

GDFa: Generic Data Flow Analyser for GCC

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Part 1

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Outline

- Motivation
- Common abstractions in data flow analysis
- Implementing data flow analysis using *gdfa*
- Design and Implementation of *gdfa*



Motivation behind gdfa

- Specification Vs. implementation
- Orthogonality of specification of data flow analysis and the process of performing data flow analysis
- Practical significance of generalizations
- Ease of extending data flow analysers



Part 2

*Common Abstractions in
Bit Vector Data Flow Frameworks*

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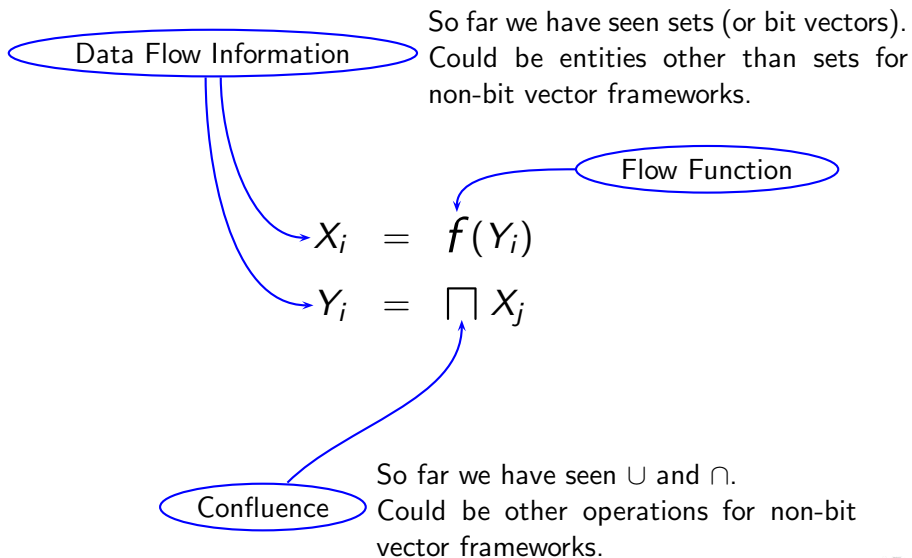
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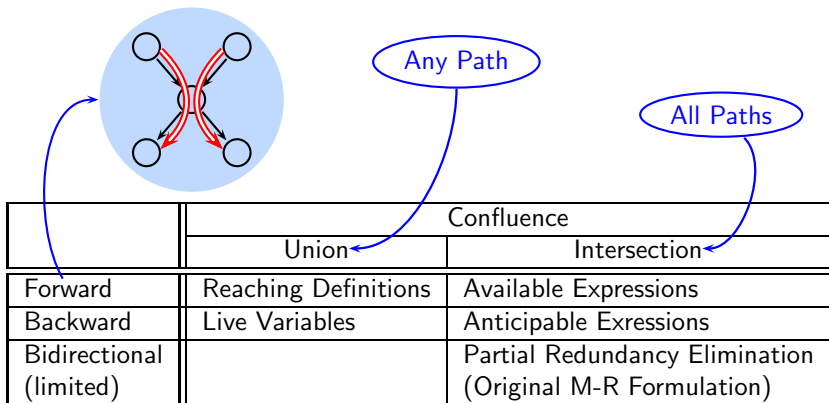


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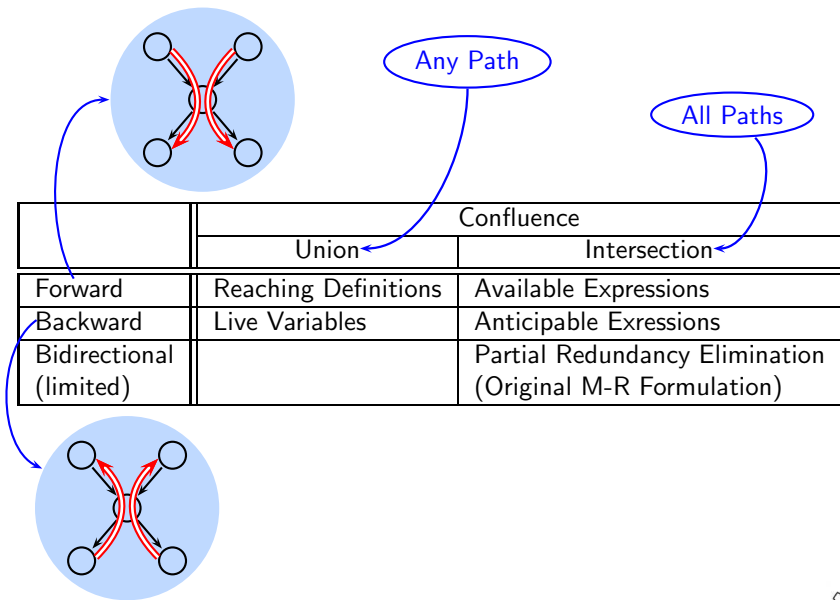
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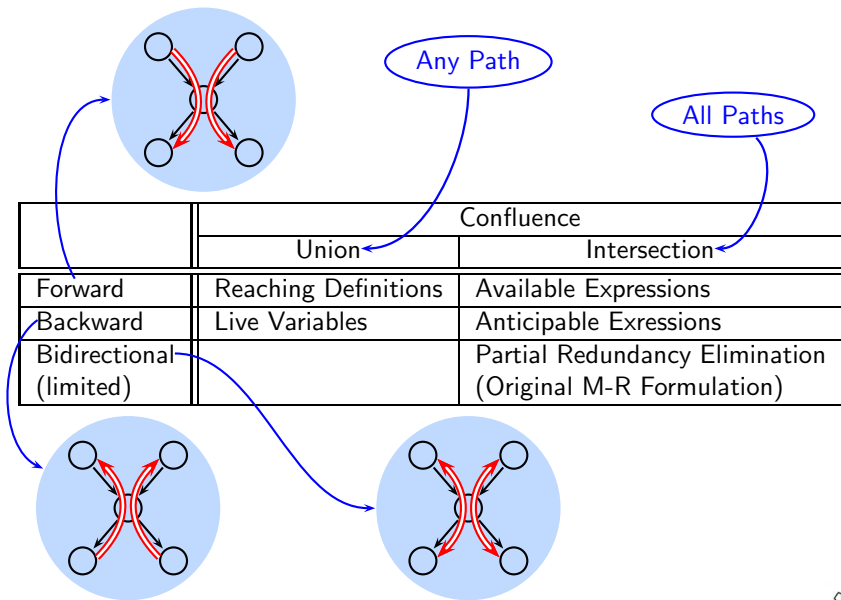
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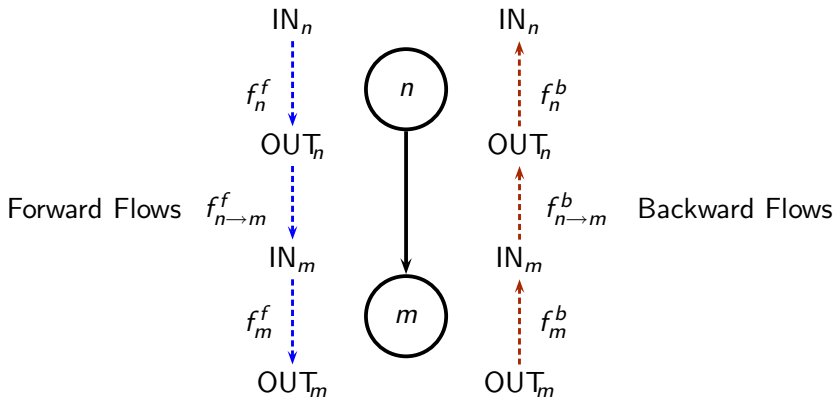
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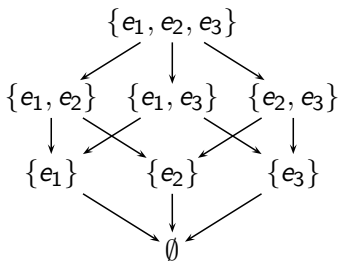


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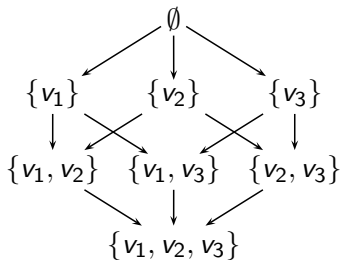


The Abstraction of Data Flow Values

Available Expressions Analysis


 \sqsubseteq is \subseteq
 \sqcap is \cap

Live Variables Analysis


 \sqsubseteq is \supseteq
 \sqcap is \cup


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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{IN}_n &= \begin{cases} \text{Boundaryinfo} \sqcap f_n^b(\text{OUT}_n) & n = \text{Start} \\ \left(\prod_{m \in \text{pred}(n)} f_{m \rightarrow n}^f(\text{OUT}_m) \right) \sqcap f_n^b(\text{OUT}_n) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\
 \text{OUT}_n &= \begin{cases} \text{BIEnd} \sqcap f_n^f(\text{IN}_n) & n = \text{End} \\ \left(\prod_{m \in \text{succ}(n)} f_{m \rightarrow n}^b(\text{IN}_m) \right) \sqcap f_n^f(\text{IN}_n) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}
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- *Work List*. Dynamic list of nodes which need recomputation

Termination : When the list becomes empty

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- Overheads of maintaining work list.



Common Form of Flow Functions

$$f_n(X) = (X - \text{Kill}_n(X)) \cup \text{Gen}_n(X)$$

- For General Data Flow Frameworks

$$\text{Gen}_n(X) = \text{ConstGen}_n \cup \text{DepGen}_n(X)$$

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- For bit vector frameworks

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Defining Flow Functions for Bit Vector Frameworks

- Live variables analysis

	Entity	Manipulation	Exposition
$ConstGen_n$	Variable	Use	Upwards
$ConstKill_n$	Variable	Modification	Anywhere

- Available expressions analysis

	Entity	Manipulation	Exposition
Gen_n	Expression	Use	Downwards
$Kill_n$	Expression	Modification	Anywhere



Part 3

*Implementing Data Flow Analysis
using gdfa*

Implementing Available Expressions Analysis

1. Specifying available expressions analysis
2. Implementing the entry function of available expressions analysis pass
3. Registering the available expressions analysis pass
 - 3.1 Declaring the pass
 - 3.2 Registering the pass
 - 3.3 Positioning the pass



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    identity_forward_edge_flow, /* forward_edge_flow */
    stop_flow_along_edge, /* backward_edge_flow */
    forward_gen_kill_node_flow, /* forward_node_flow */
    stop_flow_along_node /* backward_node_flow */
};
```



Step 2: Implementing Available Expressions Analysis Pass

```
pfbv_dfi ** AV_pfbv_dfi = NULL;

static unsigned int
gimple_pfbv_ave_dfa(void)
{

    AV_pfbv_dfi = gdfa_driver(gdfa_ave);

    return 0;
}
```



Step 3.1: Declaring the Available Expressions Analysis Pass

```
struct tree_opt_pass pass_gimple_pfbv_ave_dfa =
{
  "gdfa_ave",          /* name */
  NULL,               /* gate */
  gimple_pfbv_ave_dfa, /* execute */
  NULL,              /* sub */
  NULL,              /* next */
  0,                 /* static_pass_number */
  0,                 /* tv_id */
  0,                 /* properties_required */
  0,                 /* properties_provided */
  0,                 /* properties_destroyed */
  0,                 /* todo_flags_start */
  0,                 /* todo_flags_finish */
  0                  /* letter */
};
```



Step 3.2: Registering the Available Expressions Analysis Pass

In file file tree-pass.h

```
extern struct tree_opt_pass pass_gimple_pfbv_ave_dfa;
```



Step 3.3: Positioning the Pass

In function `init_optimization_passes` in file `passes.c`.

```
NEXT_PASS (pass_build_cfg);  
/* Intraprocedural dfa passes begin */  
NEXT_PASS (pass_init_gimple_pfbvdfa);  
NEXT_PASS (pass_gimple_pfbv_ave_dfa);
```



Specifying Live Variables Analysis

- Entity should be `entity_var`
- `T`, `BoundaryInfo` and `BIEnd` should be ZEROS
- Direction should be BACKWARD
- Confluence should be UNION
- Exposition should be `up_exp`
- Forward edge flow should be `stop_flow_along_edge`
- Forward node flow should be `stop_flow_along_node`
- Backward edge flow should be `identity_backward_edge_flow`
- Backward node flow should be `backward_gen_kill_node_flow`



Part 4

gdfa: Design and Implementation

Specification Data Structure

```
struct gimple_pfbv_dfa_spec
{
    entity_name          entity;
    initial_value       top_value_spec;
    initial_value       entry_info;
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    dfi_to_be_preserved  preserved_dfi;
    dfvalue (*forward_edge_flow)(basic_block src, basic_block dest);
    dfvalue (*backward_edge_flow)(basic_block src, basic_block dest);
    dfvalue (*forward_node_flow)(basic_block bb);
    dfvalue (*backward_node_flow)(basic_block bb);
};
```



Specification Primitives

Enumerated Type	Possible Values
entity_name	entity_expr, entity_var, entity_defn
initial_value	ONES, ZEROS
traversal_direction	FORWARD, BACKWARD, BIDIRECTIONAL
meet_operation	UNION, INTERSECTION
entity_manipulation	entity_use, entity_mod
entity_occurrence	up_exp, down_exp, any_where
dfi_to_be_preserved	all, global_only, no_value



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<code>stop_flow_along_node(bb)</code>	<code>top_value</code>
<code>forward_gen_kill_node_flow(bb)</code>	$CURRENT_GEN(bb) \cup (CURRENT_IN(bb) - CURRENT_KILL(bb))$
<code>backward_gen_kill_node_flow(bb)</code>	$CURRENT_GEN(bb) \cup (CURRENT_OUT(bb) - CURRENT_KILL(bb))$



The Generic Driver for Global Data Flow Analysis

```
pfbv_dfi ** gdfa_driver(struct gimple_pfbv_dfa_spec dfa_spec)
{
  if (find_entity_size(dfa_spec) == 0) return NULL;
  initialize_special_values(dfa_spec);
  create_dfi_space();
  traversal_order = dfa_spec.traversal_order;
  confluence = dfa_spec.confluence;

  local_dfa(dfa_spec);

  forward_edge_flow = dfa_spec.forward_edge_flow;
  backward_edge_flow = dfa_spec.backward_edge_flow;
  forward_node_flow = dfa_spec.forward_node_flow;
  backward_node_flow = dfa_spec.backward_node_flow;
  perform_pfbvdfa();

  preserve_dfi(dfa_spec.preserved_dfi);
  return current_pfbv_dfi;
}
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The Generic Driver for Local Data Flow Analysis

- Traverse statements in a basic block in appropriate order

Exposition	Direction
up_exp	backward
down_exp	forward
any_where	don't care

- Solve the recurrence

```
accumulated_entities = (accumulated_entities  
                        - remove_entities)  
                        U add_entities
```



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downwards	modification	$\text{expr}(a)$	$b * c$	$\text{expr}(b)$	\emptyset

Note: In the case of modifications, if we first add then remove the entities modification, the set difference is not required



Future Work

Main thrust

- Supporting general data flow frameworks
- Supporting interprocedural analysis

