

# *Flow and Context Sensitive Points-to Analysis using Higher Order Reachability*

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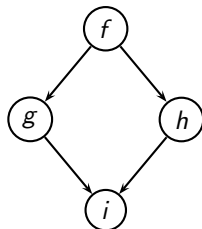


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Call Graph

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- $x \overset{i,j}{\rightsquigarrow} y \in M \Rightarrow M^i\{x\} = M^j\{y\}$
- Eliminates the need of explicit placeholders
- Information from the caller not required

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lbn	30	19	5	0	0	0	13	4	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
mcf	29	23	11	0	0	0	10	5	2	3	2	1	5	1	1	6
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bzip2	288	89	35	7	2	1	62	13	4	5	5	0	26	0	0	1
milc	782	190	60	15	9	1	157	11	19	2	7	0	6	10	9	14
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