

# Semantics and Verification of Software

## Lecture 19: Dataflow Analysis VI (The MOP Solution)

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## Who?

### Students of:

- Hauptstudium Informatik
- Master Courses
- Bachelor Informatik (~~Pro~~Seminar!)

## Where?

[www.graphics.rwth-aachen.de/apse](http://www.graphics.rwth-aachen.de/apse)

## When?

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# Seminar: Applying Formal Verification Methods to Embedded Systems

- Joint weekly Seminar with Embedded Software Laboratory
- Theoretical and Practical CS
- Topics:
  - Static program analysis
  - Abstract interpretation
  - Software model checking (of assembly and source code)
  - Analysis of timed behavior
  - Resource awareness
- Requirements:
  - Vordiplom/Bachelor
  - In particular: Automata Theory and Formal Languages
  - Helpful: basic knowledge in
    - this course
    - (Formal Methods for) Embedded Systems
    - Model Checking Technology

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- 2 Another Analysis: Constant Propagation

- Other **solution method** for dataflow systems
- MOP = **Meet Over all Paths**
- Analysis information for block  $B^l$  = **least upper bound over all paths leading to  $l$**

## Definition 19.1 (Paths)

Let  $S = (L, E, F, (D, \sqsubseteq), \iota, \varphi)$  be a dataflow system. For every  $l \in L$ , the set of **paths up to  $l$**  is given by

$$\text{Path}(l) := \{[l_1, \dots, l_{k-1}] \mid k \geq 1, l_1 \in E, (l_i, l_{i+1}) \in F \text{ for every } 1 \leq i \leq k, l_k = l\}.$$

For a path  $p = [l_1, \dots, l_{k-1}] \in \text{Path}(l)$ , we define the **transfer function**  $\varphi_p : D \rightarrow D$  by

$$\varphi_p := \varphi_{l_{k-1}} \circ \dots \circ \varphi_{l_1} \circ \text{id}_D$$

(so that  $\varphi_{[]} = \text{id}_D$ ).

## Definition 19.2 (MOP solution)

Let  $S = (L, E, F, (D, \sqsubseteq), \iota, \varphi)$  be a dataflow system where  $L = \{l_1, \dots, l_n\}$ . The **MOP solution** for  $S$  is determined by

$$\mathbf{mop}(S) := (\mathbf{mop}(l_1), \dots, \mathbf{mop}(l_n)) \in D^n$$

where, for every  $l \in L$ ,

$$\mathbf{mop}(l) := \bigsqcup \{\varphi_p(\iota) \mid p \in \text{Path}(l)\}.$$

### Remark:

- $\text{Path}(l)$  is generally infinite

⇒ not clear how to compute  $\mathbf{mop}(l)$

- In fact: MOP solution generally undecidable (later)

# The MOP Solution III

Example 19.3 (Live Variables; cf. Examples 15.3 and 17.4)

```
c = [x := 2]1;  
     [y := 4]2;  
     [x := 1]3;  
     if [y > 0]4 then  
         [z := x]5  
     else  
         [z := y*y]6;  
     [x := z]7  
⇒ Path(1) = {[7, 5, 4, 3, 2],  
              [7, 6, 4, 3, 2]}
```

$$\begin{aligned}\implies \text{mop}(1) &= \varphi_{[7,5,4,3,2]}(\iota) \sqcup \varphi_{[7,6,4,3,2]}(\iota) \\&= \varphi_2(\varphi_3(\varphi_4(\varphi_5(\varphi_7(\{x, y, z\})))))) \sqcup \\&\quad \varphi_2(\varphi_3(\varphi_4(\varphi_6(\varphi_7(\{x, y, z\})))))) \\&= \varphi_2(\varphi_3(\varphi_4(\varphi_5(\{y, z\})))) \sqcup \\&\quad \varphi_2(\varphi_3(\varphi_4(\varphi_6(\{y, z\})))) \\&= \varphi_2(\varphi_3(\varphi_4(\{x, y\}))) \sqcup \\&\quad \varphi_2(\varphi_3(\varphi_4(\{y\}))) \\&= \varphi_2(\varphi_3(\{x, y\})) \sqcup \varphi_2(\varphi_3(\{y\})) \\&= \varphi_2(\{y\}) \sqcup \varphi_2(\{y\}) \\&= \emptyset \sqcup \emptyset \\&= \emptyset\end{aligned}$$

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# Goal of Constant Propagation Analysis

## Constant Propagation Analysis

The goal of **Constant Propagation Analysis** is to determine, for each program point, whether a variable has a constant value whenever execution reaches that point.

Used for **Constant Folding**: replace reference to variable by constant value

### Example 19.4 (Constant Propagation Analysis)

```
[x := 1]1;  
[y := 1]2;  
[z := 1]3;  
while [z > 0]4 do  
  [w := x+y]5;  
  if [w = 2]6 then  
    [x := y+2]7
```

- $y = z = 1$  at labels 4–7
- $w, x$  not constant at labels 4–7
- possible optimizations:  
 $[w := x+1]^5 [x := 3]^7$

# Formalizing Constant Propagation Analysis I

The **dataflow system**  $S = (L, E, F, (D, \sqsubseteq), \iota, \varphi)$  is given by

- set of labels  $L := L_c$ ,
- extremal labels  $E := \{\text{init}(c)\}$  (forward problem),
- flow relation  $F := \text{flow}(c)$  (forward problem),
- complete lattice  $(D, \sqsubseteq)$  where
  - $D := \{\delta \mid \delta : \text{Var}_c \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \cup \{\perp, \top\}\}$ 
    - $\delta(x) = z \in \mathbb{Z}$ :  $x$  has **constant value**  $z$
    - $\delta(x) = \perp$ :  $x$  **undefined**
    - $\delta(x) = \top$ :  $x$  **overdefined** (i.e., different possible values)
  - $\sqsubseteq \subseteq D \times D$  defined by pointwise extension of  $\perp \sqsubseteq z \sqsubseteq \top$   
(for every  $z \in \mathbb{Z}$ )

## Example 19.5

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}_c &= \{w, x, y, z\}, \\ \delta_1 &= (\underbrace{\perp}_w, \underbrace{1}_x, \underbrace{2}_y, \underbrace{\top}_z), \quad \delta_2 = (\underbrace{3}_w, \underbrace{1}_x, \underbrace{4}_y, \underbrace{\top}_z) \\ \implies \delta_1 \sqcup \delta_2 &= (\underbrace{3}_w, \underbrace{1}_x, \underbrace{\top}_y, \underbrace{\top}_z) \end{aligned}$$

Dataflow system  $S = (L, E, F, (D, \sqsubseteq), \iota, \varphi)$  (continued):

- extremal value  $\iota := \delta_{\top} \in D$  where  $\delta_{\top}(x) := \top$  for every  $x \in Var_c$ ,
- transfer functions  $\{\varphi_l \mid l \in L\}$  defined by

$$\varphi_l(\delta) := \begin{cases} \delta & \text{if } B^l = \text{skip} \text{ or } B^l \in BExp \\ \delta[x \mapsto \mathfrak{A}\llbracket a \rrbracket \delta] & \text{if } B^l = (x := a) \end{cases}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{A}\llbracket x \rrbracket \delta &:= \delta(x) & \mathfrak{A}\llbracket a_1 \ op \ a_2 \rrbracket \delta &:= \begin{cases} z_1 \ op \ z_2 & \text{if } z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \perp & \text{if } z_1 = \perp \text{ or } z_2 = \perp \\ \top & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ \mathfrak{A}\llbracket z \rrbracket \delta &:= z \end{aligned}$$

if  $z_1 := \mathfrak{A}\llbracket a_1 \rrbracket \delta$  and  $z_2 := \mathfrak{A}\llbracket a_2 \rrbracket \delta$

## Example 19.6

If  $\delta = (\underbrace{\perp}_w, \underbrace{1}_x, \underbrace{2}_y, \underbrace{\top}_z)$ , then

$$\varphi_l(\delta) = \begin{cases} (\underbrace{0}_w, \underbrace{1}_x, \underbrace{2}_y, \underbrace{\top}_z) & \text{if } B^l = (w := 0) \\ (\underbrace{3}_w, \underbrace{1}_x, \underbrace{2}_y, \underbrace{\top}_z) & \text{if } B^l = (w := y+1) \\ (\underbrace{\perp}_w, \underbrace{1}_x, \underbrace{2}_y, \underbrace{\top}_z) & \text{if } B^l = (w := w+x) \\ (\underbrace{\top}_w, \underbrace{1}_x, \underbrace{2}_y, \underbrace{\top}_z) & \text{if } B^l = (w := z+2) \end{cases}$$

## Example 19.7

Constant Propagation Analysis for

$c := [x := 1]^1;$	$\varphi_1((a, b, c, d)) = (a, 1, c, d)$
$[y := 1]^2;$	$\varphi_2((a, b, c, d)) = (a, b, 1, d)$
$[z := 1]^3;$	$\varphi_3((a, b, c, d)) = (a, b, c, 1)$
$\text{while } [z > 0]^4 \text{ do}$	$\varphi_4((a, b, c, d)) = (a, b, c, d)$
$[w := x+y]^5;$	$\varphi_5((a, b, c, d)) = (b + c, b, c, d)$
$\text{if } [w = 2]^6 \text{ then}$	$\varphi_6((a, b, c, d)) = (a, b, c, d)$
$[x := y+2]^7$	$\varphi_7((a, b, c, d)) = (a, c + 2, c, d)$

- ➊ Fixpoint solution (on the board)
- ➋ MOP solution (on the board)