Program Analysis (70020)

While Language

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Syntactic Constructs

We use the following syntactic categories:

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When presenting examples of Data Flow Analyses we will use a number of operations on programs and labels. The first of these is

$$init : \textbf{Stmt} \rightarrow \textbf{Lab}$$

which returns the initial label of a statement:

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init([\, x := a\,]^{\ell}) &= \ell \\
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init(S_1 ; S_2) &= init(S_1) \\
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Final Labels

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):

$$\mathit{final} : \textbf{Stmt} \to \mathcal{P}(\textbf{Lab})$$

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\mathit{final}([\, x := a\,]^\ell) &= \{\ell\} \\
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$$\textit{labels}(S) = \{\ell \mid [B]^\ell \in \textit{blocks}(S)\}$$

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

Flow

$$\mathit{flow} : \textbf{Stmt} \to \mathcal{P}(\textbf{Lab} \times \textbf{Lab})$$

which maps statements to sets of flows:

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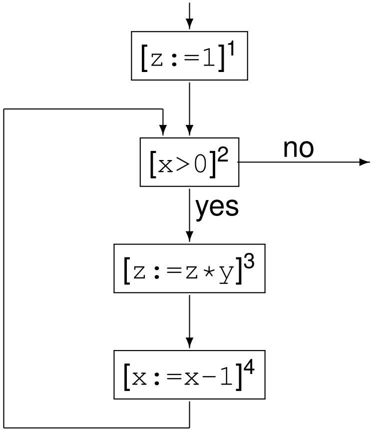
We have *labels*(power) $= \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, *init*(power) $= 1$, and *final*(power) $= \{2\}$. The function *flow* produces the set:

$$\mathit{flow}(\text{power}) = \{(1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 4), (4, 2)\}$$

Flow Graph



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The function *flow* is used in the formulation of *forward analyses*. Clearly *init*(S) is the (unique) entry node for the flow graph with nodes *labels*(S) and edges *flow*(S). Also

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

Reverse Flow

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

$$\textit{flow}^R : \textbf{Stmt} \to \mathcal{P}(\textbf{Lab} \times \textbf{Lab})$$

$$\textit{flow}^R(S) = \{(\ell, \ell') \mid (\ell', \ell) \in \textit{flow}(S)\}$$

For the power program, $\textit{flow}^R$ produces

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

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We will use the notation $S_\star$ to represent the program we are analysing (the “top-level" statement) and furthermore:

- **Lab**$_\star$ to represent the labels ($labels(S_\star)$) appearing in $S_\star$,
- **Var**$_\star$ to represent the variables ($FV(S_\star)$) appearing in $S_\star$,
- **Block**$_\star$ to represent the elementary blocks ($blocks(S_\star)$) occurring in $S_\star$, and
- **AExp**$_\star$ to represent the set of *non-trivial* arithmetic subexpressions in $S_\star$ as well as
- **AExp**(a) and **AExp**(b) to refer to the set of non-trivial arithmetic subexpressions of a given arithmetic, respectively boolean, expression.

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When S is label consistent the statement or clause “where $[B]^\ell \in \mathit{blocks}(S)$” is unambiguous in defining a partial function from labels to elementary blocks; we shall then say that ℓ labels the block B.