

Program Analysis (470)

Language Syntax

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Syntactic Constructs

We use the following syntactic categories:

- $a \in \mathbf{AExp}$ arithmetic expressions
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- $S \in \mathbf{Stmt}$ statements

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which returns the initial label of a statement:

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We will also need a function which returns the set of final labels in a statement; whereas a sequence of statements has a single entry, it may have multiple exits (e.g. in the conditional):

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where

$$labels(S) = \{\ell \mid [B]^\ell \in blocks(S)\}$$

Clearly $init(S) \in labels(S)$ and $final(S) \subseteq labels(S)$.

$$\text{flow} : \mathbf{Stmt} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{Lab} \times \mathbf{Lab})$$

which maps statements to sets of flows:

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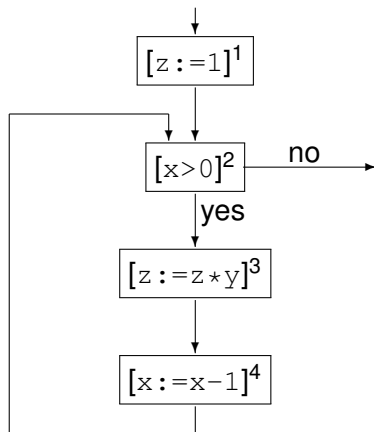
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and for composite statements (meaning those not simply of the form $[B]^\ell$) the equation remains true when removing the $\{init(S)\}$ component.

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In order to formulate *backward analyses* we require a function that computes reverse flows:

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For the power program, flow^R produces

$$\{(2, 1), (2, 4), (3, 2), (4, 3)\}$$

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In case $final(S)$ contains just one element that will be the unique entry node for the flow graph with nodes $labels(S)$ and edges $flow^R(S)$. Also

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