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leads to the the question whether $(1, \text{init}(S_1))$ and/or $(1, \text{init}(S_2))$ should be in the **control flow**.

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The aim of **Control Flow Analysis** is:

For each function application, which functions may be applied

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Compare this with the **Concrete Domain** (see before):

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where rhs is of the form $C(\ell)$ or $r(x)$, and lhs is of the form $C(\ell)$, $r(x)$, or $\{t\}$, and all occurrences of t are of the form $\text{fn } x \Rightarrow e_0$.

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Constraint Solving

To solve the constraints, we use a graph-based formulation.

The algorithm uses the following main **data structures**:

- ▶ a **worklist** W , i.e. a list of nodes whose outgoing edges should be traversed;
- ▶ a **data array** D that for each node gives an element of $\widehat{\mathbf{Val}}_*$;
and
- ▶ an **edge array** E that for each node gives a list of constraints from which a list of the successor nodes can be computed.

Constraints Graph

The graph will have nodes $C(\ell)$ and $r(x)$ for $\ell \in \mathbf{Lab}_*$ and $x \in \mathbf{Var}_*$. Associated with each node p we have a data field $D[p]$ that initially is given by:

$$D[p] = \{t \mid (\{t\} \subseteq p) \in \mathcal{C}_*[[e_*]]\}$$

The graph will have edges for a subset of the constraints in $\mathcal{C}_*[[e_*]]$; each edge will be decorated with the constraint that gives rise to it:

- ▶ a constraint $p_1 \subseteq p_2$ gives rise to an edge from p_1 to p_2 , and
- ▶ a constraint $\{t\} \subseteq p \Rightarrow p_1 \subseteq p_2$ gives rise to an edge from p_1 to p_2 and an edge from p to p_2 .

Algorithm I

INPUT: $\mathcal{C}_*[[e_*]]$

OUTPUT: $(\hat{\mathbf{C}}, \hat{\rho})$

METHOD: **Step 1: Initialisation**

W := nil;

for q in Nodes do $D[q] := \emptyset$;

for q in Nodes do $E[q] := \text{nil}$;

Algorithm II

Step 2: Building the graph

for cc in $\mathcal{C}_*[[e_*]]$ do

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$\{t\} \subseteq p$: $\text{add}(p, \{t\})$;

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Algorithm III

Step 3: Iteration

```
while  $W \neq \text{nil}$  do
   $q := \text{head}(W)$ ;  $W := \text{tail}(W)$ ;
  for  $cc$  in  $E[q]$  do
    case  $cc$  of
       $p_1 \subseteq p_2$ :  $\text{add}(p_2, D[p_1])$ ;
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Algorithm IV

Step 4: Recording the solution

for ℓ in \mathbf{Lab}_* do $\widehat{C}(\ell) := D[C(\ell)];$
for x in \mathbf{Var}_* do $\widehat{\rho}(x) := D[r(x)];$

USING: procedure $\text{add}(q,d)$ is
if $\neg (d \subseteq D[q])$
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W	[C(4),C(2)]	[r(x),C(2)]	[C(1),C(2)]	[C(5),C(2)]	[C(2)]	[]
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C(5)	\emptyset	\emptyset	\emptyset	id_y	id_y	id_y
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When we combine the analysis with a Detection of Signs Analysis then the analysis can determine that only `fn y => y4` is a possible abstraction at label `12`.

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Example: Context

Consider the expression:

```
(let  f = (fn x=> x1)2
in    ((f3 f4)5 (fn y=> y6)7)8)9
```

The least 0-CFA analysis is given by $(\widehat{C}_{id}, \widehat{\rho}_{id})$:

0-CFA Solutions

$$\widehat{C}_{id}(1) = \{\text{fn } x \Rightarrow x^1, \text{fn } y \Rightarrow y^6\}$$

$$\widehat{C}_{id}(3) = \{\text{fn } x \Rightarrow x^1\}$$

$$\widehat{C}_{id}(5) = \{\text{fn } x \Rightarrow x^1, \text{fn } y \Rightarrow y^6\}$$

$$\widehat{C}_{id}(7) = \{\text{fn } y \Rightarrow y^6\}$$

$$\widehat{C}_{id}(8) = \{\text{fn } x \Rightarrow x^1, \text{fn } y \Rightarrow y^6\}$$

$$\widehat{C}_{id}(9) = \{\text{fn } x \Rightarrow x^1, \text{fn } y \Rightarrow y^6\}$$

$$\widehat{\rho}_{id}(f) = \{\text{fn } x \Rightarrow x^1\}$$

$$\widehat{\rho}_{id}(x) = \{\text{fn } x \Rightarrow x^1, \text{fn } y \Rightarrow y^6\}$$

$$\widehat{\rho}_{id}(y) = \{\text{fn } y \Rightarrow y^6\}$$

$$\widehat{C}_{id}(2) = \{\text{fn } x \Rightarrow x^1\}$$

$$\widehat{C}_{id}(4) = \{\text{fn } x \Rightarrow x^1\}$$

$$\widehat{C}_{id}(6) = \{\text{fn } y \Rightarrow y^6\}$$

Expansion

Expand the program into

```
let  f1 = (fn x1 => x1)  
in   let  f2 = (fn x2 => x2)  
      in  (f1 f2) (fn y => y)
```

and then analyse the expanded expression: the 0-CFA analysis is now able to deduce that x_1 can only be bound to $\text{fn } x_2 \Rightarrow x_2$ and that x_2 can only be bound to $\text{fn } y \Rightarrow y$ so the overall expression will evaluate to $\text{fn } y \Rightarrow y$ only.

Further CFA Analyses

A more satisfactory solution to the problem is to extend the analysis with **context information** allowing it to distinguish between the various instances of variables and program points and still analyse the original expression.

Examples of such analyses include k -CFA analyses, uniform k -CFA analyses, polynomial k -CFA analyses (mainly of interest for $k > 0$) and the Cartesian Product Algorithm.