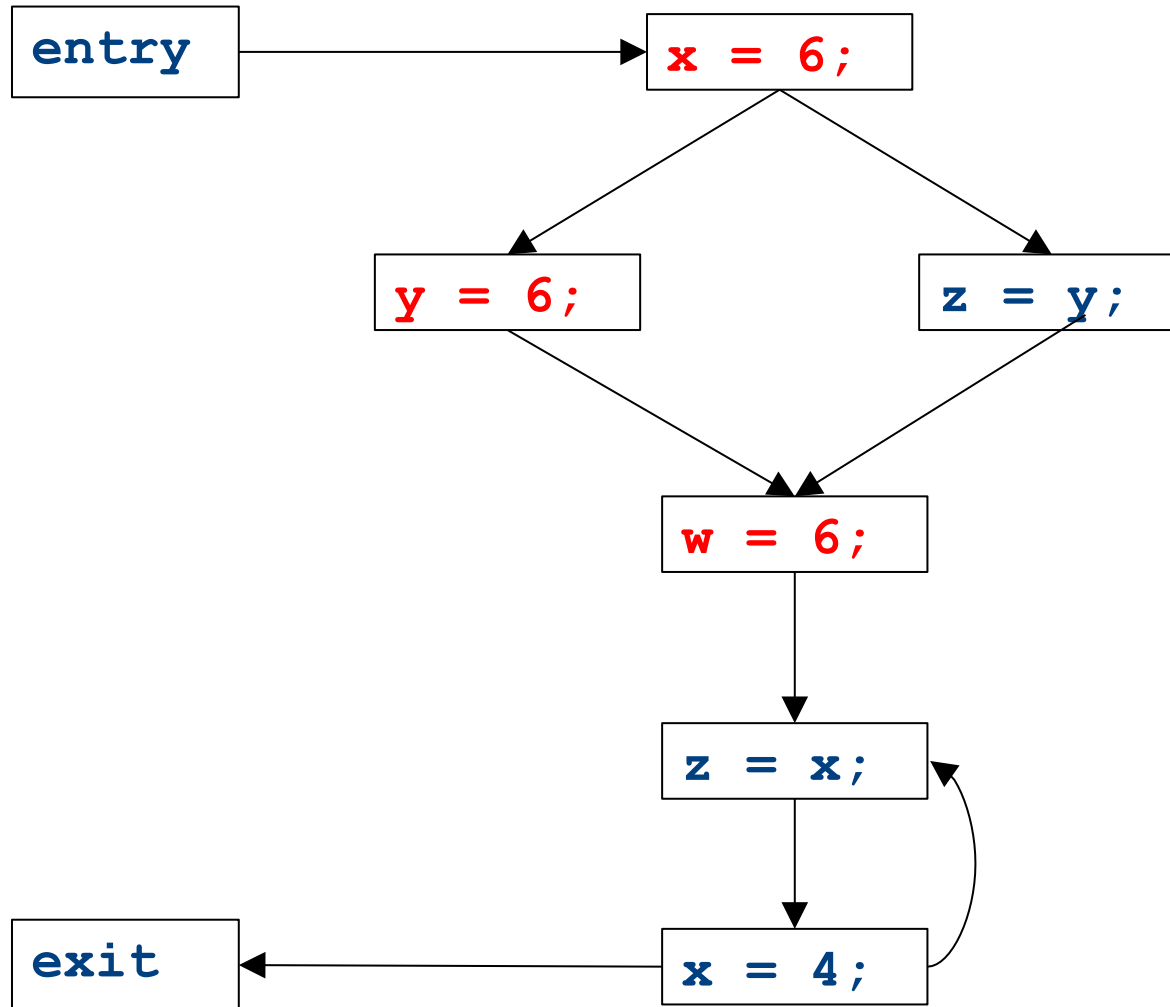
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# Constant propagation analysis

- In order to do a constant propagation, we need to track what values might be assigned to a variable at each program point
- Every variable will either
  - Never have a value assigned to it,
  - Have a single constant value assigned to it,
  - Have two or more constant values assigned to it, or
  - Have a known non-constant value.
  - Our analysis will propagate this information throughout a CFG to identify locations where a value is constant

# Properties of constant propagation

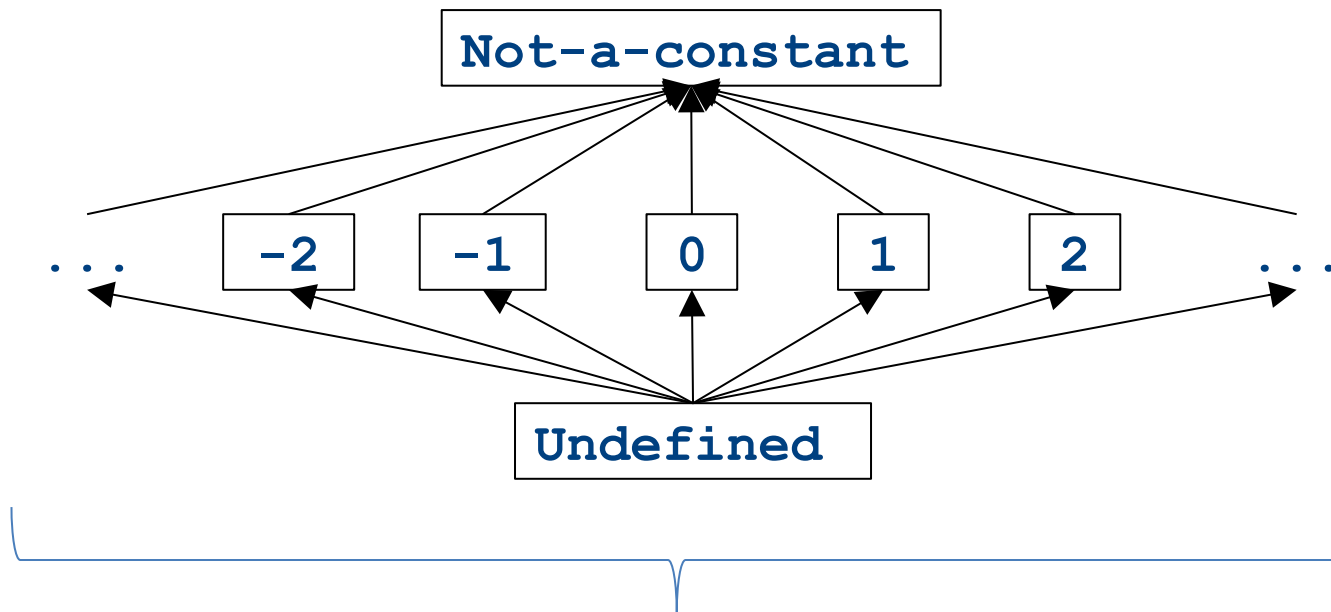
- For now, consider just some single variable  $x$
- At each point in the program, we know one of three things about the value of  $x$ :
  - $x$  is definitely not a constant, since it's been assigned two values or assigned a value that we know isn't a constant
  - $x$  is definitely a constant and has value  $k$
  - We have never seen a value for  $x$
- Note that the first and last of these are **not** the same!
  - The first one means that there may be a way for  $x$  to have multiple values
  - The last one means that  $x$  never had a value at all

# Defining a join operator

- The join of any two different constants is **Not-a-Constant**
  - (If the variable might have two different values on entry to a statement, it cannot be a constant)
- The join of **Not a Constant** and any other value is **Not-a-Constant**
  - (If on some path the value is known not to be a constant, then on entry to a statement its value can't possibly be a constant)
- The join of **Undefined** and any other value is that other value
  - (If **x** has no value on some path and does have a value on some other path, we can just pretend it always had the assigned value)

# A semilattice for constant propagation

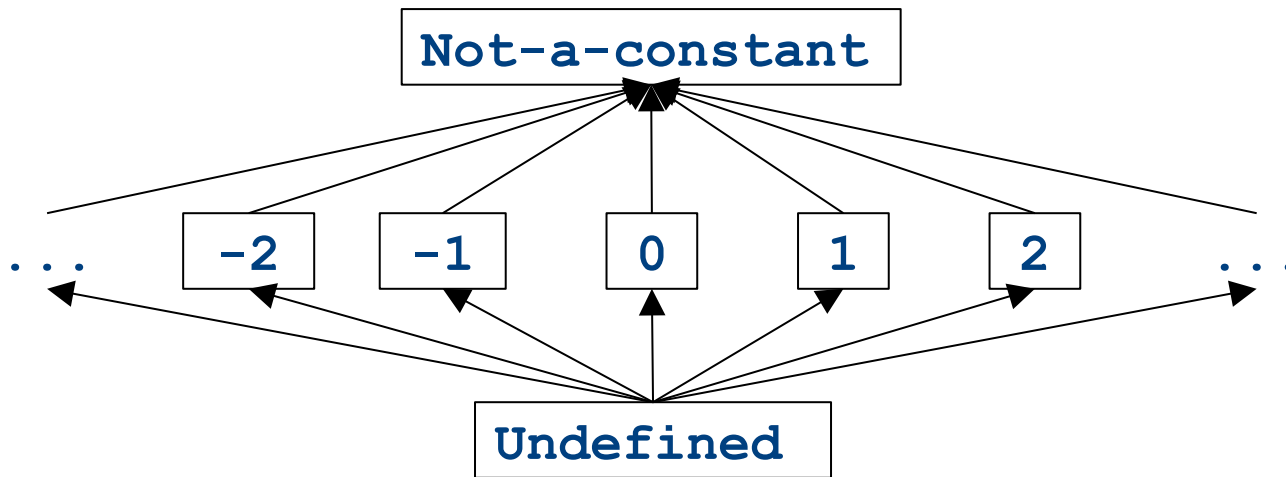
- One possible semilattice for this analysis is shown here (for each variable):



The lattice is infinitely wide

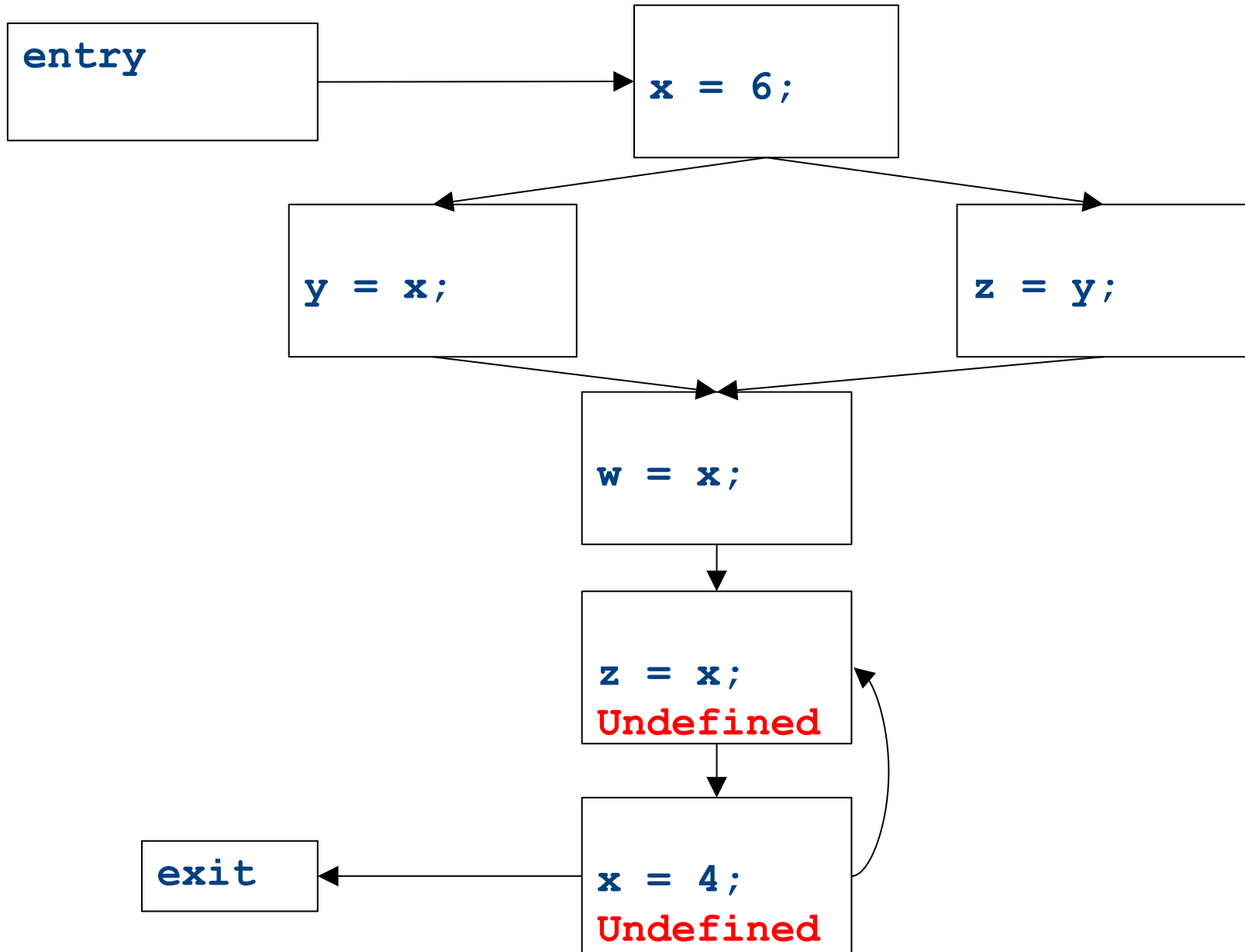
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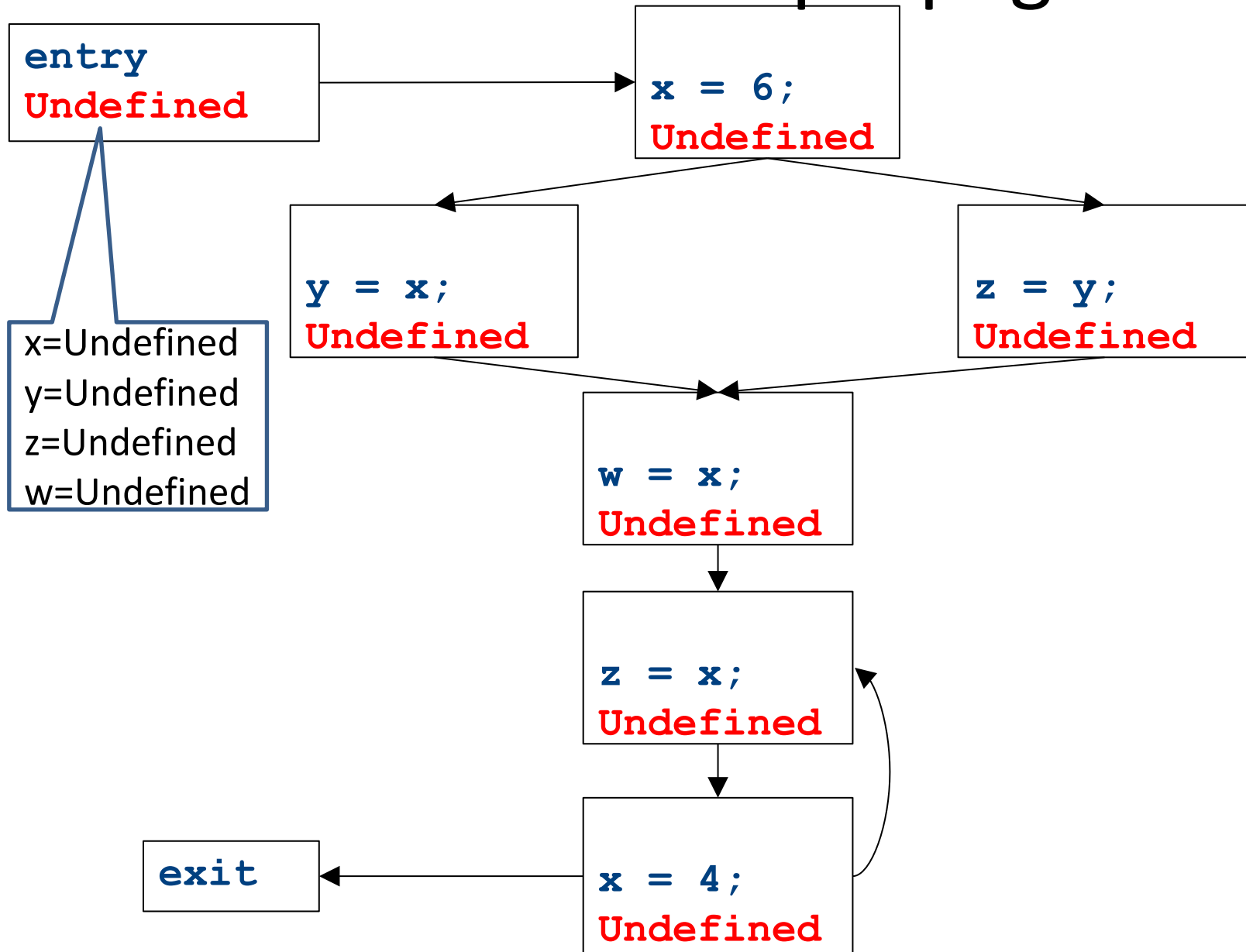


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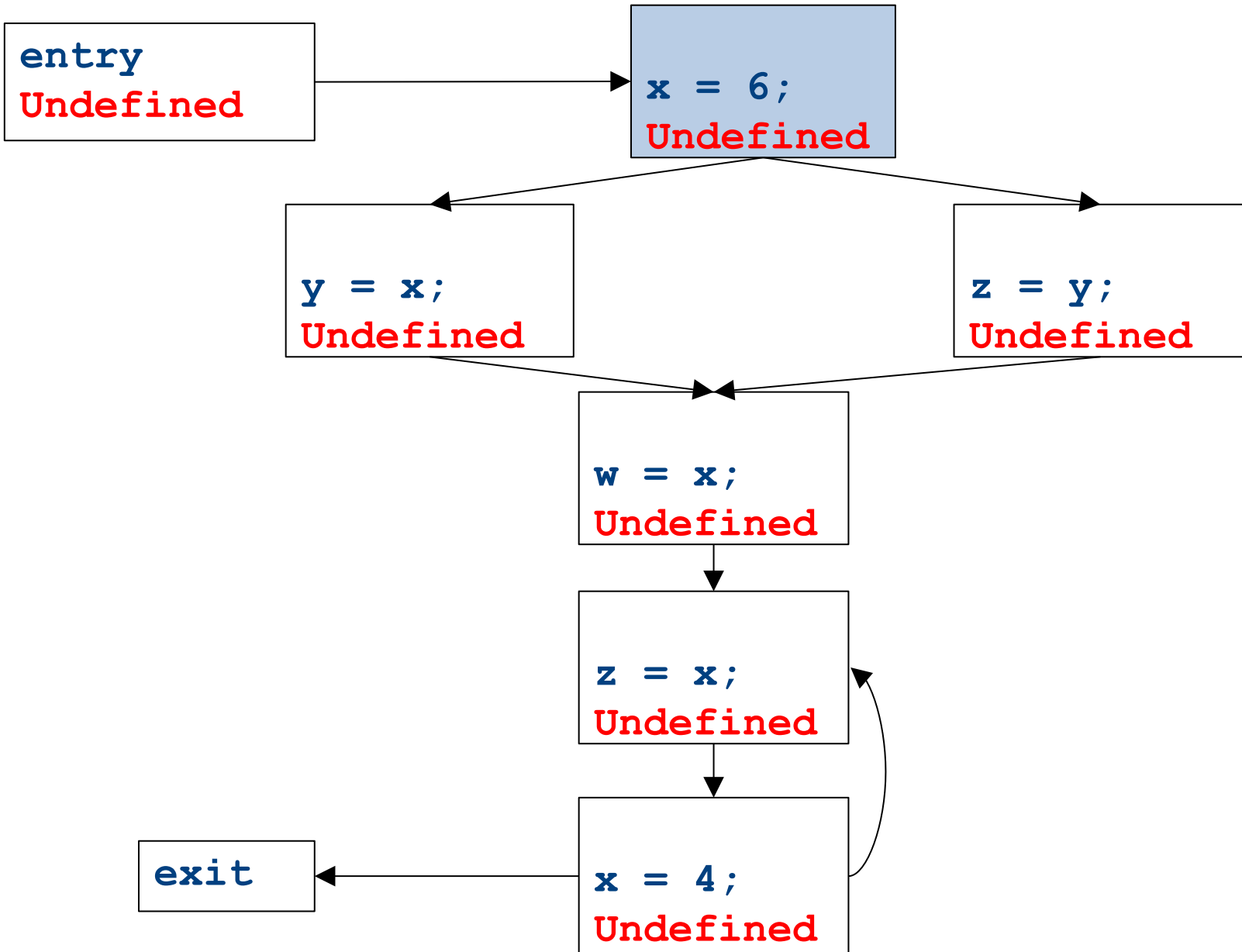
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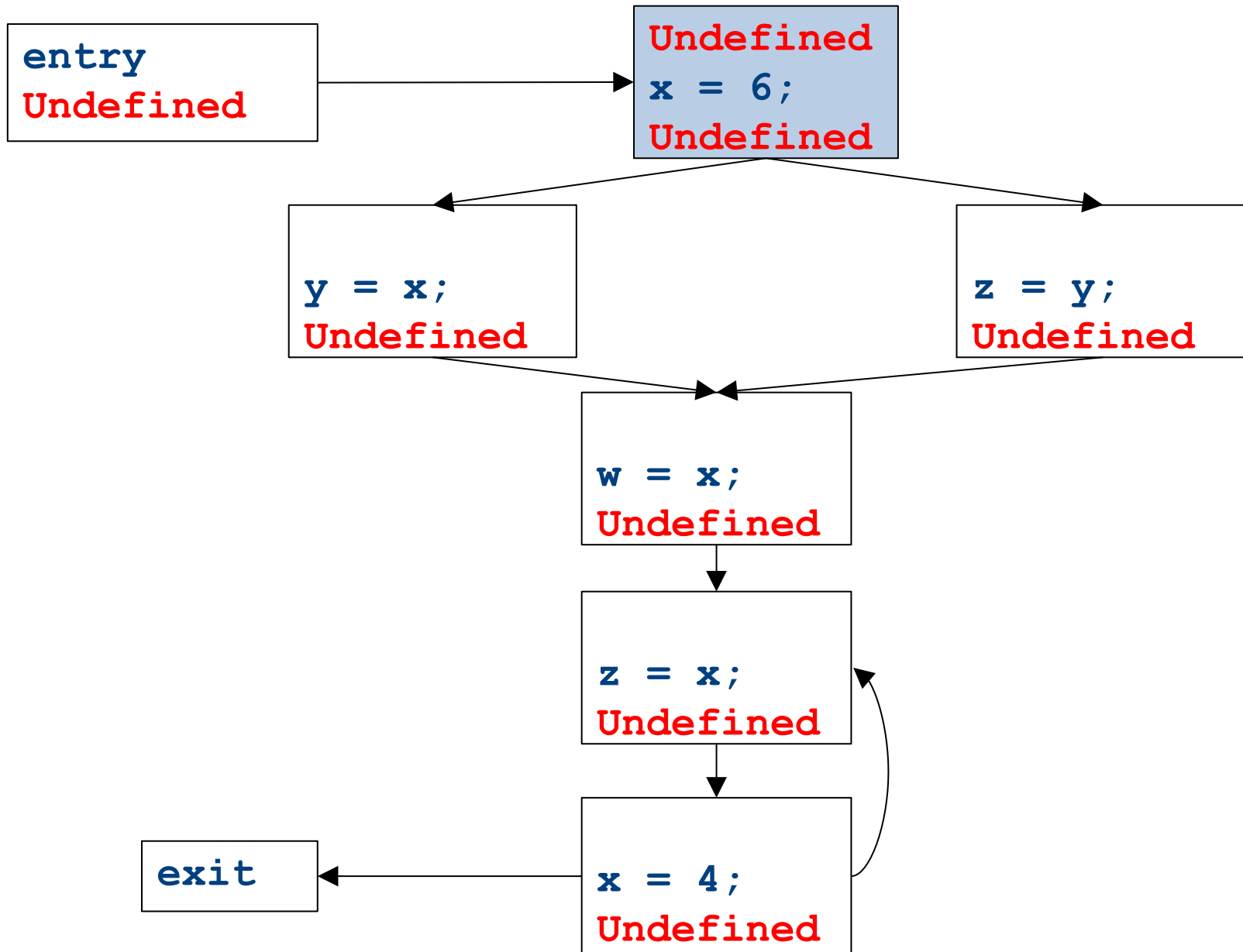


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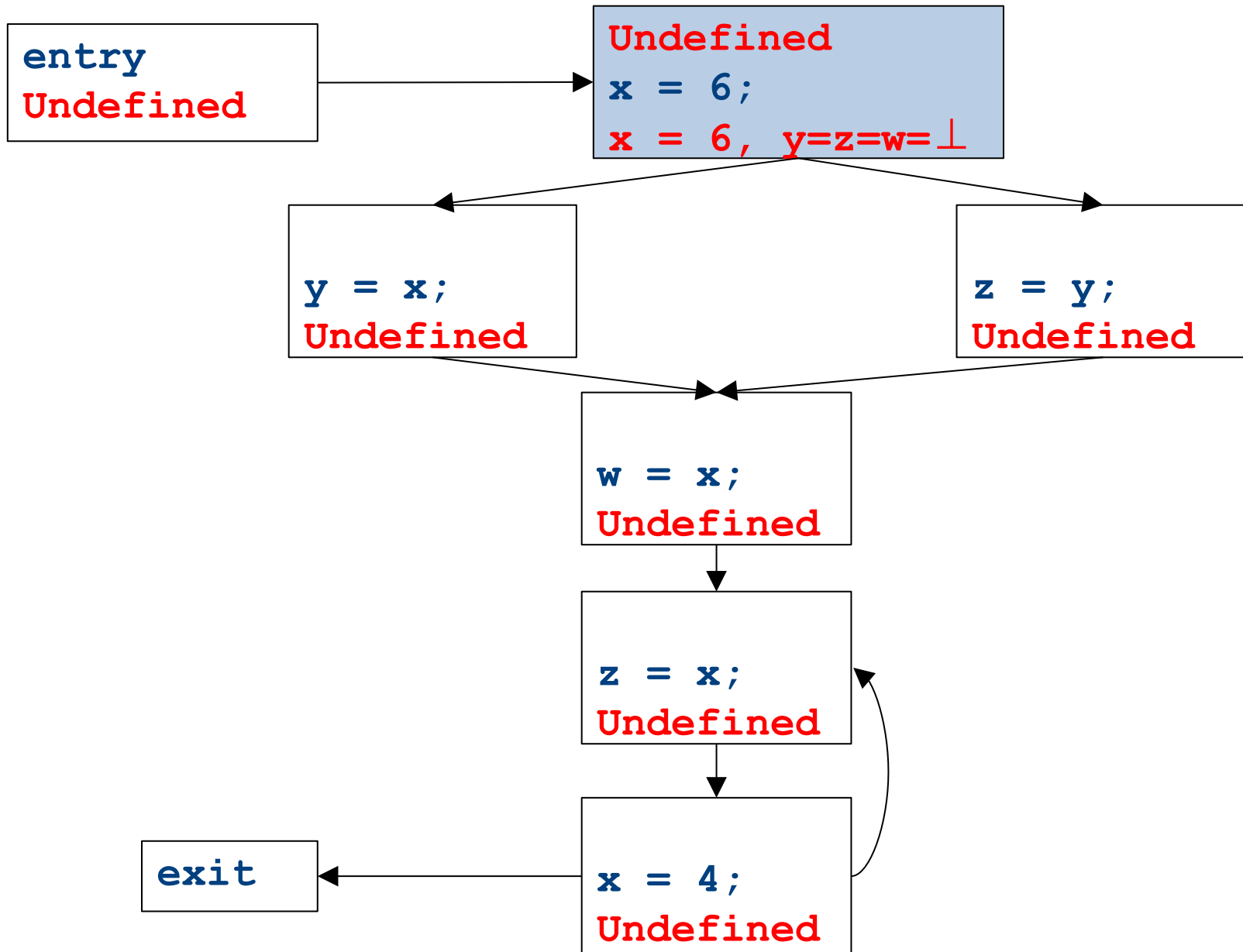




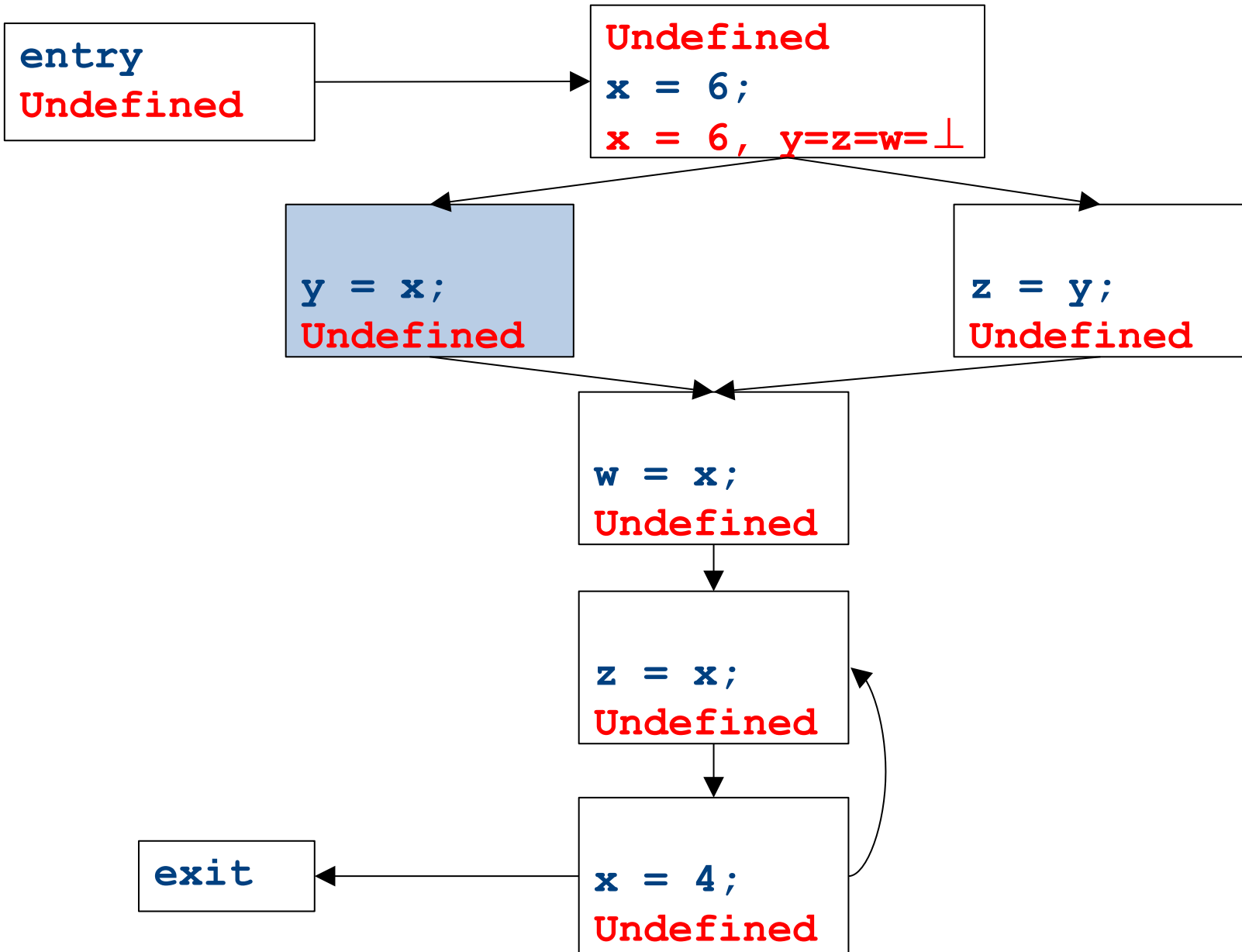
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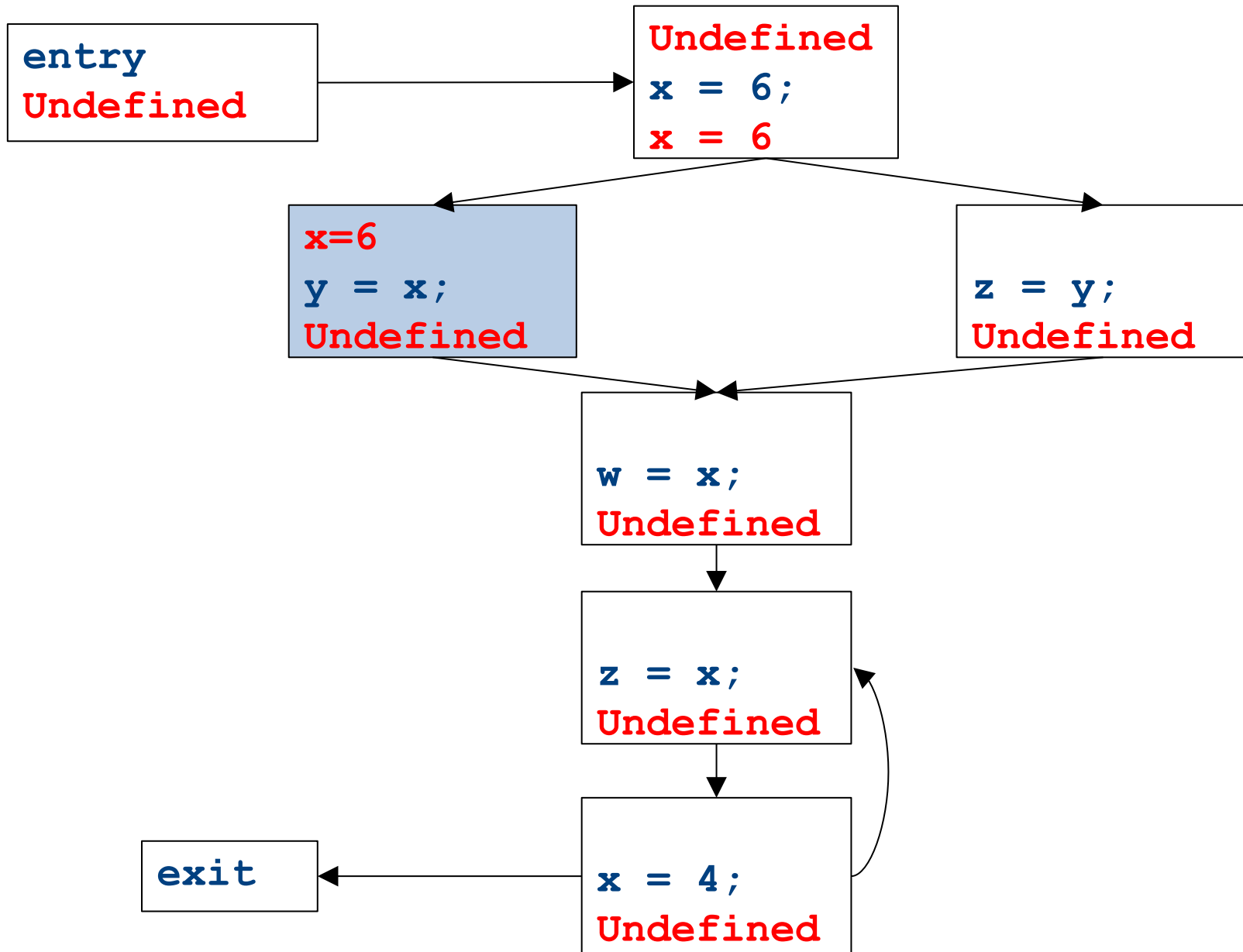
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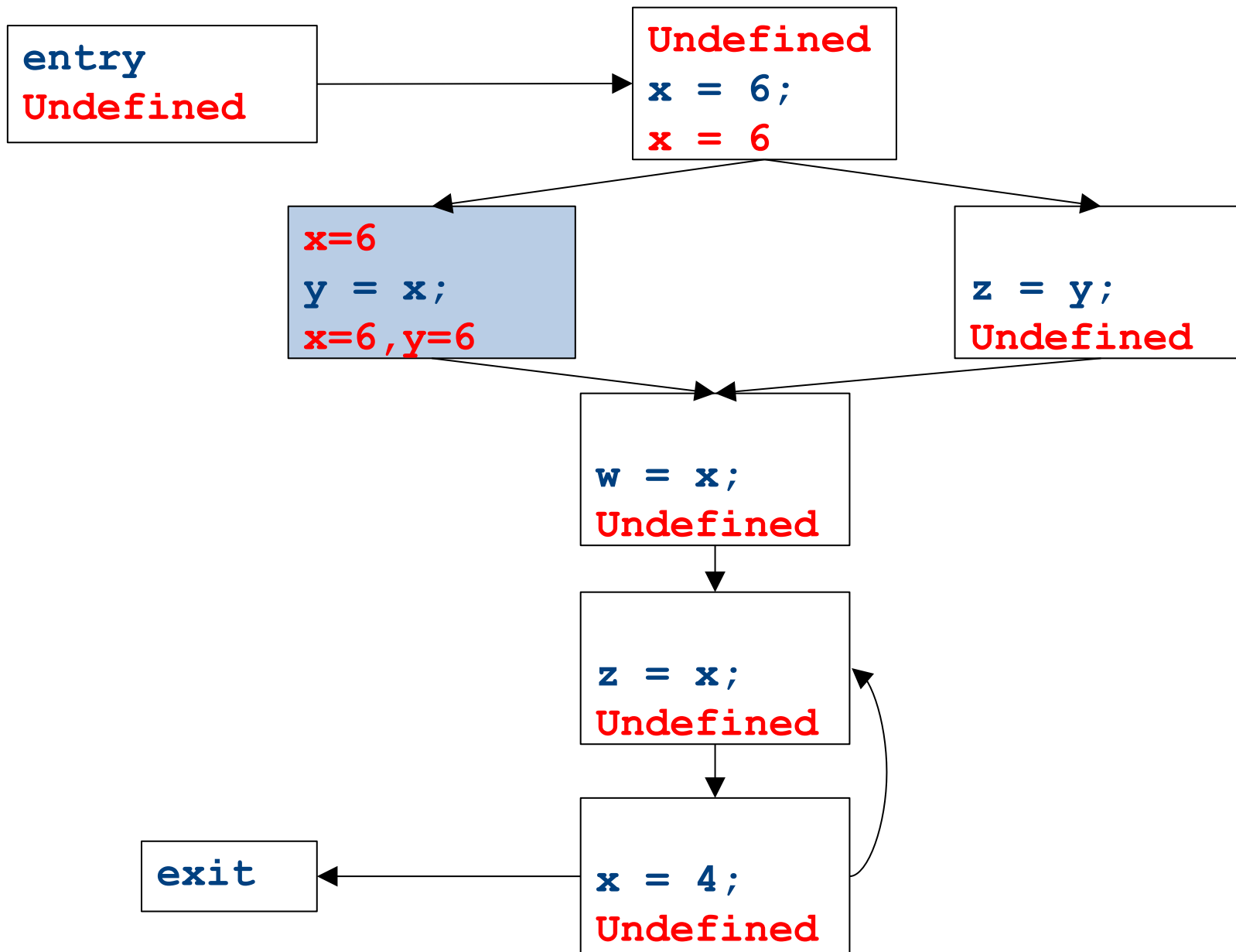
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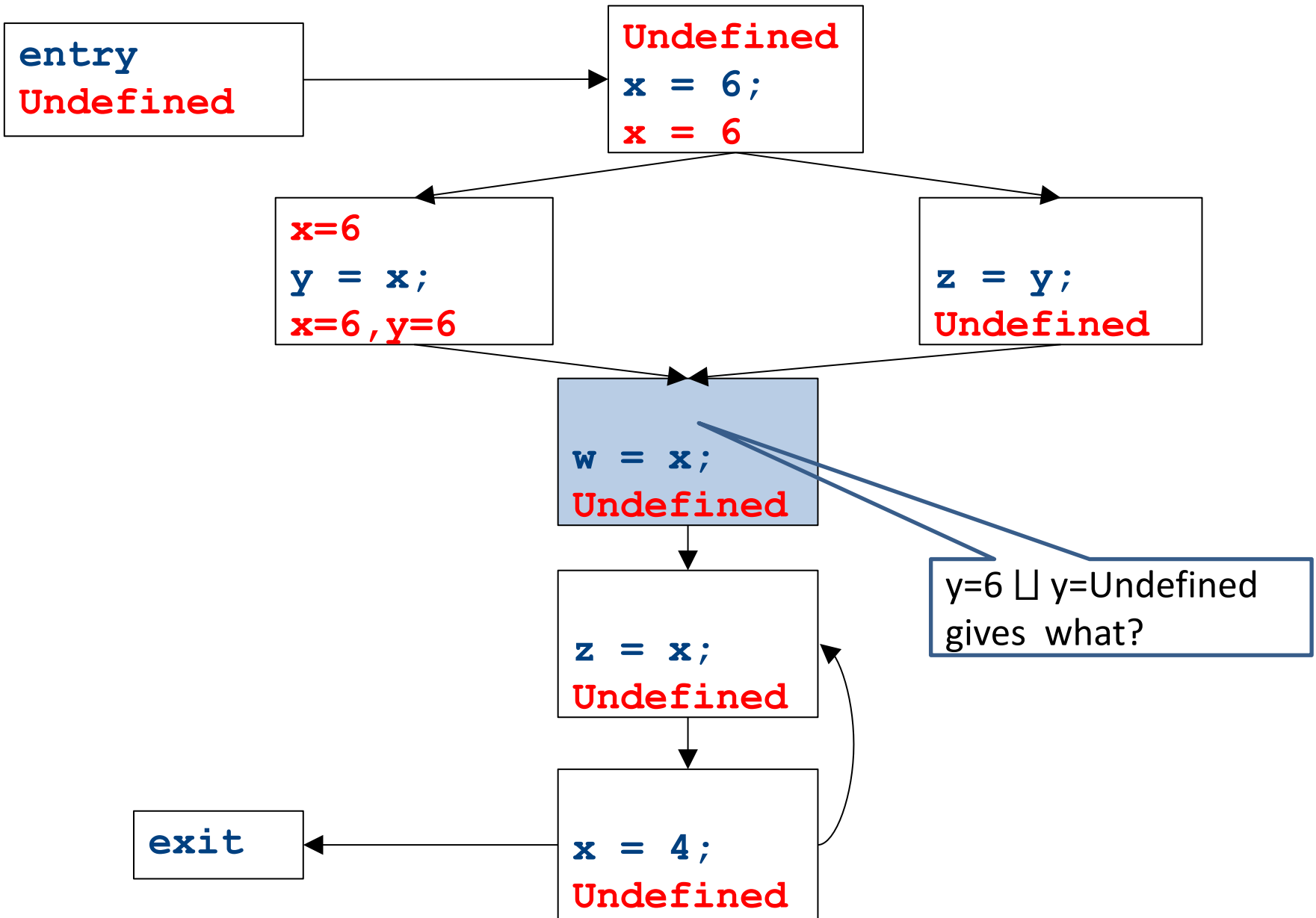
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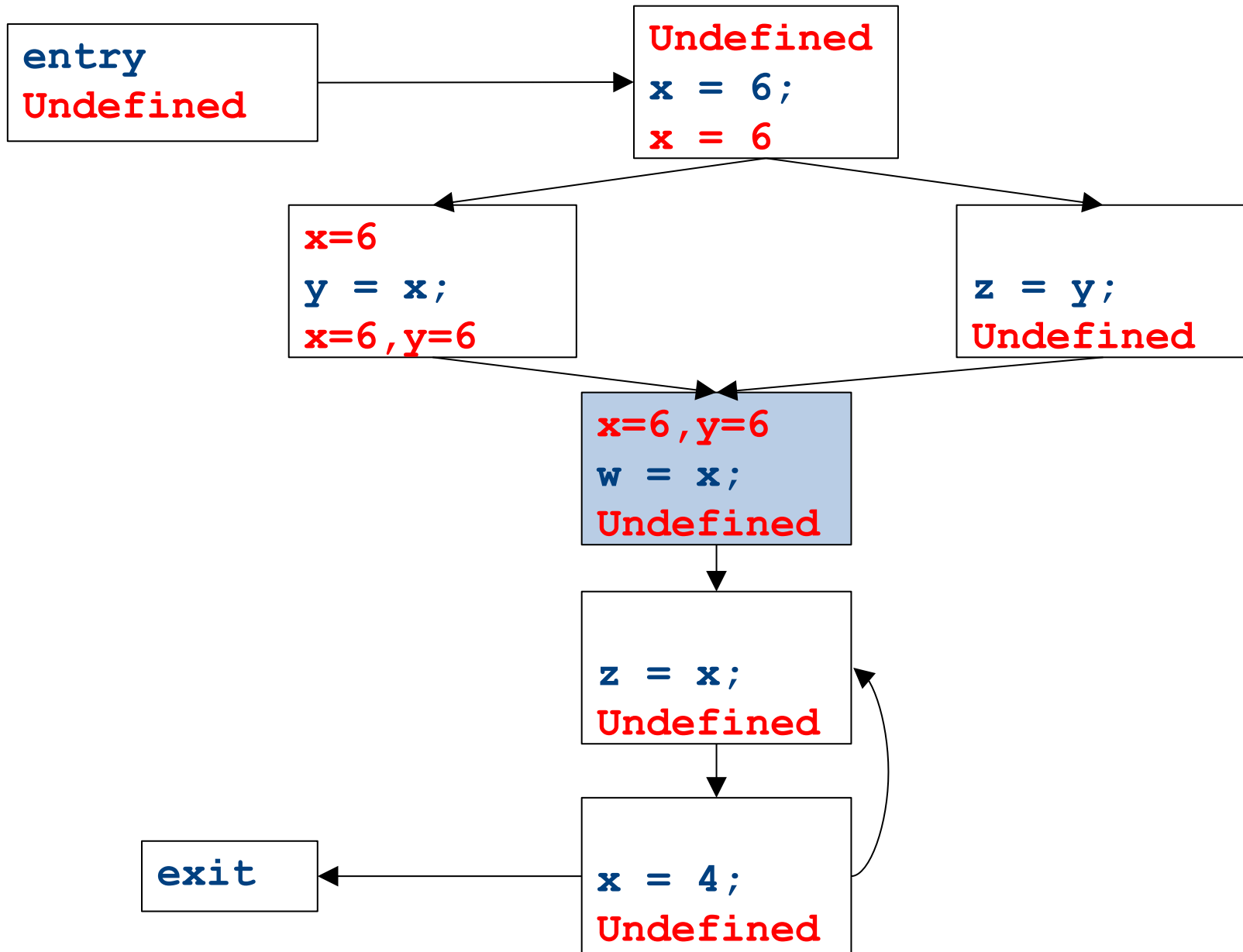
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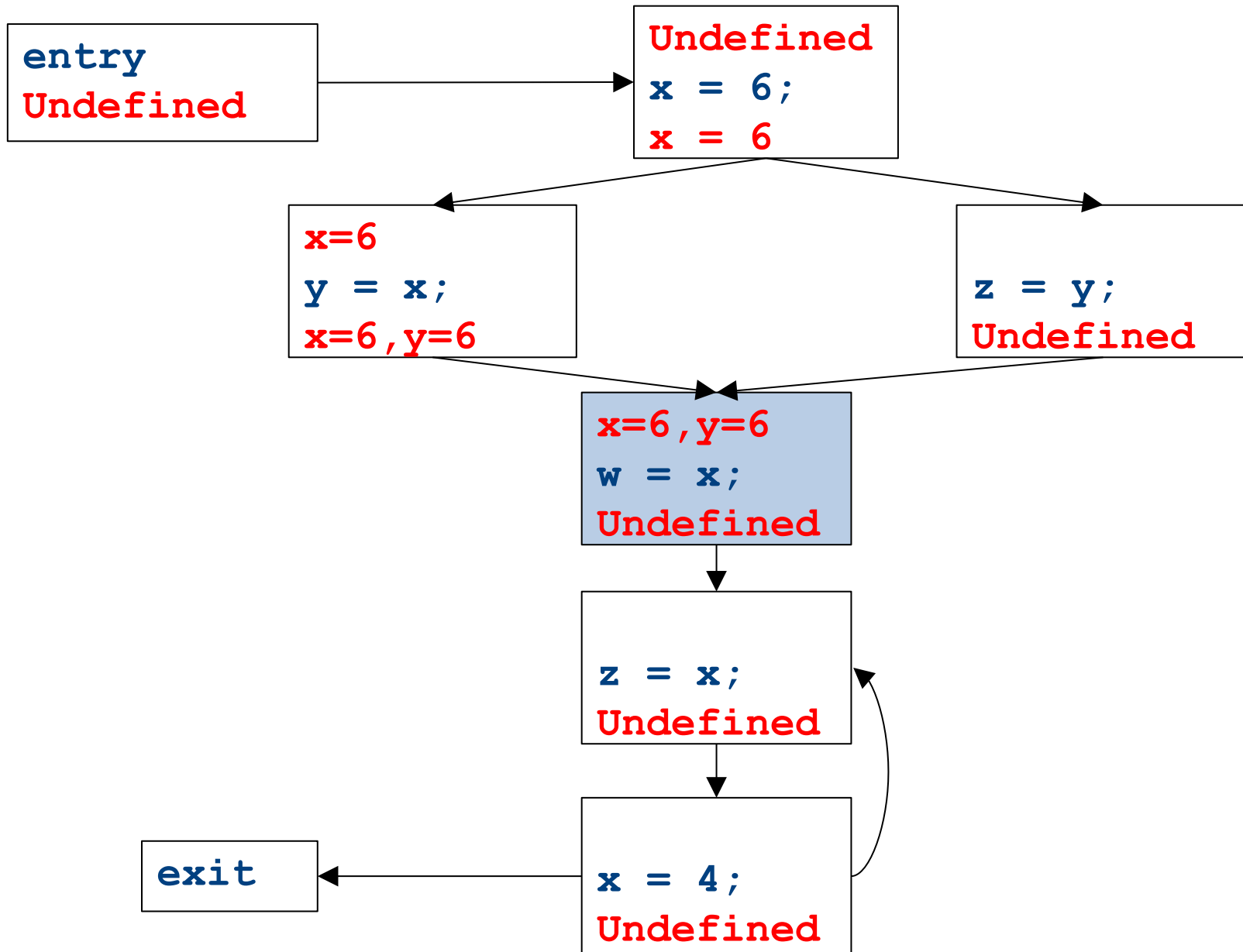
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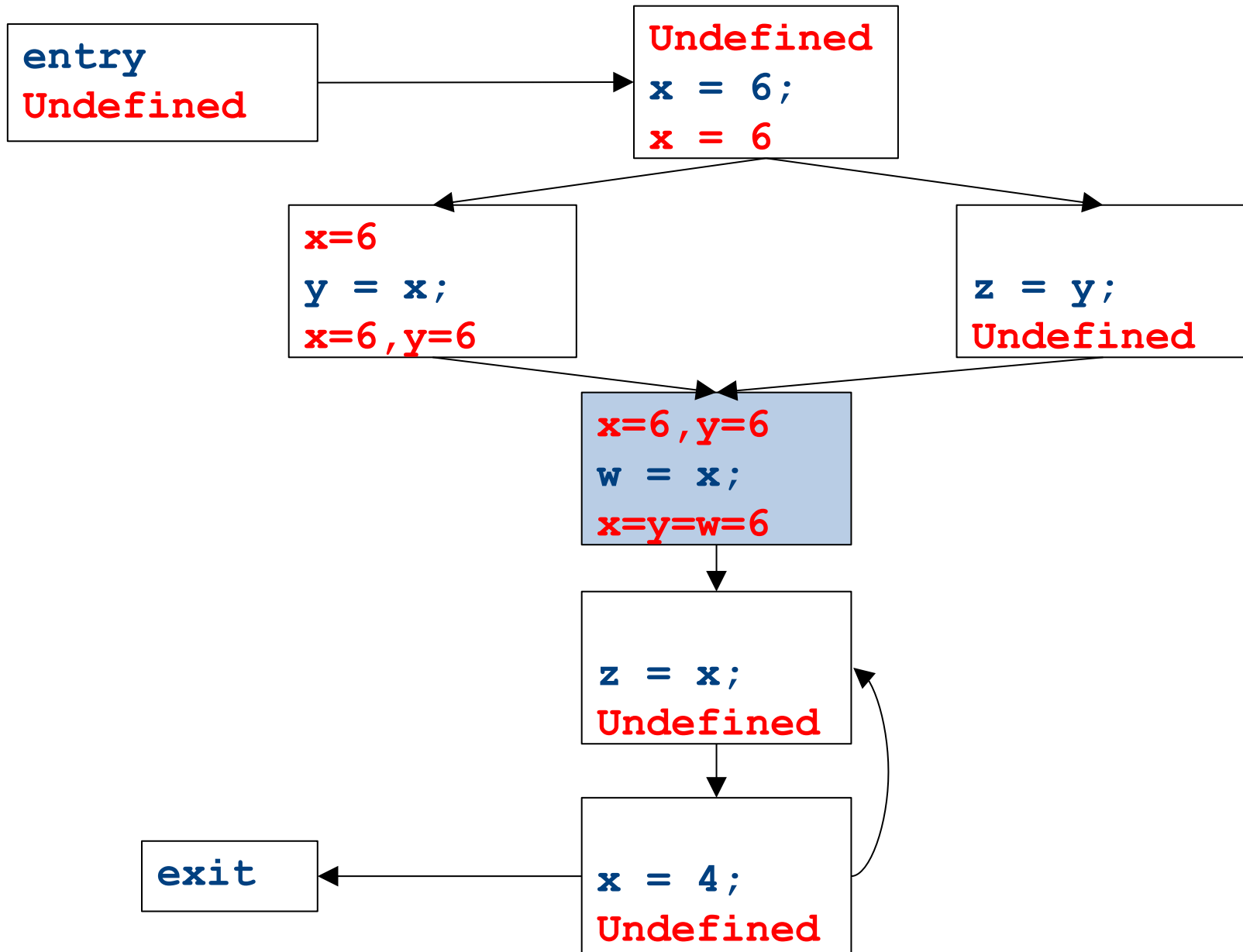


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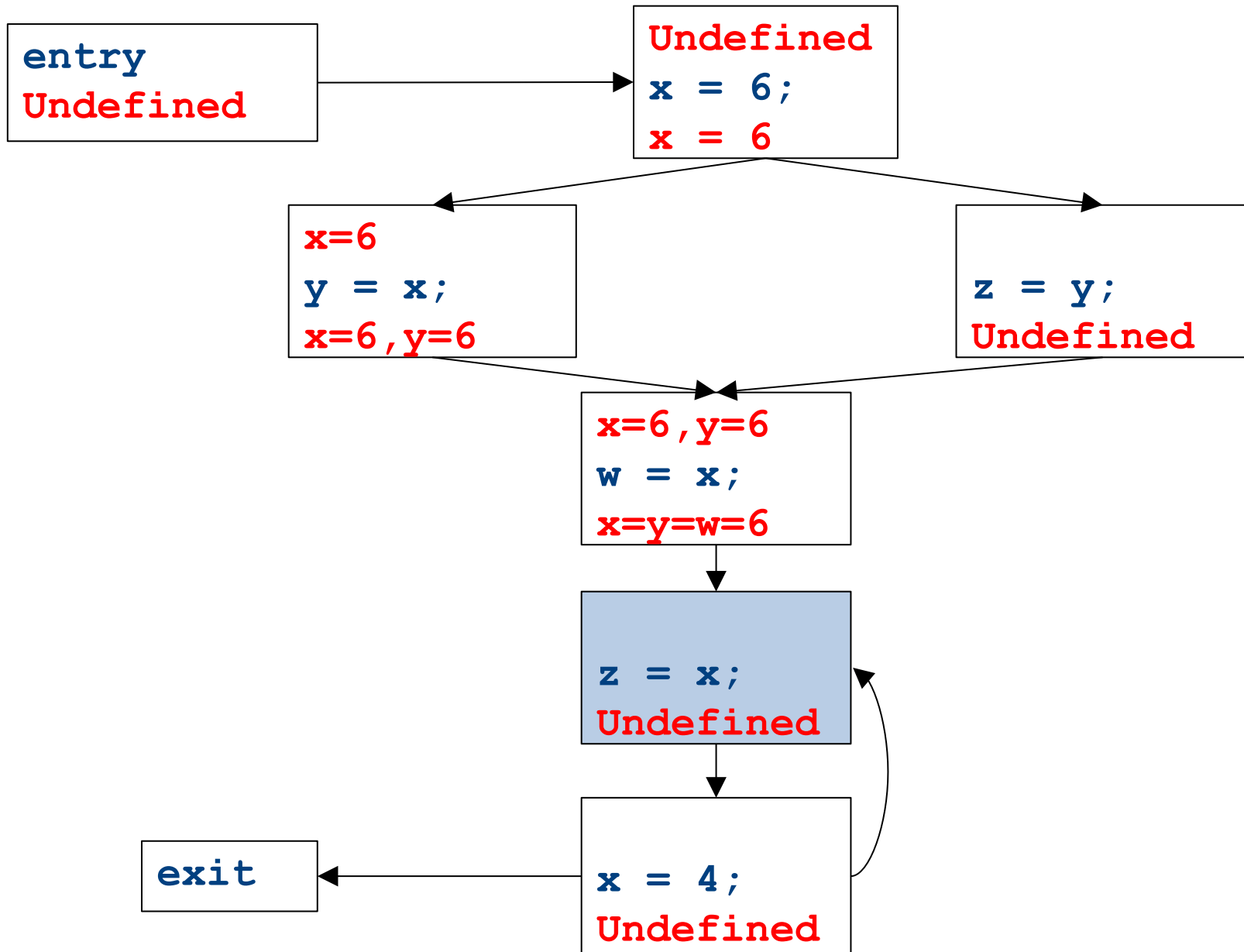




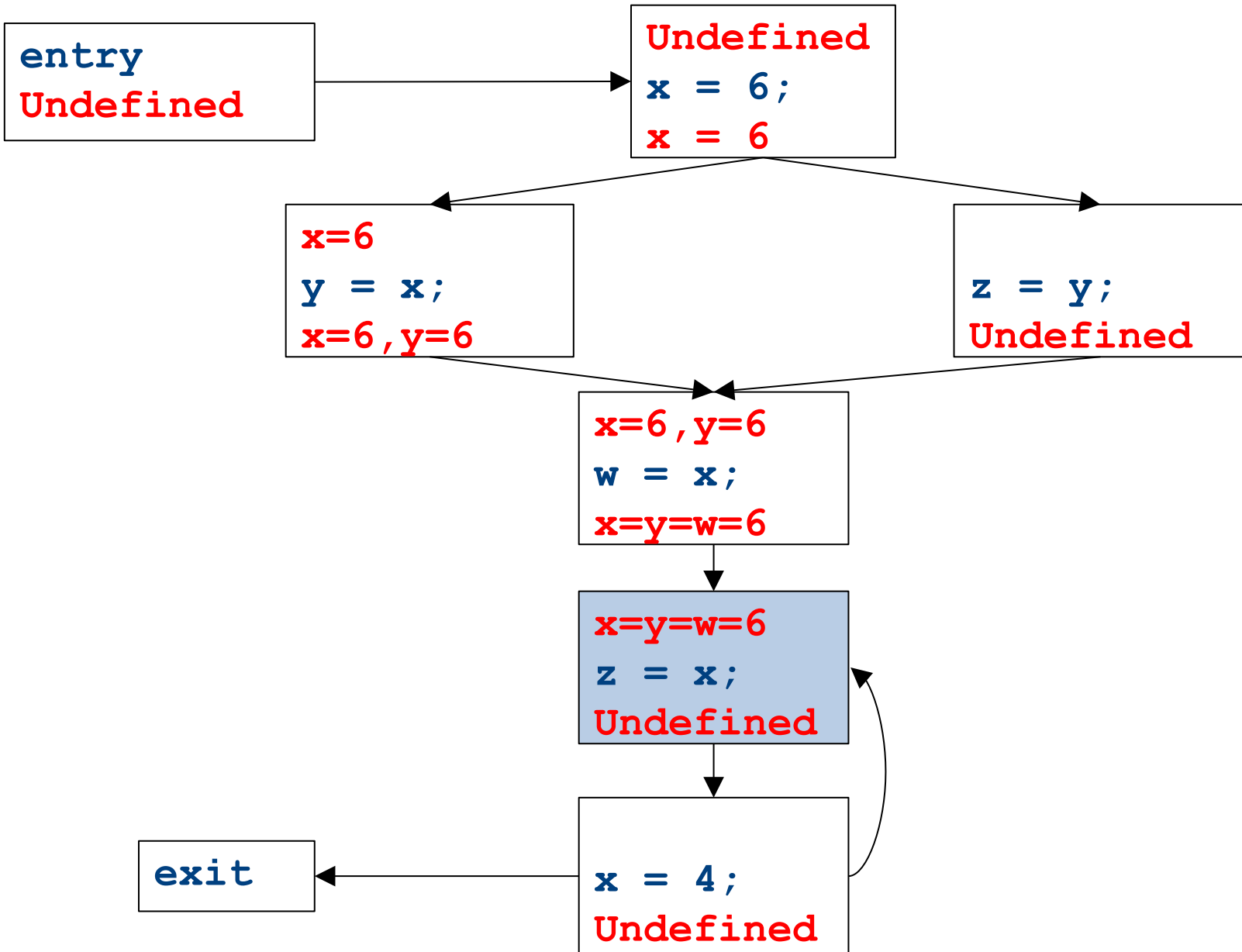
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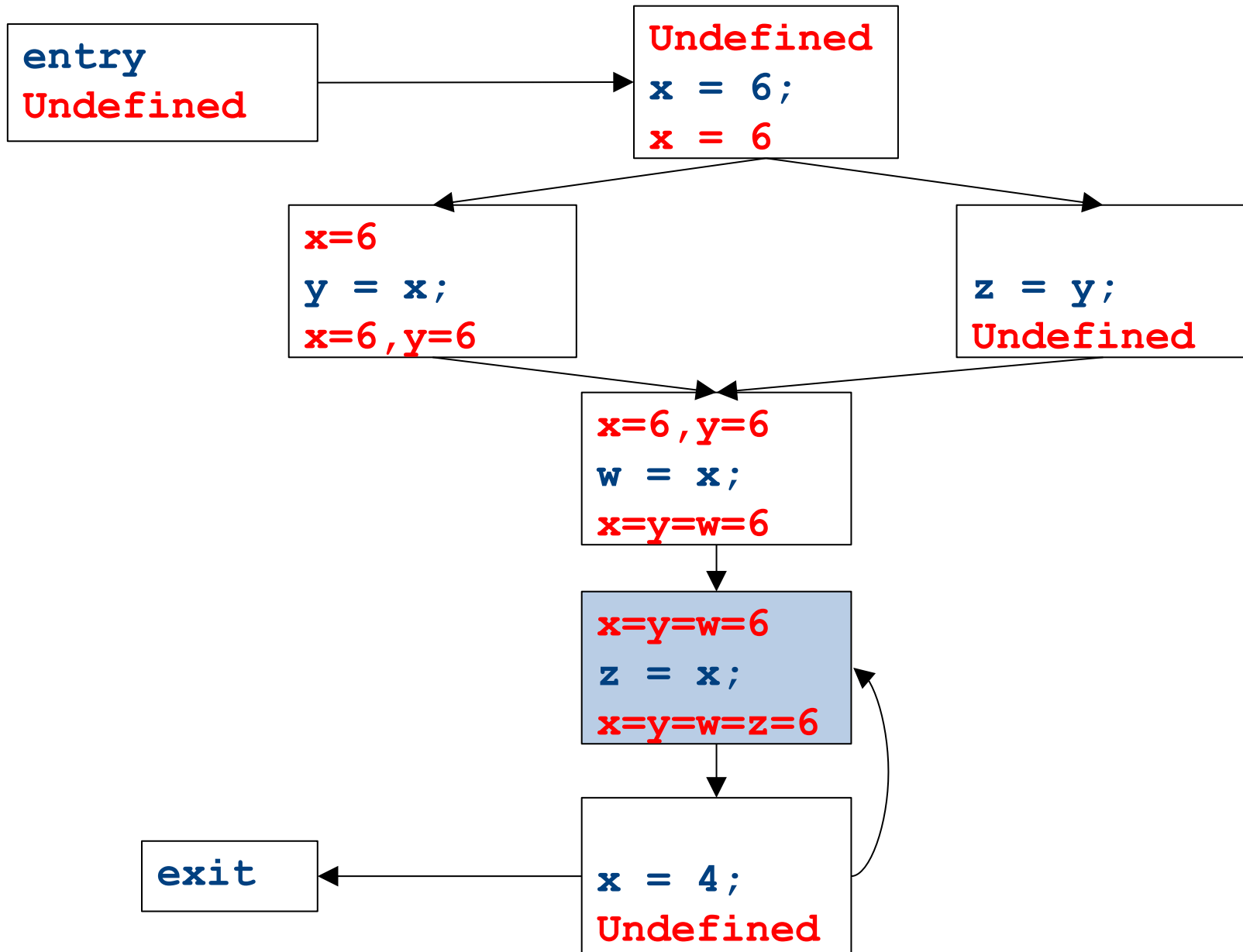
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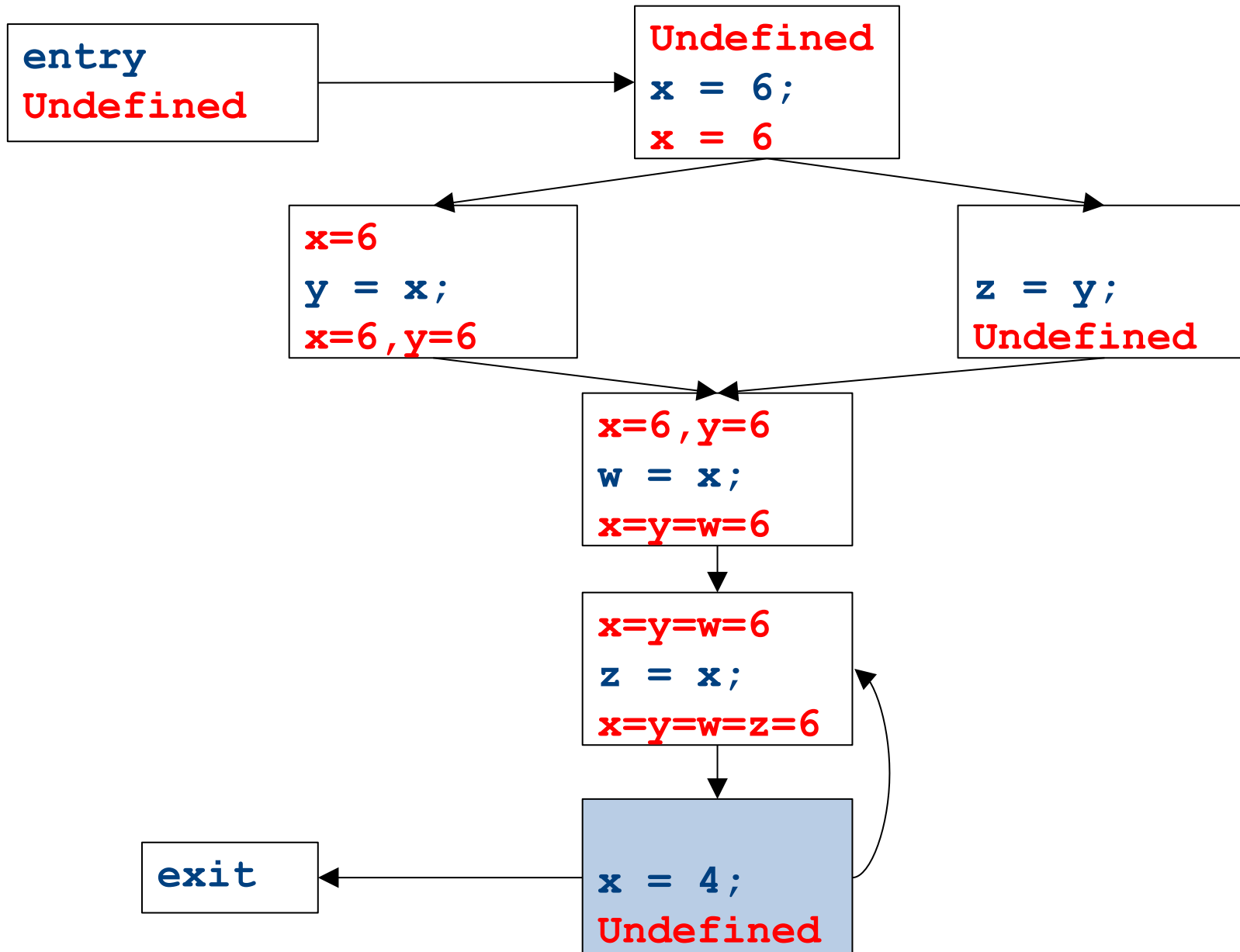
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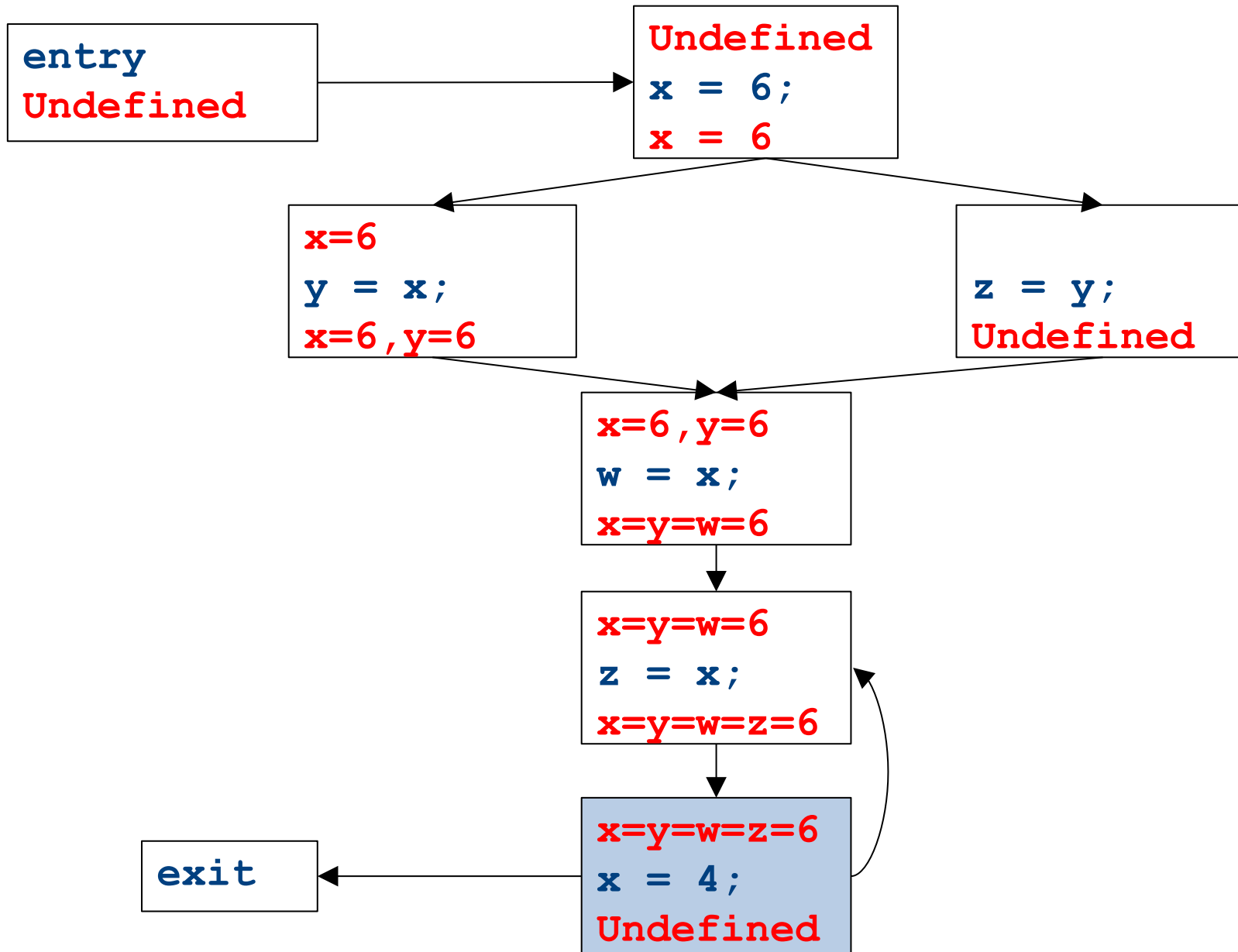
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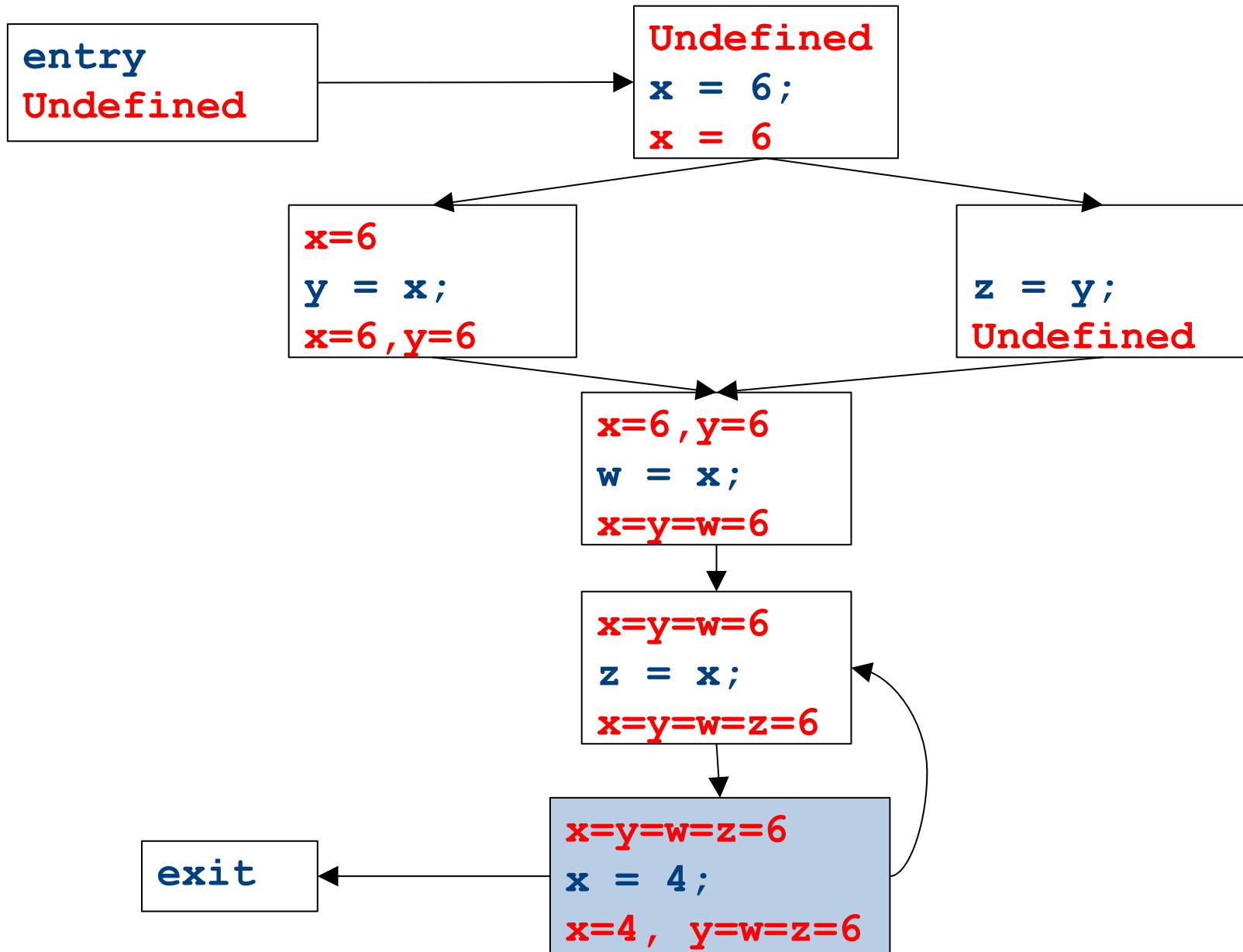
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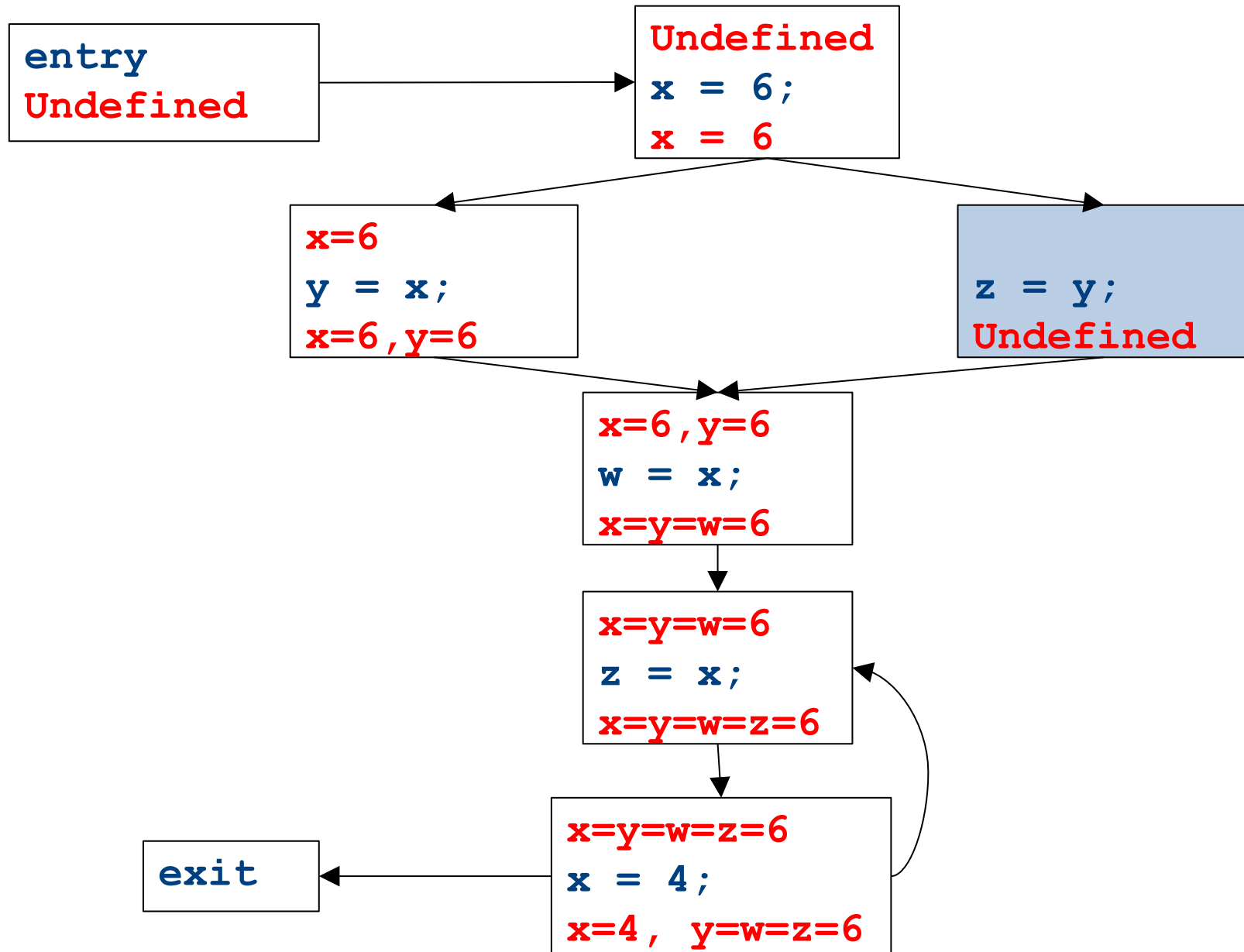
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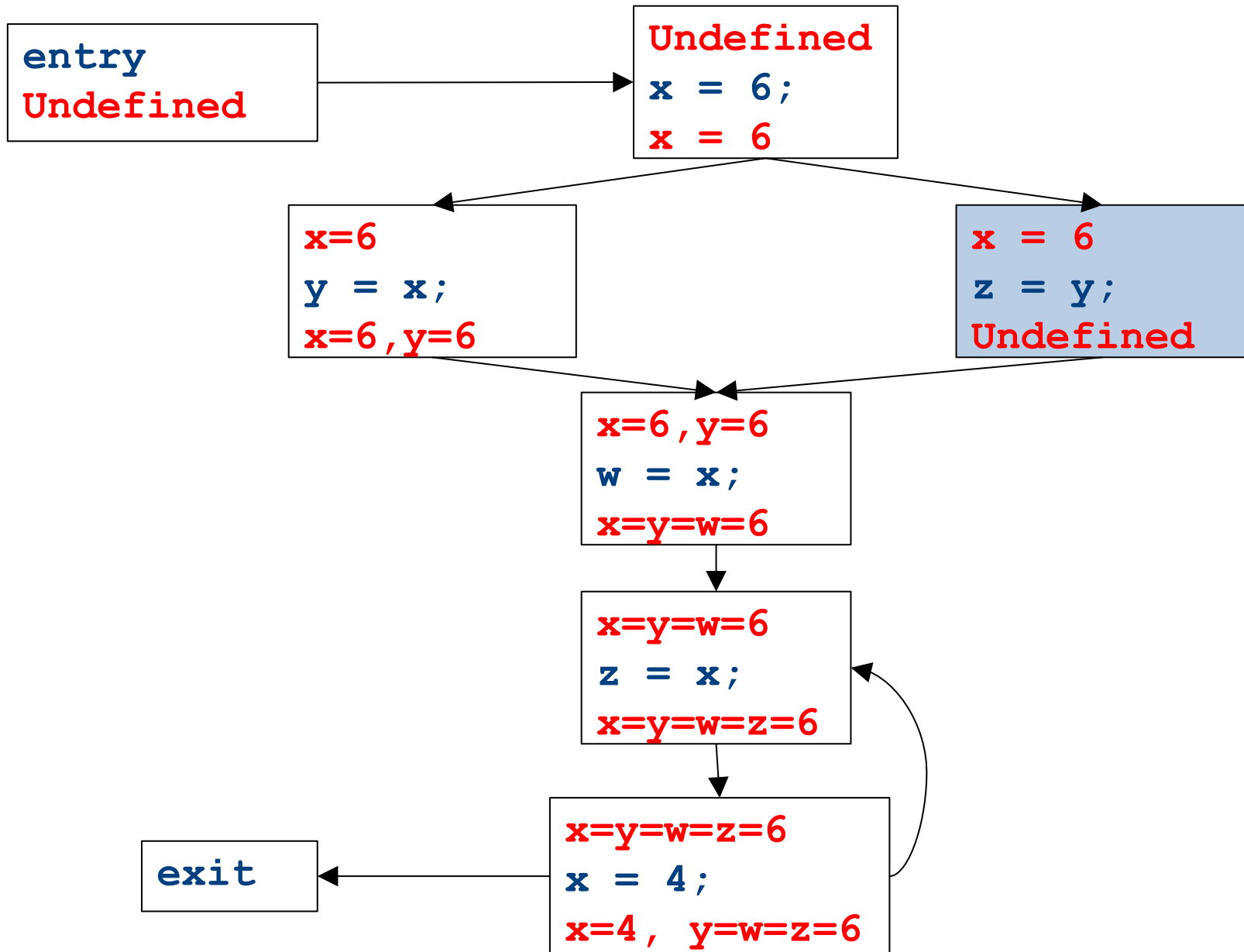


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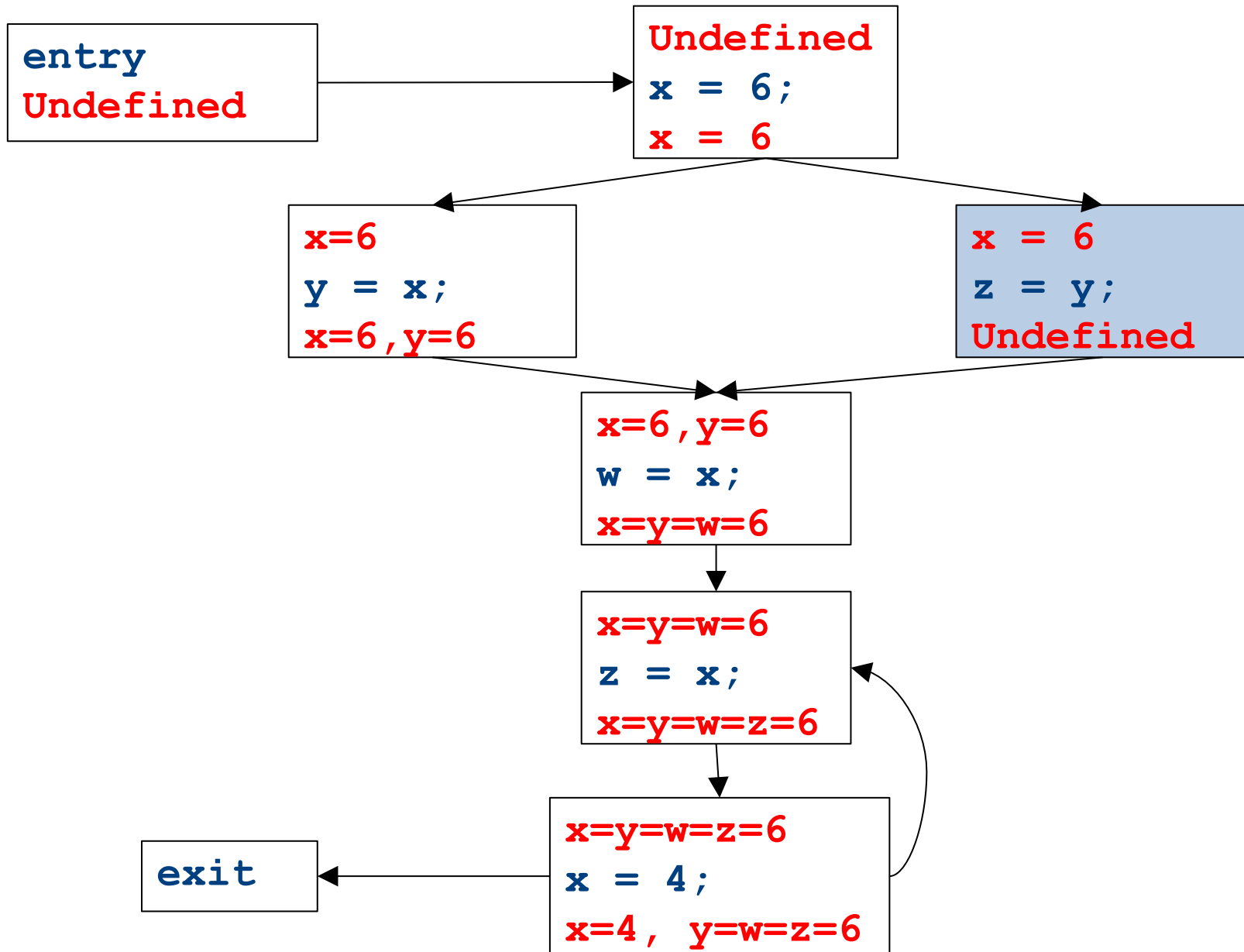




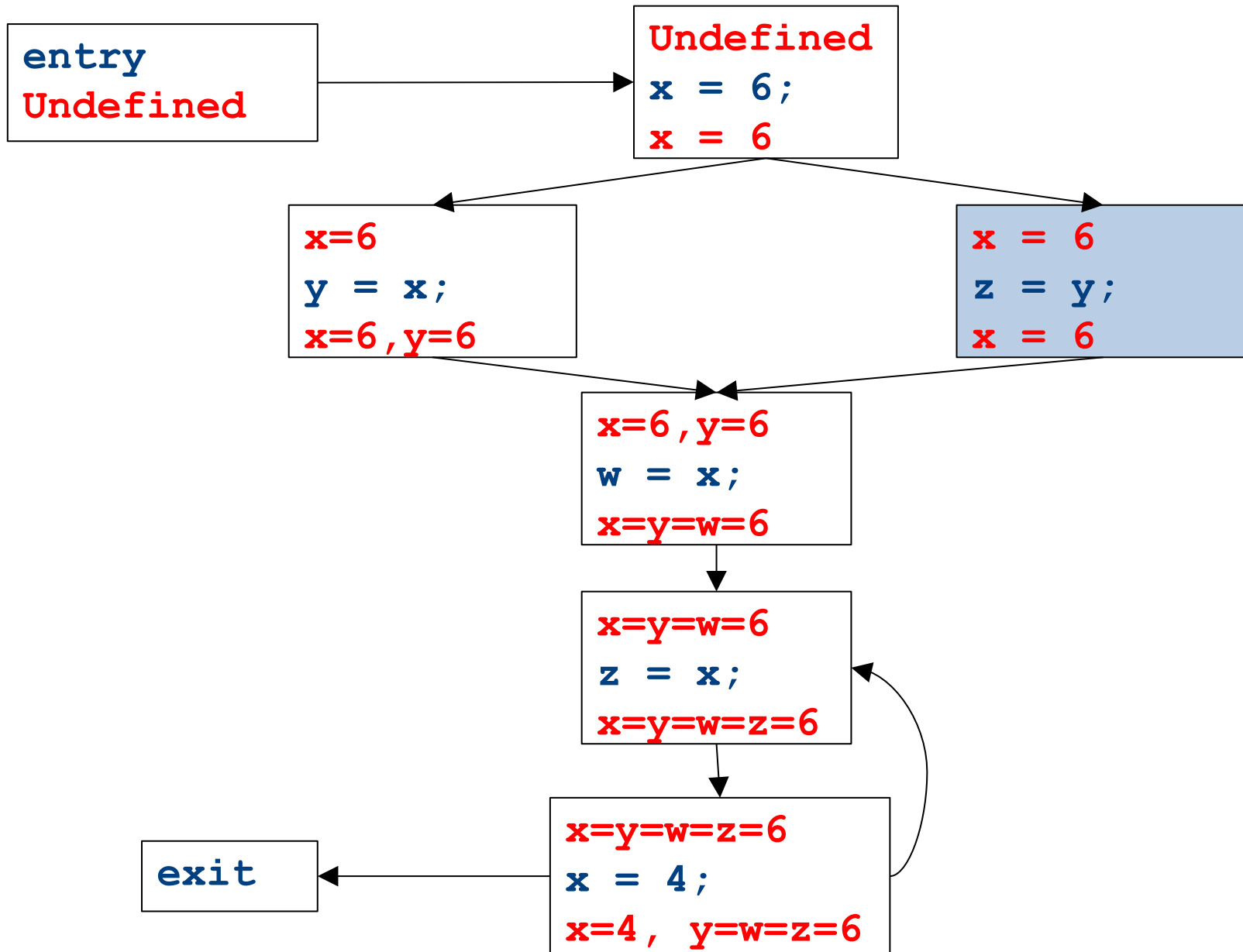
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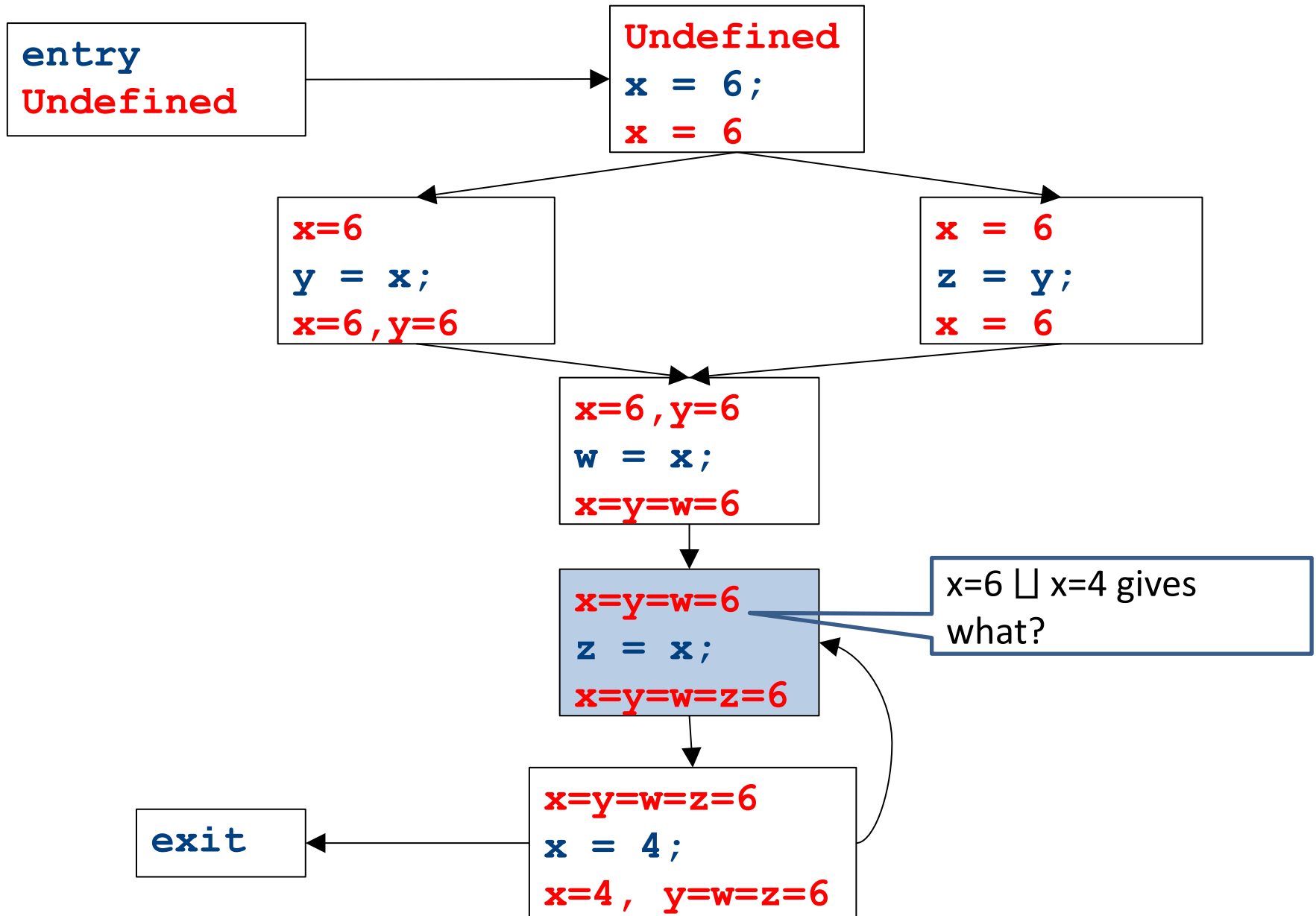
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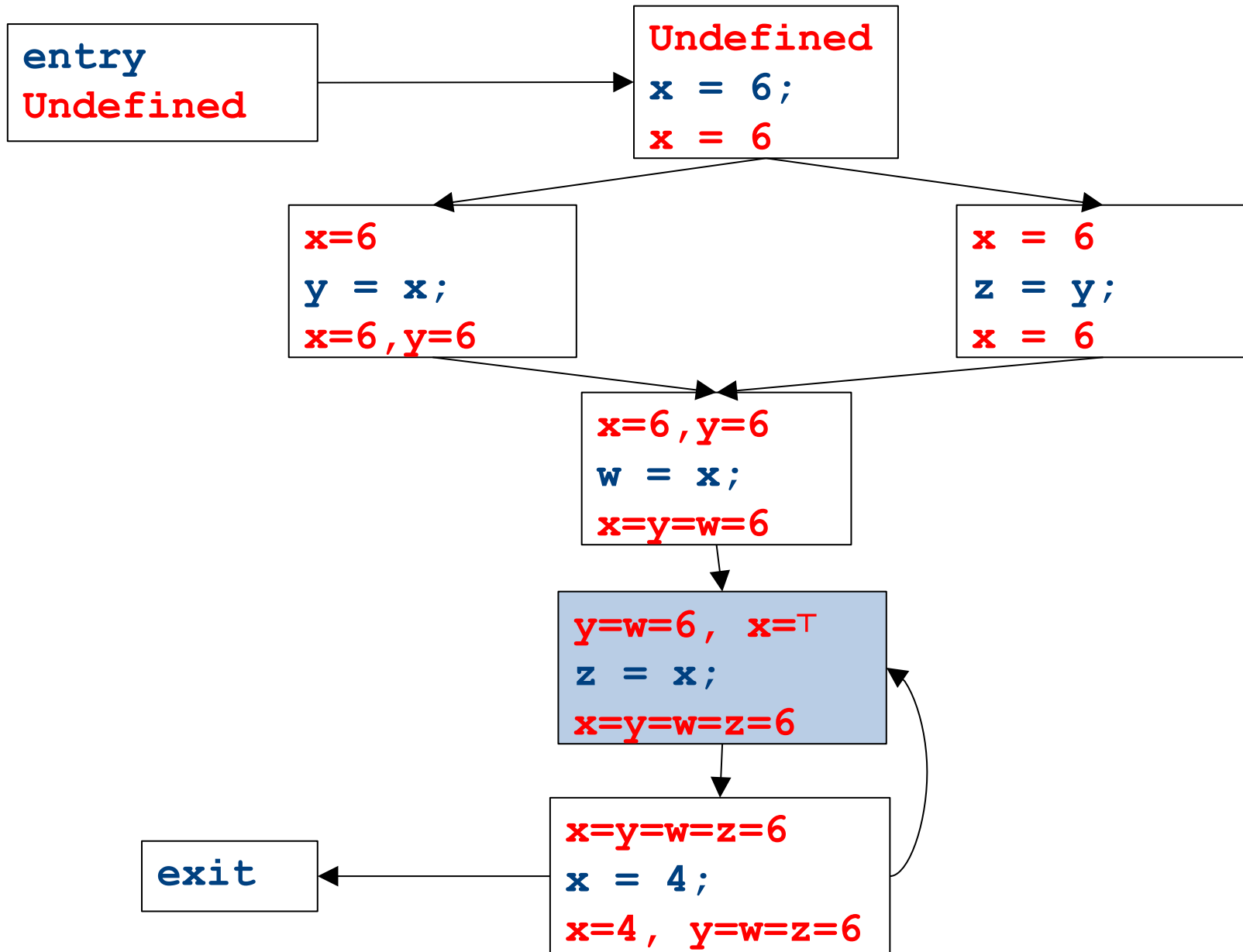
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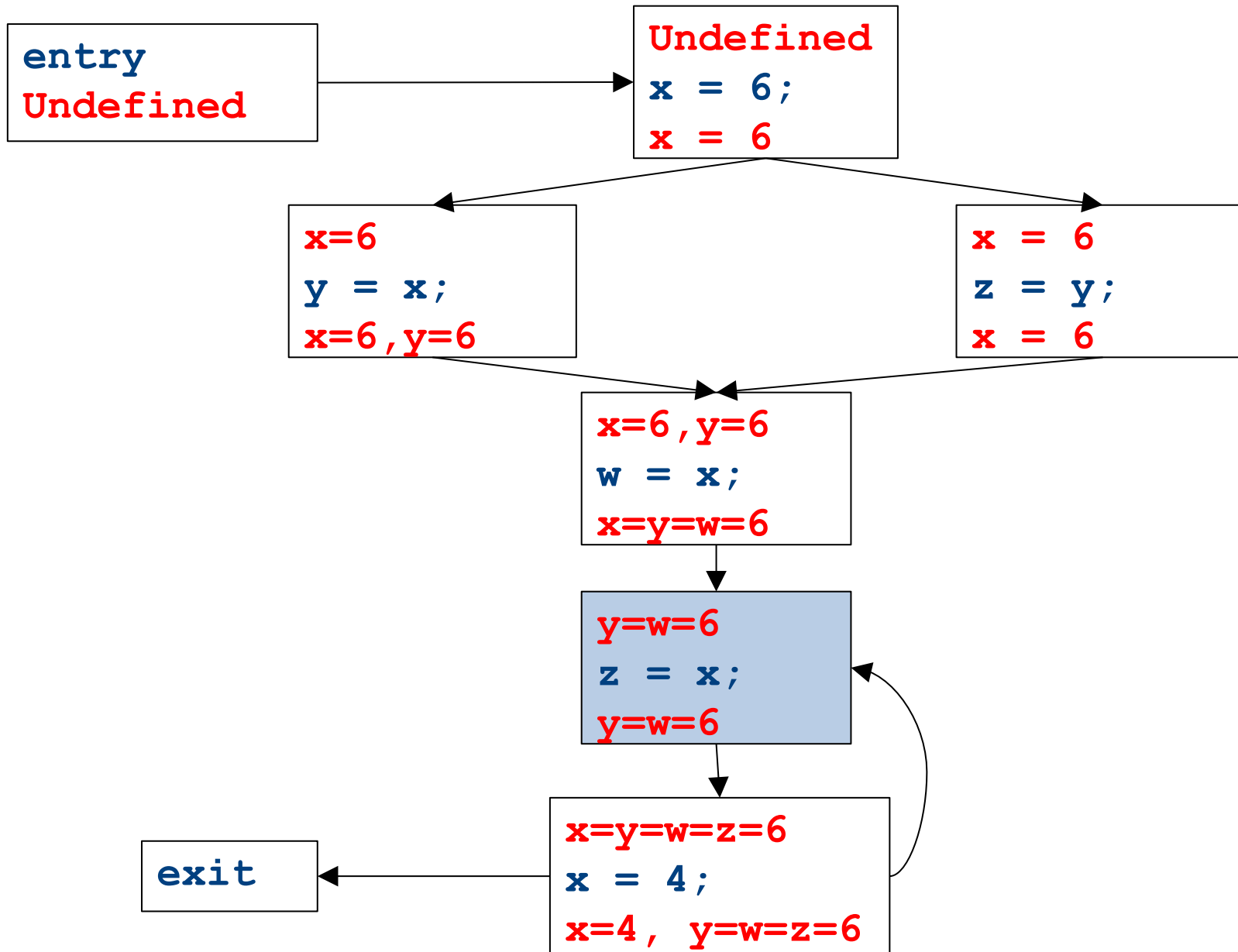
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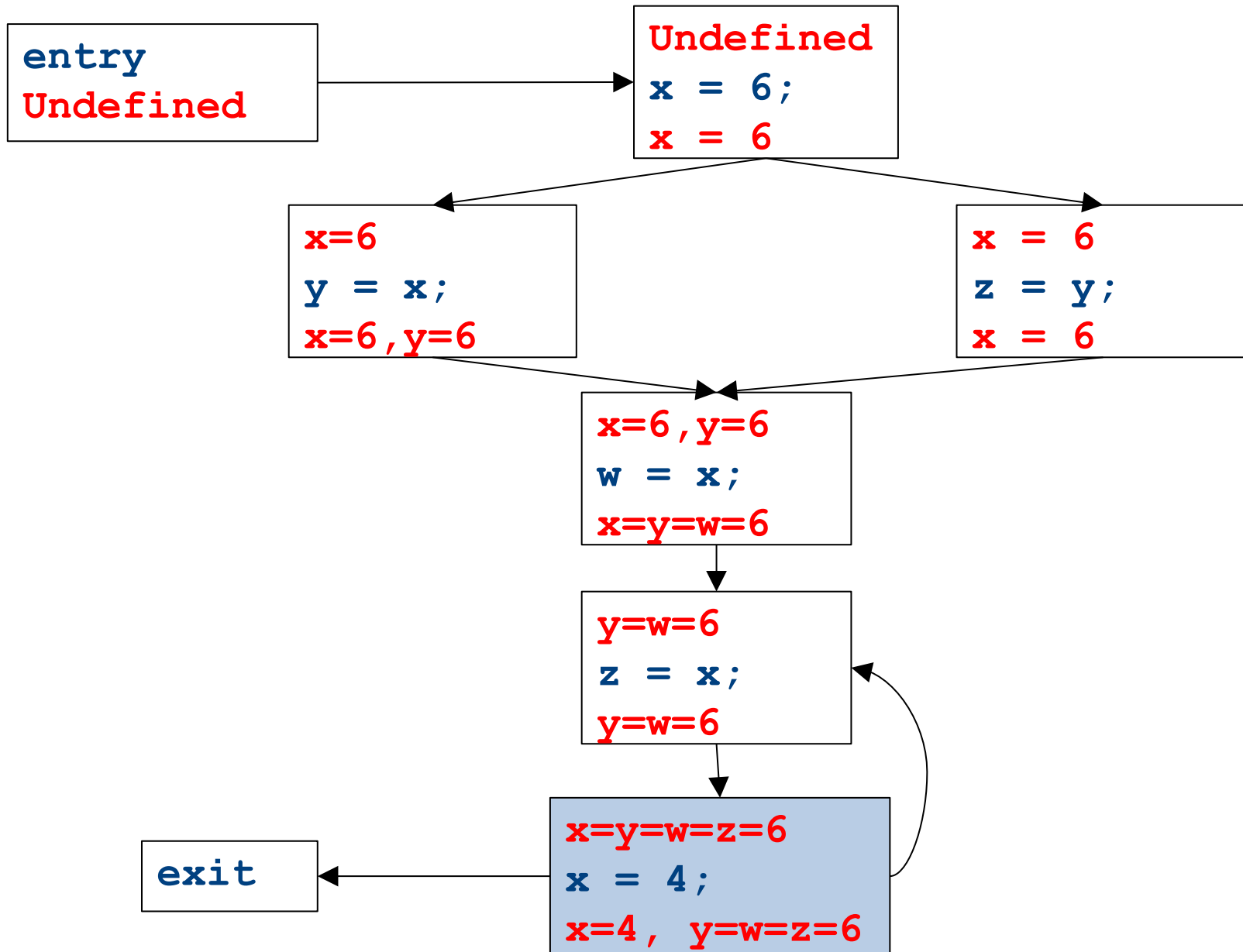
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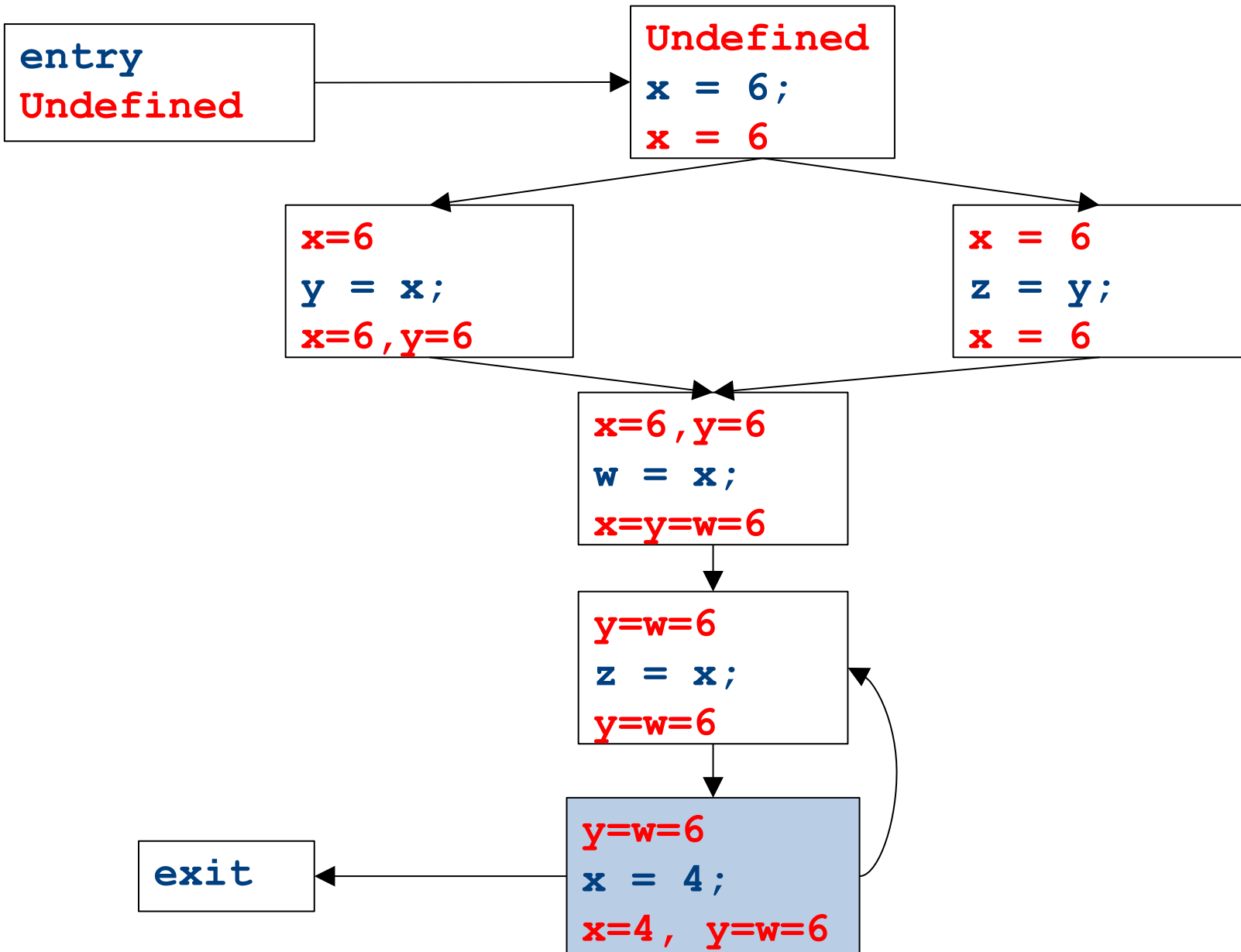
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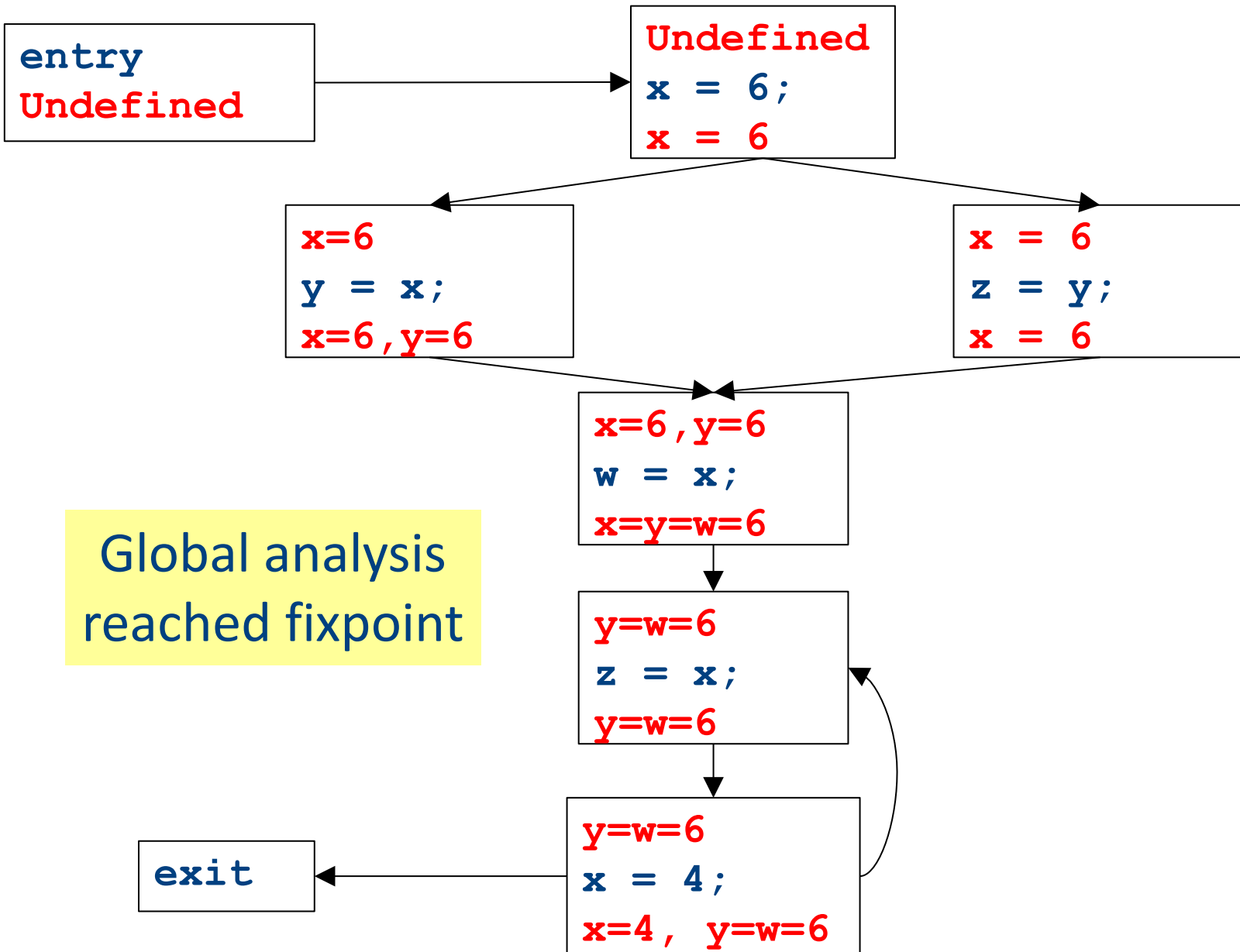


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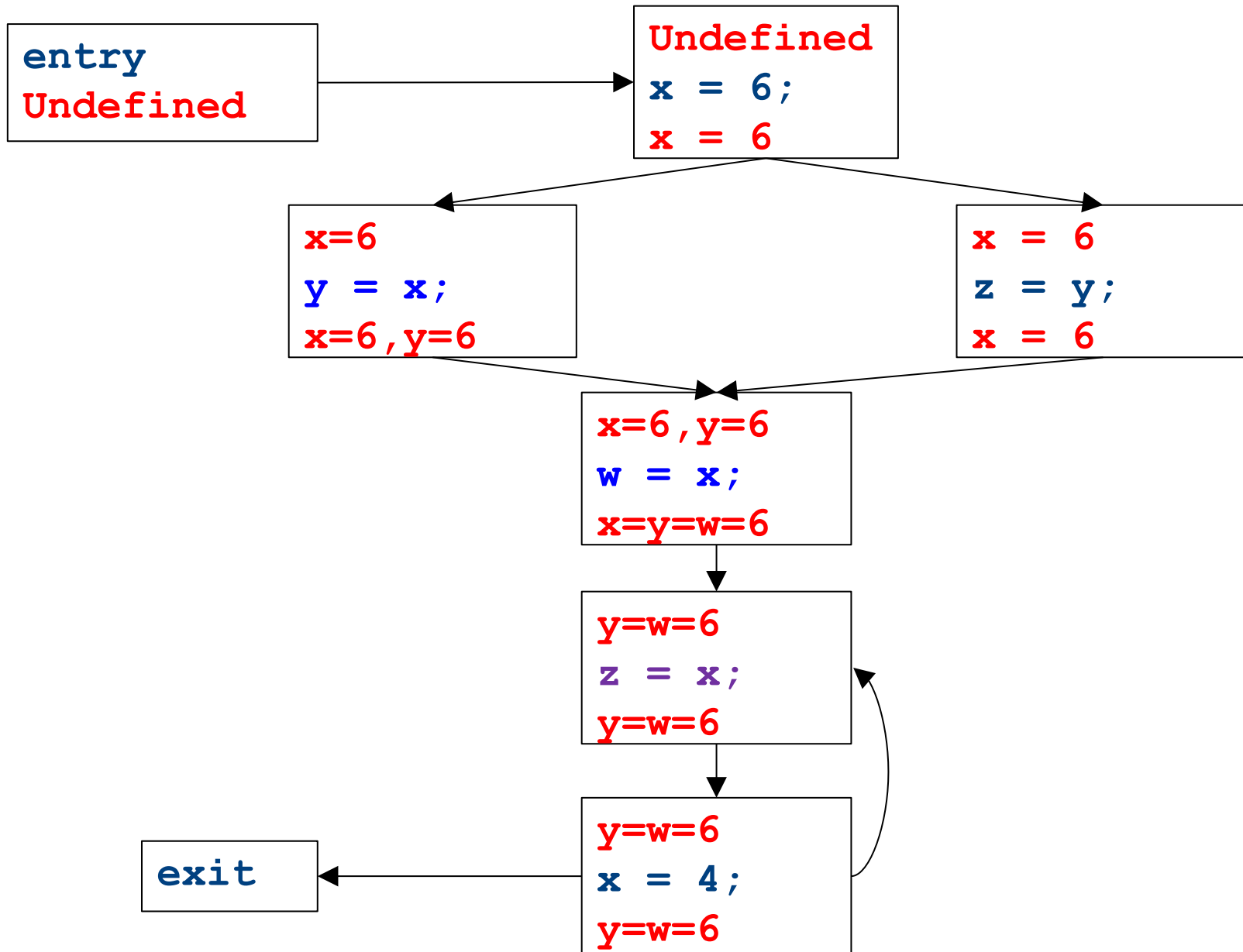




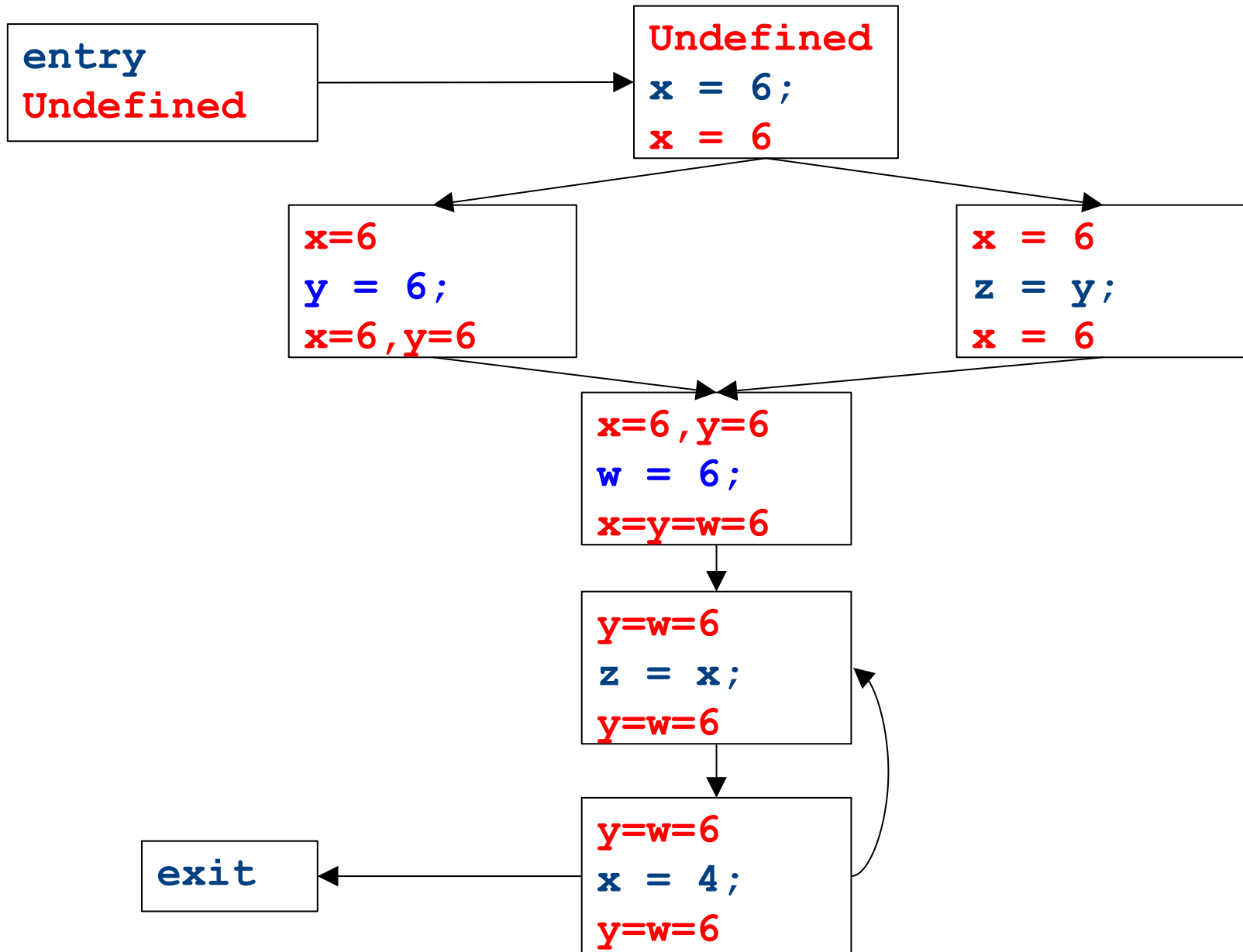
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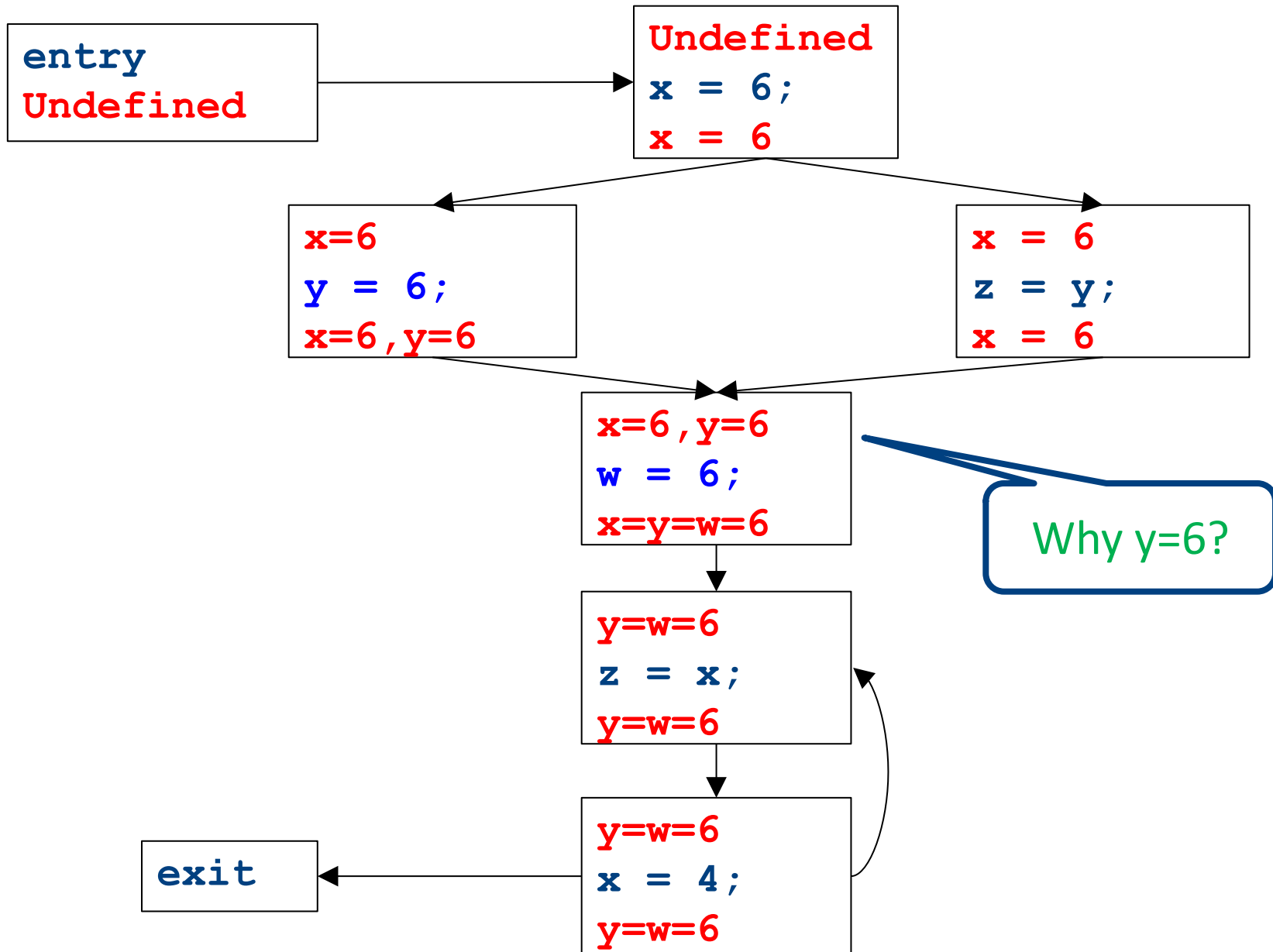
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# Dataflow for constant propagation

- Direction: **Forward**
- Semilattice:  $\text{Vars} \rightarrow \{\text{Undefined}, 0, 1, -1, 2, -2, \dots, \text{Not-a-Constant}\}$ 
  - Join mapping for variables point-wise  
 $\{x \mapsto 1, y \mapsto 1, z \mapsto 1\} \sqcup \{x \mapsto 1, y \mapsto 2, z \mapsto \text{Not-a-Constant}\} = \{x \mapsto 1, y \mapsto \text{Not-a-Constant}, z \mapsto \text{Not-a-Constant}\}$
- Transfer functions:
  - $f_{x=k}(V) = V|_{x \mapsto k}$  (*update V by mapping x to k*)
  - $f_{x=a+b}(V) = V|_{x \mapsto \text{Not-a-Constant}}$  (*assign Not-a-Constant*)
- Initial value: **x is Undefined**
  - (When might we use some other value?)

# Proving termination

- Our algorithm for running these analyses continuously loops until no changes are detected
- Given this, how do we know the analyses will eventually terminate?
  - In general, **we don't**

# Terminates?