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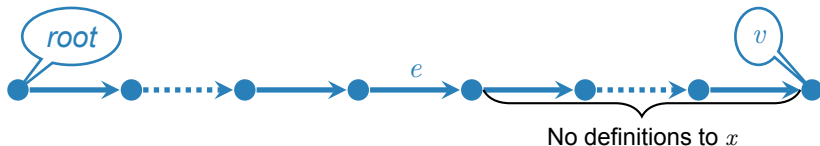
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Reaching definitions analysis

*If a control flow edge e is an assignment $x := t$, then we say that e is a **definition** that **defines** x .*

A definition e of a variable x reaches a vertex v if there exists a path from the root to v of the form:



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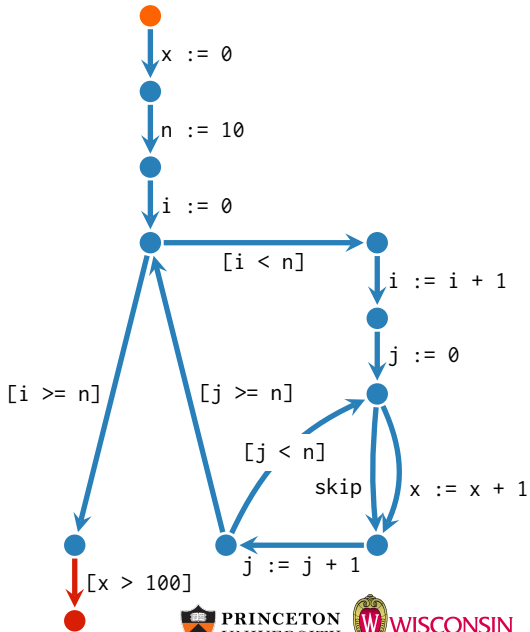
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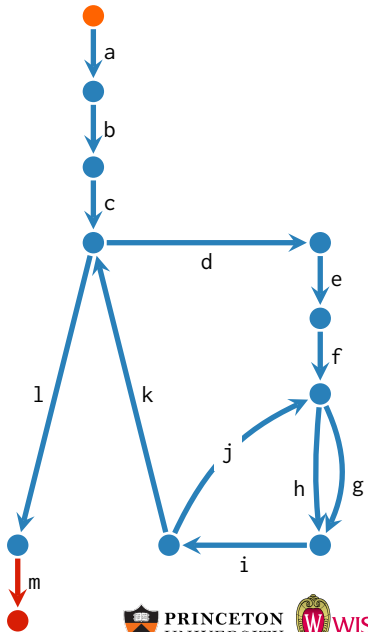
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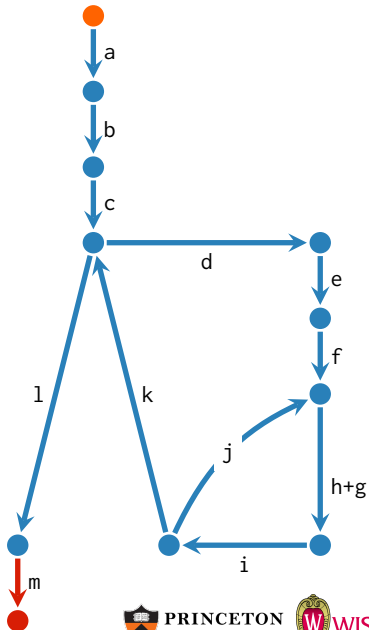
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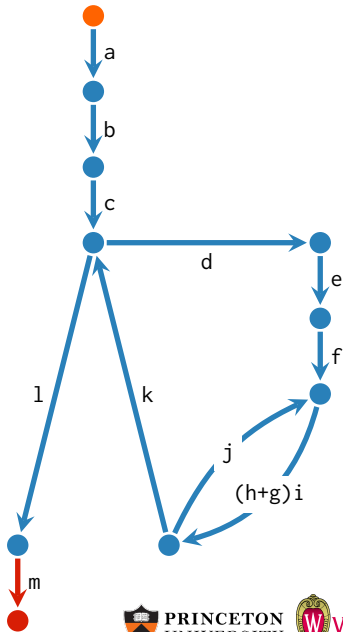
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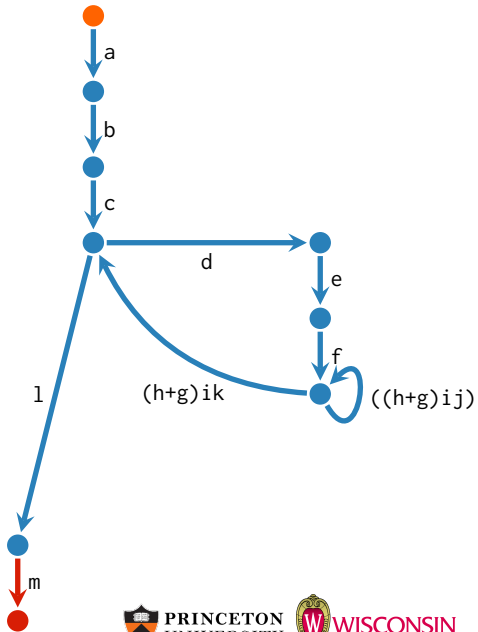
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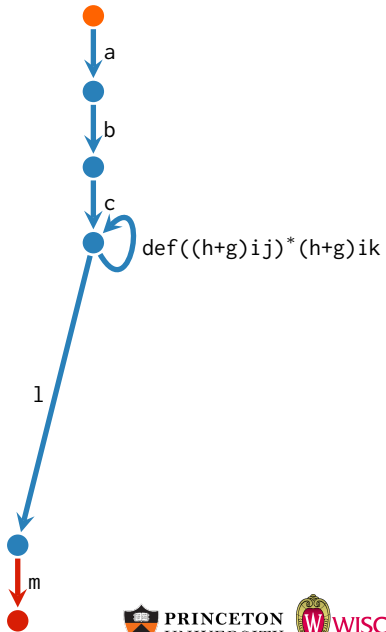
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More path-expression/elimination algorithms: [Sreedhar, Gao, Lee '98], [Scholz, Blieberger '07], ...



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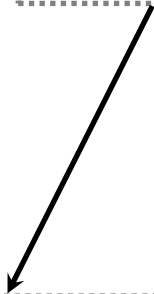
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Non-Linear Reasoning For Invariant Synthesis

with Jason Breck, John Cyphert, and Thomas Reps

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Relational interpretation

- $D^{\natural} \triangleq 2^{\text{Store} \times \text{Store}}$: set of transition relations
- $R \otimes S \triangleq \{(s, s'') : \exists s'. (s, s') \in R \wedge (s', s'') \in S\}$ is relational composition
- $R \oplus S \triangleq R \cup S$
- $R^* \triangleq$ reflexive, transitive closure of R
- $0 \triangleq \emptyset$
- $1 \triangleq \{\langle s, s \rangle : s \in \text{Store}\}$
- $D^{\natural}[[e]] \triangleq \{(s, s') : s \xrightarrow{e} s'\}$



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Then:

- $c_1 \otimes^{\natural} c_2 \Vdash a_1 \otimes^{\sharp} a_2$
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Designing an algebraic analysis

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- Semantic function $\mathcal{D}^\# \llbracket \cdot \rrbracket : \textit{Edge} \rightarrow D$

2 Apply: Tarjan's path expression algorithm



Proving soundness

1 Define:

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- Relation $\Vdash$

2 Prove:

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- soundness of atomic interpretations: $\forall e, \mathcal{D}^{\natural}[\![e]\!] \Vdash \mathcal{D}^{\sharp}[\![e]\!]$

3 Apply theorem: If $\Vdash$ is a soundness relation and $\mathcal{D}^{\natural}[\![e]\!] \Vdash \mathcal{D}^{\sharp}[\![e]\!]$ for all edges e , then path expression algorithm computes properties that are sound w.r.t. concrete semantics.



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