

Numeric Abstract Domains

Abstract Interpretation Course

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Numeric abstract domains

Goal: abstract sets of points in $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$

Applications:

- **infer invariants on numeric variables**
 - absence of arithmetic overflow, buffer overflow, division by 0
 - code optimization
- pointer analysis with pointer arithmetic
(pointer offset \simeq numeric variable)
- string analysis
(buffer length, offset, position of 0, are numeric quantities)
- cost analysis
(time, memory consumption are numeric quantities)
- termination analysis
(infer ranking functions with value in \mathbb{N})
- dependency analysis on array operations
(automatic parallelization of loops)

Course goal: present classic numeric abstract domains

- semantic aspects
 - choose the properties of interest: $\mathcal{D}^\#$
 - define sound / optimal transfer functions: $F^\#$
- algorithmic aspects
 - propose data-structure representation of $\mathcal{D}^\#$
 - implement algorithms for $F^\#$
(further approximations for complexity reasons)
- mix two kinds of approximations
 - static approximation (choice of $\mathcal{D}^\#, F^\#$)
 - dynamic approximation (choice of ∇)

Numeric semantics

Syntax: expressions

Arithmetic expressions:

exp	$::=$	V	variable $V \in \mathbb{V}$
		$-\text{exp}$	negation
		$\text{exp} \diamond \text{exp}$	binary operation: $\diamond \in \{+, -, \times, /\}$
		$[c, c']$	constant range, $c, c' \in \mathbb{I} \cup \{\pm\infty\}$ (c is a shorthand for $[c, c]$)

- fixed, **finite** set of variables \mathbb{V}
- **one datatype**: scalars in $\mathbb{I} \in \{\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}\}$
(later extended to floats \mathbb{F})
- **non-deterministic**
([c, c'] models inputs, non-deterministic choices, stubs)

Syntax: commands and programs

Commands:

$\text{com} ::= V := \text{exp}$ assignment into $V \in \mathbb{V}$
 | $\text{exp} \bowtie 0$ test, $\bowtie \in \{=, <, >, \leq, \geq, \neq\}$

programs: control-flow graphs

$P \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (L, e, A)$

L	program points (labels)
e	entry point: $e \in L$
A	arcs: $A \subseteq L \times \text{com} \times L$

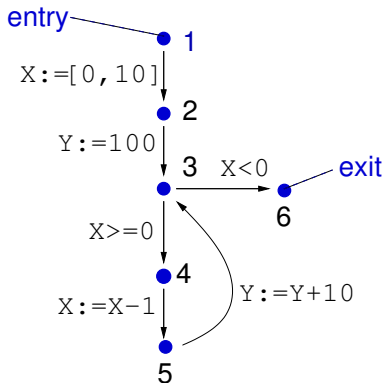
- no procedure

Example

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1X := [0, 10];
2Y := 100;
while 3X >= 0 do 4
    X := X - 1; 5
    Y := Y + 10
done 6
  
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structured program



control flow graph

(loop X from a value ≤ 10 down to 0, at each iteration add 10 to Y)

Concrete semantics

Concrete semantics: expressions

Semantics of expressions: $E[e]: (\mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{I}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{I})$

$$E[[c, c']] \rho \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x \in \mathbb{I} \mid c \leq x \leq c'\}$$

$$E[[V]] \rho \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\rho(V)\}$$

$$E[[-e]] \rho \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{-v \mid v \in E[e] \rho\}$$

$$E[[e_1 + e_2]] \rho \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{v_1 + v_2 \mid v_1 \in E[e_1] \rho, v_2 \in E[e_2] \rho\}$$

$$E[[e_1 - e_2]] \rho \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{v_1 - v_2 \mid v_1 \in E[e_1] \rho, v_2 \in E[e_2] \rho\}$$

$$E[[e_1 \times e_2]] \rho \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{v_1 \times v_2 \mid v_1 \in E[e_1] \rho, v_2 \in E[e_2] \rho\}$$

$$E[[e_1 / e_2]] \rho \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{v_1 / v_2 \mid v_1 \in E[e_1] \rho, v_2 \in E[e_2] \rho, v_2 \neq 0\}$$

- takes as argument **an environment** $\rho \in \mathbb{V} \rightarrow I$
- returns a **set of values**: non-deterministic, due to inputs $[c, c']$
- defined by **structural induction**, on the syntax of expressions
- divisions by zero **stop** the program: $E[e/0] \rho = \emptyset$

Concrete semantics: commands

Semantics of commands: $\mathbb{C}[[c]] : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ where $\mathcal{D} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{I})$

A **transfer function** for c defines a **relation** on environments:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{C}[[v := e]] \mathcal{X} &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ \rho [v \mapsto v] \mid \rho \in \mathcal{X}, v \in \mathbb{E}[[e]] \rho \} \\ \mathbb{C}[[e \bowtie 0]] \mathcal{X} &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ \rho \mid \rho \in \mathcal{X}, \exists v \in \mathbb{E}[[e]] \rho : v \bowtie 0 \} \end{aligned}$$

Relates the environments **after** the execution of a command to the environments **before**

- **assignments** evaluate expressions and **update** variable values
- **tests filter** environment, keep those that can satisfy the expression

Property: **U-morphism:** $\mathbb{C}[[c]] \mathcal{X} = \bigcup_{\rho \in \mathcal{X}} \mathbb{C}[[c]] \{ \rho \}$

Concrete semantics: programs

Semantics of programs: $P[(L, e, A)] : L \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$

$P[(L, e, A)] \ell$ is the **most precise invariant** at $\ell \in L$.

It is the **smallest** solution of a recursive equation system $(\mathcal{X}_\ell)_{\ell \in L}$:

Semantic equation system

\mathcal{X}_e (given initial state)

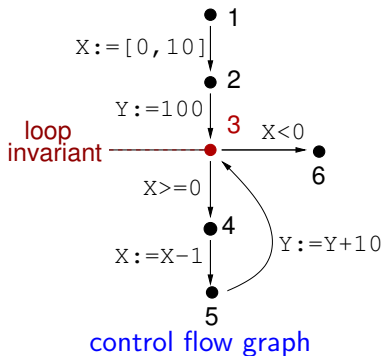
$\mathcal{X}_{\ell \neq e} = \bigcup_{(\ell', c, \ell) \in A} C[c] \mathcal{X}_{\ell'}$ (transfer function)

Tarski's Theorem: the smallest solution exists and is unique [Tarsky 55].

- $(\mathcal{D}, \subseteq, \cup, \cap, \emptyset, (\forall \rightarrow \mathbb{I}))$ is a complete lattice
- each $M_\ell : \mathcal{X}_\ell \mapsto \bigcup_{(\ell', c, \ell) \in A} C[c] \mathcal{X}_{\ell'}$ is monotonic in \mathcal{D}

\implies the solution is the least fixpoint of $(M_\ell)_{\ell \in L} : \forall \ell: M_\ell(\mathcal{X}_\ell) = \mathcal{X}_\ell$

Concrete semantics example



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{X}_1 = (\{X, Y\} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}) \\ \mathcal{X}_2 = C[X := [0, 10]] \mathcal{X}_1 \\ \mathcal{X}_3 = C[Y := 100] \mathcal{X}_2 \cup \\ \quad C[Y := Y + 10] \mathcal{X}_5 \\ \mathcal{X}_4 = C[X \geq 0] \mathcal{X}_3 \\ \mathcal{X}_5 = C[X := X - 1] \mathcal{X}_4 \\ \mathcal{X}_6 = C[X < 0] \mathcal{X}_3 \end{array} \right.$$

equation system

Loop invariant: circular dependency

$$\mathcal{X}_3 = \{ \rho \mid \rho(X) \in [0, 10], 10\rho(X) + \rho(Y) \in [100, 200] \cap 10\mathbb{Z} \}$$

Concrete resolution

Resolution by increasing iterations:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{X}_e^0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{X}_e \\ \mathcal{X}_{\ell \neq e}^0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \emptyset \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{X}_e^{n+1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{X}_e \\ \mathcal{X}_{\ell \neq e}^{n+1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigcup_{(\ell', c, \ell) \in A} C[[c]] \mathcal{X}_{\ell'}^n \end{array} \right.$$

Converges in ω iterations to a least solution,
because each $C[[c]]$ is continuous in the CPO (\mathcal{D}, \subseteq)

“Kleene” fixpoint theorem [Cousot Cousot 79]

\implies constructive definition

Concrete resolution example

iteration 0

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll}
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 \quad C[Y := Y + 10] \mathcal{X}_5 & \\
 \mathcal{X}_4 = C[X \geq 0] \mathcal{X}_3 & \emptyset \\
 \mathcal{X}_5 = C[X := X - 1] \mathcal{X}_4 & \emptyset \\
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Concrete resolution example

iteration 1

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Concrete resolution example

iteration 2

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Concrete resolution example

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Concrete resolution example

iteration 4

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Concrete resolution example

iteration 5

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Concrete resolution example

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Concrete resolution example

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Concrete resolution example

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Concrete resolution example

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Concrete resolution example

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Concrete resolution example

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Abstractions

Numeric abstract domains

Representation: given by

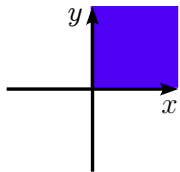
- a set $\mathcal{D}^\#$ of machine-representable abstract values
- a **partial order** $(\mathcal{D}^\#, \subseteq^\#, \perp^\#, \top^\#)$
relating the amount of information given by abstract values
- a **concretization** function $\gamma: \mathcal{D}^\# \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ ($\mathcal{D} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{I})$)
giving a meaning to each abstract element

Required algebraic properties:

- γ should be **monotonic** for $\subseteq^\#$: $\mathcal{X}^\# \subseteq^\# \mathcal{Y}^\# \implies \gamma(\mathcal{X}^\#) \subseteq \gamma(\mathcal{Y}^\#)$
- $\gamma(\perp^\#) = \emptyset$
- $\gamma(\top^\#) = \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{I}$

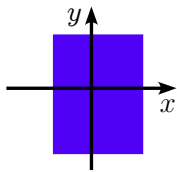
Note: γ need not be one-to-one

Numeric abstract domain examples



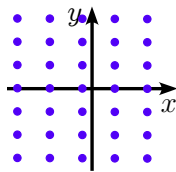
Signs

$$x \geq 0$$



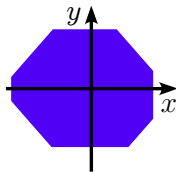
Intervals

$$x \in [a, b]$$



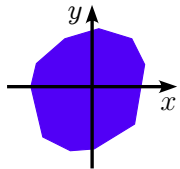
Congruences

$$x \in a\mathbb{Z} + b$$



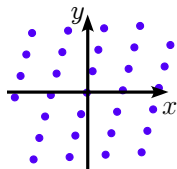
Octagons

$$\pm x \pm y \leq c$$



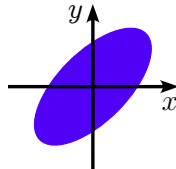
Polyhedra

$$\sum_i \alpha_i x_i \leq \beta$$



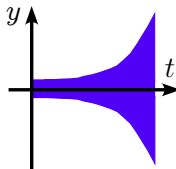
Lattices

$$\sum \alpha_i x_i \in a\mathbb{Z} + b$$



Ellipsoids

$$x^2 + y^2 + \alpha xy \leq \beta$$



Exponentials

$$|y| \leq \alpha + \beta t^\gamma$$

Numeric abstract domains (cont.)

Abstract operators: we require:

- sound, effective, abstract **transfer functions** $C^\# \llbracket c \rrbracket$ for all commands c
- sound, effective, abstract **set operators** $\cup^\#, \cap^\#$
- an algorithm to decide the **ordering** $\subseteq^\#$

Soundness criterion:

$F^\#$ is a **sound** abstraction of a n -ary operator F if:

$$\forall x_1^\#, \dots, x_n^\# \in \mathcal{D}^\#: F(\gamma(x_1^\#), \dots, \gamma(x_n^\#)) \subseteq \gamma(F^\#(x_1^\#, \dots, x_n^\#))$$

Optional: Galois connection $(\mathcal{D}, \subseteq) \xleftrightarrow[\alpha]{\gamma} (\mathcal{D}^\#, \subseteq^\#)$

- design **optimal** $F^\#$ as $F^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \alpha \circ F \circ \gamma$ (semantic definition)
- α **may not exist** (no best abstraction)
- $\alpha \circ F \circ \gamma$ may be **too hard to compute** (no algorithm)

Abstract semantics

Concrete equation system

$$\mathcal{X} : L \rightarrow \mathcal{D} \text{ least solution of } \begin{cases} \mathcal{X}_e \text{ given} \\ \mathcal{X}_{\ell \neq e} = \bigcup_{(\ell', c, \ell) \in A} C[[c]] \mathcal{X}_{\ell'} \end{cases}$$

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Abstract equation system

$$\mathcal{X}^\# : L \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^\# \text{ any solution of } \begin{cases} \mathcal{X}_e^\# \text{ such that } \mathcal{X}_e \subseteq \gamma(\mathcal{X}_e^\#) \\ \mathcal{X}_{\ell \neq e}^\# \supseteq^\# \bigcup_{(\ell', c, \ell) \in A} C^\#[[c]] \mathcal{X}_{\ell'}^\# \end{cases}$$

Soundness theorem: $\forall \ell \in L: \gamma(\mathcal{X}_\ell^\#) \supseteq \mathcal{X}_\ell$

Iteration strategy

Resolution by iterations in \mathcal{D}^\sharp :

To **effectively** solve the abstract system, we need:

- an **iteration ordering** on abstract equations
- a **widening operator** ∇ to speed-up the convergence (if there are infinite strictly increasing chains in \mathcal{D}^\sharp)

$\nabla : (\mathcal{D}^\sharp \times \mathcal{D}^\sharp) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^\sharp$ is a widening if:

- it is **sound**: $\gamma(\mathcal{X}^\sharp) \cup \gamma(\mathcal{Y}^\sharp) \subseteq \gamma(\mathcal{X}^\sharp \nabla \mathcal{Y}^\sharp)$
- it enforces **termination**:

\forall sequence $(\mathcal{Y}_i^\sharp)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$:

the sequence $\mathcal{X}_0^\sharp = \mathcal{Y}_0^\sharp$, $\mathcal{X}_{i+1}^\sharp = \mathcal{X}_i^\sharp \nabla \mathcal{Y}_{i+1}^\sharp$

stabilizes in finite time: $\exists n < \omega: \mathcal{X}_{n+1}^\sharp = \mathcal{X}_n^\sharp$

(note: $\exists n: \forall m \geq n: \mathcal{X}_{m+1}^\sharp = \mathcal{X}_m^\sharp$ is **not** required)

inductive reasoning: generalization from discrete instances
(\neq mathematical induction)

Abstract analysis

$\mathcal{W} \subseteq L$ is a set of **widening points** if every CFG cycle has a point in \mathcal{W}

Abstract analysis:

$$\mathcal{X}_e^{\#0} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{X}_e^{\#} \quad \text{such that } \mathcal{X}_e \subseteq \gamma(\mathcal{X}_e^{\#})$$

$$\mathcal{X}_{l \neq e}^{\#0} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \perp^{\#}$$

$$\mathcal{X}_l^{\#n+1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \mathcal{X}_e^{\#} & \text{if } l = e \\ \bigcup_{(l',c,\ell) \in A} \mathbf{C}^{\#}[[c]] \mathcal{X}_{l'}^{\#n} & \text{if } l \notin \mathcal{W}, l \neq e \\ \mathcal{X}_l^{\#n} \nabla \bigcup_{(l',c,\ell) \in A} \mathbf{C}^{\#}[[c]] \mathcal{X}_{l'}^{\#n} & \text{if } l \in \mathcal{W}, l \neq e \end{cases}$$

- **termination**: for some δ , $\forall l: \mathcal{X}_l^{\#\delta+1} = \mathcal{X}_l^{\#\delta}$
- **soundness**: $\forall l \in L: \mathcal{X}_l \subseteq \gamma(\mathcal{X}_l^{\#\delta})$
- can be refined by decreasing iterations with narrowing Δ (presented later)
- we apply every equation at each step, but other iteration orders are possible (worklist, chaotic iterations, [Bourdoncle 93])

Abstract analysis (proof)

Proof of soundness:

Suppose that $\forall l, \mathcal{X}_l^{\#\delta+1} = \mathcal{X}_l^{\#\delta}$.

If $l = e$, by definition: $\mathcal{X}_e^{\#\delta} = \mathcal{X}_e^{\#}$ and $\mathcal{X}_e \subseteq \gamma(\mathcal{X}_e^{\#\delta})$.

If $l \neq e, l \notin \mathcal{W}$, then $\mathcal{X}_l^{\#\delta} = \mathcal{X}_l^{\#\delta+1} = \bigcup_{(l',c,l) \in A} \mathbf{C}^{\#}[\![c]\!] \mathcal{X}_{l'}^{\#\delta}$.

By soundness of $\bigcup^{\#}$ and $\mathbf{C}^{\#}[\![c]\!]$, $\gamma(\mathcal{X}_l^{\#\delta}) \supseteq \bigcup_{(l',c,l) \in A} \mathbf{C}[\![c]\!] \gamma(\mathcal{X}_{l'}^{\#\delta})$.

If $l \neq e, l \in \mathcal{W}$, then $\mathcal{X}_l^{\#\delta} = \mathcal{X}_l^{\#\delta+1} = \mathcal{X}_l^{\#\delta} \nabla \bigcup_{(l',c,l) \in A} \mathbf{C}^{\#}[\![c]\!] \mathcal{X}_{l'}^{\#\delta}$.

By soundness of ∇ , $\gamma(\mathcal{X}_l^{\#\delta}) \supseteq \gamma(\bigcup_{(l',c,l) \in A} \mathbf{C}^{\#}[\![c]\!] \mathcal{X}_{l'}^{\#\delta})$,

and so we also have $\gamma(\mathcal{X}_l^{\#\delta}) \supseteq \bigcup_{(l',c,l) \in A} \mathbf{C}[\![c]\!] \gamma(\mathcal{X}_{l'}^{\#\delta})$.

We have proved that $\lambda l. \gamma(\mathcal{X}_l^{\#\delta})$ is a postfixpoint of the concrete equation system.

Hence, it is greater than its least solution.

Abstract analysis (proof)

Proof of termination:

Suppose that the iteration does not terminate in finite time.

Given a label $\ell \in L$, we denote by $i_\ell^1, \dots, i_\ell^k, \dots$ the increasing sequence of unstable indices, i.e., such that $\forall k, \mathcal{X}_\ell^{\#i_\ell^k+1} \neq \mathcal{X}_\ell^{\#i_\ell^k}$.

As the iteration is not stable, $\forall n, \exists \ell, \mathcal{X}_\ell^{\#n} \neq \mathcal{X}_\ell^{\#n+1}$.

Hence, the sequence $(i_\ell^k)_k$ is infinite for at least one $\ell \in L$.

We argue that $\exists \ell \in \mathcal{W}$ such that $(i_\ell^k)_k$ is infinite as, otherwise, $N = \max \{ i_\ell^k \mid \ell \in \mathcal{W} \} + |L|$ is finite and satisfies:

$\forall n \geq N, \forall \ell \in L, \mathcal{X}_\ell^{\#n} = \mathcal{X}_\ell^{\#n+1}$, contradicting our assumption.

For such a $\ell \in \mathcal{W}$, consider the subsequence $\mathcal{Y}_k^\# = \mathcal{X}_\ell^{\#i_\ell^k}$ comprised of the unstable iterates of $\mathcal{X}_\ell^\#$.

Then $\mathcal{Y}^{\#k+1} = \mathcal{Y}^{\#k} \nabla \mathcal{Z}^{\#k}$ for some sequence $\mathcal{Z}^{\#k}$.

The subsequence is infinite and $\forall k, \mathcal{Y}^{\#k+1} \neq \mathcal{Y}^{\#k}$, which contradicts the definition of ∇ .

Hence, the iteration must terminate in finite time.

Non-relational domains

Cartesian abstraction

Cartesian abstraction (independent attribute analysis)

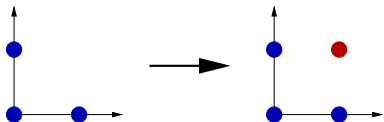
- $(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{I}), \subseteq) \xrightleftharpoons[\alpha_c]{\gamma_c} (\mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{I}), \dot{\subseteq})$
- $\alpha_c(\mathcal{X}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda \mathbb{V}. \{ \rho(\mathbb{V}) \mid \rho \in \mathcal{X} \}$
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Closure: $c \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \gamma_c \circ \alpha_c = \lambda \mathcal{X}. \{ \rho \mid \forall V \in \mathbb{V}: \exists \rho' \in \mathcal{X}: \rho(V) = \rho'(V) \}$



$c(\{(X, Y) \mid X \in \{0, 2\}, Y \in \{0, 2\}, X + Y \leq 2\}) = \{0, 2\} \times \{0, 2\}$.

“forgets” all relationships between variables

Note: we get a Galois embedding by coalescing \emptyset

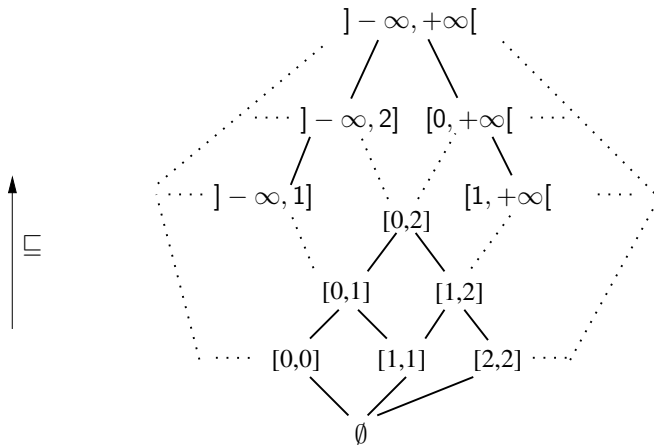
$\mathcal{D}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\mathbb{V} \rightarrow (\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{I}) \setminus \{\emptyset\})) \cup \{\emptyset\}$

The intervals domain

The interval lattice

Introduced in [Cousot 76]

$$\mathcal{B}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ [a, b] \mid a \in \mathbb{I} \cup \{-\infty\}, b \in \mathbb{I} \cup \{+\infty\}, a \leq b \} \cup \{\perp^\#\}$$



Note: intervals are open at infinite bounds $+\infty, -\infty$

The interval lattice (cont.)

Galois connection: $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{I}) \begin{matrix} \xleftarrow{\gamma_b} \\ \xrightarrow{\alpha_b} \end{matrix} \mathcal{B}^\#$

$$\gamma_b([a, b]) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x \in \mathbb{I} \mid a \leq x \leq b\}$$

$$\alpha_b(\mathcal{X}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \perp^\# & \text{if } \mathcal{X} = \emptyset \\ [\min \mathcal{X}, \max \mathcal{X}] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If $\mathbb{I} = \mathbb{Q}$, α_b is not always defined

Partial order:

$$[a, b] \subseteq^\# [c, d] \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} a \geq c \text{ and } b \leq d$$

$$\top^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=}] - \infty, +\infty[$$

$$[a, b] \cup^\# [c, d] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [\min(a, c), \max(b, d)]$$

$$[a, b] \cap^\# [c, d] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} [\max(a, c), \min(b, d)] & \text{if } \max \leq \min \\ \perp^\# & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If $\mathbb{I} \neq \mathbb{Q}$, $(\mathcal{B}^\#, \subseteq^\#, \perp^\#, \top^\#, \cup^\#, \cap^\#)$ is a **complete lattice**

Derived abstract domain

Pointwise lifting to an abstraction of $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{I})$:

$$\mathcal{D}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\mathbb{V} \rightarrow (\mathcal{B}^\# \setminus \{\perp^\#\})) \cup \{\perp^\#\}$$

$$\top^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda v. \top^\#$$

$$\mathcal{X}^\# \subseteq^\# \mathcal{Y}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \mathcal{X}^\# = \perp^\# \vee (\mathcal{X}^\#, \mathcal{Y}^\# \neq \perp^\# \wedge \forall v: \mathcal{X}^\#(v) \subseteq^\# \mathcal{Y}^\#(v))$$

$$\mathcal{X}^\# \cup^\# \mathcal{Y}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \mathcal{Y}^\# & \text{if } \mathcal{X}^\# = \perp^\# \\ \mathcal{X}^\# & \text{if } \mathcal{Y}^\# = \perp^\# \\ \lambda v. \mathcal{X}^\#(v) \cup^\# \mathcal{Y}^\#(v) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{X}^\# \cap^\# \mathcal{Y}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \perp^\# & \text{if } \mathcal{X}^\# = \perp^\# \text{ or } \mathcal{Y}^\# = \perp^\# \\ \perp^\# & \text{if } \exists v: \mathcal{X}^\#(v) \cap^\# \mathcal{Y}^\#(v) = \perp^\# \\ \lambda v. \mathcal{X}^\#(v) \cap^\# \mathcal{Y}^\#(v) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Interval abstract arithmetic operators

$$[c, c']^{\#} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [c, c']$$

$$-^{\#} [a, b] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [-b, -a]$$

$$[a, b] +^{\#} [c, d] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [a + c, b + d]$$

$$[a, b] -^{\#} [c, d] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [a - d, b - c]$$

$$[a, b] \times^{\#} [c, d] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [\min(ac, ad, bc, bd), \max(ac, ad, bc, bd)]$$

$$[a, b] /^{\#} [c, d] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \perp^{\#} & \text{if } c = d = 0 \\ [\min(a/c, a/d, b/c, b/d), \max(a/c, a/d, b/c, b/d)] & \text{if } 0 \leq c \\ [-b, -a] /^{\#} [-d, -c] & \text{if } d \leq 0 \\ ([a, b] /^{\#} [c, 0]) \cup^{\#} ([a, b] /^{\#} [0, d]) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where $\begin{cases} \pm\infty \times 0 = 0, & 0/0 = 0, & \forall x: x / \pm\infty = 0 \\ \forall x > 0: x/0 = +\infty, & \forall x < 0: x/0 = -\infty \end{cases}$

Operators are **strict**: $-^{\#} \perp^{\#} = \perp^{\#}$, $[a, b] +^{\#} \perp^{\#} = \perp^{\#}$, etc.

Interval abstract assignment

Based on **interval arithmetic** [Moore 66]

Abstract evaluation of expressions: $E^\# \llbracket e \rrbracket : \mathcal{D}^\# \rightarrow \mathcal{B}^\#$

$$E^\# \llbracket e \rrbracket \perp^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \perp^\#$$

if $\mathcal{X}^\# \neq \perp^\#$:

$$E^\# \llbracket [c, c'] \rrbracket \mathcal{X}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [c, c']^\#$$

$$E^\# \llbracket v \rrbracket \mathcal{X}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{X}^\#(v)$$

$$E^\# \llbracket -e \rrbracket \mathcal{X}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} -^\# E^\# \llbracket e \rrbracket \mathcal{X}^\#$$

$$E^\# \llbracket e_1 + e_2 \rrbracket \mathcal{X}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E^\# \llbracket e_1 \rrbracket \mathcal{X}^\# +^\# E^\# \llbracket e_2 \rrbracket \mathcal{X}^\#$$

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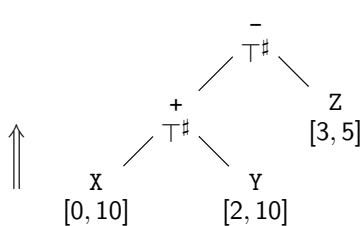
Abstract assignment:

$$C^\# \llbracket v := e \rrbracket \mathcal{X}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \perp^\# & \text{if } \mathcal{V}^\# = \perp^\# \\ \mathcal{X}^\# [v \mapsto \mathcal{V}^\#] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where $\mathcal{V}^\# = E^\# \llbracket e \rrbracket \mathcal{X}^\#$.

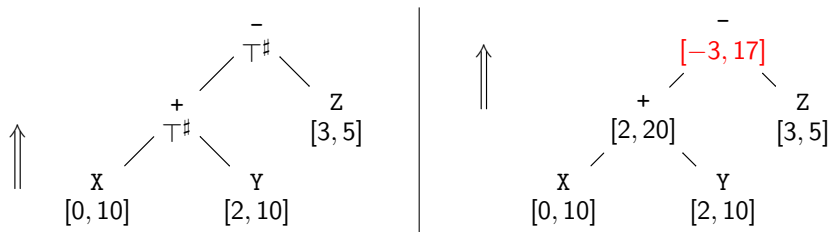
Interval assignment example

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$\implies \mathcal{Y}^\# = \{ X \mapsto [-3, 17], Y \mapsto [2, 10], Z \mapsto [3, 5] \}$

Optimality

Arithmetic operator optimality

$[c, c']^\#, +^\#, -^\#, \times^\#, /^\#$ are **optimal** in $\mathcal{B}^\#$ as:

$$X^\# \diamond^\# Y^\# = \alpha_b(\{x \diamond y \mid x \in \gamma_b(X^\#), y \in \gamma_b(Y^\#)\})$$

Assignment optimality

Nevertheless, $C^\#[[V := e]]$ is **not optimal** in $\mathcal{D}^\#$

- e.g.: $C^\#[[V := X - X]] \mathcal{X}^\#$ where $\mathcal{X}^\# := \{X \mapsto [a, b]\}$
gives $V \in [a, b] -^\# [a, b] = [a - b, b - a]$
When $a < b$, we have $[a - b, b - a] \neq [0, 0]$
- $C^\#[[V := e]]$ is optimal if each variable occurs at most once in e

Note: $\cup^\#$ is optimal; $\cap^\#$ and $\subseteq^\#$ are exact

Interval abstract tests (non-generic)

If $\mathcal{X}^\#(X) = [a, b]$ and $\mathcal{X}^\#(Y) = [c, d]$, we can define:

$$\begin{aligned}
 C^\# \llbracket X - c \leq 0 \rrbracket \mathcal{X}^\# &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \perp^\# & \text{if } a > c \\ \mathcal{X}^\# [X \mapsto [a, \min(b, c)]] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\
 C^\# \llbracket X - Y \leq 0 \rrbracket \mathcal{X}^\# &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \perp^\# & \text{if } a > d \\ \mathcal{X}^\# [X \mapsto [a, \min(b, d)], \\ \quad Y \mapsto [\max(c, a), d]] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\
 C^\# \llbracket e \bowtie 0 \rrbracket \mathcal{X}^\# &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{X}^\# \quad \text{otherwise}
 \end{aligned}$$

Note: fall-back operators

- $C^\# \llbracket e \bowtie 0 \rrbracket \mathcal{X}^\# = \mathcal{X}^\#$ is always sound
- $C^\# \llbracket X := e \rrbracket \mathcal{X}^\# = \mathcal{X}^\# [X \mapsto \top^\#]$ is always sound

Backward arithmetic and comparison operators

Given: **sound backward** arithmetic and comparison operators that **refine** their argument given the result of the operation
i.e.

$$\mathcal{X}^{\#'} = \overleftarrow{\leq}^{\#}(\mathcal{X}^{\#}) \implies \{x \in \gamma_b(\mathcal{X}^{\#}) \mid x \leq 0\} \subseteq \gamma_b(\mathcal{X}^{\#'}) \subseteq \gamma_b(\mathcal{X}^{\#})$$

$$\mathcal{X}^{\#'} = \overleftarrow{-}^{\#}(\mathcal{X}^{\#}, \mathcal{R}^{\#}) \implies \{x \mid x \in \gamma_b(\mathcal{X}^{\#}), -x \in \gamma_b(\mathcal{R}^{\#})\} \subseteq \gamma_b(\mathcal{X}^{\#'}) \subseteq \gamma_b(\mathcal{X}^{\#})$$

$$(\mathcal{X}^{\#'}, \mathcal{Y}^{\#'}) = \overleftarrow{+}^{\#}(\mathcal{X}^{\#}, \mathcal{Y}^{\#}, \mathcal{R}^{\#}) \implies \begin{aligned} \{x \in \gamma_b(\mathcal{X}^{\#}) \mid \exists y \in \gamma_b(\mathcal{Y}^{\#}): x + y \in \gamma_b(\mathcal{R}^{\#})\} &\subseteq \gamma_b(\mathcal{X}^{\#'}) \subseteq \gamma_b(\mathcal{X}^{\#}) \\ \{y \in \gamma_b(\mathcal{Y}^{\#}) \mid \exists x \in \gamma_b(\mathcal{X}^{\#}): x + y \in \gamma_b(\mathcal{R}^{\#})\} &\subseteq \gamma_b(\mathcal{Y}^{\#'}) \subseteq \gamma_b(\mathcal{Y}^{\#}) \end{aligned}$$

⋮

Note: **best** backward operators can be designed with α_b :

e.g. for $\overleftarrow{+}^{\#}$: $\mathcal{X}^{\#'} = \alpha_b(\{x \in \gamma_b(\mathcal{X}^{\#}) \mid \exists y \in \gamma_b(\mathcal{Y}^{\#}): x + y \in \gamma_b(\mathcal{R}^{\#})\})$

Generic backward operator construction

Synthesizing (non optimal) **backward** arithmetic operators from **forward** arithmetic operators

$$\overleftarrow{\leq}^{\#}(\mathcal{X}^{\#}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{X}^{\#} \cap^{\#}]-\infty, 0]^{\#}$$

$$\overleftarrow{\leq}^{\#}(\mathcal{X}^{\#}, \mathcal{R}^{\#}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{X}^{\#} \cap^{\#} (-^{\#} \mathcal{R}^{\#})$$

$$\overleftarrow{+}^{\#}(\mathcal{X}^{\#}, \mathcal{Y}^{\#}, \mathcal{R}^{\#}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\mathcal{X}^{\#} \cap^{\#} (\mathcal{R}^{\#} -^{\#} \mathcal{Y}^{\#}), \mathcal{Y}^{\#} \cap^{\#} (\mathcal{R}^{\#} -^{\#} \mathcal{X}^{\#}))$$

$$\overleftarrow{-}^{\#}(\mathcal{X}^{\#}, \mathcal{Y}^{\#}, \mathcal{R}^{\#}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\mathcal{X}^{\#} \cap^{\#} (\mathcal{R}^{\#} +^{\#} \mathcal{Y}^{\#}), \mathcal{Y}^{\#} \cap^{\#} (\mathcal{X}^{\#} -^{\#} \mathcal{R}^{\#}))$$

$$\overleftarrow{\times}^{\#}(\mathcal{X}^{\#}, \mathcal{Y}^{\#}, \mathcal{R}^{\#}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\mathcal{X}^{\#} \cap^{\#} (\mathcal{R}^{\#} /^{\#} \mathcal{Y}^{\#}), \mathcal{Y}^{\#} \cap^{\#} (\mathcal{R}^{\#} /^{\#} \mathcal{X}^{\#}))$$

$$\overleftarrow{/}^{\#}(\mathcal{X}^{\#}, \mathcal{Y}^{\#}, \mathcal{R}^{\#}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\mathcal{X}^{\#} \cap^{\#} (\mathcal{S}^{\#} \times^{\#} \mathcal{Y}^{\#}), \mathcal{Y}^{\#} \cap^{\#} ((\mathcal{X}^{\#} /^{\#} \mathcal{S}^{\#}) \cup^{\#} [0, 0]^{\#}))$$

$$\text{where } \mathcal{S}^{\#} = \begin{cases} \mathcal{R}^{\#} & \text{if } \mathbb{I} \neq \mathbb{Z} \\ \mathcal{R}^{\#} +^{\#} [-1, 1]^{\#} & \text{if } \mathbb{I} = \mathbb{Z} \text{ (as } / \text{ rounds)} \end{cases}$$

Note: $\overleftarrow{\diamond}^{\#}(\mathcal{X}^{\#}, \mathcal{Y}^{\#}, \mathcal{R}^{\#}) = (\mathcal{X}^{\#}, \mathcal{Y}^{\#})$ is always sound (no refinement)

Interval backward operators

Applying the generic construction to the interval domain:

$$\overleftarrow{\leq}^{\#}([a, b]) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} [a, \min(b, 0)] & \text{if } a \geq 0 \\ \perp^{\#} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\overleftarrow{\cap}^{\#}([a, b], [r, s]) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [a, b] \cap^{\#} [-s, -r]$$

$$\overleftarrow{+}^{\#}([a, b], [c, d], [r, s]) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} ([a, b] \cap^{\#} [r - d, s - c], [c, d] \cap^{\#} [r - b, s - a])$$

...

Interval abstract tests (general)

Abstract test algorithm: $C^\# \llbracket e \bowtie 0 \rrbracket \mathcal{X}^\#$

Associate to each expression node an abstract value in $\mathcal{B}^\#$ using **two** traversals of the expression tree:

- first, a bottom-up **evaluation** using forward operators $\diamond^\#$
- apply $\overleftarrow{\bowtie} 0^\#$ to the root
- then, a top-down **refinement** using backward operators $\overleftarrow{\diamond}^\#$

For each expression leaf, we get an abstract value $\mathcal{V}^\#$:

- for a variable V , replace $\mathcal{X}^\#(V)$ with $\mathcal{X}^\#(V) \cap^\# \mathcal{V}^\#$
- for a constant $[c, c']$, check that $[c, c']^\# \cap^\# \mathcal{V}^\# \neq \perp^\#$
- \implies return $\perp^\#$ if some $\cap^\# \mathcal{V}^\#$ returns $\perp^\#$

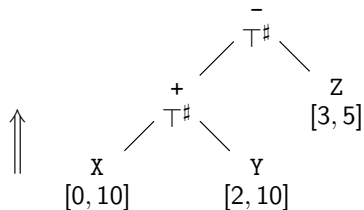
Improvement: local iterations [Granger 92]

Similar to **constraint programming** (HC4)

Interval test example

Example: $C^\# \llbracket X + Y - Z \leq 0 \rrbracket \mathcal{X}^\#$

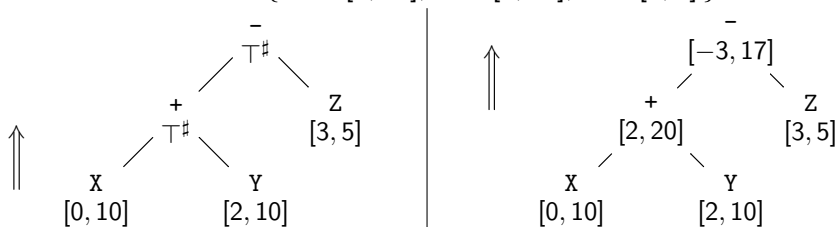
with $\mathcal{X}^\# = \{ X \mapsto [0, 10], Y \mapsto [2, 10], Z \mapsto [3, 5] \}$



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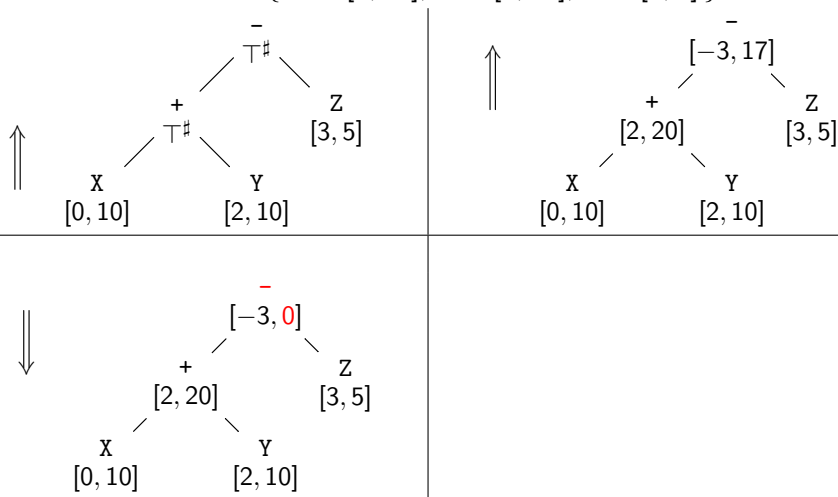
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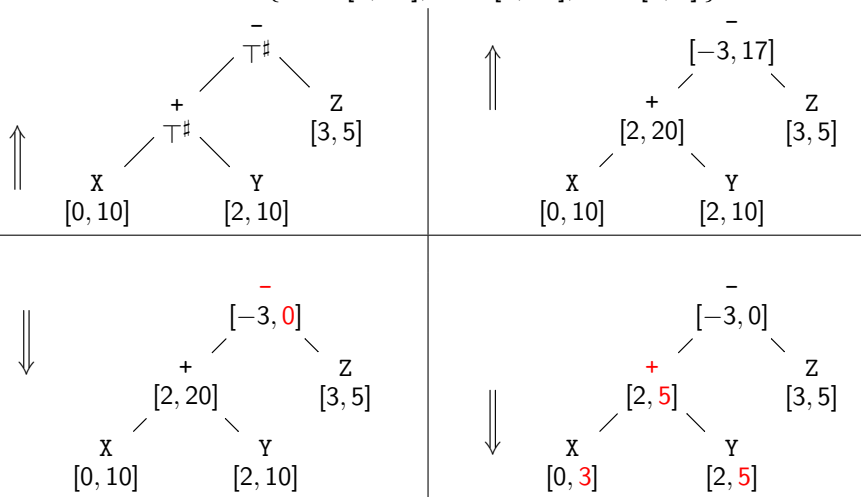
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Interval widening

Widening on non-relational domains:

Given a value widening $\nabla: \mathcal{B}^\# \times \mathcal{B}^\# \rightarrow \mathcal{B}^\#$,
we extend it point-wisely into a widening $\nabla: \mathcal{D}^\# \times \mathcal{D}^\# \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^\#$:

$$\mathcal{X}^\# \nabla \mathcal{Y}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda v. (\mathcal{X}^\#(v) \nabla \mathcal{Y}^\#(v))$$

Interval widening example:

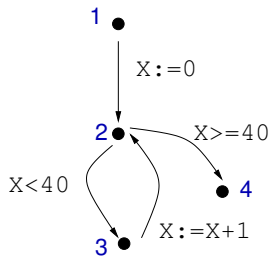
$$\perp^\# \nabla \mathcal{X}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{X}^\#$$

$$[a, b] \nabla [c, d] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left[\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} a & \text{if } a \leq c \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right\}, \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} b & \text{if } b \geq d \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right\} \right]$$

Unstable bounds are set to $\pm\infty$

Analysis with widening example

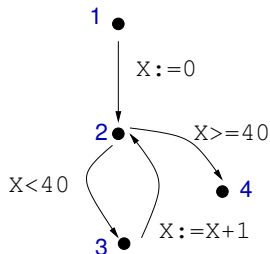
Analysis example with $\mathcal{W} = \{2\}$



l	$x_l^{\#0}$				
1	$\top^{\#}$				
2 ∇	$\perp^{\#}$				
3	$\perp^{\#}$				
4	$\perp^{\#}$				

Analysis with widening example

Analysis example with $\mathcal{W} = \{2\}$



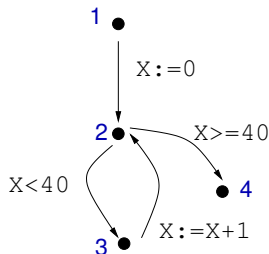
l	$\mathcal{X}_l^{\#0}$	$\mathcal{X}_l^{\#1}$				
1	$\top^{\#}$	$\top^{\#}$				
2 ∇	$\perp^{\#}$	$= 0$				
3	$\perp^{\#}$	$\perp^{\#}$				
4	$\perp^{\#}$	$\perp^{\#}$				

More precisely, at the widening point:

$$\mathcal{X}_2^{\#1} = \perp^{\#} \nabla ([0, 0] \cup^{\#} \perp^{\#}) = \perp^{\#} \nabla [0, 0] = [0, 0]$$

Analysis with widening example

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l	$\mathcal{X}_l^{\#0}$	$\mathcal{X}_l^{\#1}$	$\mathcal{X}_l^{\#2}$			
1	$\top^\#$	$\top^\#$	$\top^\#$			
2 ∇	$\perp^\#$	$= 0$	$= 0$			
3	$\perp^\#$	$\perp^\#$	$= 0$			
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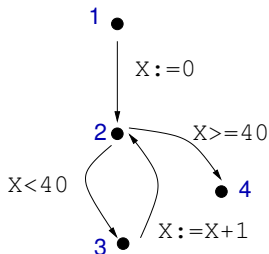
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Analysis with widening example

Analysis example with $\mathcal{W} = \{2\}$



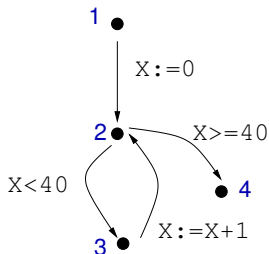
l	$\mathcal{X}_l^{\#0}$	$\mathcal{X}_l^{\#1}$	$\mathcal{X}_l^{\#2}$	$\mathcal{X}_l^{\#3}$		
1	$\top^\#$	$\top^\#$	$\top^\#$	$\top^\#$		
2 ∇	$\perp^\#$	$= 0$	$= 0$	≥ 0		
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l	$\mathcal{X}_l^{\#0}$	$\mathcal{X}_l^{\#1}$	$\mathcal{X}_l^{\#2}$	$\mathcal{X}_l^{\#3}$	$\mathcal{X}_l^{\#4}$
1	$\top^\#$	$\top^\#$	$\top^\#$	$\top^\#$	$\top^\#$
2 ∇	$\perp^\#$	$= 0$	$= 0$	≥ 0	≥ 0
3	$\perp^\#$	$\perp^\#$	$= 0$	$= 0$	$\in [0, 39]$
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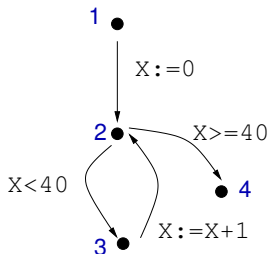
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l	$x_l^{\#0}$	$x_l^{\#1}$	$x_l^{\#2}$	$x_l^{\#3}$	$x_l^{\#4}$	$x_l^{\#5}$
1	$\top^{\#}$	$\top^{\#}$	$\top^{\#}$	$\top^{\#}$	$\top^{\#}$	$\top^{\#}$
2 ∇	$\perp^{\#}$	$= 0$	$= 0$	≥ 0	≥ 0	≥ 0
3	$\perp^{\#}$	$\perp^{\#}$	$= 0$	$= 0$	$\in [0, 39]$	$\in [0, 39]$
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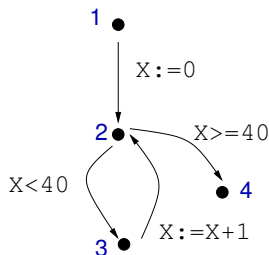
Note that the most precise interval abstraction would be

$x \in [0, 40]$ at 2, and $x = 40$ at 4

Influence of the widening point and iteration strategy

Changing \mathcal{W} changes the analysis result

Example: The analysis is less precise for $\mathcal{W} = \{3\}$.



l	$x_l^{\#1}$	$x_l^{\#2}$	$x_l^{\#3}$	$x_l^{\#4}$	$x_l^{\#5}$	$x_l^{\#6}$
1	$\top^{\#}$	$\top^{\#}$	$\top^{\#}$	$\top^{\#}$	$\top^{\#}$	$\top^{\#}$
2	$= 0$	$= 0$	$\in [0, 1]$	$\in [0, 1]$	≥ 0	≥ 0
3 ∇	$\perp^{\#}$	$= 0$	$= 0$	≥ 0	≥ 0	≥ 0
4	$\perp^{\#}$	$\perp^{\#}$	$\perp^{\#}$	$\perp^{\#}$	$\perp^{\#}$	≥ 40

Intuition: extrapolation to $+\infty$ is no longer contained by the tests.

Chaotic iterations

Changing the iteration order changes the analysis result in the presence of a widening.

Narrowing

Using a widening makes the analysis less precise

Some precision can be retrieved by using a **narrowing** Δ

Definition: narrowing Δ

Binary operator $\mathcal{D}^\# \times \mathcal{D}^\# \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^\#$ such that:

- $(\mathcal{X}^\# \cap^\# \mathcal{Y}^\#) \subseteq^\# (\mathcal{X}^\# \Delta \mathcal{Y}^\#) \subseteq^\# \mathcal{X}^\#$
- for all sequences $(\mathcal{X}_i^\#)$, the decreasing sequence $(\mathcal{Y}_i^\#)$

$$\text{defined by } \begin{cases} \mathcal{Y}_0^\# & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} & \mathcal{X}_0^\# \\ \mathcal{Y}_{i+1}^\# & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} & \mathcal{Y}_i^\# \Delta \mathcal{X}_{i+1}^\# \end{cases}$$

is **stationary**

This is not the dual of a widening!

Narrowing examples

Interval narrowing:

$$[a, b] \Delta [c, d] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left[\begin{cases} c & \text{if } a = -\infty \\ a & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \begin{cases} d & \text{if } b = +\infty \\ b & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \right]$$

(refine only infinite bounds)

Point-wise extension to $\mathcal{D}^\#$: $\mathcal{X}^\# \Delta \mathcal{Y}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda v. (\mathcal{X}^\#(v) \Delta \mathcal{Y}^\#(v))$

Finite-time intersection narrowing: (works for all domains)

$$\mathcal{X}^\#i \Delta \mathcal{Y}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \mathcal{X}^\#i \cap^\# \mathcal{Y}^\# & \text{if } i \leq N \\ \mathcal{X}^\#i & \text{if } i > N \end{cases}$$

Iterations with narrowing

Let $\mathcal{X}_\ell^{\#\delta}$ be the result after widening stabilisation; we have:

$$\mathcal{X}_\ell^{\#\delta} \supseteq^{\#} \begin{cases} \top^{\#} & \text{if } \ell = e \\ \bigcup_{(\ell', c, \ell) \in A} C^{\#}[[c]] \mathcal{X}_{\ell'}^{\#\delta} & \text{if } \ell \neq e \end{cases}$$

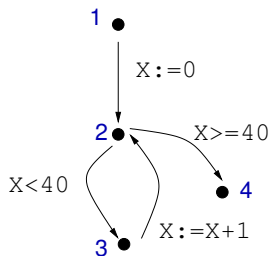
The following sequence is computed:

$$\mathcal{Y}_\ell^{\#0} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{X}_\ell^{\#\delta} \quad \mathcal{Y}_\ell^{\#i+1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \top^{\#} & \text{if } \ell = e \\ \bigcup_{(\ell', c, \ell) \in A} C^{\#}[[c]] \mathcal{Y}_{\ell'}^{\#i} & \text{if } \ell \notin \mathcal{W} \\ \mathcal{Y}_\ell^{\#i} \triangle \bigcup_{(\ell', c, \ell) \in A} C^{\#}[[c]] \mathcal{Y}_{\ell'}^{\#i} & \text{if } \ell \in \mathcal{W} \end{cases}$$

- the sequence $(\mathcal{Y}_\ell^{\#i})$ is **decreasing** and **converges in finite time**
- all $(\mathcal{Y}_\ell^{\#i})$ are **solutions of the abstract semantical system**

Analysis with narrowing example

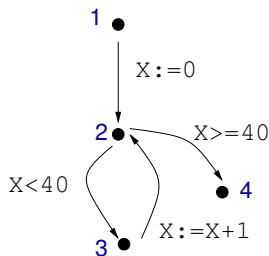
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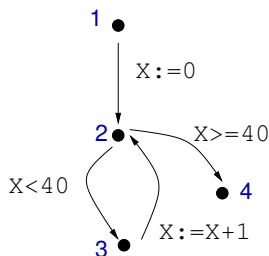
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1	$\top^\#$	$\top^\#$	$\top^\#$
2 Δ	≥ 0	$\in [0, 40]$	$\in [0, 40]$
3	$\in [0, 39]$	$\in [0, 39]$	$\in [0, 39]$
4	≥ 40	≥ 40	$= 40$

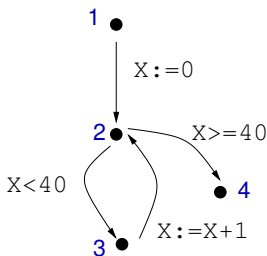
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Analysis with narrowing example

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1	$\top^\#$	$\top^\#$	$\top^\#$	$\top^\#$
2 Δ	≥ 0	$\in [0, 40]$	$\in [0, 40]$	$\in [0, 40]$
3	$\in [0, 39]$	$\in [0, 39]$	$\in [0, 39]$	$\in [0, 39]$
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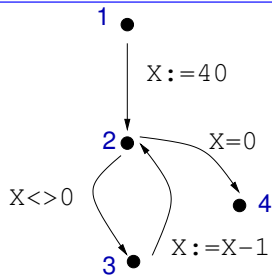
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Then $\mathcal{Y}_2^{\#2} : X \in [0, 40]$ gives $\mathcal{Y}_4^{\#3} : X = 40$

We found the most precise invariants!

Improving the widening

Example of imprecise analysis

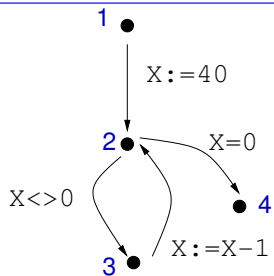


ℓ	intervals with ∇		
1	$\top^\#$		
2 ∇	$X \leq 40$		
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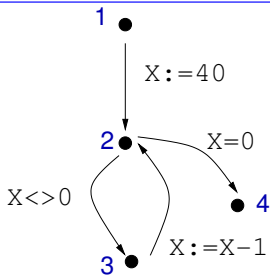


ℓ	intervals with ∇	signs
1	$\top^\#$	$\top^\#$
2 ∇	$X \leq 40$	$X \geq 0$
3	$X \leq 40$	$X > 0$
4	$X = 0$	$X = 0$

The interval domain cannot prove that $X \geq 0$ at 2, while the (less powerful) sign domain can!

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Example of imprecise analysis



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1	$\top^\#$	$\top^\#$	$\top^\#$
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3	$X \leq 40$	$X > 0$	$X \in [0, 40]$
4	$X = 0$	$X = 0$	$X = 0$

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Solution: improve the interval widening

$$[a, b] \nabla' [c, d] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left[\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} a & \text{if } a \leq c \\ 0 & \text{if } 0 \leq c < a \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right\}, \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} b & \text{if } b \geq d \\ 0 & \text{if } 0 \geq b > d \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right\} \right]$$

(∇' checks the stability of 0)

Widening with thresholds

```

X:=0;
while • 1=1 do
  if [0,1]=0 then
    X:=X+1;
    if X>99 then X:=0 fi
  fi
done

```

We wish to prove that $X \in [0, 99]$ at •

- widening at • finds the loop invariant $X \in [0, +\infty[$
 $\mathcal{X}_{\bullet}^{\#} = [0, 0] \nabla ([0, 0] \cup^{\#} [0, 1]) = [0, 0] \nabla [0, 1] = [0, +\infty[$

- narrowing is unable to refine the invariant:

$$\mathcal{Y}_{\bullet}^{\#} = [0, +\infty[\Delta([0, 0] \cup^{\#} [0, +\infty[) = [0, +\infty[$$

(the code that limits X is not executed at every loop iteration)

Widening with thresholds (cont.)

Solution:

Choose a **finite set T of thresholds**, containing $+\infty$ and $-\infty$.

Definition: widening with thresholds ∇^T

$$[a, b] \nabla^T [c, d] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left[\begin{array}{ll} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} a & \text{if } a \leq c \\ \max\{x \in T \mid x \leq c\} & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right. & , \\ \left. \begin{array}{ll} b & \text{if } b \geq d \\ \min\{x \in T \mid x \geq d\} & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right. \end{array} \right]$$

The widening tests and stops at the first stable bound in T

Widening with thresholds (cont.)

Applications:

- On the previous example, we find:
 $X \in [0, \min\{x \in T \mid x \geq 99\}]$
- Useful when it is **easy to find a 'good' set T**
Example: array bound-checking
- Useful if an **over-approximation of the bound is sufficient**
Example: arithmetic overflow checking

Limitations: only works if some non- ∞ bound in T is stable

Example: with $T = \{ 5, 15 \}$

```
while 1=1 do
  X:=X+1;
  if X>10 then X=0 fi
done
```

15 is stable

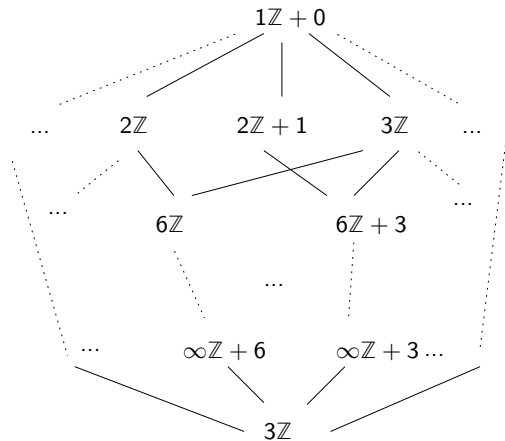
```
while 1=1 do
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  if X<>10 then X=0 fi
done
```

no stable bound

The congruence domain

The integer congruence lattice

$$\mathcal{B}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(a\mathbb{Z} + b) \mid a \in \mathbb{N}^* \cup \{\infty\}, b \in \mathbb{Z}\} \cup \{\perp^\#\}$$



Introduced by [Granger 89].

We take $\perp = \mathbb{Z}$.

The integer congruence lattice (cont.)

Concretization:

$$\gamma_b(\mathcal{X}^\#) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \{ak + b \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\} & \text{if } \mathcal{X}^\# = (a\mathbb{Z} + b), a \neq \infty \\ \{b\} & \text{if } \mathcal{X}^\# = (\infty\mathbb{Z} + b) \\ \emptyset & \text{if } \mathcal{X}^\# = \perp^\# \end{cases}$$

γ_b is **not injective**: $\gamma_b(2\mathbb{Z} + 1) = \gamma_b(2\mathbb{Z} + 3)$.

Definitions:

Given $x, x' \in \mathbb{Z}$, $y, y' \in \mathbb{N}^* \cup \{\infty\}$, we define:

- $y/y' \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} y$ divides y' ($\exists k \in \mathbb{N}^*$, $y' = ky$) or $y' = \infty$
- $x \equiv x' [y] \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} x \neq x'$ and $y/|x - x'|$, or $x = x'$
- \vee is the LCM, extended with $y \vee \infty \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \infty \vee y \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \infty$
- \wedge is the GCD, extended with $y \wedge \infty \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \infty \wedge y \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} y$

$(\mathbb{N}^* \cup \{\infty\}, /, \vee, \wedge, 1, \infty)$ is a **complete distributive lattice**.

Abstract congruence operators

Complete lattice structure on $\mathcal{B}^\#$:

- $(a\mathbb{Z} + b) \sqsubseteq^\# (a'\mathbb{Z} + b') \iff^{def} a'/a \text{ and } b \equiv b' [a']$
- $\top^\# \stackrel{def}{=} (1\mathbb{Z} + 0)$
- $(a\mathbb{Z} + b) \cup^\# (a'\mathbb{Z} + b') \stackrel{def}{=} (a \wedge a' \wedge |b - b'|)\mathbb{Z} + b$
- $(a\mathbb{Z} + b) \cap^\# (a'\mathbb{Z} + b') \stackrel{def}{=} \begin{cases} (a \vee a')\mathbb{Z} + b'' & \text{if } b \equiv b' [a \wedge a'] \\ \perp^\# & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
 b'' such that $b'' \equiv b [a \vee a'] \equiv b' [a \vee a']$ is given
 by Bezout's Theorem.

Galois connection: $\alpha_b(\mathcal{X}) = \bigcup_{c \in \mathcal{X}}^\# (\infty\mathbb{Z} + c)$

(up to equivalence $a\mathbb{Z} + b \equiv a'\mathbb{Z} + b' \iff^{def} a = a' \wedge b \equiv b' [a]$)

Abstract congruence operators (cont.)

Arithmetic operators:

$$[c, c']^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \infty\mathbb{Z} + c & \text{if } c = c' \\ \top^\# & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$-\# (a\mathbb{Z} + b) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} a\mathbb{Z} + (-b)$$

$$(a\mathbb{Z} + b) +\# (a'\mathbb{Z} + b') \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (a \wedge a')\mathbb{Z} + (b + b')$$

$$(a\mathbb{Z} + b) -\# (a'\mathbb{Z} + b') \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (a \wedge a')\mathbb{Z} + (b - b')$$

$$(a\mathbb{Z} + b) \times\# (a'\mathbb{Z} + b') \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (aa' \wedge ab' \wedge a'b)\mathbb{Z} + bb'$$

$$(a\mathbb{Z} + b) / \# (a'\mathbb{Z} + b') \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \perp^\# & \text{if } a'\mathbb{Z} + b' = \infty\mathbb{Z} + 0 \\ (a/|b'|)\mathbb{Z} + (b/b') & \text{if } a' = 0, b' \neq 0, b'|a, \text{ and } b'|b \\ \top^\# & \text{otherwise (not optimal)} \end{cases}$$

Abstract congruence operators (cont.)

Test operators:

$$\begin{aligned} \overleftarrow{\leq} 0^\# (a\mathbb{Z} + b) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \perp^\# & \text{if } a = \infty, b > 0 \\ a\mathbb{Z} + b & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

Note: better than the generic $\overleftarrow{\leq} 0^\# (\mathcal{X}^\#) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{X}^\# \cap \#]-\infty, 0]^\# = \mathcal{X}^\#$

Extrapolation operators:

- no infinite increasing chain \implies no need for ∇
- infinite decreasing chains \implies Δ needed

$$(a\mathbb{Z} + b) \Delta (a'\mathbb{Z} + b') \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} a'\mathbb{Z} + b' & \text{if } a = 1 \\ a\mathbb{Z} + b & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Congruence analysis example

```
X:=0; Y:=2;
while • X<40 do
  X:=X+2;
  if X<5 then Y:=Y+18 fi;
  if X>8 then Y:=Y-30 fi
done
```

We find, at •, the loop invariant $\begin{cases} X \in 2\mathbb{Z} \\ Y \in 6\mathbb{Z} + 2 \end{cases}$

Relational domains

The need for relational domains

Accumulated loss of precision

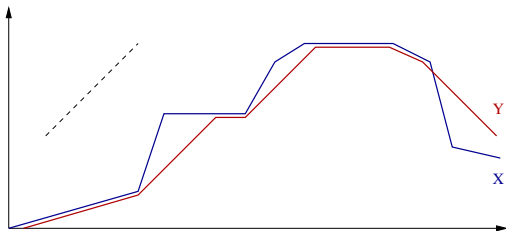
Non-relation domains cannot represent variable **relationships**

Rate limiter

```

Y:=0; while 1=1 do
  X:=[-128,128]; D:=[0,16];
  S:=Y; Y:=X; R:=X-S;
  if R<=-D then Y:=S-D fi;
  if R>=D then Y:=S+D fi
done
  
```

X: input signal
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Iterations in the interval domain (without widening):

$x^{#0}$	$x^{#1}$	$x^{#2}$...	$x^{#n}$
$Y = 0$	$ Y \leq 144$	$ Y \leq 160$...	$ Y \leq 128 + 16n$

In fact, $Y \in [-128, 128]$ always holds.

To prove that, e.g. $Y \geq -128$, we must be able to:

- **represent** the properties $R = X - S$ and $R \leq -D$
- **combine** them to deduce $S - X \geq D$, and then $Y = S - D \geq X$

The need for relational loop invariants

To prove some invariant after the **end of a loop**,
we often need to find a **loop** invariant of a **more complex form**

relational loop invariant

```
X:=0; I:=1;
while • I<5000 do
  if [0,1]=1 then X:=X+1 else X:=X-1 fi;
  I:=I+1
done ♦
```

A non-relational analysis finds at ♦ that $I = 5000$ and $X \in \mathbb{Z}$

The best invariant is: $(I = 5000) \wedge (X \in [-4999, 4999]) \wedge (X \equiv 0 [2])$

To find this **non-relational** invariant, we must find a **relational** loop invariant at •: $(-I < X < I) \wedge (X + I \equiv 1 [2]) \wedge (I \in [1, 5000])$,
and apply the loop exit condition $C^\sharp \llbracket I \geq 5000 \rrbracket$

Modular analysis

store the maximum of X,Y,0 into Z

```
max(X,Y,Z)
```

```
Z :=X ;  
if Y > Z then Z :=Y ;  
if Z < 0 then Z :=0;
```

Modular analysis:

- analyze a procedure **once**
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⇒ improved efficiency

(procedure summary)

(instantiation)

Modular analysis

store the maximum of X,Y,0 into Z'

max(X,Y,Z)

X' := X; Y' := Y; Z' := Z;

Z' := X';

if Y' > Z' then Z' := Y';

if Z' < 0 then Z' := 0;

$(Z' \geq X \wedge Z' \geq Y \wedge Z' \geq 0 \wedge X' = X \wedge Y' = Y)$

Modular analysis:

- analyze a procedure **once** (procedure summary)
- **reuse** the summary at each call site (instantiation)
 \implies improved efficiency
- infer a **relation** between input X,Y,Z and output X',Y',Z' values
 $\mathcal{P}((\mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}) \times (\mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R})) \equiv \mathcal{P}((\mathbb{V} \times \mathbb{V}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R})$
- requires inferring **relational information**

[Jeannet 09]

The polyhedra domain

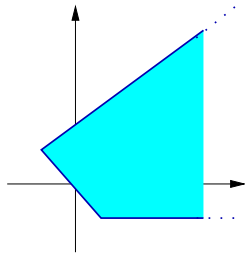
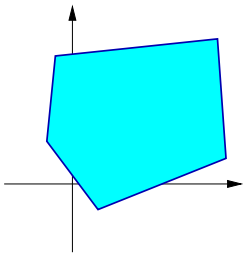
The polyhedra domain

Here, $\mathbb{V} \in \{\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}\}$

We look for invariants of the form: $\bigwedge_j \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_{ij} v_i \geq \beta_j \right)$

We use the polyhedra domain proposed by [Cousot Halbwachs 78]:

$\mathcal{D}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\text{closed convex polyhedra of } \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{V}\}$



Note: polyhedra need not be bounded (\neq polytopes)

Double description of polyhedra

Polyhedra have **dual** representations (Weyl–Minkowski Theorem)
(see [Schriver 86])

Constraint representation

$\langle \mathbf{M}, \vec{C} \rangle$ with $\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{I}^{m \times n}$ and $\vec{C} \in \mathbb{I}^m$

represents: $\gamma(\langle \mathbf{M}, \vec{C} \rangle) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ \vec{V} \mid \mathbf{M} \times \vec{V} \geq \vec{C} \}$

We will also often use a **constraint set notation** $\{ \sum_i \alpha_{ij} \mathbf{v}_i \geq \beta_j \}$

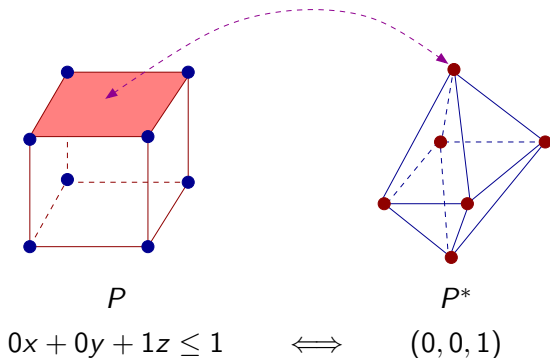
Generator representation

$[\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{R}]$ where

- $\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{I}^{n \times p}$ is a set of p **points**: $\vec{P}_1, \dots, \vec{P}_p$
- $\mathbf{R} \in \mathbb{I}^{n \times r}$ is a set of r **rays**: $\vec{R}_1, \dots, \vec{R}_r$

$\gamma([\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{R}]) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ \left(\sum_{j=1}^p \alpha_j \vec{P}_j \right) + \left(\sum_{j=1}^r \beta_j \vec{R}_j \right) \mid \forall j, \alpha_j, \beta_j \geq 0: \sum_{j=1}^p \alpha_j = 1 \right\}$

Duality in polyhedra



Duality:

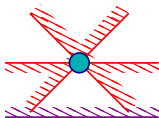
- the generators of P^* are the constraints of P
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- $P^{**} = P$

Polyhedra representations

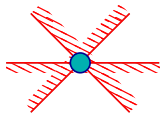
Minimal representations

- A constraint / generator system is **minimal** if no constraint / generator can be omitted without changing the concretization
- Minimal representations are **not unique**

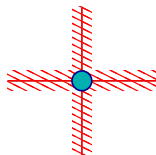
Example: constraint representation for a point



(a)



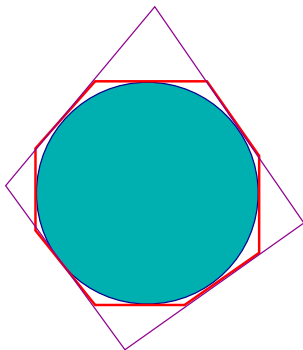
(b)



(c)

- (a) $y + x \geq 0, y - x \geq 0, y \leq 0, y \geq -5$ (non minimal)
- (b) $y + x \geq 0, y - x \geq 0, y \leq 0$ (minimal)
- (c) $x \leq 0, x \geq 0, y \leq 0, y \geq 0$ (minimal)

Polyhedra representations (cont.)



- **No memory bound** on the representations (even minimal ones)
- No best abstraction α

Chernikova's algorithm

Algorithm by [Chernikova 68], improved by [LeVerge 92] to switch from a constraint system to an equivalent generator system

Why? Most operators are easier on one representation

Notes:

- By **duality**, we can use the same algorithm to switch from generators to constraints
- The minimal generator system can be **exponential** in the original constraint system (e.g., hypercube: $2n$ constraints, 2^n vertices)
- **Equality** constraints and **lines** (pairs of opposed rays) may be handled separately and more efficiently
- Chernikova's algorithm minimizes the representation on-the-fly (not presented here)

Algorithm: **incrementally** add constraints one by one

Start with:
$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{P}_0 = \{ (0, \dots, 0) \} & \text{(origin)} \\ \mathbf{R}_0 = \{ \vec{x}_i, -\vec{x}_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n \} & \text{(axes)} \end{cases}$$

Chernikova's algorithm (cont.)

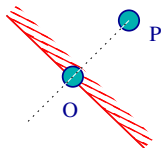
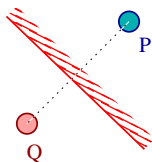
Update $[\mathbf{P}_{k-1}, \mathbf{R}_{k-1}]$ to $[\mathbf{P}_k, \mathbf{R}_k]$

by adding one constraint $\vec{M}_k \cdot \vec{V} \geq C_k \in \langle \mathbf{M}, \vec{C} \rangle$:

start with $\mathbf{P}_k = \mathbf{R}_k = \emptyset$,

- for any $\vec{P} \in \mathbf{P}_{k-1}$ s.t. $\vec{M}_k \cdot \vec{P} \geq C_k$, add \vec{P} to \mathbf{P}_k
- for any $\vec{R} \in \mathbf{R}_{k-1}$ s.t. $\vec{M}_k \cdot \vec{R} \geq 0$, add \vec{R} to \mathbf{R}_k
- for any $\vec{P}, \vec{Q} \in \mathbf{P}_{k-1}$ s.t. $\vec{M}_k \cdot \vec{P} > C_k$ and $\vec{M}_k \cdot \vec{Q} < C_k$, add to \mathbf{P}_k :

$$\vec{O} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{C_k - \vec{M}_k \cdot \vec{Q}}{\vec{M}_k \cdot \vec{P} - \vec{M}_k \cdot \vec{Q}} \vec{P} - \frac{C_k - \vec{M}_k \cdot \vec{P}}{\vec{M}_k \cdot \vec{P} - \vec{M}_k \cdot \vec{Q}} \vec{Q}$$

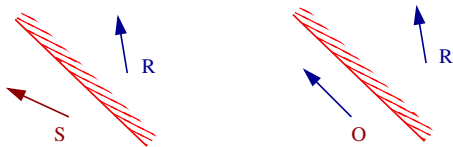


Chernikova's algorithm (cont.)

- for any $\vec{R}, \vec{S} \in \mathbf{R}_{k-1}$ s.t. $\vec{M}_k \cdot \vec{R} > 0$ and $\vec{M}_k \cdot \vec{S} < 0$, add to

\mathbf{R}_k :

$$\vec{O} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\vec{M}_k \cdot \vec{S})\vec{R} - (\vec{M}_k \cdot \vec{R})\vec{S}$$

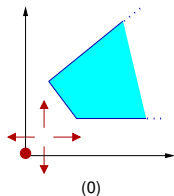


- for any $\vec{P} \in \mathbf{P}_{k-1}, \vec{R} \in \mathbf{R}_{k-1}$ s.t. either $\vec{M}_k \cdot \vec{P} > C_k$ and $\vec{M}_k \cdot \vec{R} < 0$, or $\vec{M}_k \cdot \vec{P} < C_k$ and $\vec{M}_k \cdot \vec{R} > 0$, add to \mathbf{P}_k :

$$\vec{O} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \vec{P} + \frac{C_k - \vec{M}_k \cdot \vec{P}}{\vec{M}_k \cdot \vec{R}} \vec{R}$$

Chernikova's algorithm example

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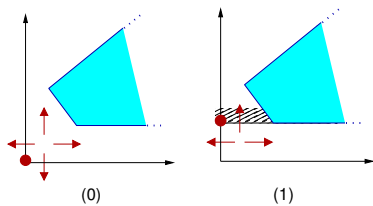


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Chernikova's algorithm example

Example:



$$Y \geq 1$$

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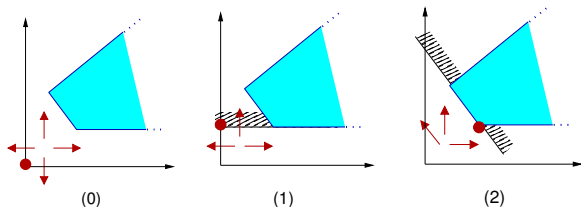
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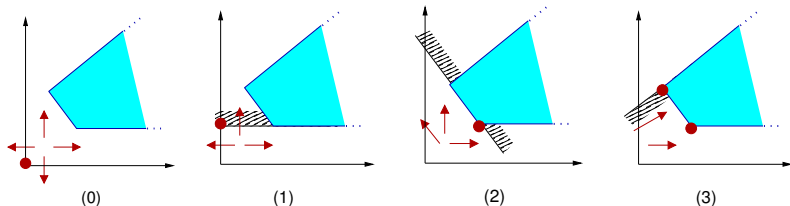


$$\begin{array}{l}
 Y \geq 1 \\
 X + Y \geq 3
 \end{array}
 \quad
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$$\begin{array}{ll}
 Y \geq 1 & \mathbf{P}_0 = \{(0, 0)\} \\
 X + Y \geq 3 & \mathbf{P}_1 = \{(0, 1)\} \\
 X - Y \leq 1 & \mathbf{P}_2 = \{(2, 1)\} \\
 & \mathbf{P}_3 = \{(2, 1), (1, 2)\}
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Operators on polyhedra

Given $\mathcal{X}^\#, \mathcal{Y}^\# \neq \perp^\#$, we define:

$$\mathcal{X}^\# \subseteq^\# \mathcal{Y}^\# \quad \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \quad \begin{cases} \forall \vec{P} \in \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{X}^\#}: \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{Y}^\#} \times \vec{P} \geq \vec{C}_{\mathcal{Y}^\#} \\ \forall \vec{R} \in \mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{X}^\#}: \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{Y}^\#} \times \vec{R} \geq \vec{0} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{X}^\# =^\# \mathcal{Y}^\# \quad \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \quad \mathcal{X}^\# \subseteq^\# \mathcal{Y}^\# \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{Y}^\# \subseteq^\# \mathcal{X}^\#$$

$$\mathcal{X}^\# \cap^\# \mathcal{Y}^\# \quad \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \quad \left\langle \left[\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{X}^\#} \\ \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{Y}^\#} \end{array} \right], \left[\begin{array}{c} \vec{C}_{\mathcal{X}^\#} \\ \vec{C}_{\mathcal{Y}^\#} \end{array} \right] \right\rangle \quad (\text{join constraint sets})$$

$$\mathcal{X}^\# \cup^\# \mathcal{Y}^\# \quad \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \quad [[\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{X}^\#} \ \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{Y}^\#}], [\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{X}^\#} \ \mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{Y}^\#}]] \quad (\text{join generator sets})$$

Remarks:

- $\subseteq^\#, =^\#$ and $\cap^\#$ are **exact**
- $\cup^\#$ is **optimal**: we get the **topological closure of the convex hull** of $\gamma(\mathcal{X}^\#) \cup \gamma(\mathcal{Y}^\#)$

Operators on polyhedra (cont.)

$$C^\#[\sum_i \alpha_i v_i + \beta \geq 0] \mathcal{X}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\langle \left[\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{X}^\#} \\ \alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_n \end{array} \right], \left[\begin{array}{c} \vec{C}_{\mathcal{X}^\#} \\ -\beta \end{array} \right] \right\rangle$$

$$C^\#[v_j :=] -\infty, +\infty[] \mathcal{X}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{X}^\#}, [\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{X}^\#} \quad \vec{x}_j \quad (-\vec{x}_j)]]$$

$$C^\#[v_j := \sum_i \alpha_i v_i + \beta] \mathcal{X}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$$

if $\alpha_j = 0$, $(C^\#[\sum_i \alpha_i v_i - v_j + \beta = 0] \circ C^\#[v_j :=] -\infty, +\infty[]) \mathcal{X}^\#$

if $\alpha_j \neq 0$, $\langle \mathbf{M}, \vec{C} \rangle$ where v_j is replaced with $\frac{1}{\alpha_j}(v_j - \sum_{i \neq j} \alpha_i v_i - \beta)$

Remarks:

- $C^\#[\sum_i \alpha_i v_i + \beta \geq 0]$, $C^\#[v_j := \sum_i \alpha_i v_i + \beta] \mathcal{X}$ and $C^\#[v_j :=] -\infty, +\infty[]$ are **exact**
- We can also define $C^\#[v_j := \sum_i \alpha_i v_i + \beta]$ on a generator system
- fall-back to $C^\#[e \bowtie 0] \mathcal{X}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{X}^\#$ and $C^\#[v_j := e] \mathcal{X}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} C^\#[v_j :=] -\infty, +\infty[] \mathcal{X}^\#$

Polyhedra widening

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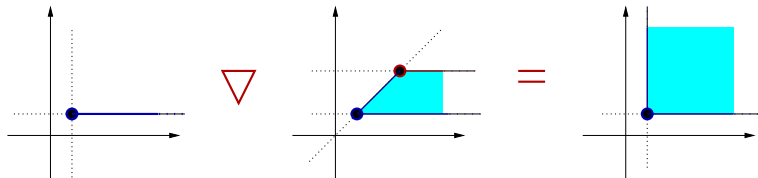
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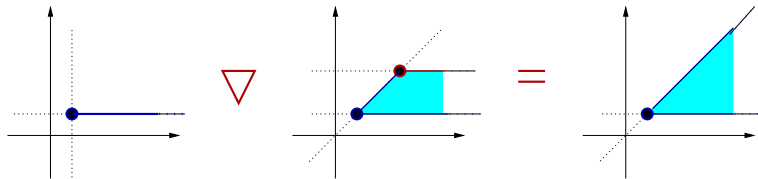
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We also keep constraints $c \in \mathcal{Y}^\#$ equivalent to those in $\mathcal{X}^\#$, i.e., when $\exists c' \in \mathcal{X}^\# : \mathcal{X}^\# =^\# (\mathcal{X}^\# \setminus c') \cup \{c\}$

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Example program

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&= \{X = 2, I = 0\} \nabla \{I \in [0, 1], 2 - 3I \leq X \leq 2I + 2\} \\
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At \blacklozenge we find eventually: $I = 10 \wedge X \in [-28, 22]$

Other polyhedra widenings

Widening with thresholds:

Given a **finite** set T of **constraints**, we add to $\mathcal{X}^\# \nabla \mathcal{Y}^\#$ all the constraints from T satisfied by both $\mathcal{X}^\#$ and $\mathcal{Y}^\#$

Delayed widening:

We replace $\mathcal{X}^\# \nabla \mathcal{Y}^\#$ with $\mathcal{X}^\# \cup^\# \mathcal{Y}^\#$ a **finite** number of times
(this works for any widening and abstract domain)

See also [Bagnara 03]

(Note: no polyhedra narrowing, except finite-time intersection)

Constraint-only polyhedron domain

It is possible to **use only the constraint representation**:

- avoids the cost of Chernikova's algorithm
- avoids exponential generator systems (hypercubes)

The core operations are: **projection** and **redundancy removal**

Projection: using Fourier-Motzkin elimination

Fourier($\mathcal{X}^\#, \mathbf{V}_k$) eliminates \mathbf{V}_k from all the constraints in $\mathcal{X}^\#$:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Fourier}(\mathcal{X}^\#, \mathbf{V}_k) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \\ &\{ (\sum_i \alpha_i \mathbf{v}_i \geq \beta) \in \mathcal{X}^\# \mid \alpha_k = 0 \} \cup \\ &\{ (-\alpha_k^-)c^+ + \alpha_k^+c^- \mid c^+ = (\sum_i \alpha_i^+ \mathbf{v}_i \geq \beta^+) \in \mathcal{X}^\#, \alpha_k^+ > 0, \\ &\quad c^- = (\sum_i \alpha_i^- \mathbf{v}_i \geq \beta^-) \in \mathcal{X}^\#, \alpha_k^- < 0 \} \end{aligned}$$

we then have:

$$\gamma(\text{Fourier}(\mathcal{X}^\#, \mathbf{V}_k)) = \{ \vec{x}[\mathbf{V}_k \mapsto v] \mid v \in \mathbb{I}, \vec{x} \in \gamma(\mathcal{X}^\#) \}$$

Constraint-only polyhedron domain (cont.)

Fourier causes a quadratic growth in constraint number
 Most such constraints are redundant

Redundancy removal: using linear programming [Schriver 86]

Let $\mathit{simplex}(\mathcal{Y}^\#, \vec{v}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \min \{ \vec{v} \cdot \vec{y} \mid \vec{y} \in \gamma(\mathcal{Y}^\#) \}$

If $c = (\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{v} \geq \beta) \in \mathcal{X}^\#$ and $\beta \leq \mathit{simplex}(\mathcal{X}^\# \setminus \{c\}, \vec{\alpha})$,
 then c can be safely removed from $\mathcal{X}^\#$
 (iterate over all constraints)

Note: running *simplex* many times can become **costly**

- use fast syntactic checks first
- check against the bounding-box first

Constraint-only polyhedron domain (cont.)

Constraint-only abstract operators:

$$\mathcal{X}^\# \subseteq^\# \mathcal{Y}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \forall (\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{v} \geq \beta) \in \mathcal{Y}^\# : \text{simplex}(\mathcal{X}^\#, \vec{\alpha}) \geq \beta$$

$$\mathcal{X}^\# =^\# \mathcal{Y}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \mathcal{X}^\# \subseteq^\# \mathcal{Y}^\# \text{ and } \mathcal{Y}^\# \subseteq^\# \mathcal{X}^\#$$

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$$\mathbb{C}^\#[\mathbf{v}_j :=] - \infty, +\infty[] \mathcal{X}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Fourier}(\mathcal{X}^\#, \mathbf{v}_j)$$

$$\mathbb{C}^\#[\sum_i \alpha_i \mathbf{v}_i + \beta \geq 0] \mathcal{X}^\# \text{ as before}$$

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Constraint-only polyhedron domain (cont.)

Constraint-only convex hull:

- Express a point $\vec{V} \in \mathcal{X}^\# \cup \mathcal{Y}^\#$ as a **convex combination**:
 $\vec{V} = \sigma \vec{X} + \sigma' \vec{Y}$ for $\vec{X} \in \mathcal{X}^\#, \vec{Y} \in \mathcal{Y}^\#, \sigma + \sigma' = 1, \sigma, \sigma' \geq 0$
- as $\sigma \vec{X} + \sigma' \vec{Y}$ is **quadratic**
 we consider instead: $\vec{V} = \vec{X} + \vec{Y}$ with $\vec{X}/\sigma \in \mathcal{X}^\#, \vec{Y}/\sigma' \in \mathcal{Y}^\#$
 i.e., $\vec{X} \in \sigma \mathcal{X}^\#, \vec{Y} \in \sigma' \mathcal{Y}^\#$
 (adds closure points on unbounded polyhedra)

Formally:

$$\mathcal{X}^\# \cup \mathcal{Y}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Fourier}(\dots)$$

$$\text{Fourier}(\{ (\sum_j \alpha_j \mathbf{X}_j - \beta \sigma \geq 0) \mid (\sum_j \alpha_j \mathbf{V}_j \geq \beta) \in \mathcal{X}^\# \} \cup \{ (\sum_j \alpha_j \mathbf{Y}_j - \beta \sigma' \geq 0) \mid (\sum_j \alpha_j \mathbf{V}_j \geq \beta) \in \mathcal{Y}^\# \} \cup \{ \mathbf{V}_j = \mathbf{X}_j + \mathbf{Y}_j \mid \mathbf{V}_j \in \mathbb{V} \} \cup \{ \sigma \geq 0, \sigma' \geq 0, \sigma + \sigma' = 1 \}, \{ \mathbf{X}_j, \mathbf{Y}_j \mid \mathbf{V}_j \in \mathbb{V} \} \cup \{ \sigma, \sigma' \})$$

[Benoi 96]

Weakly relational domains

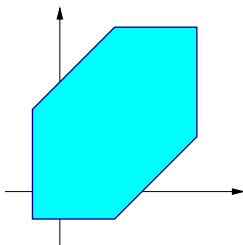
The zone domain

Here, $\mathbb{I} \in \{\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}\}$

We look for invariants of the form:

$$\bigwedge V_i - V_j \leq c \text{ or } \pm V_i \leq c, \quad c \in \mathbb{I}$$

A subset of \mathbb{I}^n bounded by such constraints is called a **zone**



[Miné 01]

(zones are inspired from *model-checking* of timed automata)

Machine representation

A **potential constraint** has the form: $V_j - V_i \leq c$

Potential graph: directed, weighted graph \mathcal{G}

- nodes are labelled with variables in \mathbb{V}
- we add an arc with **weight** c from V_i to V_j for each constraint $V_j - V_i \leq c$

Difference Bound Matrix (DBM)

Adjacency matrix \mathbf{m} of \mathcal{G} :

- \mathbf{m} is square, with size $n \times n$, and elements in $\mathbb{I} \cup \{+\infty\}$
- $m_{ij} = c < +\infty$ denotes the constraint $V_j - V_i \leq c$
- $m_{ij} = +\infty$ if there is no upper bound on $V_j - V_i$

Concretization:

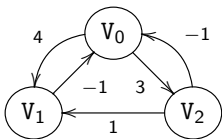
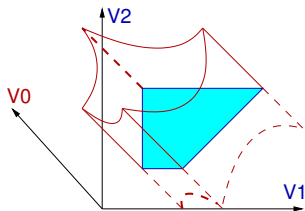
$$\gamma(\mathbf{m}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ (v_1, \dots, v_n) \in \mathbb{I}^n \mid \forall i, j: v_j - v_i \leq m_{ij} \}$$

Machine representation (cont.)

Unary constraints add a constant null variable V_0

- \mathbf{m} has size $(n + 1) \times (n + 1)$
- $V_i \leq c$ is denoted as $V_i - V_0 \leq c$, i.e., $m_{i0} = c$
- $V_i \geq c$ is denoted as $V_0 - V_i \leq -c$, i.e., $m_{0i} = -c$
- γ is now: $\gamma_0(\mathbf{m}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ (v_1, \dots, v_n) \mid (0, v_1, \dots, v_n) \in \gamma(\mathbf{m}) \}$

Example:



	V_0	V_1	V_2
V_0	$+\infty$	4	3
V_1	-1	$+\infty$	$+\infty$
V_2	-1	1	$+\infty$

The DBM lattice

$\mathcal{D}^\#$ contains all DBMs, plus $\perp^\#$

\leq on $\mathbb{I} \cup \{+\infty\}$ is extended **point-wisely**

If $\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n} \neq \perp^\#$:

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 \mathbf{m} \subseteq^\# \mathbf{n} & \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} & \forall i, j: m_{ij} \leq n_{ij} \\
 \mathbf{m} =^\# \mathbf{n} & \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} & \forall i, j: m_{ij} = n_{ij} \\
 [\mathbf{m} \cap^\# \mathbf{n}]_{ij} & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} & \min(m_{ij}, n_{ij}) \\
 [\mathbf{m} \cup^\# \mathbf{n}]_{ij} & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} & \max(m_{ij}, n_{ij}) \\
 [\top^\#]_{ij} & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} & +\infty
 \end{array}$$

$(\mathcal{D}^\#, \subseteq^\#, \cup^\#, \cap^\#, \perp^\#, \top^\#)$ is a **lattice**

Remarks:

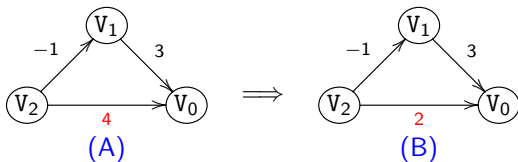
- $\mathcal{D}^\#$ is complete if \leq is ($\mathbb{I} = \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{Z} , but not \mathbb{Q})
- $\mathbf{m} \subseteq^\# \mathbf{n} \implies \gamma_0(\mathbf{m}) \subseteq \gamma_0(\mathbf{n})$, but **not the converse**
- $\mathbf{m} =^\# \mathbf{n} \implies \gamma_0(\mathbf{m}) = \gamma_0(\mathbf{n})$, but **not the converse**

Normal form, equality and inclusion testing

Issue: how can we compare $\gamma_0(\mathbf{m})$ and $\gamma_0(\mathbf{n})$?

Idea: find a normal form by **propagating/tightening constraints**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} V_0 - V_1 \leq 3 \\ V_1 - V_2 \leq -1 \\ V_0 - V_2 \leq 4 \end{array} \right. \quad \Rightarrow \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} V_0 - V_1 \leq 3 \\ V_1 - V_2 \leq -1 \\ V_0 - V_2 \leq 2 \end{array} \right.$$



Definition: shortest-path closure \mathbf{m}^*

$$m_{ij}^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \min_N \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} m_{i_k i_{k+1}} \langle i = i_1, \dots, i_N = j \rangle$$

Exists only when \mathbf{m} has no cycle with strictly negative weight

Floyd–Warshall algorithm

Properties:

- $\gamma_0(\mathbf{m}) = \emptyset \iff \mathcal{G}$ has a cycle with strictly negative weight
- if $\gamma_0(\mathbf{m}) \neq \emptyset$, the shortest-path graph \mathbf{m}^* is a normal form:

$$\mathbf{m}^* = \min_{\subseteq^\#} \{ \mathbf{n} \mid \gamma_0(\mathbf{m}) = \gamma_0(\mathbf{n}) \}$$
- If $\gamma_0(\mathbf{m}), \gamma_0(\mathbf{n}) \neq \emptyset$, then
 - $\gamma_0(\mathbf{m}) = \gamma_0(\mathbf{n}) \iff \mathbf{m}^* =^\# \mathbf{n}^*$
 - $\gamma_0(\mathbf{m}) \subseteq \gamma_0(\mathbf{n}) \iff \mathbf{m}^* \subseteq^\# \mathbf{n}$

Floyd–Warshall algorithm

$$\begin{cases} m_{ij}^0 & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} m_{ij} \\ m_{ij}^{k+1} & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \min(m_{ij}^k, m_{ik}^k + m_{kj}^k) \end{cases}$$

- If $\gamma_0(\mathbf{m}) \neq \emptyset$, then $\mathbf{m}^* = \mathbf{m}^{n+1}$ (normal form)
- $\gamma_0(\mathbf{m}) = \emptyset \iff \exists i: m_{ii}^{n+1} < 0$ (emptiness testing)
- \mathbf{m}^{n+1} can be computed in $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$ time

Abstract operators

Abstract union $\cup^\#$

- $\gamma_0(\mathbf{m} \cup^\# \mathbf{n})$ may not be the smallest zone containing $\gamma_0(\mathbf{m})$ and $\gamma_0(\mathbf{n})$
- however, $(\mathbf{m}^*) \cup^\# (\mathbf{n}^*)$ is **optimal**:

$$(\mathbf{m}^*) \cup^\# (\mathbf{n}^*) = \min_{\subseteq^\#} \{ \mathbf{o} \mid \gamma_0(\mathbf{o}) \supseteq \gamma_0(\mathbf{m}) \cup \gamma_0(\mathbf{n}) \}$$
 which implies

$$\gamma_0((\mathbf{m}^*) \cup^\# (\mathbf{n}^*)) = \min_{\subseteq} \{ \gamma_0(\mathbf{o}) \mid \gamma_0(\mathbf{o}) \supseteq \gamma_0(\mathbf{m}) \cup \gamma_0(\mathbf{n}) \}$$
- $(\mathbf{m}^*) \cup^\# (\mathbf{n}^*)$ is always closed

Abstract intersection $\cap^\#$

- $\cap^\#$ is **always exact**: $\gamma_0(\mathbf{m} \cap^\# \mathbf{n}) = \gamma_0(\mathbf{m}) \cap \gamma_0(\mathbf{n})$
- $(\mathbf{m}^*) \cap^\# (\mathbf{n}^*)$ may not be closed

Remark:

The set of closed matrices with $\perp^\#$, and the operations $\subseteq^\#$, $\cup^\#$, $\lambda \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n}. (\mathbf{m} \cap^\# \mathbf{n})^*$ define a sub-lattice
 γ_0 is injective in this sub-lattice

Abstract operators (cont.)

We can define:

$$[C^\sharp \llbracket V_{j_0} - V_{i_0} \leq c \rrbracket \mathbf{m}]_{ij} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \min(m_{ij}, c) & \text{if } (i, j) = (i_0, j_0), \\ m_{ij} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$[C^\sharp \llbracket V_{j_0} := \rrbracket - \infty, +\infty \llbracket \rrbracket \mathbf{m}]_{ij} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} +\infty & \text{if } i = j_0 \text{ or } j = j_0, \\ m_{ij}^* & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(not optimal on non-closed arguments)

$$C^\sharp \llbracket V_{j_0} := V_{i_0} + [a, b] \rrbracket \mathbf{m} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (C^\sharp \llbracket V_{j_0} - V_{i_0} = [a, b] \rrbracket \circ C^\sharp \llbracket V_{j_0} := \rrbracket - \infty, +\infty \llbracket \rrbracket) \mathbf{m} \quad \text{if } i_0 \neq j_0$$

$$[C^\sharp \llbracket V_{j_0} := V_{j_0} + [a, b] \rrbracket \mathbf{m}]_{ij} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} m_{ij} - a & \text{if } i = j_0 \text{ and } j \neq j_0 \\ m_{ij} + b & \text{if } i \neq j_0 \text{ and } j = j_0 \\ m_{ij} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

($i_0 \neq j_0$; V_{i_0} can be replaced with 0 by setting $i_0 = 0$)

These transfer functions are **exact**

Abstract operators (cont.)

Issue: given an arbitrary linear assignment $V_{j_0} := a_0 + \sum_k a_k \times V_k$

- there is no exact abstraction, in general
- the best abstraction $\alpha \circ C[[c]] \circ \gamma$ is costly to compute (e.g. convert to a polyhedron and back, with exponential cost)

Possible solution:

Given a (more general) assignment $e = [a_0, b_0] + \sum_k [a_k, b_k] \times V_k$

we define an **approximate** operator as follows:

$$[C^\sharp[[V_{j_0} := e]] \mathbf{m}]_{ij} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \max(E^\sharp[[e]] \mathbf{m}) & \text{if } i = 0 \text{ and } j = j_0 \\ -\min(E^\sharp[[e]] \mathbf{m}) & \text{if } i = j_0 \text{ and } j = 0 \\ \max(E^\sharp[[e - V_i]] \mathbf{m}) & \text{if } i \neq 0, j_0 \text{ and } j = j_0 \\ -\min(E^\sharp[[e + V_j]] \mathbf{m}) & \text{if } i = j_0 \text{ and } j \neq 0, j_0 \\ m_{ij} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where $E^\sharp[[e]] \mathbf{m}$ evaluates e using interval arithmetics with

$$V_k \in [-m_{k0}^*, m_{0k}^*]$$

Quadratic total cost (plus the cost of closure)

Abstract operators (cont.)

Example:

Argument

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq Y \leq 10 \\ 0 \leq Z \leq 10 \\ 0 \leq Y - Z \leq 10 \end{array} \right.$$

$\Downarrow X := Y - Z$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -10 \leq X \leq 10 \\ -20 \leq X - Y \leq 10 \\ -20 \leq X - Z \leq 10 \end{array} \right.$$

Intervals

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -10 \leq X \leq 10 \\ -10 \leq X - Y \leq 0 \\ -10 \leq X - Z \leq 10 \end{array} \right.$$

Approximate
solution

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq X \leq 10 \\ -10 \leq X - Y \leq 0 \\ -10 \leq X - Z \leq 10 \end{array} \right.$$

Best
(polyhedra)

We have a good trade-off between cost and precision

The same idea can be used for tests and backward assignments

Widening and narrowing

The zone domain has both strictly increasing and decreasing infinite chains

Widening ∇

$$[\mathbf{m} \nabla \mathbf{n}]_{ij} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} m_{ij} & \text{if } n_{ij} \leq m_{ij} \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Unstable constraints are deleted

Narrowing Δ

$$[\mathbf{m} \Delta \mathbf{n}]_{ij} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} n_{ij} & \text{if } m_{ij} = +\infty \\ m_{ij} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Only $+\infty$ bounds are refined

Remarks:

- We can construct widenings with thresholds
- ∇ (resp. Δ) can be seen as a **point-wise extension** of an interval widening (resp. narrowing)

Other weakly relational domains

Based on closure:

- **Octagons:** $\pm X \pm Y \leq c$
extension of zones by symmetry $x / -x$
uses a slight adaptation of Floyd-Warshall
- **Two-variables per inequality:** $\alpha x + \beta y \leq c$
(closure algorithm by Nelson)
- **Octahedra:** $\sum \alpha_i V_i \leq c, \alpha_i \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$
(incomplete propagation, to avoid exponential cost)
- **Pentagons:** $X - Y \leq 0$
(incomplete propagation, aims at linear cost)

Based on linear programming:

- **Template polyhedra:** $\mathbf{M} \times \vec{V} \geq \vec{C}$ for a fixed \mathbf{M}

Analysis example with octagons

Rate limiter

```

Y:=0; while 1=1 do
  X:=[-128,128]; D:=[0,16];
  S:=Y; Y:=X; R:=X-S;
  if R<=-D then Y:=S-D fi;
  if R>=D then Y:=S+D fi
done

```

X:	input signal
Y:	output signal
S:	last output
R:	delta Y-S
D:	max. allowed for R

Analysis using:

- the octagon domain
- an abstract operator for $V_{j_0} := [a_0, b_0] + \sum_k [a_k, b_k] \times V_k$ similar to the one we defined on zones
- a widening with thresholds T

Result: we prove that $|Y|$ is bounded by: $\min \{ t \in T \mid t \geq 144 \}$

Note: the polyhedron domain would find $|Y| \leq 128$ and does not require thresholds, but it is more costly

Floating-point (and non-linearity)

Floating-point uses

Two **independent** problems:

- **Implement the analyzer using floating-point**

goal: trade precision for efficiency

exact rational arithmetics can be costly

coefficients can grow large (polyhedra)

- **Analyze floating-point programs**

goal: catch run-time errors caused by rounding
(overflow, division by 0, ...)

Also: a floating-point analyzer for floating-point programs

Challenge: how to stay **sound**?

Floating-point semantics

Floating-point numbers

Real computers do not know about \mathbb{Q} and \mathbb{R}

They use limited-precision floating-point numbers \mathbb{F}

[IEEE 754-1985 standard](#) is the most widespread format
(supported by most processors and programming languages)

IEEE Binary representation: a number is a triple $\langle s, e, f \rangle$

- a 1-bit sign s
- a e -bit exponent e , with a **bias** (e represents $e - \text{bias}$)
- a p -bit fraction $f = .b_1 \dots b_p$ (f represents $\sum_i 2^{-i} b_i$)

IEEE format examples given by the choice of e , bias, p :

32-bit **single precision float**: $\begin{cases} e = 8 \\ \text{bias} = 127 \\ p = 23 \end{cases}$

Other widespread formats:

64-bit *double*, 80-bit *double extended*, 128-bit *quad*

Floating-point computations

The set of floating-point numbers is not closed under $+$, $-$, \times , $/$:

- every result is **rounded** to a representable float
- an overflow or division by 0 generates $+\infty$ or $-\infty$ (**overflow**)
- small numbers are truncated to $+0$ or -0 (**underflow**)
- some operations are **invalid** ($0/0$, $(+\infty) + (-\infty)$, etc.) and return *NaN*

Simplified semantics:

- **overflows** and **NaNs** halt the program with an error Ω
- rounding and underflow are not errors
- we do not distinguish between $+0$ and -0

\implies variable values live in a finite subset \mathbb{F} of \mathbb{R} ,
expression values live in $\mathbb{F} \cup \{\Omega\}$

Floating-point expressions

Floating-point expressions exp_f

exp_f	::=	$[c, c']$	constant range $c, c' \in \mathbb{F}, c \leq c'$
		V	variable $V \in \mathbb{V}$
		$\ominus \text{exp}_f$	negation
		$\text{exp}_f \odot_r \text{exp}_f$	operator $\odot \in \{\oplus, \ominus, \otimes, \oslash\}$

(we use circled operators to distinguish them from operators in \mathbb{Q})

Concrete semantics of expressions

Semantics of rounding: $R_r: \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{F} \cup \{\Omega\}$.

4 rounding modes r : towards $+\infty$, $-\infty$, 0 , or to-nearest n

Example definition:

$$R_{+\infty}(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \min \{ y \in \mathbb{F} \mid y \geq x \} & \text{if } x \leq Mf \\ \Omega & \text{if } x > Mf \end{cases}$$

$$R_{-\infty}(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \max \{ y \in \mathbb{F} \mid y \leq x \} & \text{if } x \geq -Mf \\ \Omega & \text{if } x < -Mf \end{cases}$$

Notes:

- $\forall x, r, R_{-\infty}(x) \leq R_r(x) \leq R_{+\infty}(x)$
- $\forall r, R_r$ is **monotonic**

Concrete semantics of expressions (cont.)

$\underline{E[e_f]} : (\mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F} \cup \{\Omega\})$ (expression semantics)

Each operator is evaluated in \mathbb{R} and then rounded using R_r .

$$\begin{aligned} E[\mathbf{V}] \rho &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ \rho(\mathbf{V}) \} \\ E[[c, c']] \rho &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ x \in \mathbb{F} \mid c \leq x \leq c' \} \\ E[\ominus e_f] \rho &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ -x \mid x \in E[e_f] \rho \cap \mathbb{F} \} \cup (\{\Omega\} \cap E[e_f] \rho) \\ E[e_f \odot_r e'_f] \rho &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \\ &\{ R_r(x \cdot y) \mid x \in E[e_f] \rho \cap \mathbb{F}, y \in E[e'_f] \rho \cap \mathbb{F} \} \cup \\ &\{ \Omega \mid \text{if } \Omega \in E[e_f] \rho \cup E[e'_f] \rho \} \\ &\{ \Omega \mid \text{if } 0 \in E[e'_f] \rho \text{ and } \odot = \emptyset \} \end{aligned}$$

$\underline{C[c]} : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}((\mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}) \cup \{\Omega\})$ (command semantics)

$$\begin{aligned} C[\mathbf{X} := e_f] \mathcal{X} &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ \rho[\mathbf{X} \mapsto v] \mid \rho \in \mathcal{X}, v \in E[e_f] \rho \cap \mathbb{F} \} \\ &\cup (\{\Omega\} \cap E[e_f] \mathcal{X}) \\ C[e_f \leq 0] \mathcal{X} &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ \rho \mid \rho \in \mathcal{X}, \exists v \in E[e_f] \rho \cap \mathbb{F}, v \leq 0 \} \\ &\cup (\{\Omega\} \cap E[e_f] \mathcal{X}) \end{aligned}$$

Floating-point interval domain

Representation: $\mathcal{B}^\sharp \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ [a, b] \mid a \in \mathbb{F}, b \in \mathbb{F}, a \leq b \} \cup \{ \perp^\sharp \}$

Expression semantics: $E^\sharp \llbracket \text{exp}_f \rrbracket : (\mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}^\sharp) \rightarrow (\mathcal{B}^\sharp \cup \{ \Omega \})$

$$[a, b] \oplus^\sharp [a', b'] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [R_{-\infty}(a + a'), R_{+\infty}(b + b')]$$

$$[a, b] \ominus^\sharp [a', b'] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [R_{-\infty}(a - b'), R_{+\infty}(b - a')]$$

$$[a, b] \otimes^\sharp [a', b'] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [R_{-\infty}(\min(aa', ab', ba', bb')), R_{+\infty}(\max(aa', ab', ba', bb'))]$$

- We suppose r is unknown and assume a worst case rounding.
- Soundness stems from the monotonicity of $R_{-\infty}$ and $R_{+\infty}$.
- Abstract operators also use float arithmetic (efficiency).

Error management

If some bound in $E^\sharp \llbracket \text{exp}_f \rrbracket$ evaluates to Ω , we

- report the error to the user, and
- continue the evaluation with \top^\sharp .

Floating-point analysis example

filter with reinitialisation

```
Z:=0;
while 1=1 do
  if [0,1]=1 then Z:=[-10,10] fi;
  Z:=(0.3 ⊗ Z) ⊕ [-10,10]
done
```

In \mathbb{R} , we would have $|Z| < 10/0.7$

Using floats, $|Z|$ is bounded by $B = R_{+\infty}(10/0.7)$

Interval analysis:

A widening with thresholds finds that $|Z| \leq \min \{x \in T \mid x \geq B\}$

The absence of overflow is proved if T has a value larger than B

Expression linearization

Floating-point issues in relational domains

Relational domains assume many powerful **properties on \mathbb{Q}** :
 associativity, distributivity, . . . that are **not true on \mathbb{F}** !

Example: Fourier-Motzkin elimination

$$\begin{aligned}
 X - Y \leq c \quad \wedge \quad Y - Z \leq d &\implies X - Z \leq c + d \\
 X \ominus_n Y \leq c \quad \wedge \quad Y \ominus_n Z \leq d &\not\implies X \ominus_n Z \leq c \oplus_n d \\
 (X = 1, Y = 10^{38}, Z = -1, c = X \ominus_n Y = -10^{38}, \\
 d = Y \ominus_n Z = 10^{38}, c \oplus_n d = 0, X \ominus_n Z = 2 > 0)
 \end{aligned}$$

We cannot manipulate float expressions as easily as rational ones!

Solution:

keep representing and manipulating rational expressions

- abstract **float** expressions from programs into **rational** ones
- feed them to a **rational** abstract domain
- (optional) **implement** the **rational** domain using **floats**

Abstraction framework

Issue:

Float expressions are a special case of non-linear expressions (in \mathbb{Q}).
 Most relational domains can only deal with linear expressions
 How can we abstract non-linear assignments such as $X := Y \times Z$?

Idea: replace $Y \times Z$ with a **sound linear** approximation

Framework:

We define an **approximation preorder** \preceq on expressions:

$$R \models e_1 \preceq e_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \forall \rho \in R: E[e_1] \rho \subseteq E[e_2] \rho$$

Soundness properties if $\gamma(x^\#) \models e \preceq e'$ then:

- $C[V := e] \gamma(x^\#) \subseteq \gamma(C^\#[V := e'] x^\#)$
- $C[e \bowtie 0] \gamma(x^\#) \subseteq \gamma(C^\#[e' \bowtie 0] x^\#)$

\implies we can now use e' in the abstract instead of e

Affine interval forms

We put expressions in **affine interval form**: [Miné 04]

$$\text{exp}_\ell ::= [a_0, b_0] + \sum_k [a_k, b_k] \times \mathbf{v}_k$$

Semantics:

$$E[[e_\ell]] \rho \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ c_0 + \sum_k c_k \times \rho(\mathbf{v}_k) \mid \forall i, c_i \in [a_i, b_i] \}$$

(evaluated in \mathbb{Q})

Advantages:

- **affine** expressions are easy to manipulate
- **interval coefficients** allow non-determinism in expressions, hence, the opportunity for **abstraction**
- **intervals** can easily model **rounding errors**
- easy to design algorithms for $C^\#[[X := e_\ell]]$ and $C^\#[[e_\ell \leq 0]]$ in most domains

Affine interval form algebra

Operations on affine interval forms:

- adding \boxplus and subtracting \boxminus two forms
- multiplying \boxtimes and dividing \boxdiv a form by an interval

Using interval arithmetic \oplus^\sharp , \ominus^\sharp , \otimes^\sharp , \oslash^\sharp :

$$(i_0 + \sum_k i_k \times v_k) \boxplus (i'_0 + \sum_k i'_k \times v_k) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (i_0 \oplus^\sharp i'_0) + \sum_k (i_k \oplus^\sharp i'_k) \times v_k$$

$$i \boxtimes (i_0 + \sum_k i_k \times v_k) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (i \otimes^\sharp i_0) + \sum_k (i \otimes^\sharp i_k) \times v_k$$

...

Projection: $\pi_k : \mathcal{D}^\sharp \rightarrow \text{exp}_\ell$

We suppose we are given an **abstract interval projection** operator π_k such that:

$$\pi_k(\mathcal{X}^\sharp) = [a, b] \text{ such that } [a, b] \supseteq \{ \rho(v_k) \mid \rho \in \gamma(\mathcal{X}^\sharp) \}.$$

Linearization of rational expressions

Intervalization $\iota : (\text{exp}_\ell \times \mathcal{D}^\#) \rightarrow \text{exp}_\ell$

Flattens the expression into a single interval:

$$\iota(i_0 + \sum_k (i_k \times v_k), \mathcal{X}^\#) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} i_0 +^\# \sum_{b,k}^\# (i_k \times^\# \pi_k(\mathcal{X}^\#))$$

Linearization $\ell : (\text{exp} \times \mathcal{D}^\#) \rightarrow \text{exp}_\ell$

Defined by induction on the syntax of expressions:

- $\ell(v, \mathcal{X}^\#) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [1, 1] \times v$
- $\ell([a, b], \mathcal{X}^\#) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [a, b]$
- $\ell(e_1 + e_2, \mathcal{X}^\#) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \ell(e_1, \mathcal{X}^\#) \boxplus \ell(e_2, \mathcal{X}^\#)$
- $\ell(e_1 - e_2, \mathcal{X}^\#) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \ell(e_1, \mathcal{X}^\#) \boxminus \ell(e_2, \mathcal{X}^\#)$
- $\ell(e_1 / e_2, \mathcal{X}^\#) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \ell(e_1, \mathcal{X}^\#) \boxtimes \iota(\ell(e_2, \mathcal{X}^\#), \mathcal{X}^\#)$
- $\ell(e_1 \times e_2, \mathcal{X}^\#) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{can be } \begin{cases} \text{either} & \iota(\ell(e_1, \mathcal{X}^\#), \mathcal{X}^\#) \boxtimes \ell(e_2, \mathcal{X}^\#), \\ \text{or} & \iota(\ell(e_2, \mathcal{X}^\#), \mathcal{X}^\#) \boxtimes \ell(e_1, \mathcal{X}^\#) \end{cases}$

Linearization application

Property soundness of the linearization:

For any abstract domain \mathcal{D}^\sharp , any $\mathcal{X}^\sharp \in \mathcal{D}^\sharp$ and $e \in \text{exp}$, we have:

$$\gamma(\mathcal{X}^\sharp) \models e \preceq \ell(e, \mathcal{X}^\sharp)$$

Remarks:

- ℓ results in a loss of precision
- ℓ is not monotonic for \preceq
(e.g., $\ell(\mathbb{V}/\mathbb{V}, \mathbb{V} \mapsto [1, +\infty]) = [0, 1] \times \mathbb{V} \not\preceq 1$)

Application to the octagon domain

$\begin{aligned} Y &:= [0, +\infty]; \\ T &:= [-1, 1]; \\ X &:= T \times Y \end{aligned}$

- $T \times Y$ is linearized as $[-1, 1] \times Y$
- we can prove that $|X| \leq Y$

Linearization application (cont.)

Application to the interval domain

$C^\# \llbracket V := \ell(e, \mathcal{X}^\#) \rrbracket \mathcal{X}^\#$ is always more precise than $C^\# \llbracket V := e \rrbracket \mathcal{X}^\#$
 ℓ **simplifies** symbolically variables occurring several times

Example: $X := 2 \times V - V$, where $V \in [a, b]$:

- using vanilla intervals:

$$E^\# \llbracket 2 \times V - V \rrbracket (\mathcal{X}^\#) = 2 \times^\# [a, b] -^\# [a, b] = [2a - b, 2b - a]$$

- after linearization $\ell(2 \times V - V, \mathcal{X}^\#) = V$, so

$$E^\# \llbracket \ell(2 \times V - V, \mathcal{X}^\#) \rrbracket \mathcal{X}^\# = [a, b]$$

strictly more precise than $[2a - b, 2b - a]$ when $a \neq b$

Linearization of floating-point expressions

Rounding an affine interval form: (32-bit single precision)

- if the result is normalized: we have a **relative error** ε with magnitude 2^{-23} :

$$\varepsilon([a_0, b_0] + \sum_k [a_k, b_k] \times v_k) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \max(|a_0|, |b_0|) \times [-2^{-23}, 2^{-23}] + \sum_k (\max(|a_k|, |b_k|) \times [-2^{-23}, 2^{-23}] \times v_k)$$

- if the result is denormalized, we have an **absolute error** $\omega \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [-2^{-149}, 2^{-149}]$.

⇒ we sum these two sources of rounding errors

Linearization with rounding errors: $\ell : (\text{exp}_f \times \mathcal{D}^\#) \rightarrow \text{exp}_\ell$

$$\ell(e_1 \oplus_r e_2, \mathcal{X}^\#) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \ell(e_1, \mathcal{X}^\#) \boxplus \ell(e_2, \mathcal{X}^\#) \boxplus \varepsilon(\ell(e_1, \mathcal{X}^\#)) \boxplus \varepsilon(\ell(e_2, \mathcal{X}^\#)) \boxplus \omega$$

$$\ell(e_1 \otimes_r e_2, \mathcal{X}^\#) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \iota(\ell(e_1, \mathcal{X}^\#), \mathcal{X}^\#) \boxtimes (\ell(e_2, \mathcal{X}^\#) \boxplus \varepsilon(\ell(e_2, \mathcal{X}^\#))) \boxplus \omega$$

...

Soundness of the floating-point linearization

Soundness of the linearization

$\forall e: \forall \mathcal{X}^\# \in \mathcal{D}^\#: \forall \rho \in \gamma(\mathcal{X}^\#):$
 if $\Omega \notin E[e] \rho$, then $E[e] \rho \subseteq E[\ell(e, \mathcal{X}^\#)] \rho$

Application: $C^\#[V := e] \mathcal{X}^\#$

- check that $\Omega \notin E[e] \rho$ for $\rho \in \gamma(\mathcal{X}^\#)$ with interval arithmetic
- compute $C^\#[V := e] \mathcal{X}^\#$ as $C^\#[V := \ell(e, \mathcal{X}^\#)] \mathcal{X}^\#$
- (use $C^\#[V := [-Mf, Mf]] \mathcal{X}^\#$ if $\Omega \in E[e] \rho$)

Example applications

- Improving the **interval domain** using symbolic simplification

Example:

$Z := X \ominus (0.25 \otimes X)$ is linearized into

$Z := ([0.749 \dots, 0.750 \dots] \times X) + 2.35 \dots 10^{-38} \times [-1, 1]$

If $X \in [-1, 1]$, we find $|Z| \leq 0.750 \dots$

(instead of $|Z| \leq 1.25 \dots$)

- Allows using **relational domains** (octagons, etc.)

Example: floating-point version of the rate limiter

(single precision)

The bound of the output $|Y|$ is the smallest threshold larger than **144.00005** (instead of **144**)

Floating-point implementation

Goal: implement abstract domains using floating-point numbers

- more efficient (especially to analyse floating-point programs)
- rounding errors in the algorithms may cause unsoundness!

Simple solution:

round upper-bounds toward $+\infty$, lower bounds toward $-\infty$

Works for:

- intervals ($\oplus^\#, \ominus^\#, \otimes^\#, \dots$)
- linearization into exp_ℓ (based on interval computations)
- zones, octagons (replace $a + b$ with $R_{+\infty}(a + b)$)
- not polyhedra

Sound floating-point polyhedra

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Algorithms to adapt: [Chen 08]

Design sound approximate floating-point algorithms
simplex_f and *Fourier_f*

- **linear programming:**

$$\mathit{simplex}_f(\mathcal{X}^\#, \vec{\alpha}) \leq \mathit{simplex}(\mathcal{X}^\#, \vec{\alpha})$$

$$\mathit{simplex}(\mathcal{X}^\#, \vec{\alpha}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \min \{ \sum_k \alpha_k \rho(\mathbf{v}_k) \mid \rho \in \gamma(\mathcal{X}^\#) \}$$

- **Fourier-Motzkin elimination:**

$$\mathit{Fourier}_f(\mathcal{X}^\#, \mathbf{v}_k) \Leftarrow \mathit{Fourier}(\mathcal{X}^\#, \mathbf{v}_k)$$

$$\mathit{Fourier}(\mathcal{X}^\#, \mathbf{v}_k) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\sum_i \alpha_i \mathbf{v}_i \geq \beta) \in \mathcal{X}^\# \mid \alpha_k = 0 \\ \{ (-\alpha_k^-) \mathbf{c}^+ + \alpha_k^+ \mathbf{c}^- \mid \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{c}^+ = (\sum_i \alpha_i^+ \mathbf{v}_i \geq \beta^+) \in \mathcal{X}^\#, \alpha_k^+ > 0, \\ \mathbf{c}^- = (\sum_i \alpha_i^- \mathbf{v}_i \geq \beta^-) \in \mathcal{X}^\#, \alpha_k^- < 0 \end{array} \end{array} \right\}$$

Sound floating-point linear programming

Guaranteed linear programming: [Neumaier 04]

Goal: **under-approximate** $\mu = \min \{ \vec{c} \cdot \vec{x} \mid \mathbf{M} \times \vec{x} \leq \vec{b} \}$

knowing that $\vec{x} \in [\vec{x}_l, \vec{x}_h]$ (bounding-box for $\gamma(\mathcal{X}^\sharp)$)

- compute any approximation $\tilde{\mu}$ of the **dual problem**:

$$\tilde{\mu} \simeq \mu = \max \{ \vec{b} \cdot \vec{y} \mid {}^t\mathbf{M} \times \vec{y} = \vec{c}, \vec{y} \leq \vec{0} \}$$

and the corresponding vector \vec{y}

(e.g. using an off-the-shelf solver; $\tilde{\mu}$ may over-approximate or under-approximate μ)

- compute with intervals safe bounds $[\vec{r}_l, \vec{r}_h]$ for $\mathbf{A} \times \vec{y} - \vec{c}$:

$$[\vec{r}_l, \vec{r}_h] = ({}^t\mathbf{A} \otimes^\sharp \vec{y}) \ominus^\sharp \vec{c}$$

and then:

$$\nu = \inf((\vec{b} \otimes^\sharp \vec{y}) \ominus^\sharp ([\vec{r}_l, \vec{r}_h] \otimes^\sharp [\vec{x}_l, \vec{x}_h]))$$

then: $\nu \leq \mu$

Sound floating-point Fourier-Motzkin elimination

Given:

- $c^+ = (\sum_i \alpha_i^+ \mathbf{v}_i \geq \beta^+)$ with $\alpha_k^+ > 0$
- $c^- = (\sum_i \alpha_i^- \mathbf{v}_i \geq \beta^-)$ with $\alpha_k^- < 0$
- a bounding-box of $\gamma(\mathcal{X}^\#)$: $[\vec{x}_l, \vec{x}_h]$

We wish to compute $\sum_{i \neq k} \alpha_i \mathbf{v}_i \geq \beta$ in \mathbb{F}
 implied by $(-\alpha_k^-)c^+ + \alpha_k^+c^-$ in $\gamma(\mathcal{X}^\#)$

- **normalize** c^+ and c^- using interval arithmetics:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{v}_k + \sum_{i \neq k} (\alpha_i^+ \otimes^\# \alpha_k^+) \mathbf{v}_i \geq \beta^+ \otimes^\# \alpha_k^+ \\ -\mathbf{v}_k + \sum_{i \neq k} (\alpha_i^- \otimes^\# (-\alpha_k^-)) \mathbf{v}_i \geq \beta^- \otimes^\# (-\alpha_k^-) \end{cases}$$

(interval affine forms)

- **add** them using interval arithmetics:

$$\sum_{i \neq k} [a_i, b_i] \mathbf{v}_i \geq [a_0, b_0]$$

where $[a_i, b_i] = (\alpha_i^+ \otimes^\# \alpha_k^+) \ominus^\# (\alpha_i^- \otimes^\# \alpha_k^-)$,

$[a_0, b_0] = (\beta^+ \otimes^\# \alpha_k^+) \ominus^\# (\beta^- \otimes^\# \alpha_k^-)$

Sound floating-point Fourier-Motzkin elimination (cont.)

- **linearize** the interval linear form into $\sum_{i \neq k} \alpha_i \mathbf{v}_i \geq \beta$
where

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_i \in [a_i, b_i] \\ \beta = \sup ([a_0, b_0] \oplus \bigoplus_{b, i \neq k} (|\alpha_i \ominus [a_i, b_i]|) \otimes [|\vec{x}_l, \vec{x}_h|]) \end{cases}$$

Soundness:

For all choices of $\alpha_i \in [a_i, b_i]$,
 $\sum_{i \neq k} \alpha_i \mathbf{v}_k \geq \beta$ holds in $\text{Fourier}(\mathcal{X}^\#, \mathbf{v}_k)$
 (e.g. $\alpha_i = (a_i \oplus b_i) \oslash 2$)

Consequences of rounding

Precision loss:

- projection:

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(\text{Fourier}_f(\mathcal{X}^\#, \mathbf{v}_k)) &\supseteq \{ \rho[\mathbf{v}_k \mapsto \mathbf{v}] \mid \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{Q}, \rho \in \gamma(\mathcal{X}^\#) \} \\ &= \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{v}_k := [-\infty, +\infty]] \gamma(\mathcal{X}^\#) \end{aligned}$$

- order:

$$\mathcal{X}^\# \subseteq^\# \mathcal{Y}^\# \implies \gamma(\mathcal{X}^\#) \subseteq \gamma(\mathcal{Y}^\#) \quad (\neq)$$

- join:

$$\gamma(\mathcal{X}^\# \cup^\# \mathcal{Y}^\#) \supseteq \text{ConvexHull}_f(\gamma(\mathcal{X}^\#) \cup \gamma(\mathcal{Y}^\#)) \quad (\neq)$$

Efficiency loss:

- cannot remove all redundant constraints

Floating-point polyhedra widening

Widening ∇ :

$$\mathcal{X}^\# \nabla \mathcal{Y}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{c \in \mathcal{X}^\# \mid \mathcal{Y}^\# \subseteq^\# \{c\}\}$$

(drop $\{c \in \mathcal{Y}^\# \mid \exists c' \in \mathcal{X}^\# : \mathcal{X}^\# =^\# (\mathcal{X}^\# \setminus c') \cup \{c\}\}$
 as $\mathcal{X}^\#$ and $\mathcal{Y}^\#$ may have redundant constraints)

Abstraction summary

Floating-point polyhedra analyzer for floating-point programs

expression abstraction

float expression e_f

↓ linearization

affine form e_ℓ in \mathbb{Q}

↓ float implementation

affine form e_ℓ in \mathbb{F}

environment abstraction

$\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{F})$

↓ abstract domain

polyhedra in \mathbb{Q}

→ ↓ float implementation

polyhedra in \mathbb{F}

↓ widening

polyhedra in \mathbb{F}

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