

# Interprocedural Data Flow Analysis

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## Part 2

# Issues in Interprocedural Analysis

## Interprocedural Analysis: Overview

- Extends the scope of data flow analysis across procedure boundaries
- Incorporates the effects of
  - procedure calls in the caller procedures, and
  - calling contexts in the callee procedures
- Approaches :
  - Generic : Call strings approach, functional approach
  - Problem specific : Alias analysis, Points-to analysis, Partial redundancy elimination, Constant propagation



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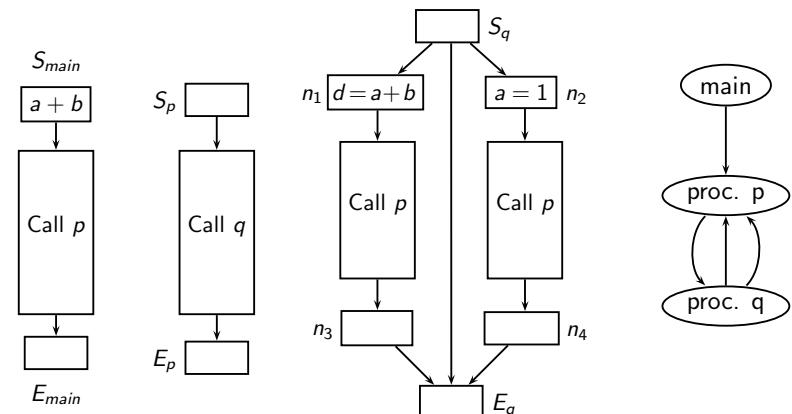
## Why Interprocedural Analysis?

- Answering questions about formal parameters and global variables:
  - Which variables are constant?
  - Which variables aliased with each other?
  - Which locations can a pointer variable point to?
- Answering questions about side effects of a procedure call:
  - Which variables are defined or used by a called procedure?  
(Could be local/global/formal variables)
- Most of the above questions may have a *May* or *Must* qualifier

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## Program Representation for Interprocedural Data Flow Analysis: Call Multi-Graph



Supergraphs of procedures

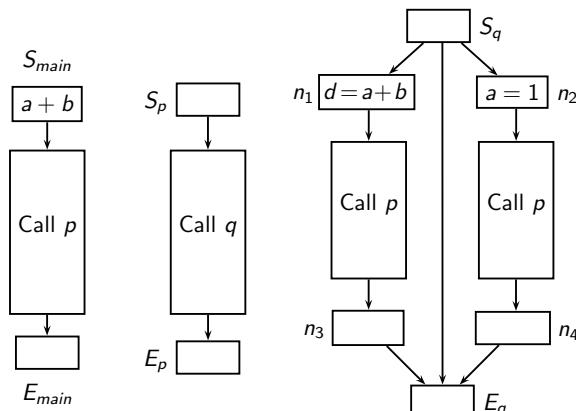
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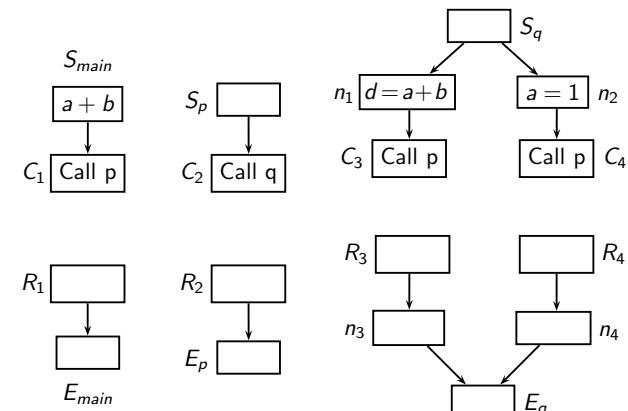
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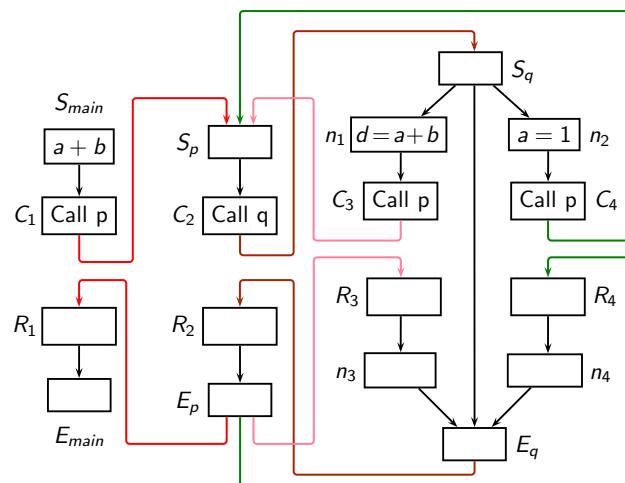
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## Top-down Vs. Bottom-up Interprocedural Analysis

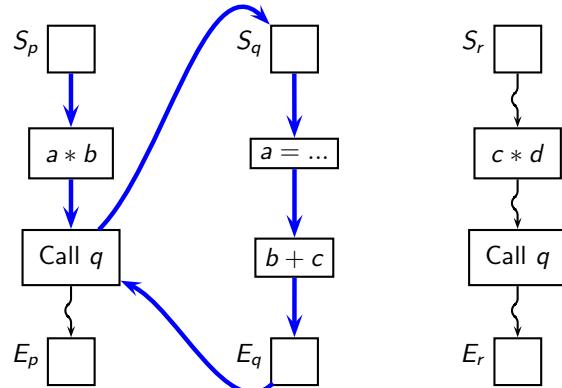
- Bottom-up approach
  - ▶ Traverses the call graph bottom up
  - ▶ Computes a parameterized summary of each callee
  - ▶ Can be viewed as procedure inlining  
Summary is inlined at the all site, not the entire procedure body
- Top-down approach
  - ▶ Traverses the call graph top down
  - ▶ Needs to visit a procedure separately for every calling context
  - ▶ Can be viewed as procedure inlining

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## Top-down Vs. Bottom-up Interprocedural Analysis

### Top-down Analysis for Available Expressions Analysis



Expression  $b + c$  is available in procedure  $p$

Expression  $a * b$  is not available in procedure  $p$

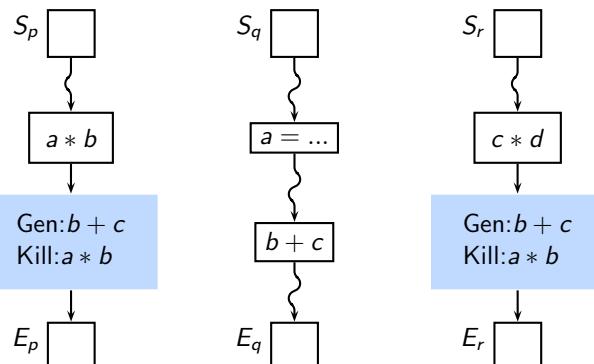
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## Top-down Vs. Bottom-up Interprocedural Analysis

### Bottom-Up Analysis for Available Expressions Analysis



Call is replaced by procedure summary

Using procedure summary of  $g$  at call sites

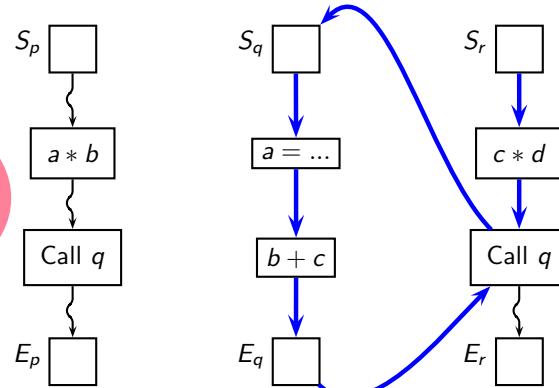
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## Top-down Vs. Bottom-up Interprocedural Analysis

### Top-down Analysis for Available Expressions Analysis



Procedure  $q$  needs to be processed multiple times

Expressions  $b + c$  and  $c * d$  are available in procedure  $r$

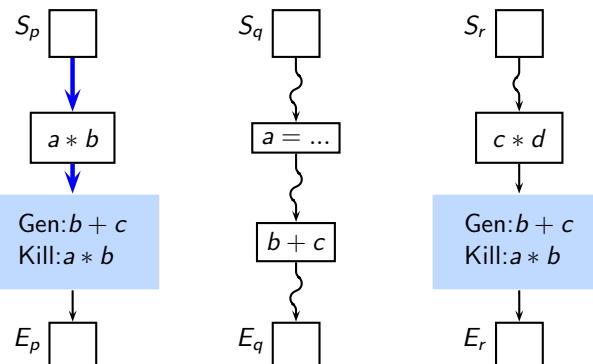
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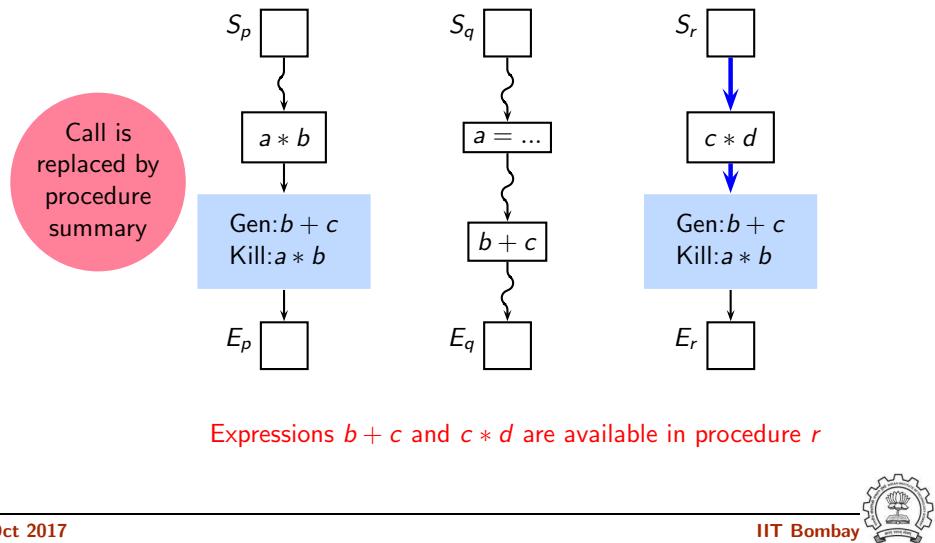
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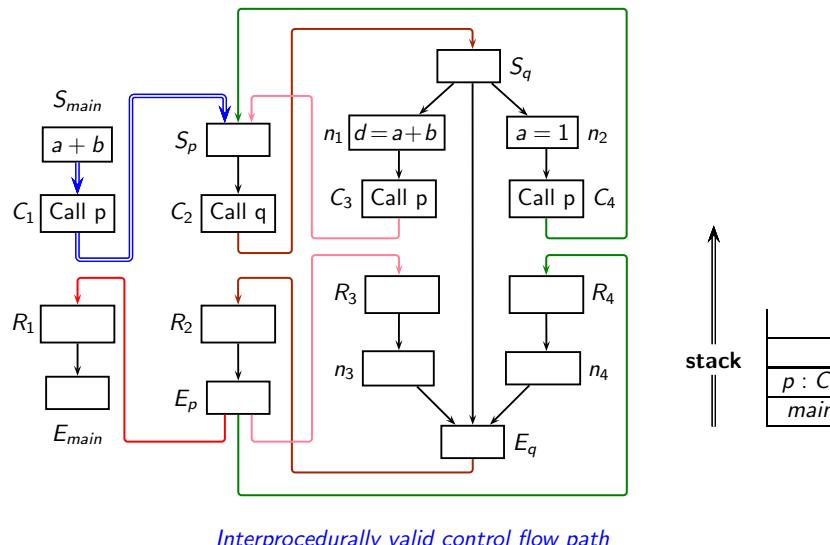


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## Validity of Interprocedural Control Flow Paths



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## Issues in Top-down Vs. Bottom-up Interprocedural Analysis

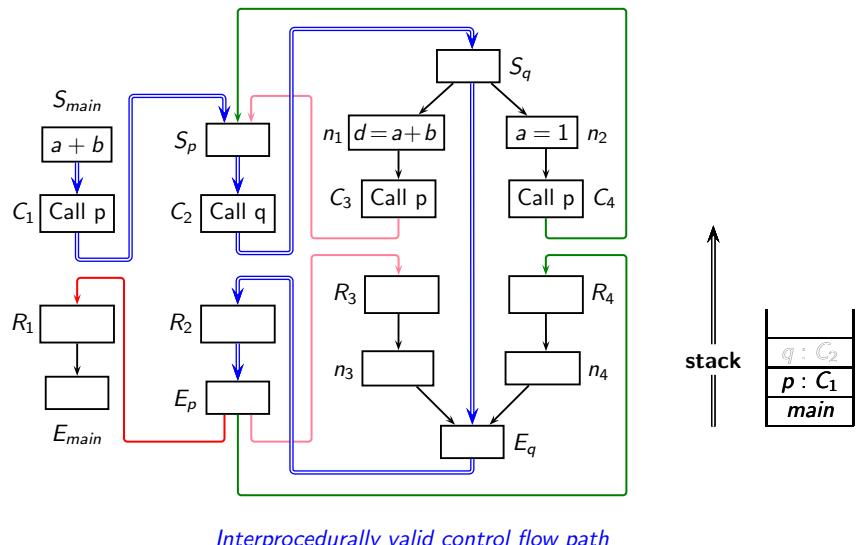
- Bottom-up approach
  - ▶ Compact representation
  - ▶ Information may depend on the calling context
- Top-down approach
  - ▶ Exponentially large number of calling contexts
  - ▶ Many contexts may have no effect on the procedure

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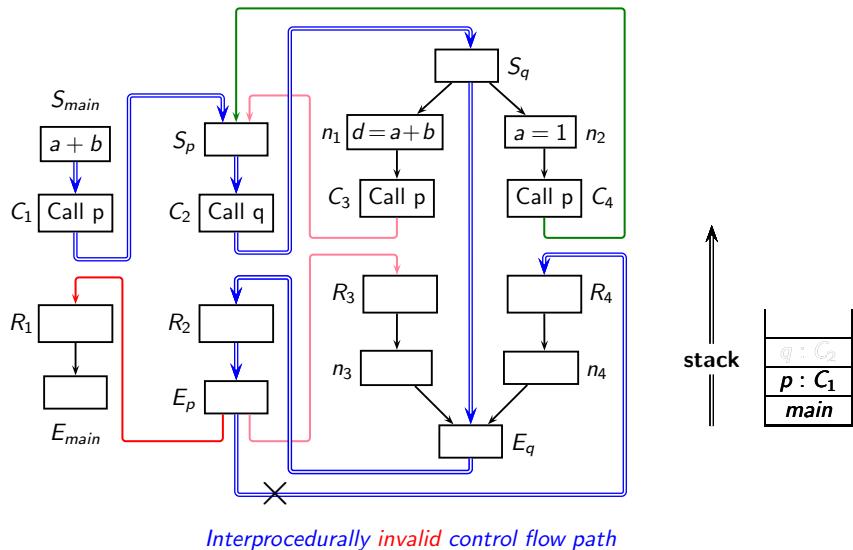


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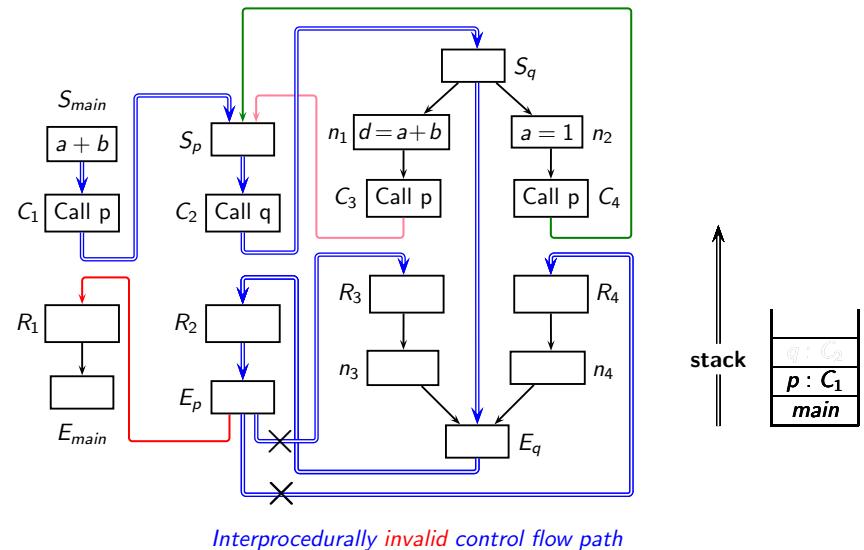
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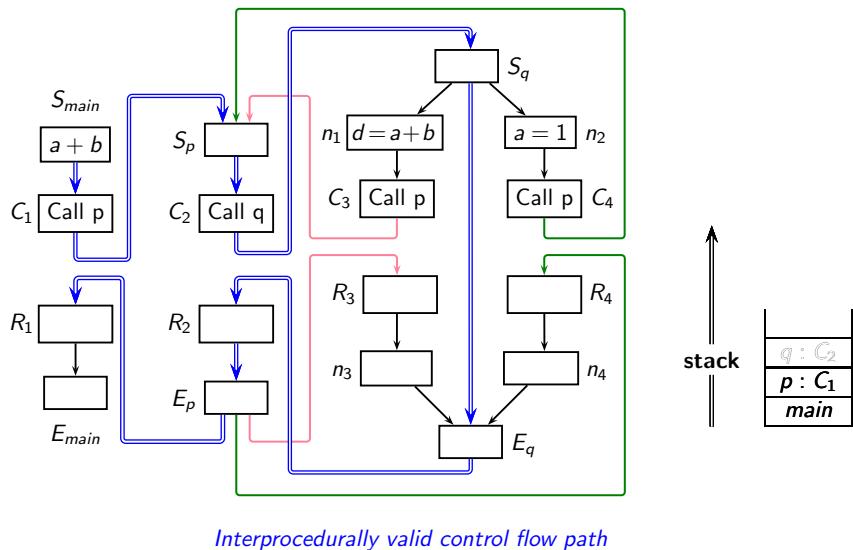
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A path which represents legal control flow

- Data flow analysis uses static representation of programs to compute summary information along paths
  - Ensuring Soundness. All valid paths must be covered
  - Ensuring Precision. Only valid paths should be covered
  - Ensuring Efficiency. Only relevant valid paths should be covered

Subject to merging data flow values at shared program points without creating invalid paths

A path which yields information that affects the summary information

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## Flow and Context Sensitivity

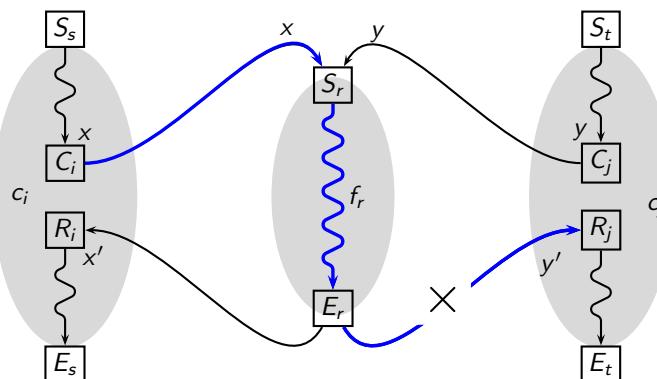
- Flow sensitive analysis:  
Considers **intraprocedurally** valid paths
- Context sensitive analysis:  
Considers **interprocedurally** valid paths
- For **maximum statically attainable precision**, analysis must be both flow and context sensitive

MFP computation restricted to valid paths only

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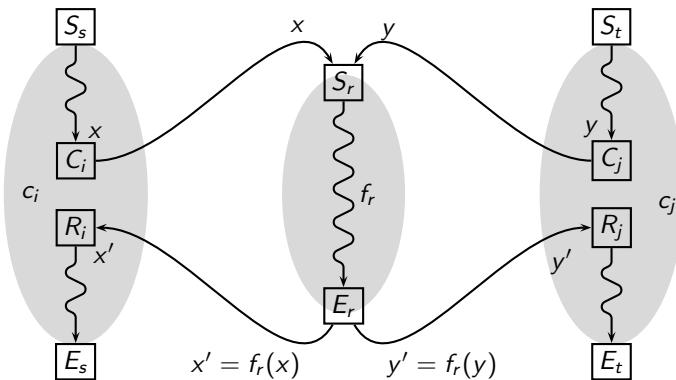
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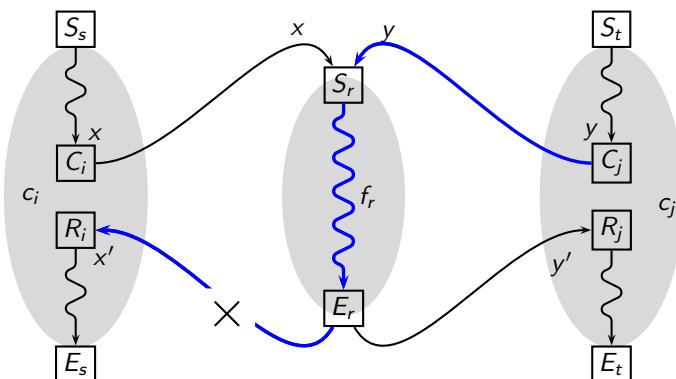


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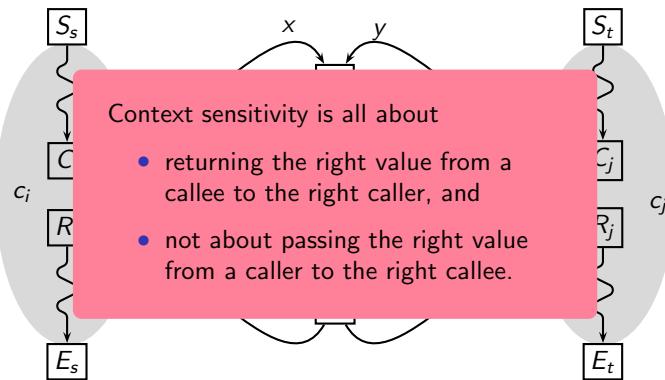


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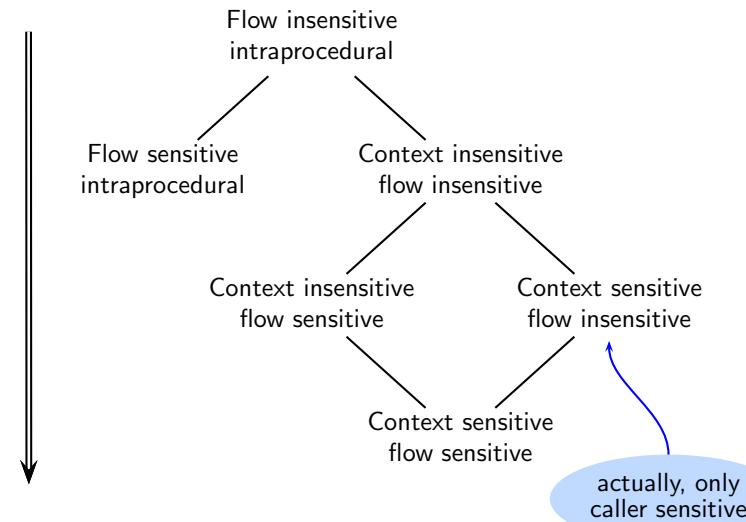
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## Classical Functional Approach

## Increasing Precision in Data Flow Analysis

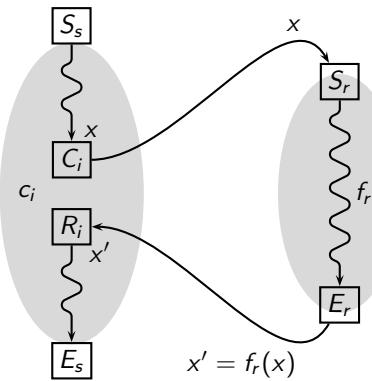


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## Functional Approach

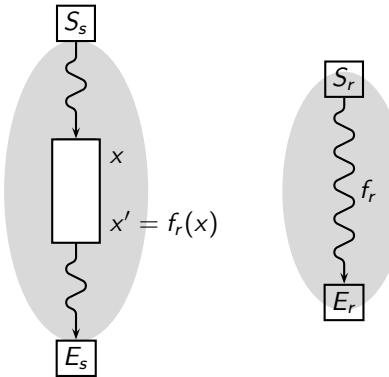


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## Functional Approach



- Bottom-up Approach
- Compute summary flow functions for each procedure
- Use summary flow functions as the flow function for a call block
- Main challenge:  
*Appropriate representation for summary flow functions*

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## Equations for Constructing Summary Flow Functions

For simplicity forward flow is assumed.  $I_n$  is Entry of  $n$ ,  $O_n$  is Exit of  $n$

$$\Phi_r(I_n) = \begin{cases} \phi_{id} & \text{if } n \text{ is } S_r \\ \prod_{p \in pred(n)} (\Phi_r(O_p)) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\Phi_r(O_n) = \begin{cases} \Phi_s(u) \circ \Phi_r(I_n) & \text{if } n \text{ calls procedure } s \text{ and } u \text{ is } O_{E_s} \\ f_n \circ \Phi_r(I_n) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The summary flow function of a given procedure  $r$

- is influenced by summary flow functions of the callees of  $r$
- is not influenced by summary flow functions of the callers of  $r$

Fixed point computation may be required in the presence of loops or recursion

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## Notation for Summary Flow Function

For simplicity forward flow is assumed

- $u_i$ : Program points
- $f_i$ : Node flow functions
- $\Phi_r(u_i)$ : Summary flow functions mapping data flow value from  $S_r$  to  $u_i$

$$\Phi_r(u_3) \equiv f_1$$

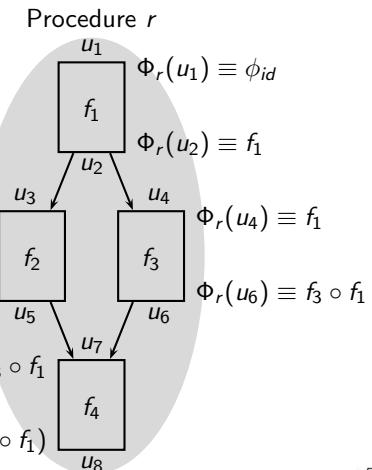
$$\Phi_r(u_5) \equiv f_2 \circ f_1$$

$$\Phi_r(u_7) \equiv f_2 \circ f_1 \sqcap f_3 \circ f_1$$

$$\Phi_r(u_8) \equiv f_4 \circ (f_2 \circ f_1 \sqcap f_3 \circ f_1)$$

$$\Phi_r(u_6) \equiv f_3 \circ f_1$$

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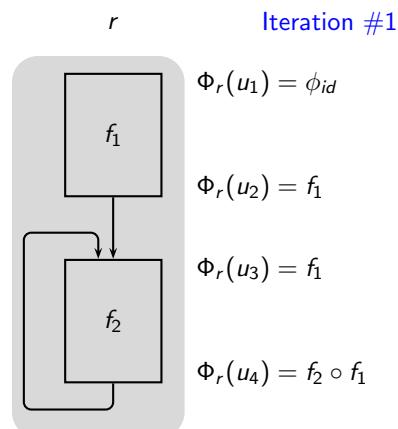


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## Constructing Summary Flow Functions Iteratively



Iteration #1

$$\Phi_r(u_1) = \phi_{id}$$

$$\Phi_r(u_2) = f_1$$

$$\Phi_r(u_3) = f_1$$

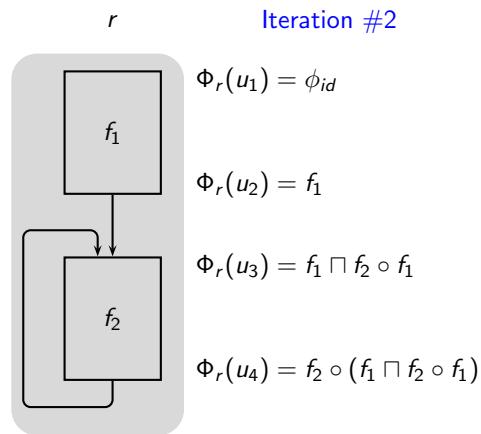
$$\Phi_r(u_4) = f_2 \circ f_1$$

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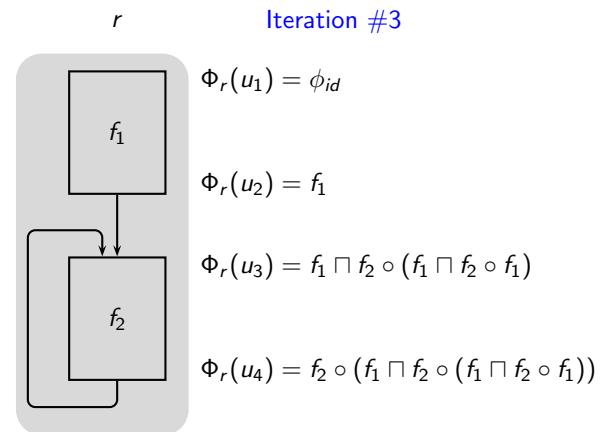


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## Constructing Summary Flow Functions Iteratively



*Termination is possible only if all function compositions and conflences can be reduced to a finite set of functions*

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## Lattice of Flow Functions for Live Variables Analysis

Component functions (i.e. for a single variable)

Lattice of data flow values	All possible flow functions				Lattice of flow functions
$\hat{\top} = \emptyset$ $\hat{\perp} = \{a\}$	Gen <sub>n</sub>	Kill <sub>n</sub>	$\hat{f}_n$	$\hat{f}_n(x), \forall x \in \{\hat{\top}, \hat{\perp}\}$	$\hat{\phi}_{\top}$ $\downarrow$ $\hat{\phi}_{id}$ $\downarrow$ $\hat{\phi}_{\perp}$
	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\hat{\phi}_{id}$	$x$	
	$\emptyset$	$\{a\}$	$\hat{\phi}_{\top}$	$\hat{\top}$	
	$\{a\}$	$\emptyset$	$\hat{\phi}_{\perp}$	$\hat{\perp}$	
	$\{a\}$	$\{a\}$	$\hat{\phi}_{\perp}$		

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## Reducing Component Flow Functions for Live Variables Analysis

Let  $\hat{\phi} \in \{\hat{\phi}_{\top}, \hat{\phi}_{id}, \hat{\phi}_{\perp}\}$  and  $x \in \{1, 0\}$ . Then,

- $\hat{\phi}_{\top} \sqcap \hat{\phi} = \hat{\phi}$  (because  $0 + x = x$ )
- $\hat{\phi}_{\perp} \sqcap \hat{\phi} = \hat{\phi}_{\perp}$  (because  $1 + x = 1$ )
- $\hat{\phi}_{\top} \circ \hat{\phi} = \hat{\phi}_{\top}$  (because  $\hat{\phi}_{\top}$  is a constant function)
- $\hat{\phi}_{\perp} \circ \hat{\phi} = \hat{\phi}_{\perp}$  (because  $\hat{\phi}_{\perp}$  is a constant function)
- $\hat{\phi}_{id} \circ \hat{\phi} = \hat{\phi}$  (because  $\hat{\phi}_{id}$  is the identity function)

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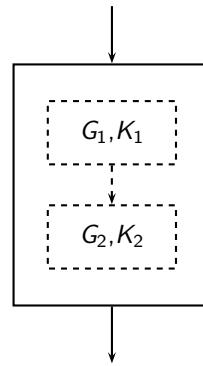
## Reducing Function Compositions in Bit Vector Frameworks

Kill<sub>n</sub> denoted by K<sub>n</sub> and Gen<sub>n</sub> denoted by G<sub>n</sub>

$$\begin{aligned} f_3(x) &= f_2(f_1(x)) \\ &= f_2((x - K_1) \cup G_1) \\ &= ((x - K_1) \cup G_1) - K_2 \cup G_2 \\ &= (x - (K_1 \cup K_2)) \cup (G_1 - K_2) \cup G_2 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} K_3 &= K_1 \cup K_2 \\ G_3 &= (G_1 - K_2) \cup G_2 \end{aligned}$$



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## Reducing Bit Vector Flow Function Confluences (2)

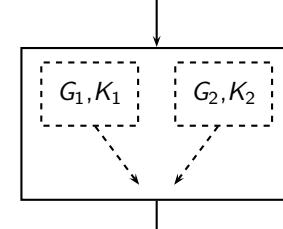
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- When  $\sqcap$  is  $\sqcap$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f_3(x) &= f_2(x) \cap f_1(x) \\ &= ((x - K_2) \cup G_2) \cap ((x - K_1) \cup G_1) \\ &= (x - (K_1 \cup K_2)) \cup (G_1 \cap G_2) \end{aligned}$$

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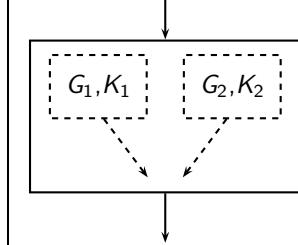
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## Lattice of Flow Functions for Live Variables Analysis

Flow functions for two variables

- Product of lattices for independent variables (because of separability)

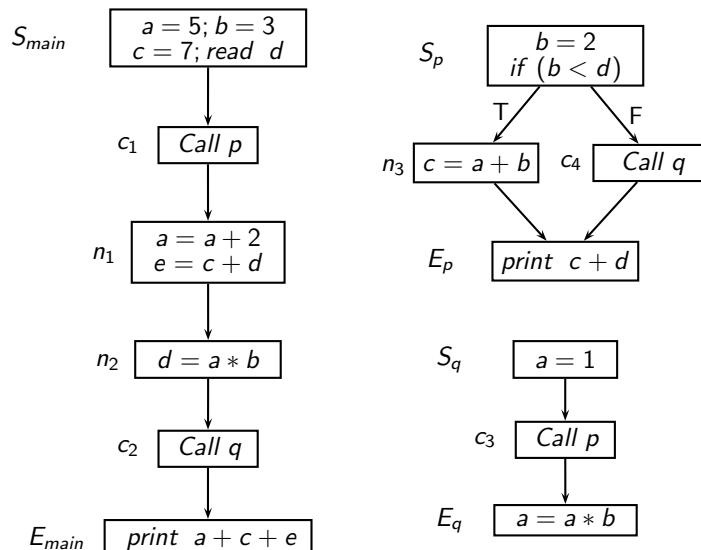
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## An Example of Interprocedural Liveness Analysis

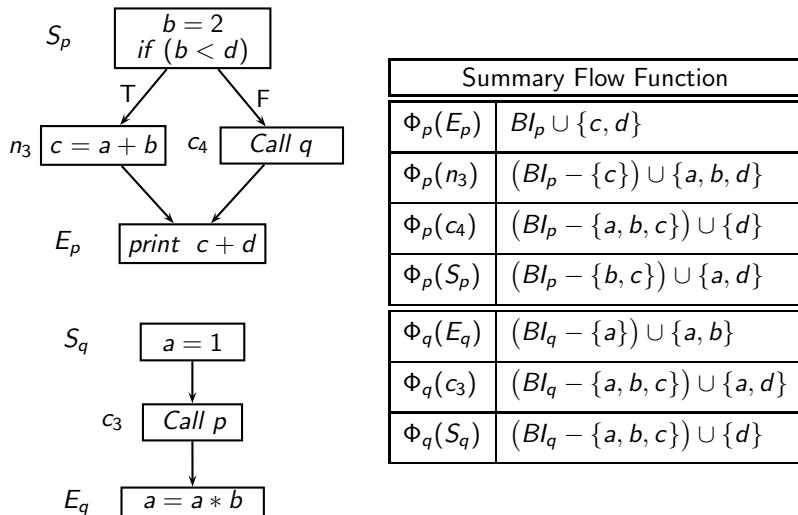


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## Computed Summary Flow Functions



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## Summary Flow Functions for Interprocedural Liveness Analysis

Proc.	Flow Function	Defining Expression	Iteration #1		Changes in iteration #2	
			Gen	Kill	Gen	Kill
<i>p</i>	$\Phi_p(E_p)$	$f_{E_p}$	$\{c, d\}$	$\emptyset$		
	$\Phi_p(n_3)$	$f_{n_3} \circ \Phi_p(E_p)$	$\{a, b, d\}$	$\{c\}$		
	$\Phi_p(c_4)$	$f_{c_4} \circ \Phi_p(E_p) = \phi_T$	$\emptyset$	$\{a, b, c, d, e\}$	$\{d\}$	$\{a, b, c\}$
	$\Phi_p(S_p)$	$f_{S_p} \circ (\Phi_p(n_3) \sqcap \Phi_p(c_4))$	$\{a, d\}$	$\{b, c\}$		
<i>q</i>	$f_p$	$\Phi_p(S_p)$	$\{a, d\}$	$\{b, c\}$		
	$\Phi_q(E_q)$	$f_{E_q}$	$\{a, b\}$	$\{a\}$		
	$\Phi_q(c_3)$	$f_p \circ \Phi_q(E_q)$	$\{a, d\}$	$\{a, b, c\}$		
	$\Phi_q(S_q)$	$f_{S_q} \circ \Phi_q(c_3)$	$\{d\}$	$\{a, b, c\}$		
	$f_q$	$\Phi_q(S_q)$	$\{d\}$	$\{a, b, c\}$		

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## Result of Interprocedural Liveness Analysis

Data flow variable	Summary flow function		Data flow value
	Name	Definition	
Procedure <i>main</i> , $BI = \emptyset$			
$In_{E_m}$	$\Phi_m(E_m)$	$BI_m \cup \{a, c, e\}$	$\{a, c, e\}$
$In_{c_2}$	$\Phi_m(c_2)$	$(BI_m - \{a, b, c\}) \cup \{d, e\}$	$\{d, e\}$
$In_{n_2}$	$\Phi_m(n_2)$	$(BI_m - \{a, b, c, d\}) \cup \{a, b, e\}$	$\{a, b, e\}$
$In_{n_1}$	$\Phi_m(n_1)$	$(BI_m - \{a, b, c, d, e\}) \cup \{a, b, c, d\}$	$\{a, b, c, d\}$
$In_{c_1}$	$\Phi_m(c_1)$	$(BI_m - \{a, b, c, d, e\}) \cup \{a, d\}$	$\{a, d\}$
$In_{S_m}$	$\Phi_m(S_m)$	$BI_m - \{a, b, c, d, e\}$	$\emptyset$

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Procedure $p$ , $BI = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$			
$In_{E_p}$	$\Phi_p(E_p)$	$BI_p \cup \{c, d\}$	$\{a, b, c, d, e\}$
$In_{n_3}$	$\Phi_p(n_3)$	$(BI_p - \{c\}) \cup \{a, b, d\}$	$\{a, b, d, e\}$
$In_{c_4}$	$\Phi_p(c_4)$	$(BI_p - \{a, b, c\}) \cup \{d\}$	$\{d, e\}$
$In_{S_p}$	$\Phi_p(S_p)$	$(BI_p - \{b, c\}) \cup \{a, d\}$	$\{a, d, e\}$
Procedure $q$ , $BI = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$			
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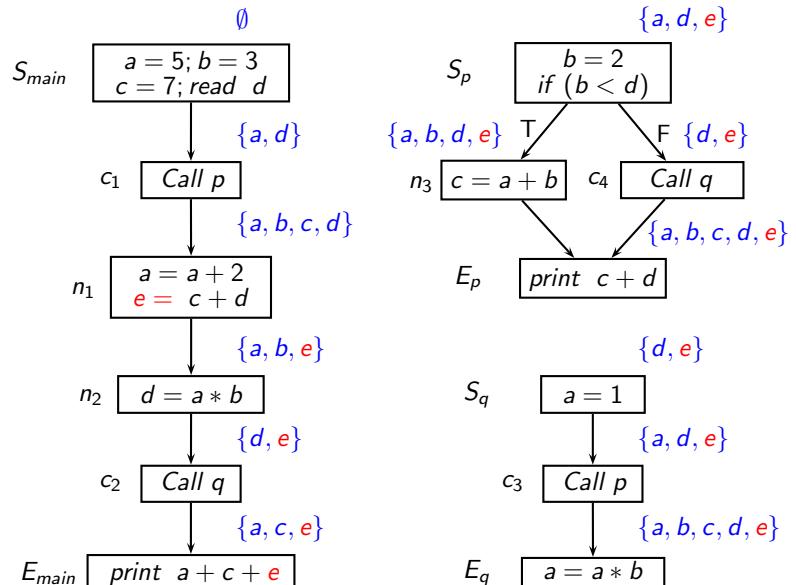


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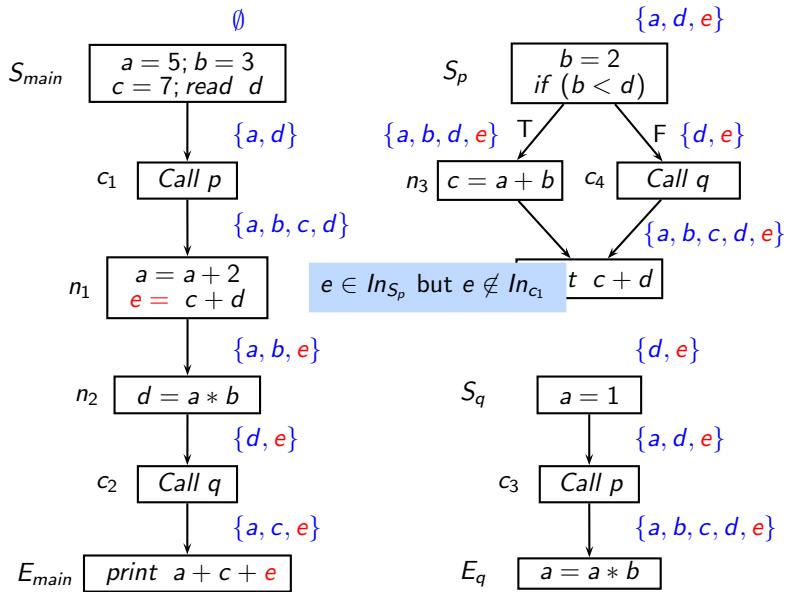
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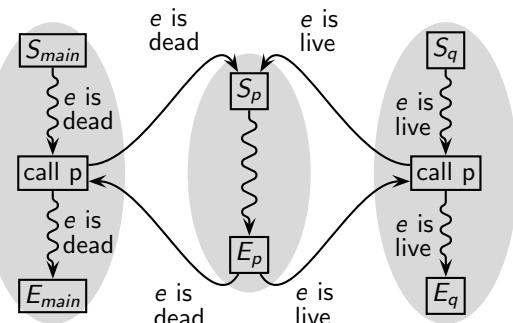
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## Explaining Context Sensitivity



- Flow function of procedure  $p$  is identity with respect to variable  $e$
- Is  $e$  live in the body of procedure  $p$ ?
  - ▶ During the analysis: Depends on the calling context
  - ▶ After the analysis: Yes (static approximation across all executions)
- Distinction between caller's effect on callee and callee's effect on caller

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## Tutorial Problem #1

Perform interprocedural live variables analysis for the following program

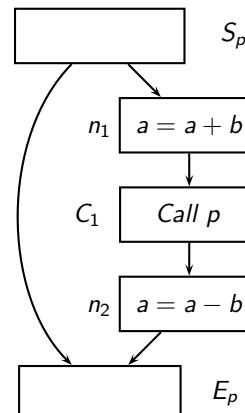
main()	<pre>p() {   while (c &lt; 10)     {   p();         a = a*b;     } }</pre>
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## Tutorial Problem #2: Summary Flow Function for Constant Propagation



	Iter. #1	Iter. #2
$[\Phi_p(S_p)](\langle v_a, v_b \rangle)$	$\langle v_a, v_b \rangle$	$\langle v_a, v_b \rangle$
$[\Phi_p(n_1)](\langle v_a, v_b \rangle)$	$\langle v_a + v_b, v_b \rangle$	$\langle v_a + v_b, v_b \rangle$
$[\Phi_p(C_1)](\langle v_a, v_b \rangle)$	$\langle \hat{T}, \hat{T} \rangle$	$\langle v_a + v_b, v_b \rangle$
$[\Phi_p(n_2)](\langle v_a, v_b \rangle)$	$\langle \hat{T}, \hat{T} \rangle$	$\langle v_a, v_b \rangle$
$[\Phi_p(E_p)](\langle v_a, v_b \rangle)$	$\langle v_a, v_b \rangle$	$\langle v_a, v_b \rangle$
$f_p(\langle v_a, v_b \rangle)$	$\langle v_a, v_b \rangle$	$\langle v_a, v_b \rangle$

Will this work always?

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## Tutorial Problem #3

- Is  $a*b$  available on line 18? Line 6?
- Perform available expressions analysis by constructing the summary flow function for procedure p

1. main()	7. p()
2. {	8. { if (...)
3.     c = a*b;	9.     { a = a*b;
4.     p();	10.        p();
5.     a = a*b;	11.     }
6. }	12. else if (...)
	13. { c = a * b;
	14.        p();
	15.        c = a;
	16.     }
	17. else
	18.        /* ignore */
	19. }

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## Limitations of Functional Approach to Interprocedural Data Flow Analysis

Problems with constructing summary flow functions

- Reducing expressions defining flow functions may not be possible in the presence of dependent parts
- May work for some instances of some problems but not for all
- Hence basic blocks in pointer analysis and constant propagation contain a single statement

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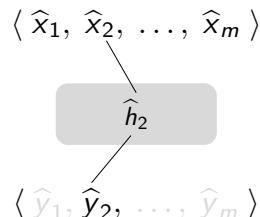
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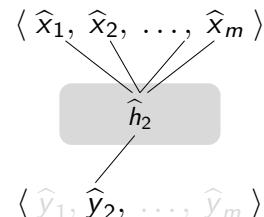
## Overall Flow Function and Component Function

- Overall flow function  $f : L \mapsto L$  is  $\langle \hat{h}_1, \hat{h}_2, \dots, \hat{h}_m \rangle$
- Component function:  $\hat{h}_i$  which computes the value of  $\hat{x}_i$

Separable



General Non-Separable



$\hat{h} : \hat{L} \mapsto \hat{L}$

Example: All bit vector frameworks

$\hat{h} : L \mapsto \hat{L}$

Example: Points-To Analysis



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## Entity Functions in Points-to Analysis

Statement with $a \in L\_locations$	Entity functions	Closed under composition?
$\dots = null$	Constant	$\hat{L} \mapsto \hat{L}$
$\dots = \&b$	Constant	$\hat{L} \mapsto \hat{L}$
$\dots = b$	Identity	$\hat{L} \mapsto \hat{L}$
$\dots = *b$	?	$L \mapsto \hat{L}$

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## Entity Functions in Constant Propagation

Statement	Entity functions	Closed under composition?
$a = 5$	Constant	$\hat{L} \mapsto \hat{L}$
$a = b$	Constant	$\hat{L} \mapsto \hat{L}$
$a = b + 5$	Linear	$\hat{L} \mapsto \hat{L}$
$a = b + c$	?	$L \mapsto \hat{L}$

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## Enumeration Based Functional Approach

- Instead of constructing flow functions, remember the mapping  $x \mapsto y$  as input output values
- Reuse output value of a flow function when the same input value is encountered again

Requires the number of values to be finite

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## Part 4

# Classical Call Strings Approach

## Classical Full Call Strings Approach

Most general, flow and context sensitive method

- Remember call history  
Information should be propagated *back* to the correct point
- Call string at a program point:
  - ▶ Sequence of *unfinished calls* reaching that point
  - ▶ Starting from the  $S_{main}$

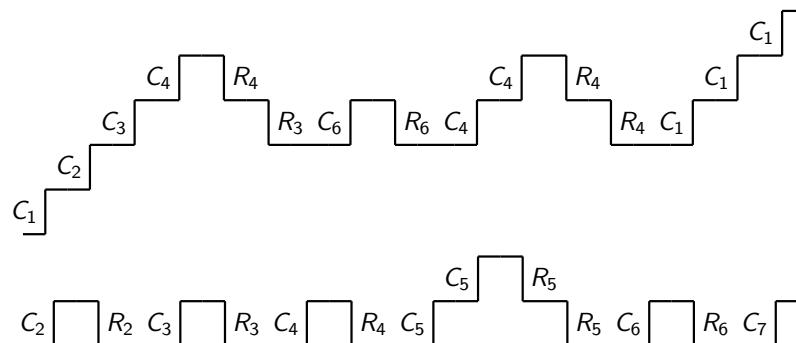
A snap-shot of call stack in terms of call sites



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## Interprocedural Validity and Calling Contexts

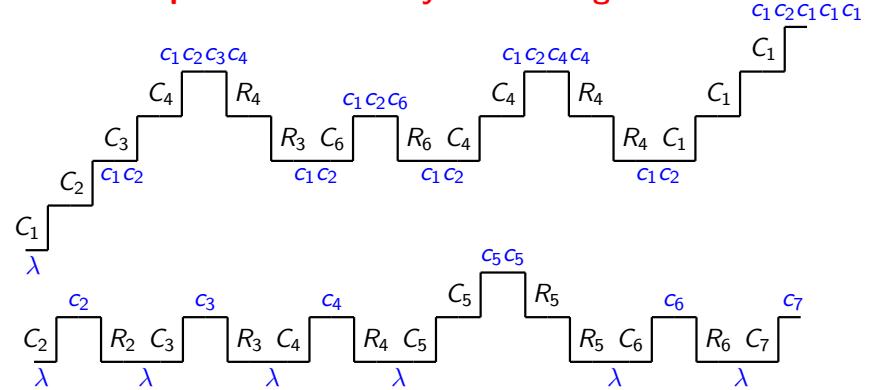


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## Interprocedural Validity and Calling Contexts



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- Calling context is represented by the remaining descending steps

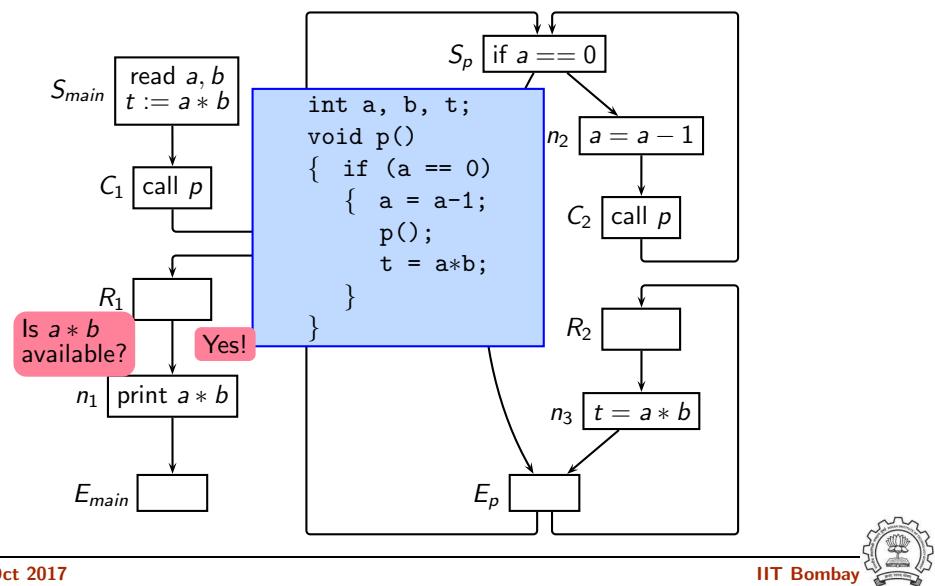
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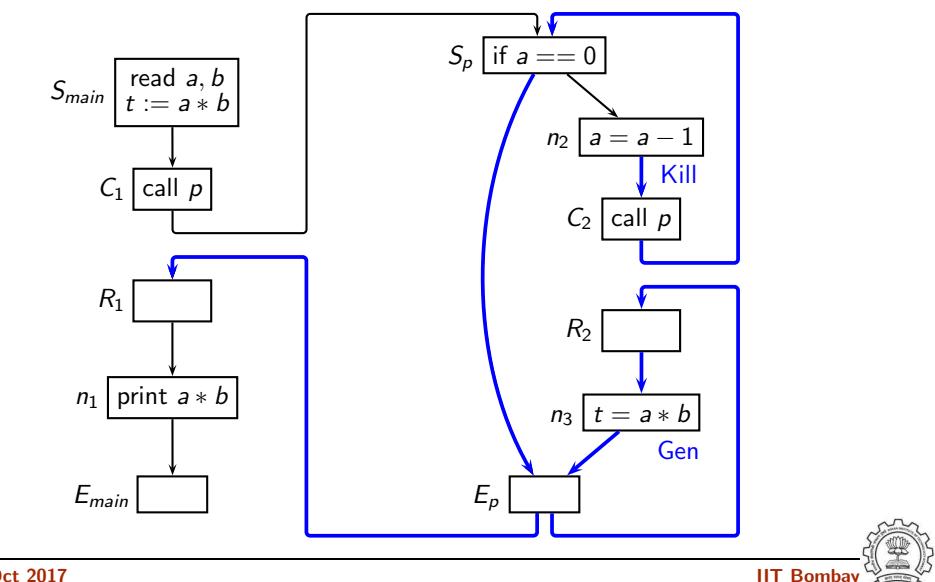
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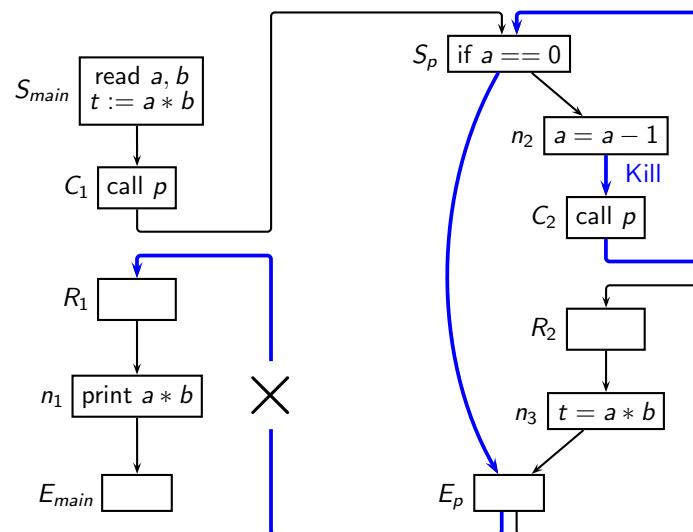
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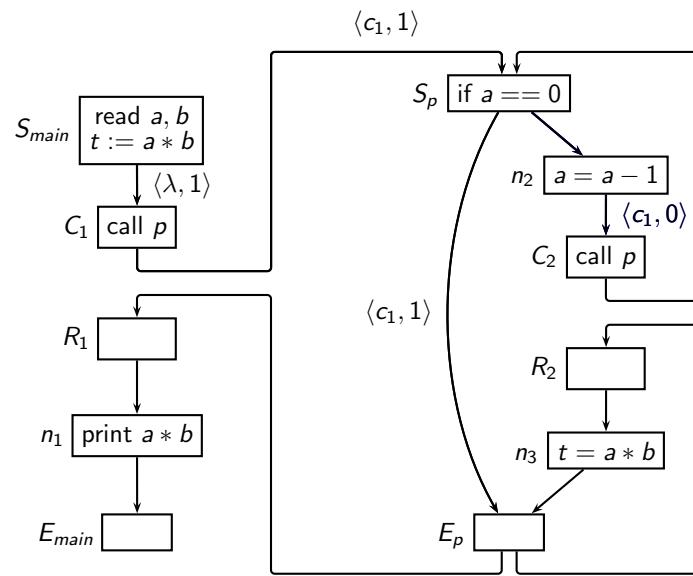
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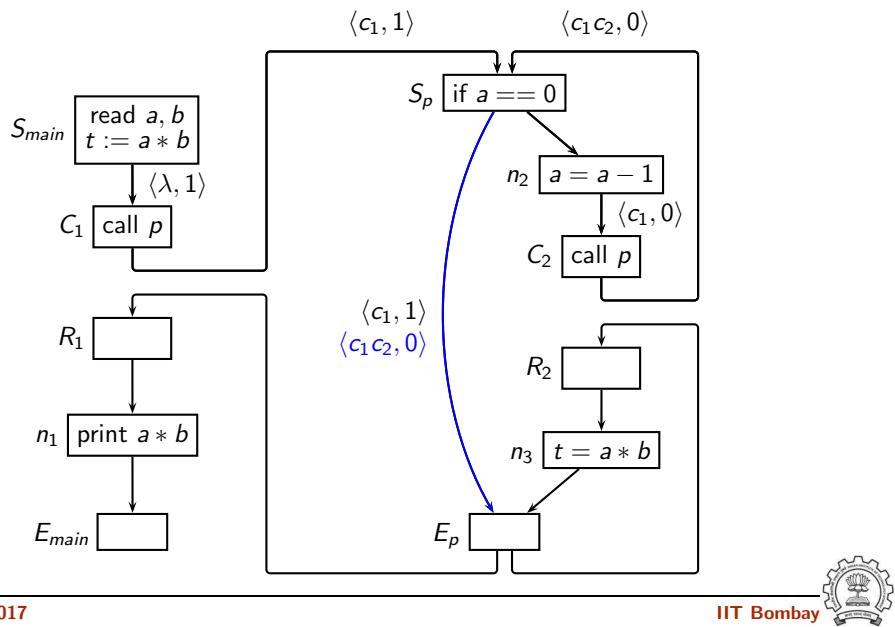
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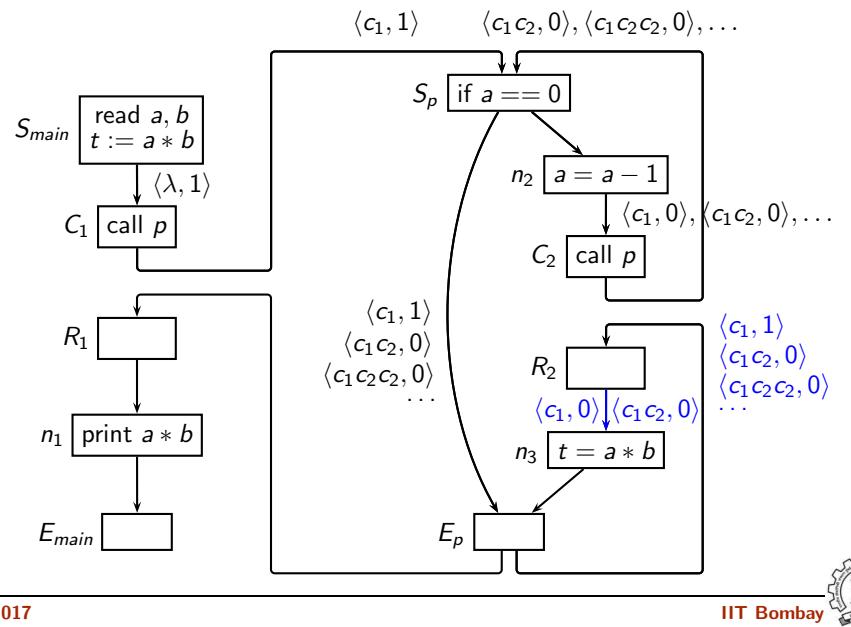
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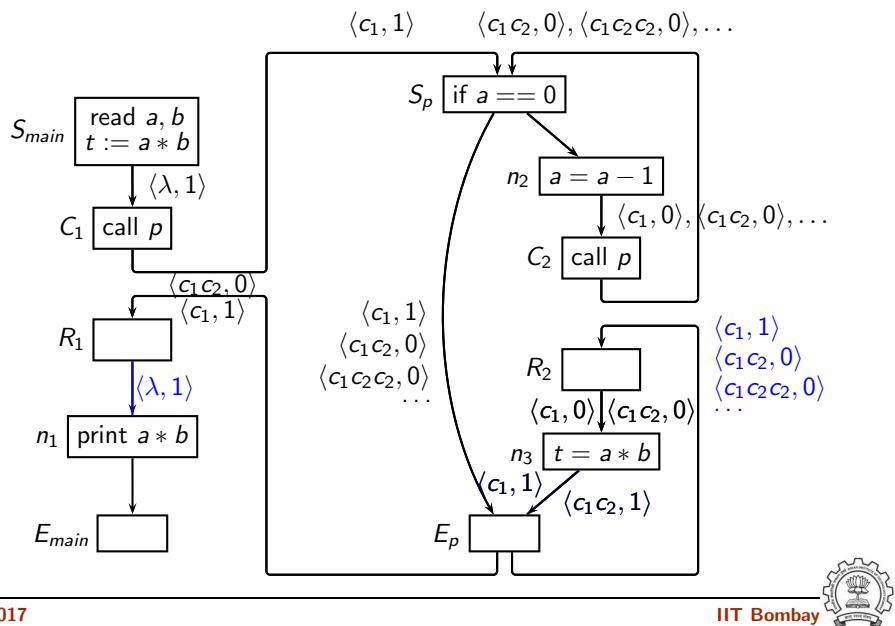
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## Tutorial Problem #1

Perform available expressions analysis for the following program

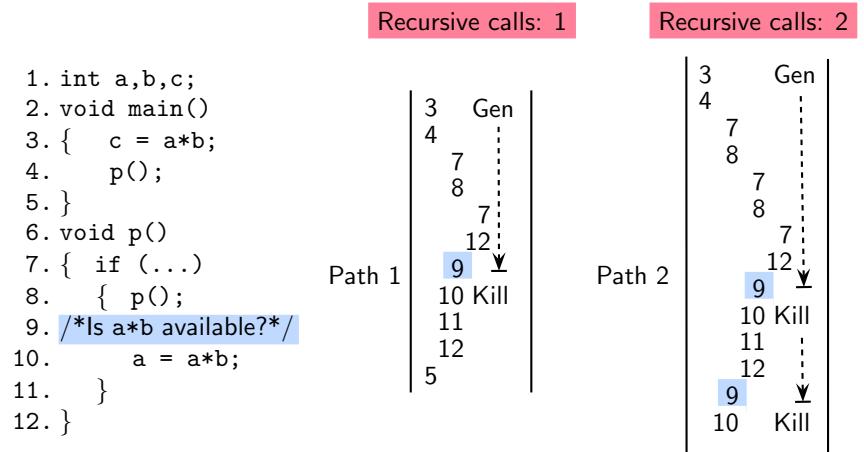
```

main()
{
    a = b*c;
    p();      /* C1 */
    d = b*c; /* avail b*c? */
    q();      /* C2 */
}
p()
{
}
q()
{
    b = 5;
}
p(); /* C3 */
}

```

## The Need for Multiple Occurrences of a Call Site

Even if data flow values in cyclic call sequence do not change



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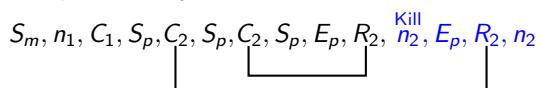


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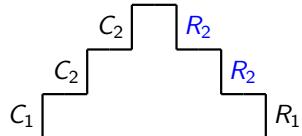
Even if data flow values in cyclic call sequence do not change

In terms of staircase diagram

- Interprocedurally valid IFP



- You cannot descend twice, unless you ascend twice



- Even if the data flow values do not change while ascending, you need to ascend because they may change while descending

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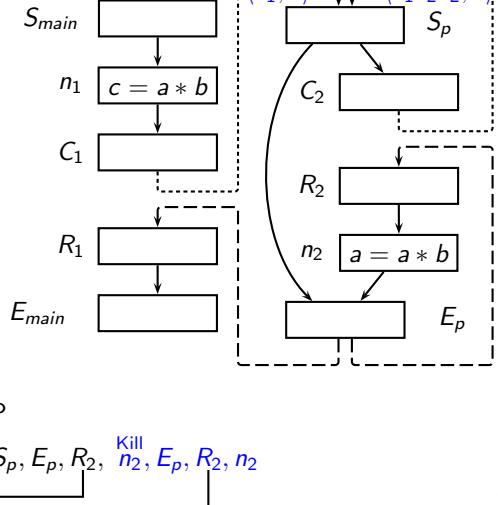
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## The Need for Multiple Occurrences of a Call Site

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```
1. int a,b,c;
2. void main()
3. {
4.   c = a*b;
5.   p();
6. }
7. void p()
8. {
9.   if (...) {
10.     p();
11.     Is a*b available?
12.     a = a*b;
13.   }
14. }
```



- Interprocedurally valid IFP

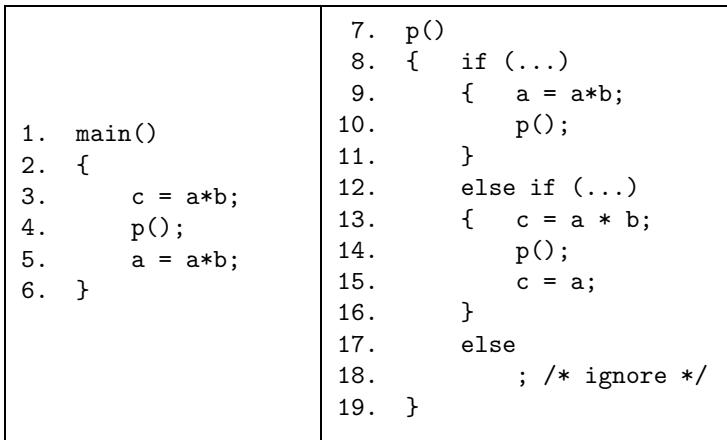
$S_m, n_1, C_1, S_p, C_2, S_p, E_p, R_2, n_2, \text{Kill}, E_p, R_2, n_2$

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## Tutorial Problem #2

Is  $a*b$  available on line 18 in the following program? On line 15? Construct its supergraph and argue in terms of interprocedurally valid paths



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## Terminating Call String Construction

- For non-recursive programs: Number of call strings is finite
  - For recursive programs: Number of call strings could be infinite  
Fortunately, the problem is decidable for finite lattices
    - All call strings upto the following length *must be* constructed
      - $K \cdot (|L| + 1)^2$  for general bounded frameworks ( $L$  is the overall lattice of data flow values)
      - $K \cdot (|\widehat{L}| + 1)^2$  for separable bounded frameworks ( $\widehat{L}$  is the component lattice for an entity)
      - $K \cdot 3$  for bit vector frameworks
      - 3 occurrences of any call site in a call string for bit vector frameworks
- ⇒ Not a bound but prescribed necessary length
- ⇒ Large number of long call strings

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## Classical Call String Length

Sharir-Pnueli [1981]

- Consider the smallest prefix  $\rho_0$  of  $\rho$  such that  $CS(\rho_0) > M$
- Consider a triple  $\langle c_i, \alpha_i, \beta_i \rangle$  where
  - $\alpha_i$  is the data flow value reaching call node  $C_i$  along  $\rho$  and
  - $\beta_i$  is the data flow value reaching the corresponding return node  $R_i$  along  $\rho$

If  $R_i$  is not in  $\rho$ , then  $\beta_i = \Omega$  (undefined)

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## Classical Call String Length

- Notation
    - $IVP(n, m)$ : Interprocedurally valid path from block  $n$  to block  $m$
    - $CS(\rho)$ : Number of call nodes in  $\rho$  that do not have the matching return node in  $\rho$   
(length of the call string representing  $IVP(n, m)$ )
  - Claim  
Let  $M = K \cdot (|L| + 1)^2$  where  $K$  is the number of distinct call sites in any call chain  
Then, for any  $\rho = IVP(S_{main}, m)$  such that
 
$$CS(\rho) > M,$$

$$\exists \rho' = IVP(S_{main}, m) \text{ such that}$$

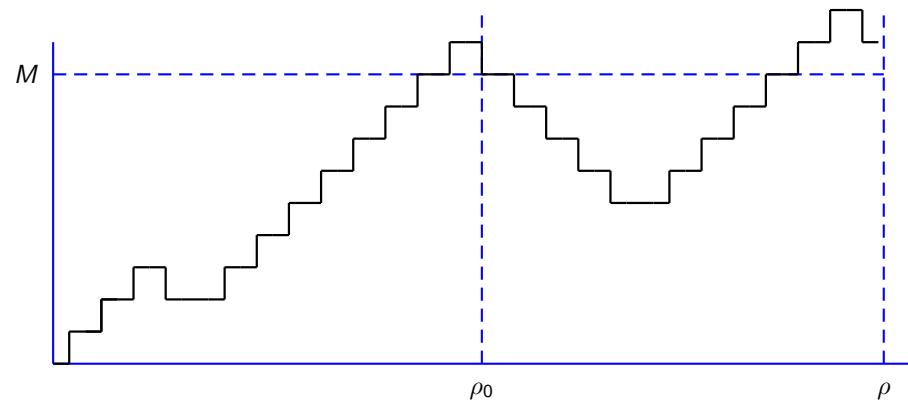
$$CS(\rho') \leq M, \text{ and } f_\rho(BI) = f_{\rho'}(BI)$$
- ⇒  $\rho$ , the longer path, is redundant for data flow analysis

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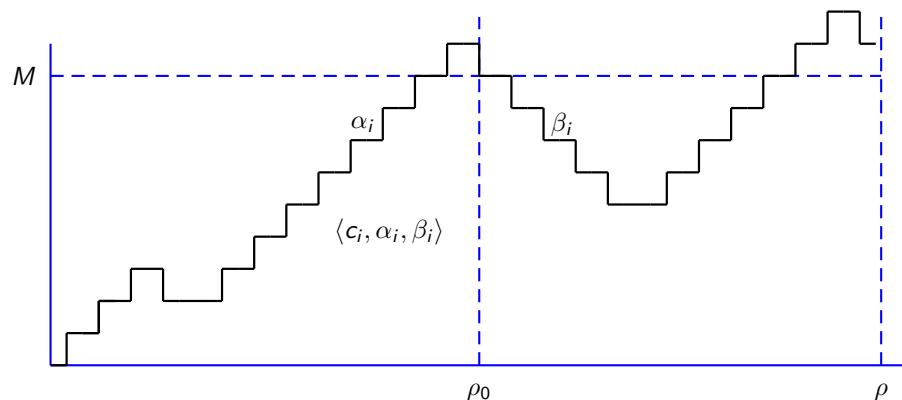


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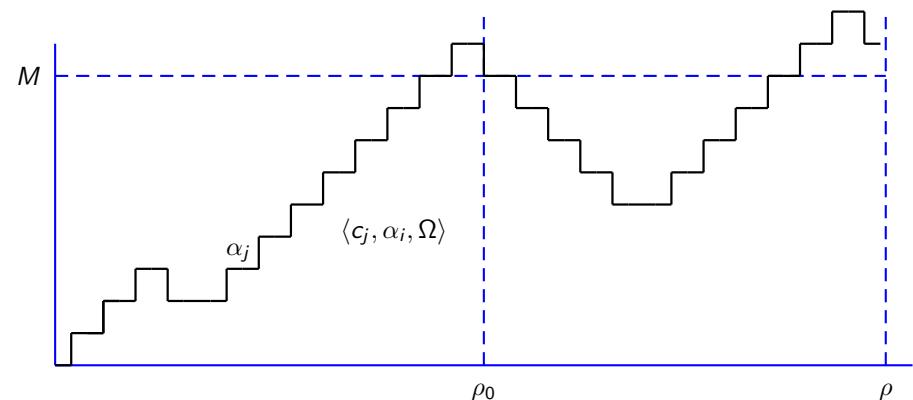


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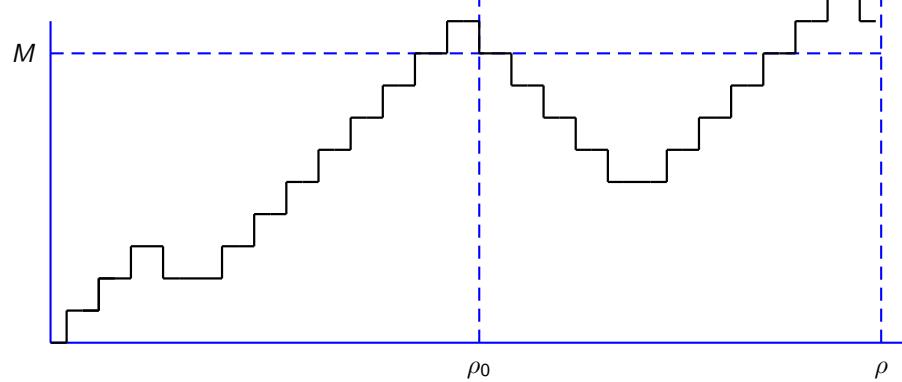


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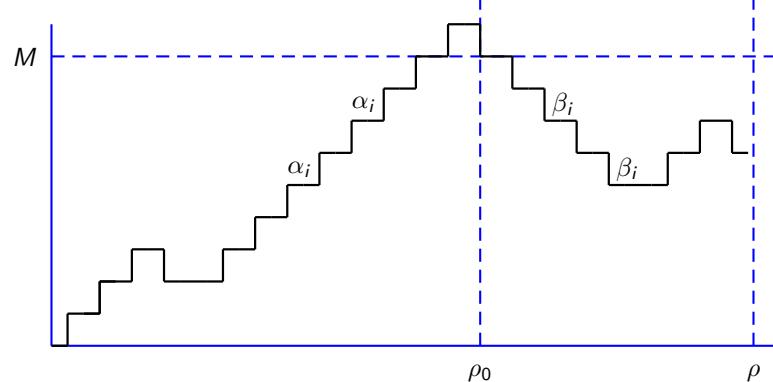
- Number of distinct triples  $\langle c_i, \alpha_i, \beta_i \rangle$  is  $M = K \cdot (|L| + 1)^2$ .
- There are at least two calls from the same call site that have the same effect on data flow values

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## Classical Call String Length

When  $\beta_i$  is not  $\Omega$ 

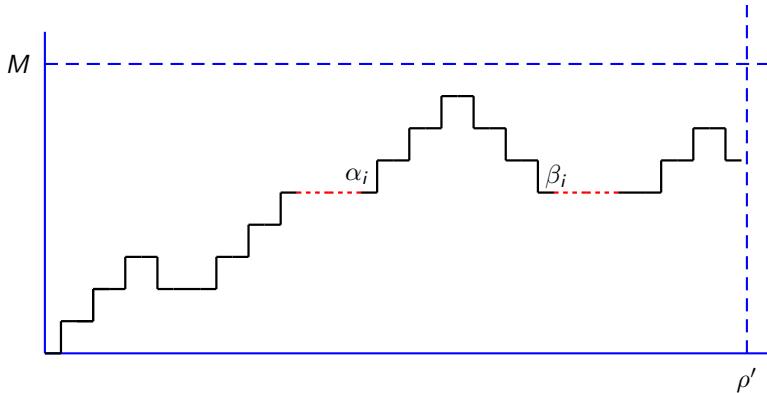
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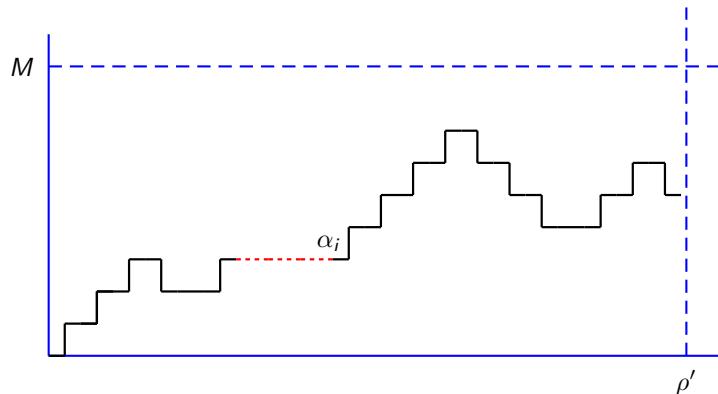
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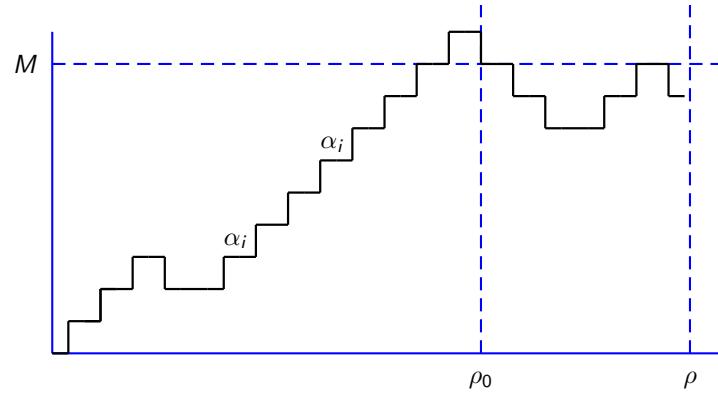
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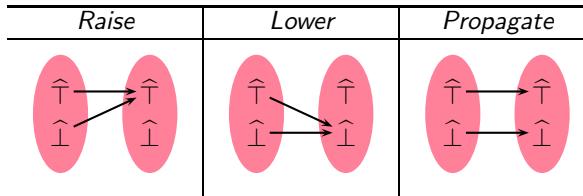


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- $\widehat{L}$  is  $\{0, 1\}$ ,  $L$  is  $\{0, 1\}^m$
- $\widehat{\sqcap}$  is either boolean AND or boolean OR
- $\widehat{\top}$  and  $\widehat{\perp}$  are 0 or 1 depending on  $\widehat{\sqcap}$ .
- $\widehat{h}$  is a bit function and could be one of the following:



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## Tighter Bound for Bit Vector Frameworks

Karkare Khedker 2007

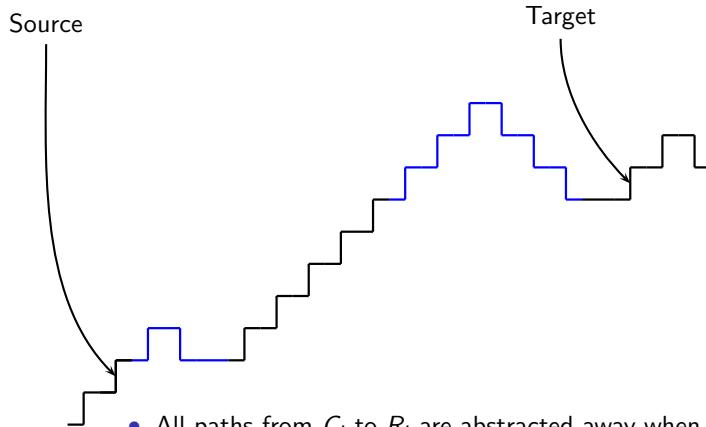
- Validity constraints are imposed by the presence of return nodes
- For every cyclic path consisting on Propagate functions, there exists an acyclic path consisting of Propagate functions
- Source of information is a Raise or Lower function
- Target is a point reachable by a series of Propagate functions
- Identifies interesting path segments that we need to consider for determining a sufficient set of call strings

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## Relevant Path Segments for Tighter Bound for Bit Vector Frameworks



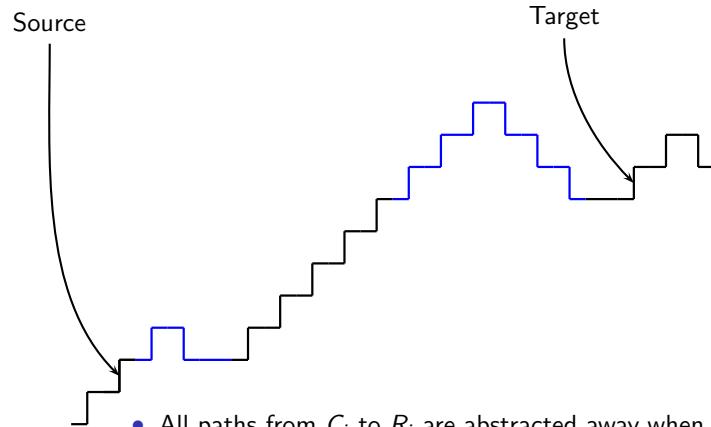
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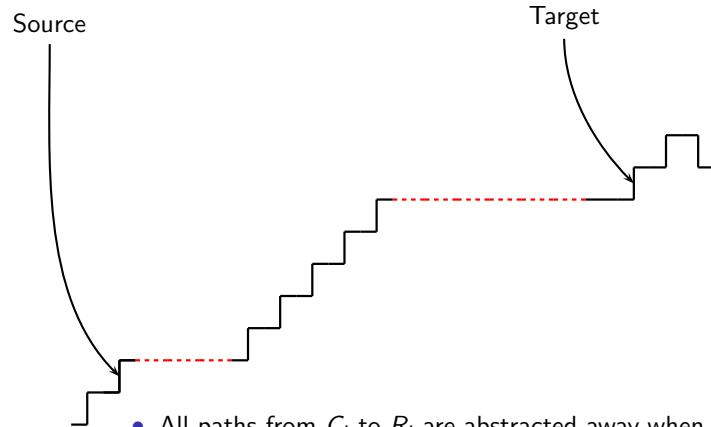
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## Relevant Path Segments for Tighter Bound for Bit Vector Frameworks

Consider all four combinations

- Case A: Source is a call node and target is a call node
- Case B: Source is a call node and target is a return node
- Case C: Source is a return node and target is also a return node
- Case D: Source is a return node and target is a call node:  
*Not relevant*

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## Tighter Length for Bit Vector Frameworks

Case B:

**Source** is a call node  $C_S$  and **target** is some return node  $R_T$

- $P(I_{\sim} C_S \rightsquigarrow (C_T) \rightsquigarrow R_T)$ 
  - ▶ Call strings are derived from the paths  $P(I_{\sim} C_S \rightsquigarrow C_T \rightsquigarrow C_L)$  where  $C_L$  is the last call node
  - ▶ Thus there are three acyclic segments  $P(I_{\sim} C_S)$ ,  $P(C_S \rightsquigarrow C_T)$ , and  $P(C_T \rightsquigarrow C_L)$
  - ▶ A call node may be shared in all three  
⇒ At most 3 occurrences of a call site
- $P(I_{\sim} (C_T) \rightsquigarrow C_S \rightsquigarrow R_S \rightsquigarrow R_T)$ 
  - ▶  $C_T$  is required because of validity constraints
  - ▶ Call strings are derived from the paths  $P(I_{\sim} C_T \rightsquigarrow C_S \rightsquigarrow C_L)$  where  $C_L$  is the last call node
  - ▶ Again, there are three acyclic segments and at most 3 occurrences of a call site

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## Tighter Length for Bit Vector Frameworks

Case A:

**Source** is a call node and **target** is also a call node  $P(I_{\sim} C_S \rightsquigarrow C_T)$

- No return node, no validity constraints
- Paths  $P(I_{\sim} C_S)$  and Paths  $P(C_S \rightsquigarrow C_T)$  can be acyclic
- A call node may be common to both segments
- At most 2 occurrences of a call site

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## Tighter Length for Bit Vector Frameworks

Case C:

**Source** is a return node  $R_S$  and **target** is also some return node  $R_T$

- $P(I_{\sim} C_T \rightsquigarrow C_S \rightsquigarrow R_S \rightsquigarrow R_T)$ 
  - $C_T$  and  $C_S$  are required because of validity constraints
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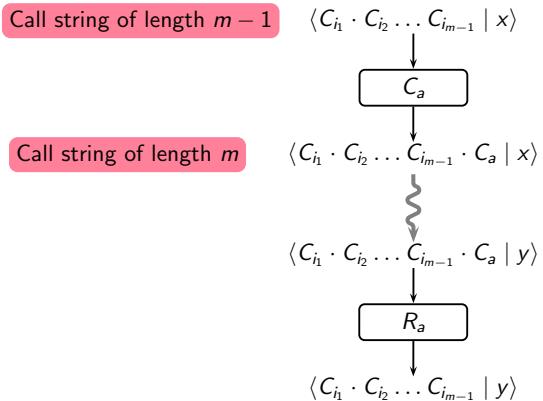
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- Maintain call string suffixes of upto a given length  $m$



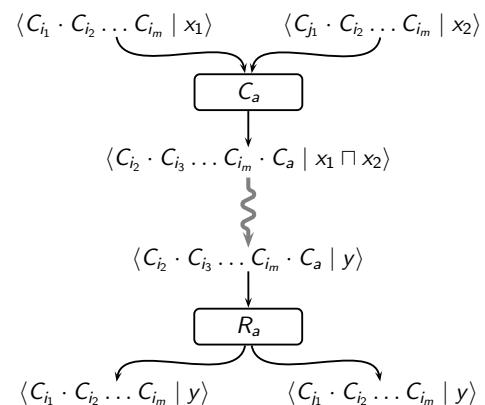
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- Practical choices of  $m$  have been 1 or 2

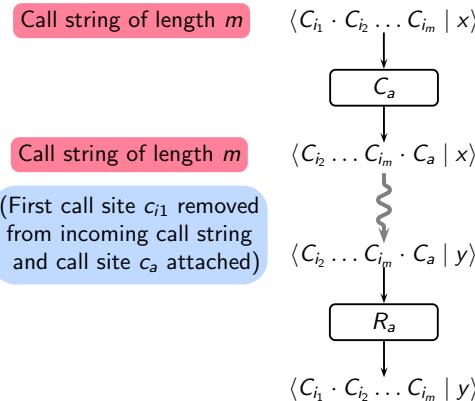
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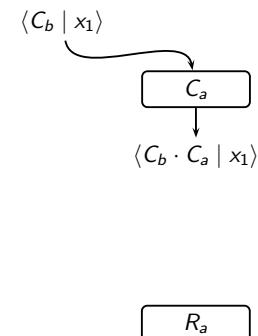
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## Approximate Call Strings in Presence of Recursion

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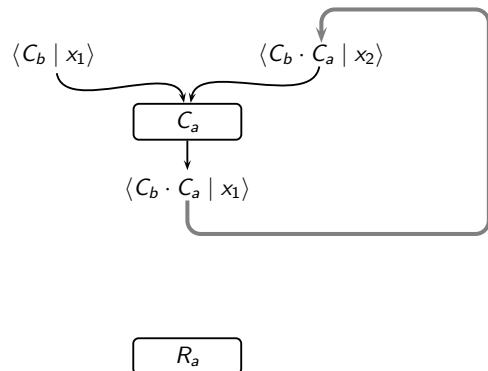
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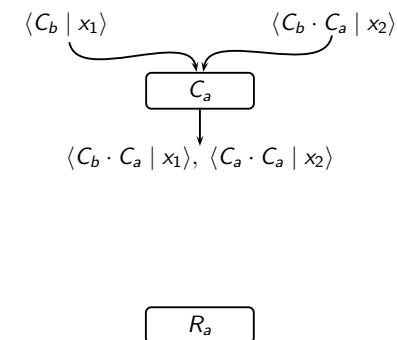
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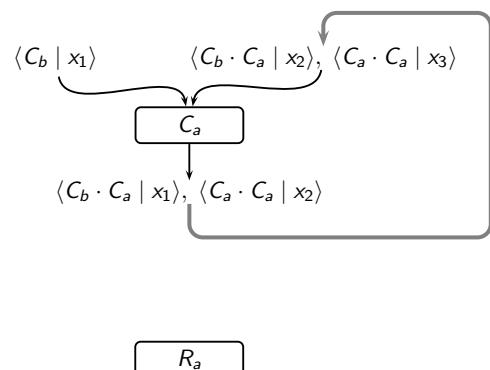
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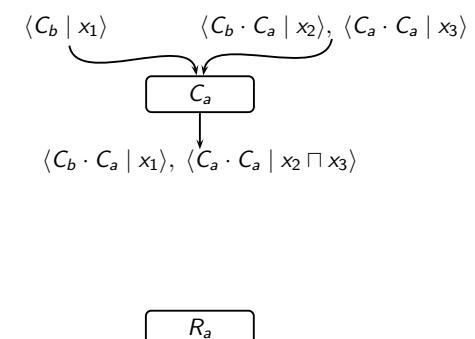
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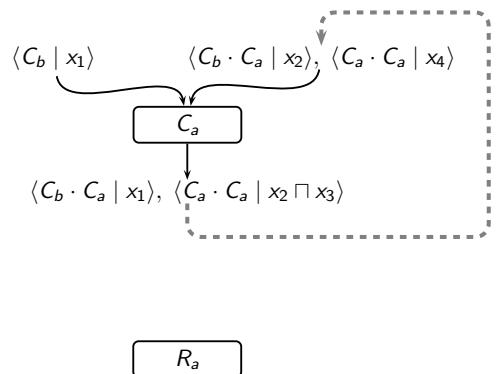
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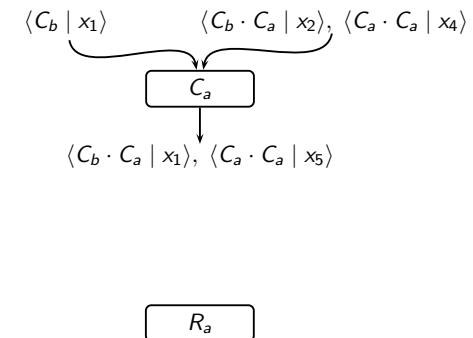
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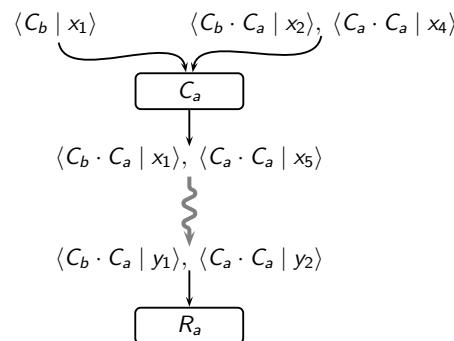
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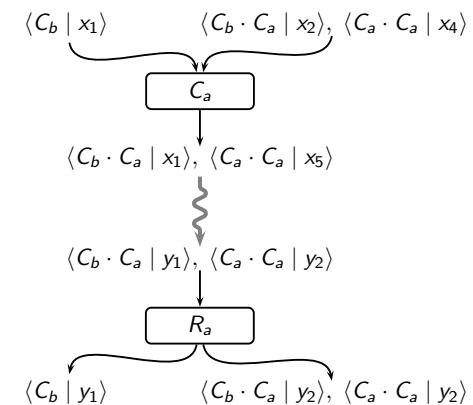
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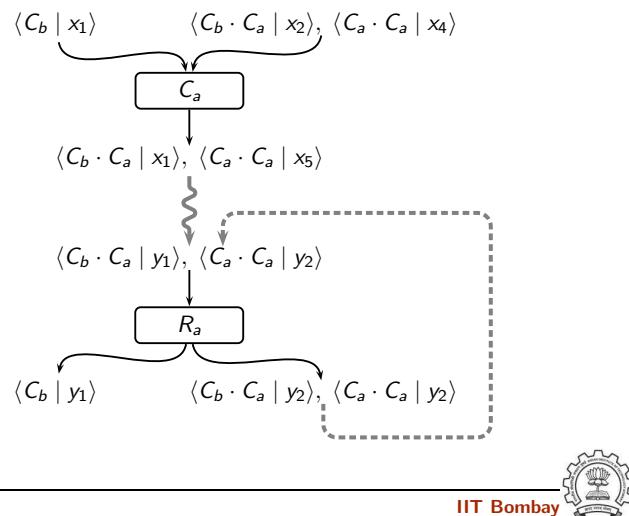
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Part 5

## IPDFA Using Value Contexts

### Value Contexts: Key Ideas

Consider call chains  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  reaching  $S_p$

- Data flow value invariant:  
If the data flow reaching  $S_p$  along  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  are identical, then
  - the data flow values reaching  $E_p$  for the two contexts will also be identical
- We can reduce the amount of effort by using
  - Data flow values at  $S_p$  as value contexts
  - Maintaining distinct data flow values in  $p$  for each value context

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### Interprocedural Data Flow Analysis Using Value Contexts

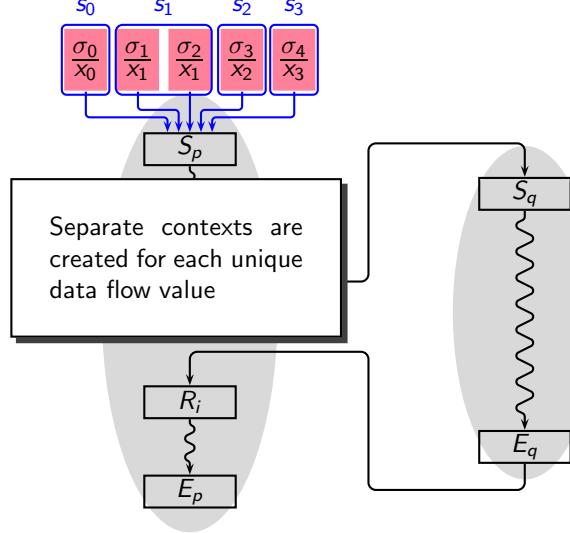
- A value context is defined by a particular input data flow value reaching a procedure
- It is used to enumerate the summary flow functions in terms of  $(\text{input} \mapsto \text{output})$  pairs
- In order to compute these pairs, data flow analysis within a procedure is performed separately for each context (i.e. input data flow value)
- When a new call to a procedure is encountered, the pairs are consulted to decide if the procedure needs to be analysed again
  - If it was already analysed once for the input value, output can be directly processed
  - Otherwise, a new context is created and the procedure is analysed for this new context

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### Understanding Value Contexts

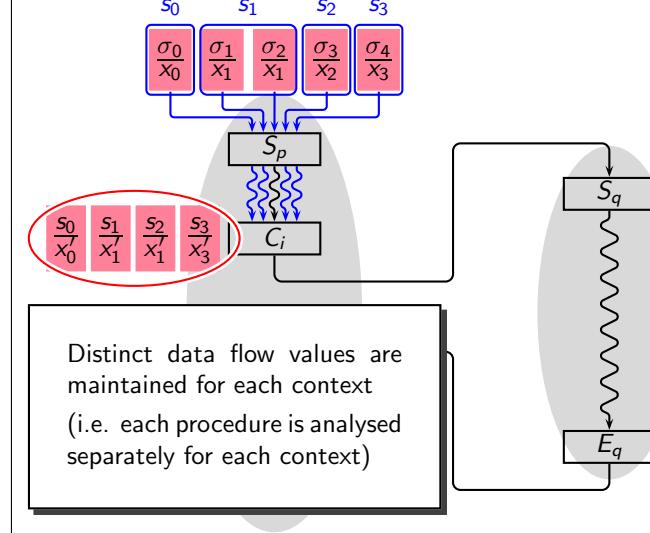


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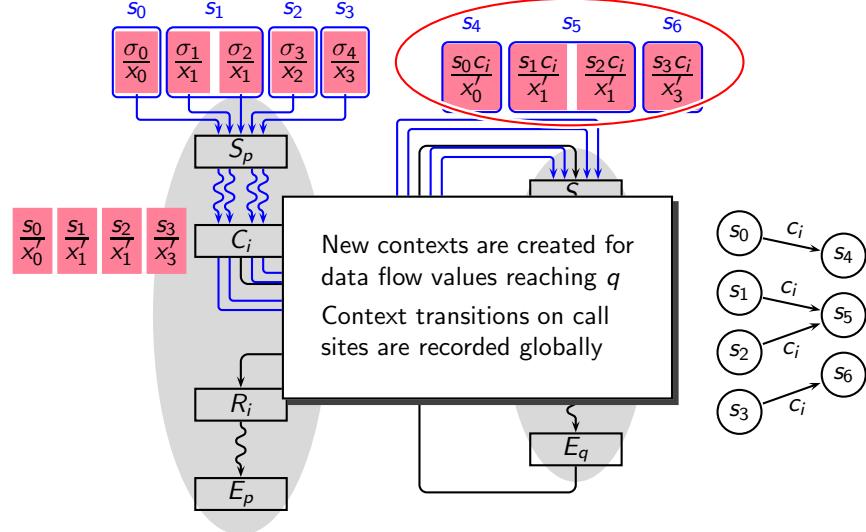


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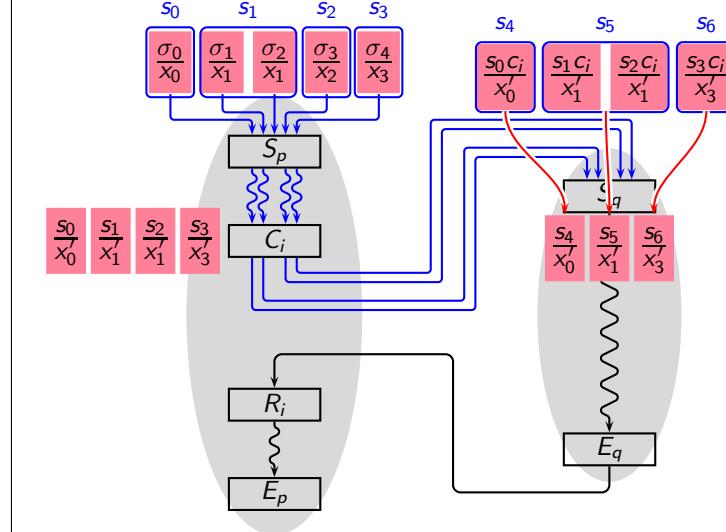


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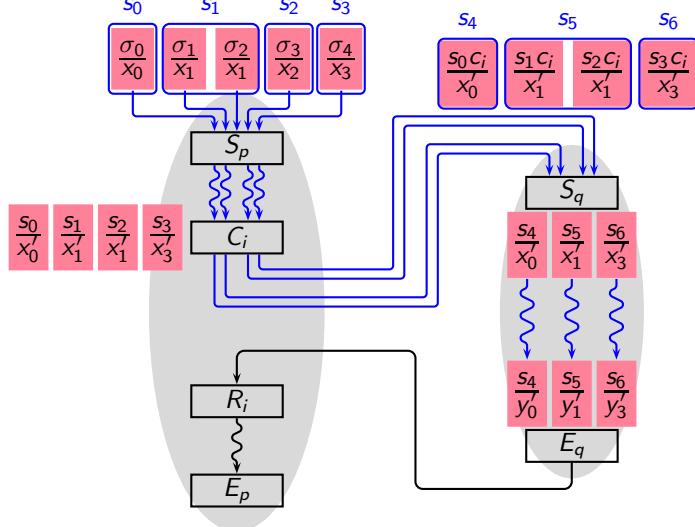


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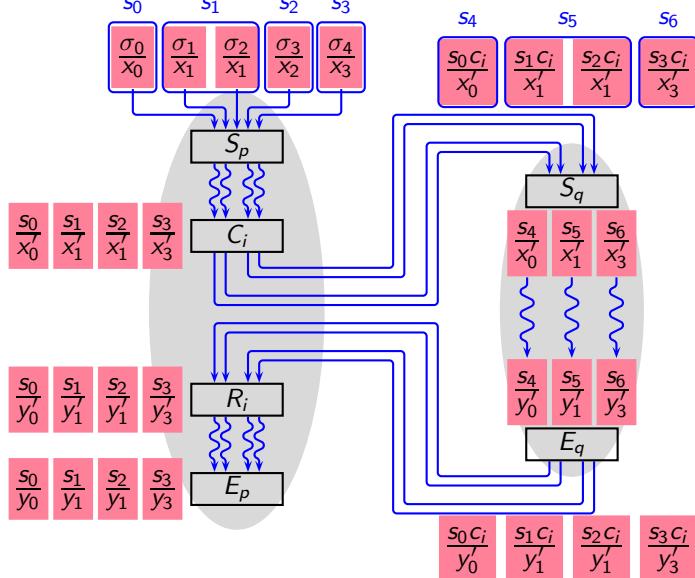


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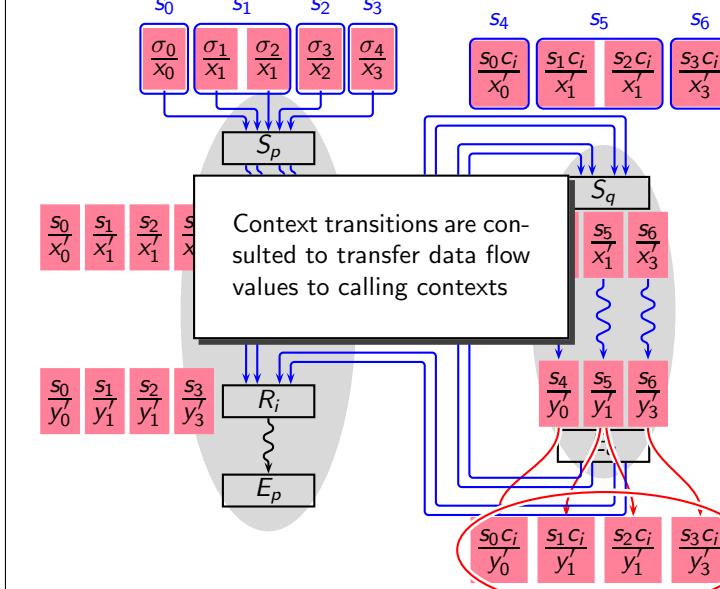


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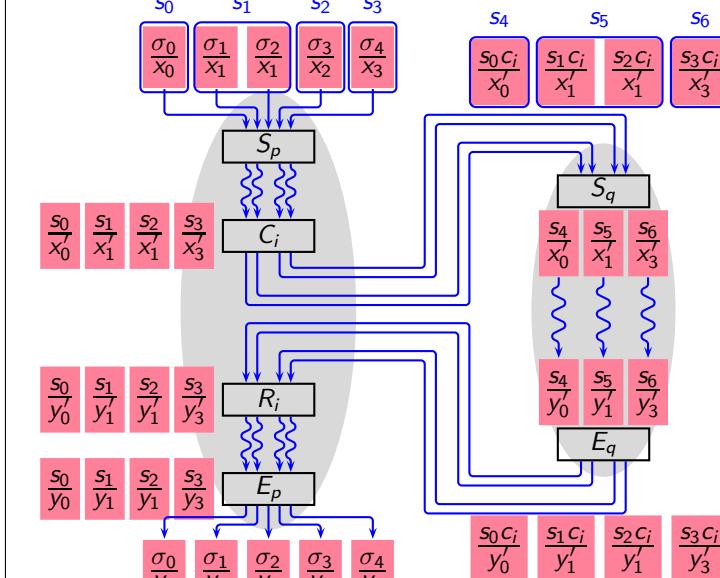


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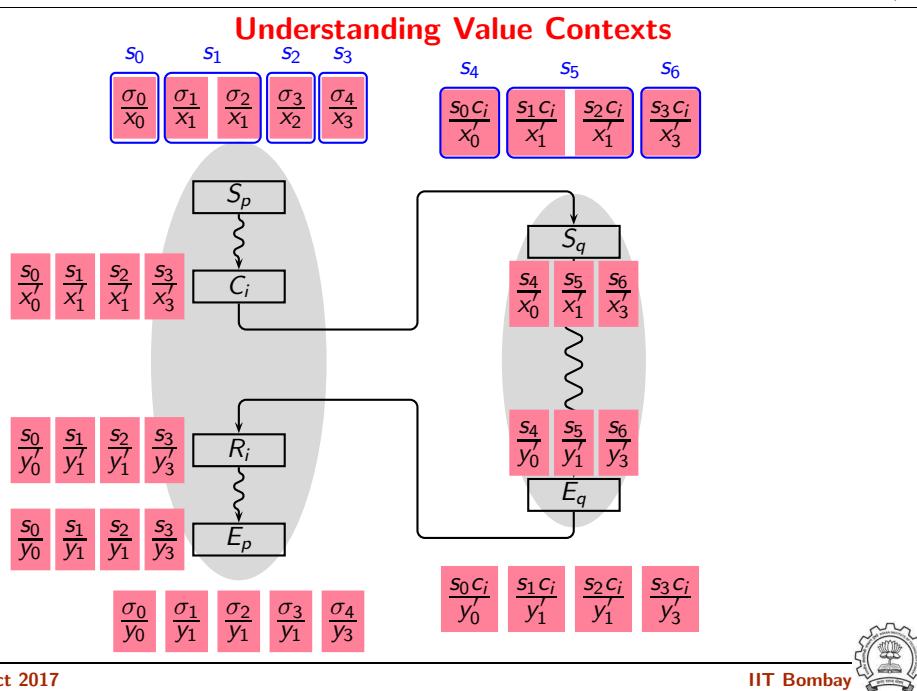
### Understanding Value Contexts



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### Interprocedural Data Flow Analysis Using Value Contexts

- The method works with a collection of control flow graphs

No need of supergraph

- No need to distinguish between  $C_i$  and  $R_i$
- No need of call ( $C_i \rightarrow S_p$ ) and return ( $E_p \rightarrow E_i$ ) edges

- Maintain a work list  $WL$  of entries  $\langle context, node \rangle$   
(in reverse post order of nodes within a procedure for forward flows)

- Notation:

$\langle p, v \rangle$	Context for procedure $p$ with data flow value $v$
$X m$	Work list entry for context $X$ for node $m$
$X.v$	Data flow value in context $X$ is $v$
$Out_m[X]$	Data flow value of context $X$ in $Out_m$
$X \xrightarrow{C_i} Y$	Transition from context $X$ to context $Y$ at call site $C_i$

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### Defining Value Contexts

- The set of value contexts is  $VC = Procs \times L$

A value context  $X = \langle proc, entryValue \rangle \in VC$   
where  $proc \in Procs$  and  $entryValue \in L$

- Supporting functions ( $CS$  is the set of call sites)

- $exitValue : VC \mapsto L$

- $transitions : (VC \times CS) \mapsto VC$

eg.  $exitValue(X) = v$

eg.  $X \xrightarrow{C_i} Y$

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### Interprocedural Data Flow Analysis Using Value Contexts: An Overview

- Select  $X|n$  from  $WL$ . Compute  $In_n$ .
  - If  $n = C_i$  calling procedure  $p$   
Propagate  $In_n$  to appropriate value context of the callee procedure  $p$
  - If  $n = E_p$   
Propagate  $In_n$  to appropriate value contexts of the callers of  $p$
  - If  $n$  is some other node  
Compute  $Out_n$
- Update  $WL$
- Repeat until  $WL$  is empty

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## Interprocedural Data Flow Analysis Using Value Contexts (2)

Select  $X|n$  from  $WL$ . Compute  $In_n$ . Let  $X.v$  be in  $In_n$

- If  $n = C_i$  calling procedure  $p$ 
  - ▶ If some context  $\langle p, v \rangle$  exists (say  $Y$ ) /\*  $p$  is the callee \*/
    - record the transition  $X \xrightarrow{C_i} Y$
    - $Out_{C_i}[X] = Out_{C_i}[X] \sqcap exitValue(Y)$
    - if there is a change, add  $X|m, \forall m \in succ(C_i)$  to  $WL$
  - ▶ If it does not exist
    - create a new context  $Y = \langle p, v \rangle$  /\*  $p$  is the callee \*/
    - initialize  $exitValue(Y) = \top$
    - record the transition  $X \xrightarrow{C_i} Y$
    - initialize  $Out_m[Y] = \top$  for all nodes  $m$  of procedure  $p$
    - add entries  $Y|m$  for all nodes  $m$  of procedure  $p$  to  $WL$

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## Interprocedural Data Flow Analysis Using Value Contexts (3)

Select  $X|n$  from  $WL$ . Compute  $In_n$ . Let  $X.v$  be in  $In_n$

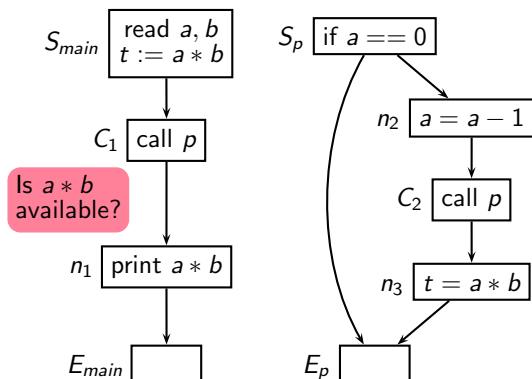
- If  $n = E_p$ 
  - ▶ Set  $exitValue(X) = v$  /\*  $E_p$  is an empty block \*/
  - ▶ Find out all transitions  $Z \xrightarrow{C_j} X$ 
    - Set  $Out_{C_j}[Z] = Out_{C_j}[Z] \sqcap v$
    - If there is a change, add  $Z|m, \forall m \in succ(C_j)$  to  $WL$
- For all other nodes
  - ▶ Set  $Out_n[X] = f_n(v)$
  - ▶ If there is a change, add  $X|m, \forall m \in succ(n)$  to  $WL$

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## Available Expressions Analysis Using Value Contexts

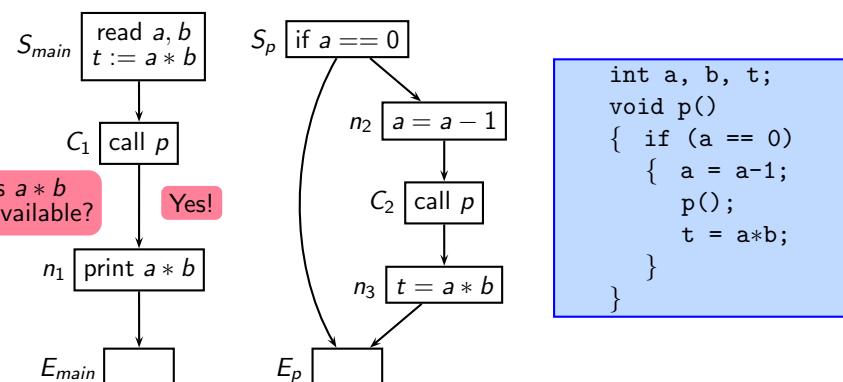


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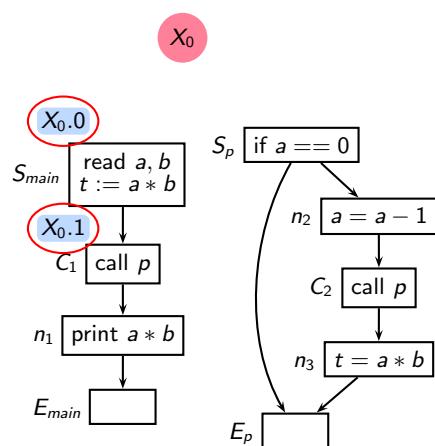
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## Available Expressions Analysis Using Value Contexts

$$WL = [X_0|S_m, X_0|C_1, X_0|n_1, X_0|E_m]$$



Context	exitValue
$X_0 = \langle \text{main}, 0 \rangle$	1

Create a new context  $X_0$  with  $BI$  which is 0 for available expressions analysis  
Initialize  $\text{exitValue}(X_0)$  to  $\top = 1$   
Initialize the work list with all nodes in procedure main for  $X_0$   
Initialize  $\text{Out}_n[X_0]$  for all  $n$  in main to  $\top$

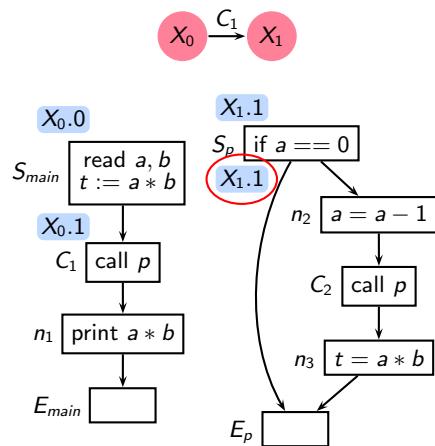
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## Available Expressions Analysis Using Value Contexts

$$WL = [X_1|S_p, X_1|n_2, X_1|C_2, X_1|n_3, X_1|E_p, X_0|n_1, X_0|E_m]$$



Context	exitValue
$X_0 = \langle \text{main}, 0 \rangle$	1
$X_1 = \langle p, 1 \rangle$	1

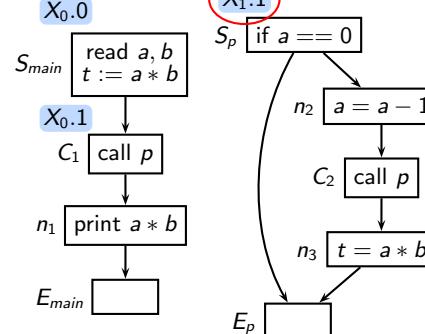
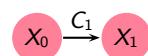
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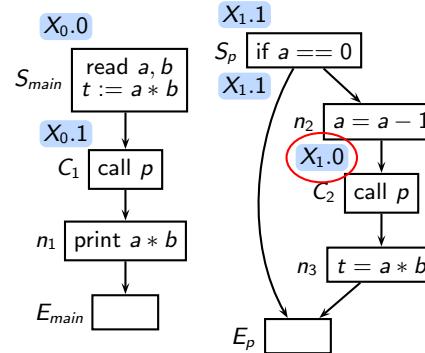
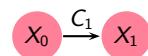
Create a new context  $X_1$  with entry value 1  
Record the transition to  $X_1$   
Initialize  $\text{exitValue}(X_1)$  to  $\top = 1$   
Add all nodes of procedure  $p$  to the work list for  $X_1$   
Initialize  $\text{Out}_n[X_1]$  for all  $n$  in  $p$  to  $\top$

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## Available Expressions Analysis Using Value Contexts

$$WL = [X_1|n_2, X_1|C_2, X_1|n_3, X_1|E_p, X_0|n_1, X_0|E_m]$$



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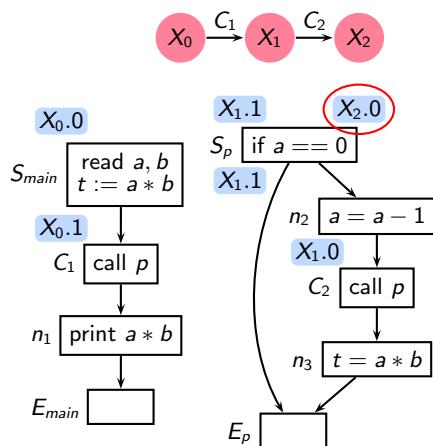
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Context	exitValue
$X_0 = \langle \text{main}, 0 \rangle$	1
$X_1 = \langle p, 1 \rangle$	1
$X_2 = \langle p, 0 \rangle$	1

Since there is no context for  $p$  with value 0, create context  $X_2$   
Record the transition to  $X_2$   
Initialize  $\text{exitValue}(X_2)$  to  $T = 1$   
Add all nodes of procedure  $p$  to the work list for  $X_2$ . Initialize  $\text{Out}_n[X_2]$  for all  $n$  in  $p$  to  $T$

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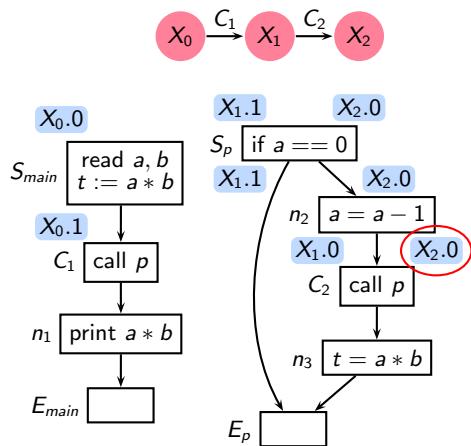
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## Available Expressions Analysis Using Value Contexts

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Context	exitValue
$X_0 = \langle \text{main}, 0 \rangle$	1
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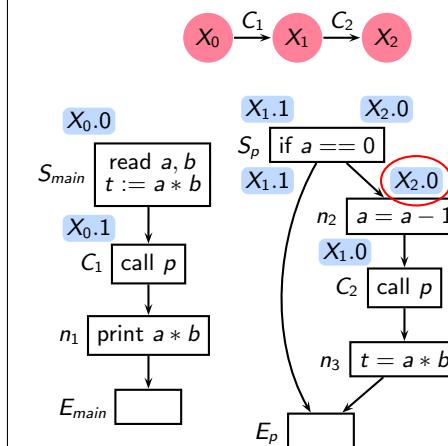
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## Available Expressions Analysis Using Value Contexts

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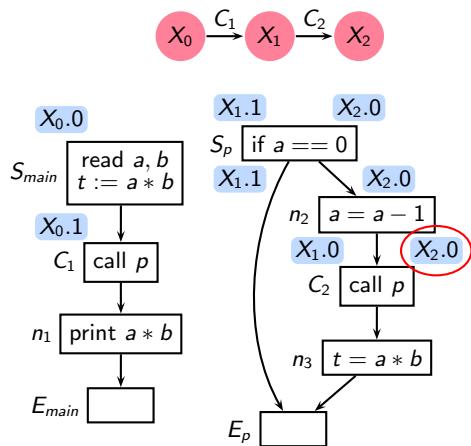
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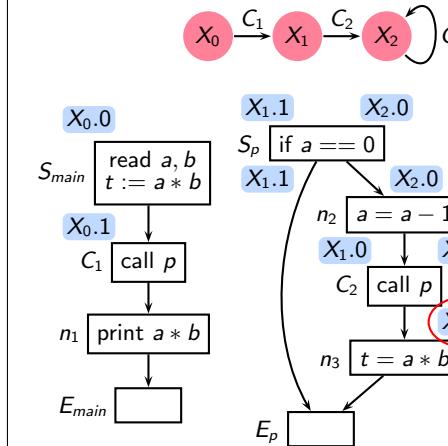
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## Available Expressions Analysis Using Value Contexts

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Context	exitValue
$X_0 = \langle \text{main}, 0 \rangle$	1
$X_1 = \langle p, 1 \rangle$	1
$X_2 = \langle p, 0 \rangle$	1

$p$  has context  $X_2$  with value 0 so no need to create a new context  
Record the transition from context  $X_2$  to itself  
Use the  $\text{exitValue}(X_2)$  to compute  $\text{Out}_{C_2}[X_2]$

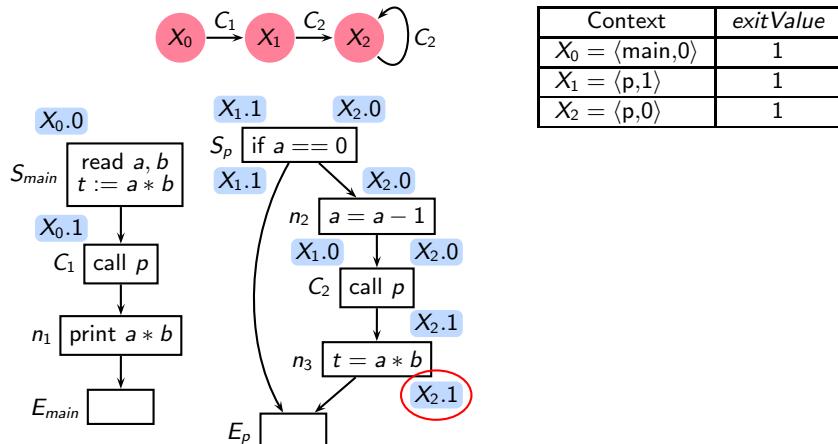
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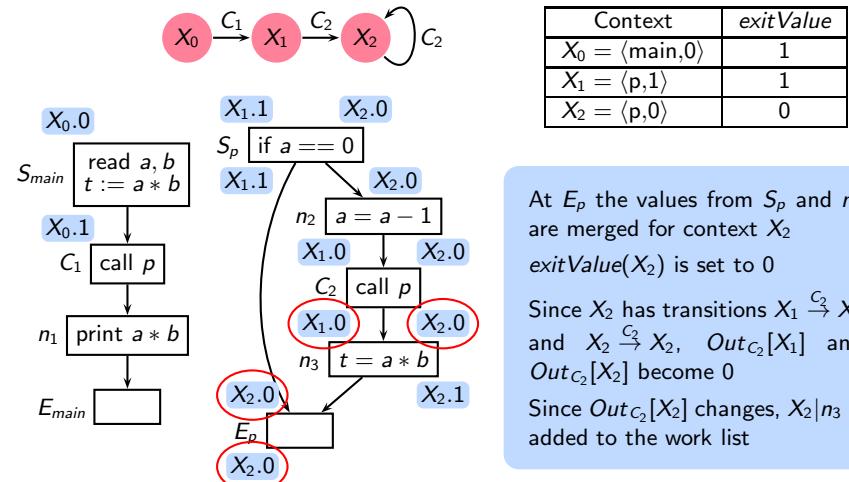


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At  $E_p$  the values from  $S_p$  and  $n_3$  are merged for context  $X_2$   
 $\text{exitValue}(X_2)$  is set to 0

Since  $X_2$  has transitions  $X_1 \xrightarrow{C_2} X_2$  and  $X_2 \xrightarrow{C_2} X_2$ ,  $\text{Out}_{C_2}[X_1]$  and  $\text{Out}_{C_2}[X_2]$  become 0

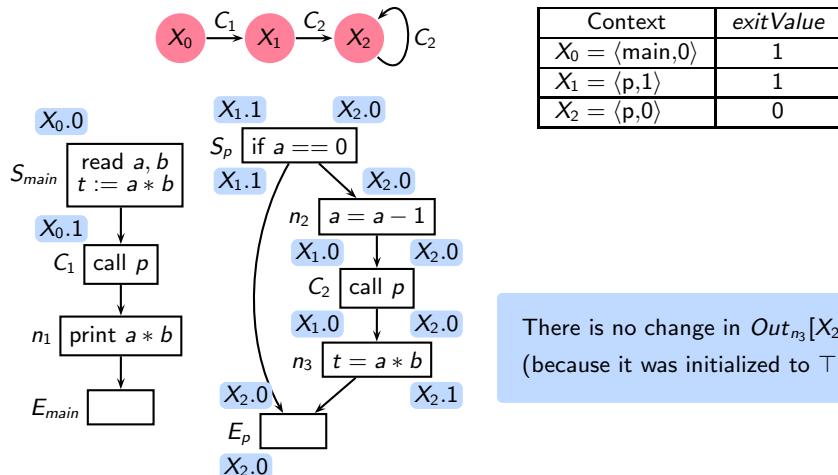
Since  $\text{Out}_{C_2}[X_2]$  changes,  $X_2|n_3$  is added to the work list

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## Available Expressions Analysis Using Value Contexts

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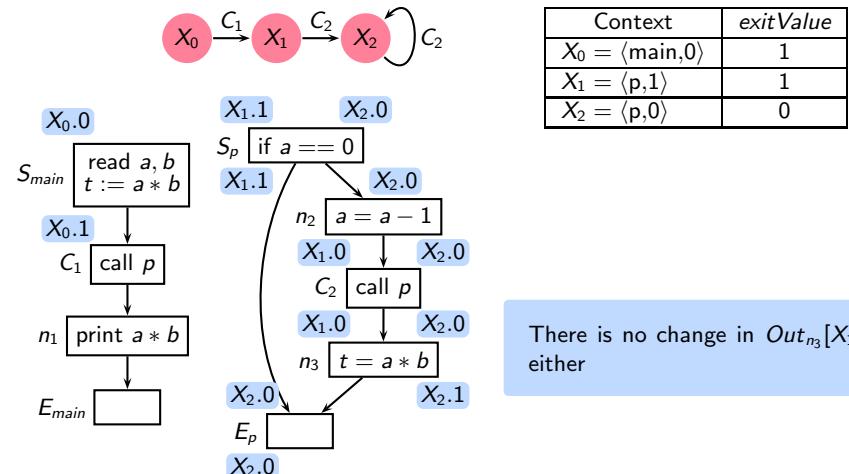


There is no change in  $\text{Out}_{n_3}[X_2]$   
(because it was initialized to  $\top$ )

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$$WL = [X_1|n_3, X_1|E_p, X_0|n_1, X_0|E_m]$$



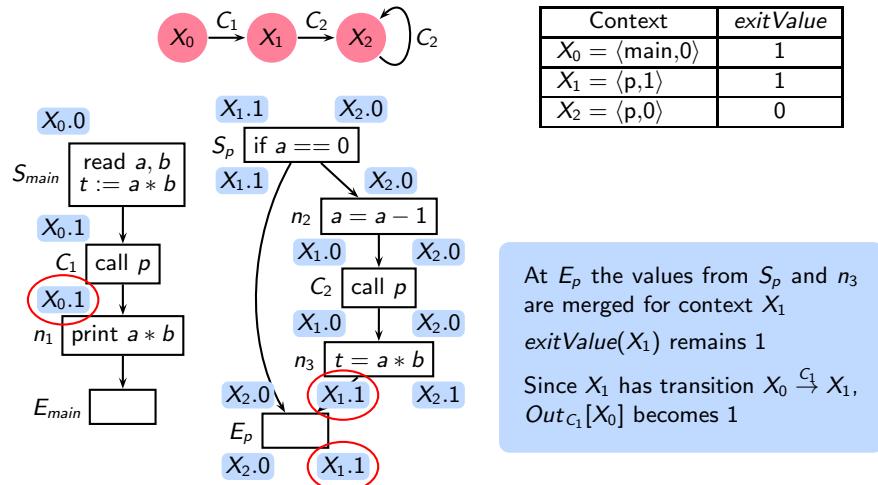
There is no change in  $\text{Out}_{n_3}[X_1]$   
either

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## Available Expressions Analysis Using Value Contexts

$$WL = [X_1 | E_p, X_0 | n_1, X_0 | E_m]$$



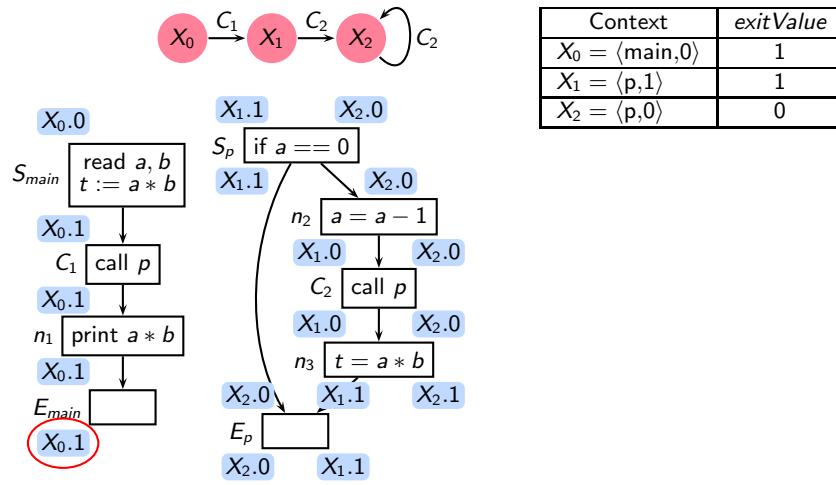
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## Available Expressions Analysis Using Value Contexts

$$WL = [X_0 | E_m]$$



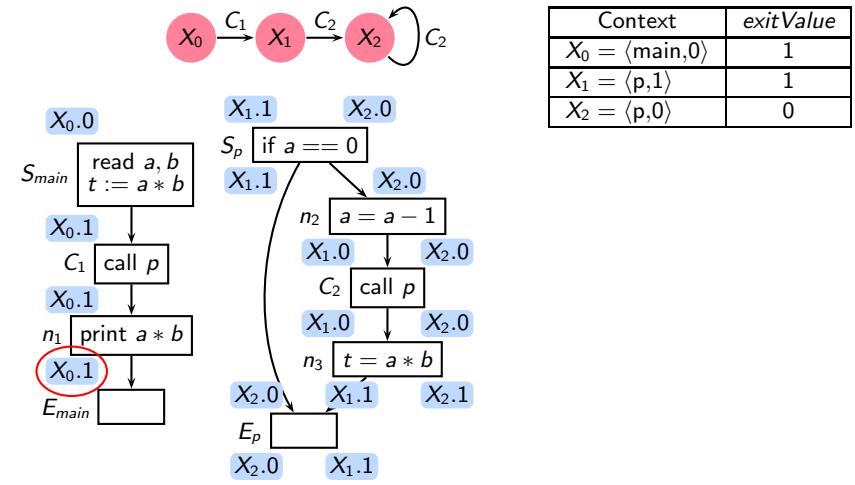
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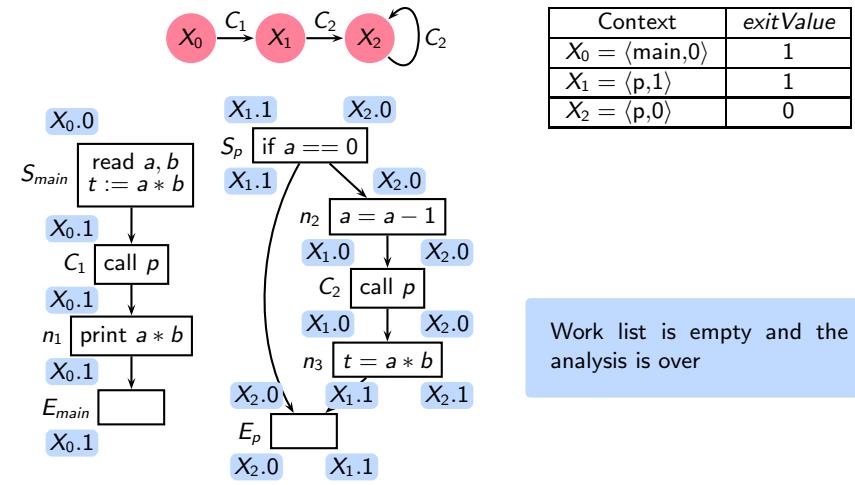
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## Available Expressions Analysis Using Value Contexts

$$WL = [ ]$$



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## A Trace of Value Context Based Analysis (1)

S. No.	Work List	Sel. node	Data flow value	New context	New trans.	exit value	Addition to the work list
1				$X_0 = \langle m, 0 \rangle$		$X_0.1$	$X_0 S_m, X_0 C_1, X_0 n_1, X_0 E_m$
2	$X_0 S_m, X_0 C_1, X_0 n_1, X_0 E_m$	$S_m$	$Out_{S_m}[X_0] = 1$				
3	$X_0 C_1, X_0 n_1, X_0 E_m$	$C_1$		$X_1 = \langle p, 1 \rangle$	$X_0 \xrightarrow{C_1} X_1$	$X_1.1$	$X_1 S_p, X_1 n_2, X_1 C_2, X_1 n_3, X_1 E_p, X_0 n_1, X_0 E_m$
4	$X_1 S_p, X_1 n_2, X_1 C_2, X_1 n_3, X_1 E_p, X_0 n_1, X_0 E_m$	$S_p$	$Out_{S_p}[X_1] = 1$				
5	$X_1 n_2, X_1 C_2, X_1 n_3, X_1 E_p, X_0 n_1, X_0 E_m$	$n_2$	$Out_{n_2}[X_1] = 0$				
6	$X_1 C_2, X_1 n_3, X_1 E_p, X_0 n_1, X_0 E_m$	$C_2$		$X_2 = \langle p, 0 \rangle$	$X_1 \xrightarrow{C_2} X_2$	$X_2.1$	$X_2 S_p, X_2 n_2, X_2 C_2, X_2 n_3, X_2 E_p$
7	$X_2 S_p, X_2 n_2, X_2 C_2, X_2 n_3, X_2 E_p, X_1 n_3, X_1 E_p, X_0 n_1, X_0 E_m$	$S_p$	$Out_{S_p}[X_2] = 0$				

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## Merging ExitValue with Previous Out Value at the Call Site

Select  $X|n$  from WL. Compute  $In_n$ . Let  $X.v$  be in  $In_n$

- If  $n = C_i$  calling procedure  $p$ 
  - If some context  $\langle p, v \rangle$  exists (say  $Y$ ) /\*  $p$  is the callee \*/
    - record the transition  $X \xrightarrow{C_i} Y$
    - $Out_{C_i}[X] = Out_{C_i}[X] \sqcap Out_{C_i}[X] \sqcap exitValue(Y)$
    - if there is a change, add  $X|m, \forall m \in succ(C_i)$  to WL

Analogy:

- At the intraprocedural level, we merge the values at the entry of a loop to compute the glb across all iterations of the loop
- At the interprocedural level, we want to compute the glb across repeated calls at the same call site (perhaps in a loop)

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## A Trace of Value Context Based Analysis (2)

S. No.	Work List	Sel. node	Data flow value	New context	New trans.	exit value	Addition to the work list
8	$X_2 n_2, X_2 C_2, X_2 n_3, X_2 E_p, X_1 n_3, X_1 E_p, X_0 n_1, X_0 E_m$	$n_2$	$Out_{n_2}[X_2] = 0$				
9	$X_2 C_2, X_2 n_3, X_2 E_p, X_1 n_3, X_1 E_p, X_0 n_1, X_0 E_m$	$C_2$	$Out_{C_2}[X_2] = 1$		$X_2 \xrightarrow{C_2} X_2$		
10	$X_2 n_3, X_2 E_p, X_1 n_3, X_1 E_p, X_0 n_1, X_0 E_m$	$n_3$	$Out_{n_3}[X_2] = 1$				
11	$X_2 E_p, X_1 n_3, X_1 E_p, X_0 n_1, X_0 E_m$	$E_p$	$Out_{E_p}[X_2] = 0$ $Out_{C_2}[X_2] = 0$ $Out_{C_2}[X_1] = 0$			$X_2.0$	$X_2 n_3$
12	$X_2 n_3, X_1 n_3, X_1 E_p, X_0 n_1, X_0 E_m$	$n_3$	No change				
13	$X_1 n_3, X_1 E_p, X_0 n_1, X_0 E_m$	$n_3$	$Out_{n_3}[X_1] = 1$				
14	$X_1 E_p, X_0 n_1, X_0 E_m$	$E_p$	$Out_{E_p}[X_1] = 1$ $Out_{C_1}[X_0] = 1$			$X_1.1$	
15	$X_0 n_1, X_0 E_m$	$n_1$	$Out_{n_1}[X_0] = 1$				
16	$X_0 E_m$	$E_m$	$Out_{E_m}[X_0] = 1$				

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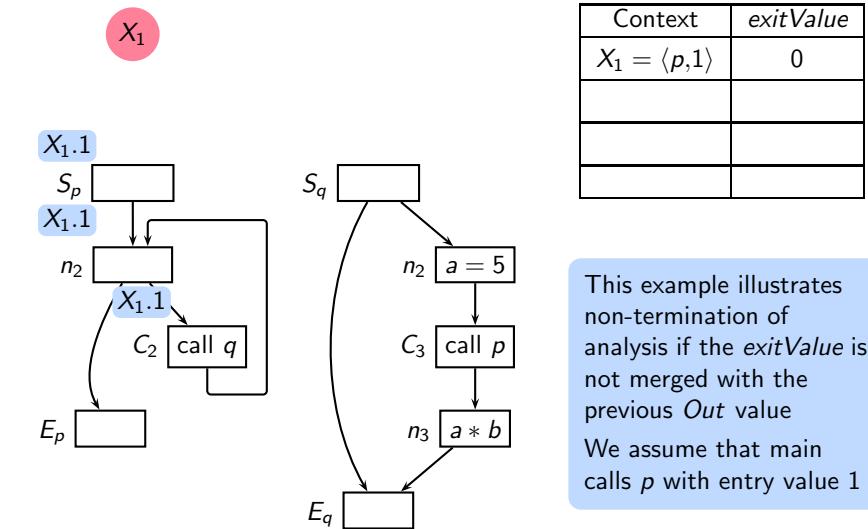
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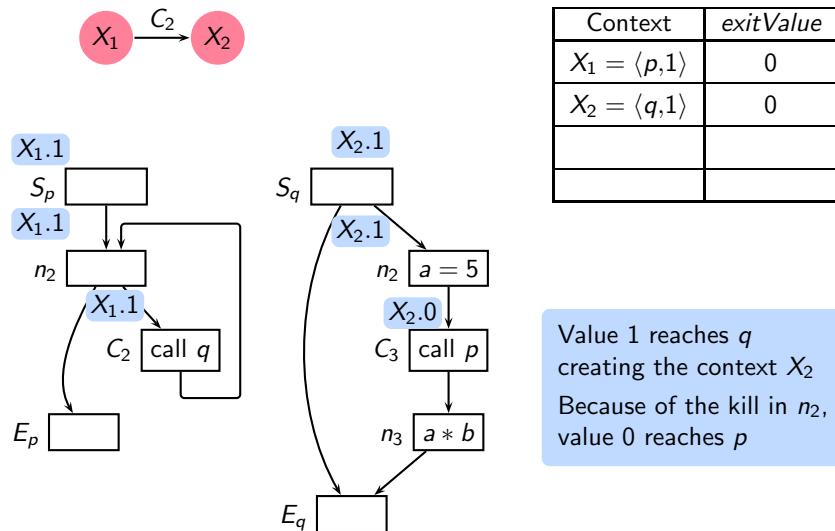


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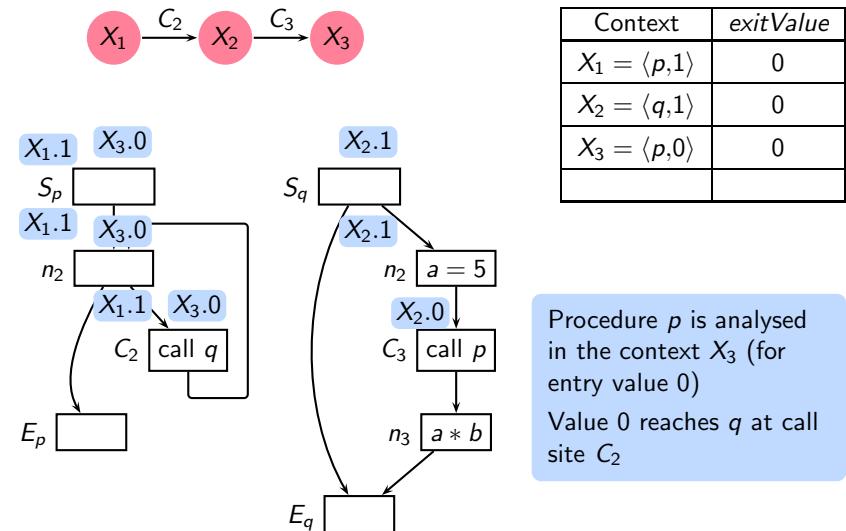


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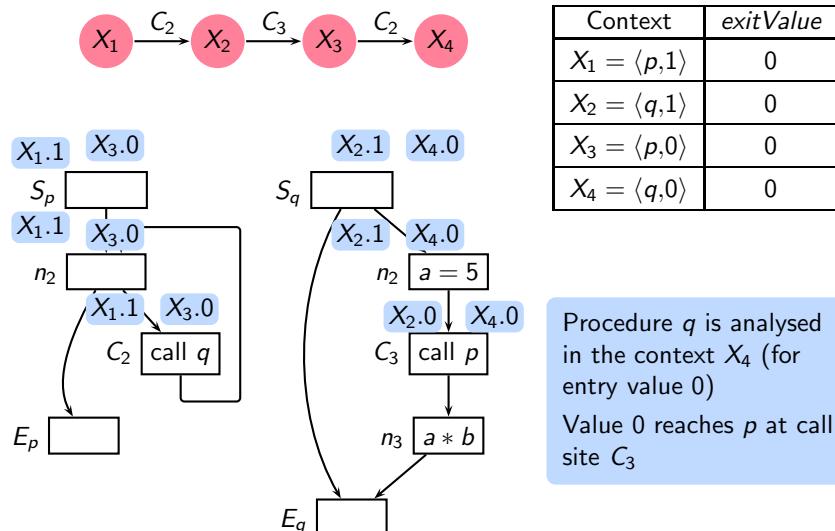


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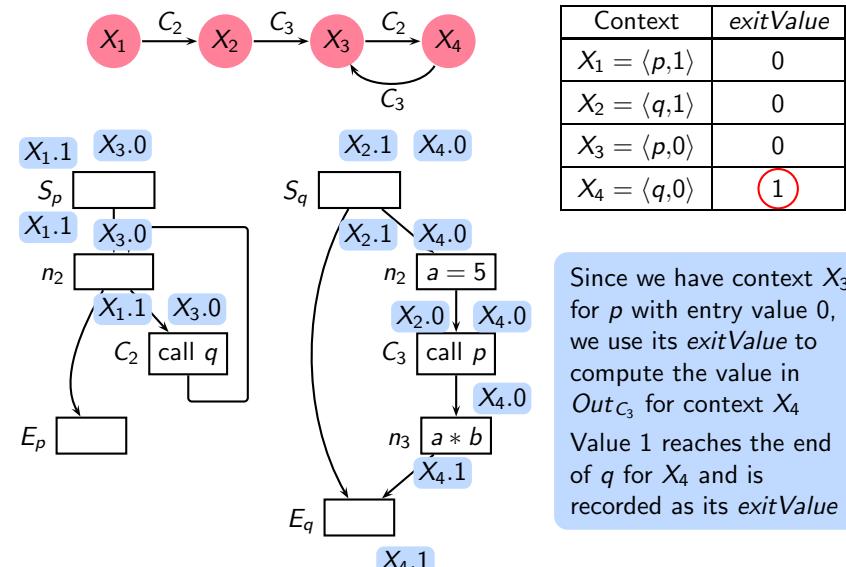


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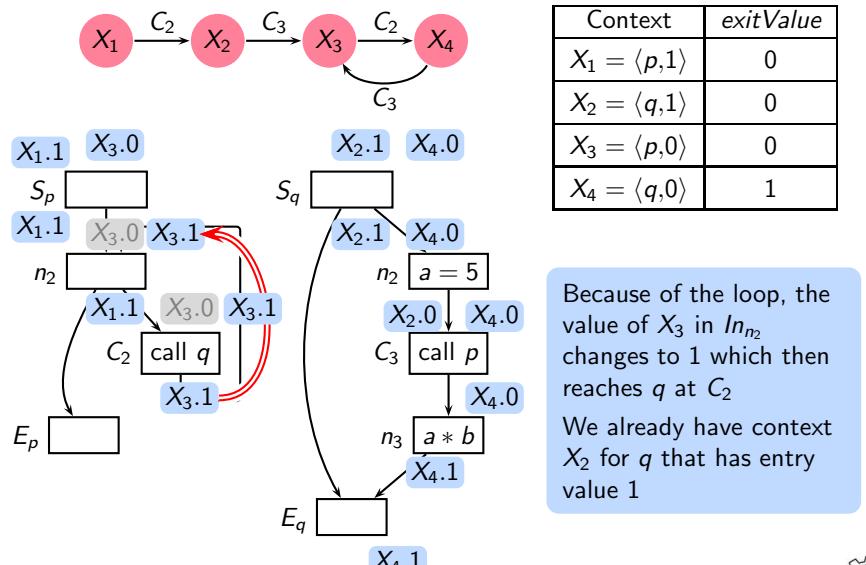


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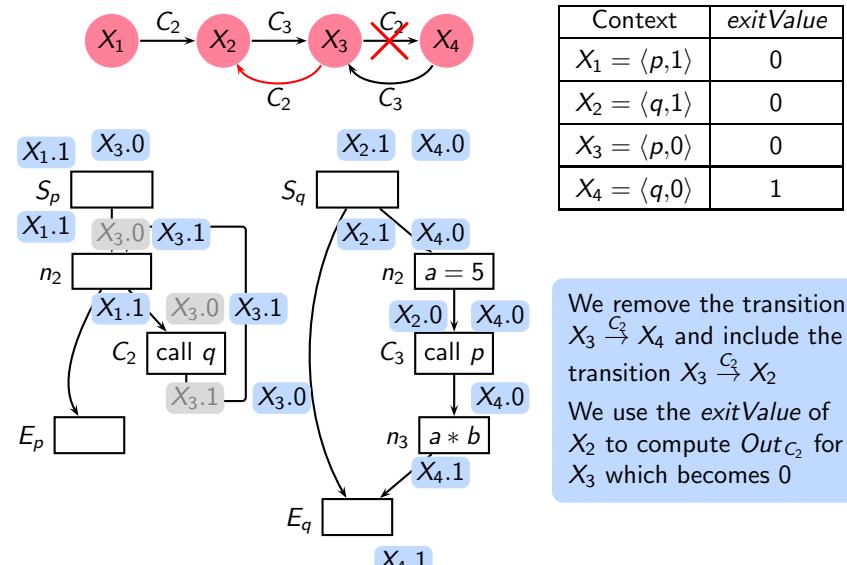


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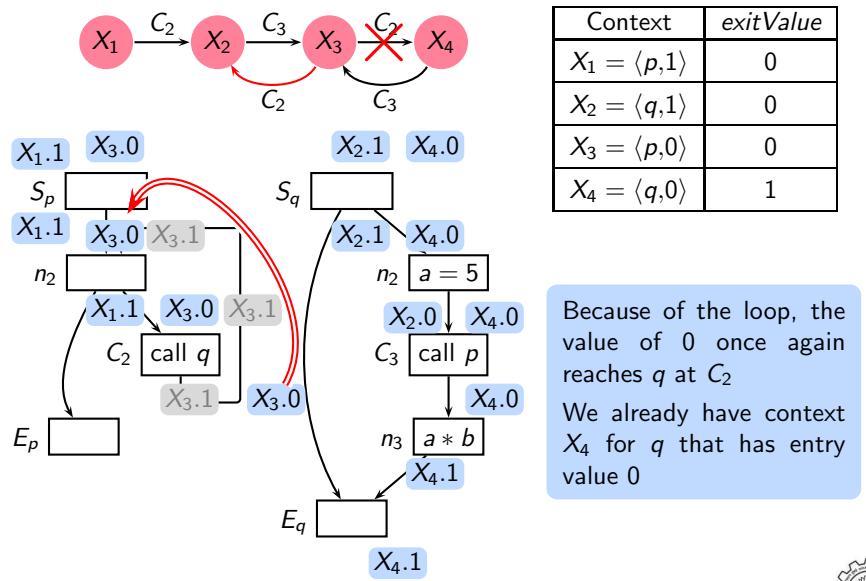


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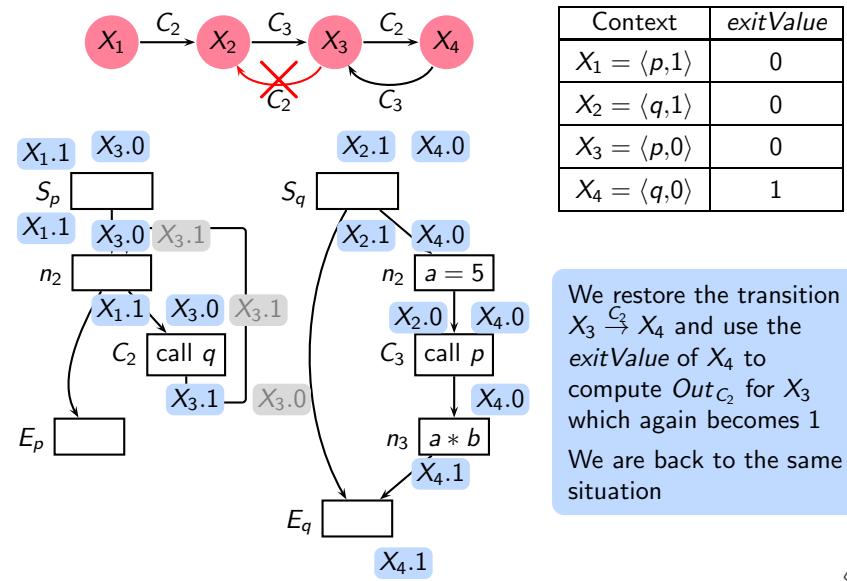


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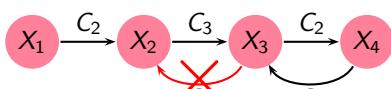


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## Partially Available Expressions Analysis Using Value Contexts



Context	exitValue
$X_1 = \langle p, 1 \rangle$	0

- The process would not terminate so long as the processing of the nodes in the loop continues
- If the work list organization allows processing of  $E_p$ , then the  $exitValue$  of  $X_3$  will also change to 1 which will lead to termination
- Our underlying flow functions are monotonic and a fixed point exists; non-termination is caused by the algorithm because its progress depends on the order of the nodes in the work list
- We avoid this problem by taking a meet at the exit of call nodes when the exit values of existing contexts are used at the call sites in the callers

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## Defining Value Context Method Using Data Flow Equations

We assume the following auxiliary functions

- Function  $context$  maintains the context information  
 $context(p, v)$  returns the context of procedure  $p$  for entry value  $v$   
If no such context exists, the function creates a new context and returns it
- Function  $exitValue(X)$  returns the exit value of context  $X$   
If context  $X$  does not exist, the function returns  $\top \in L$
- Function  $gpred$  extends the predecessor relation  $pred$  (which is local to a procedure) to a global level across procedures

$$gpred(p, n) = \begin{cases} \{(q, m) \mid \text{call site } m \text{ in } q \text{ calls } p\} & n \text{ is } S_p \\ \{(p, m) \mid m \in pred(n)\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



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## Defining Value Context Method Using Data Flow Equations

- The overall data flow values  $\Gamma$  are sets of  $X.v$  where  $X$  is a context and  $v \in L$  is the underlying data flow value.
- We merge underlying data flow values only if the contexts are same

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_1 \uplus \Gamma_2 &= \{X.w \mid X.u \in \Gamma_1 \wedge X.v \in \Gamma_2 \Rightarrow w = u \sqcap v, \\ &\quad X.u \in \Gamma_1 \wedge X.v \notin \Gamma_2 \Rightarrow w = u, \\ &\quad X.u \notin \Gamma_1 \wedge X.v \in \Gamma_2 \Rightarrow w = v\} \end{aligned}$$

Effectively, if a context does not exist in  $\Gamma$ , its value is  $\top$  in  $\Gamma$

- Data flow variables for node  $n$  in procedure  $p$  are  $In(p, n)$  and  $Out(p, n)$
- The flow function for node  $n$  in procedure  $p$  is  $f(p, n)$



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## Defining Value Context Method Using Data Flow Equations

We define data flow equations for a forward data flow analysis

$$In(p, n) = \begin{cases} \{X.v \mid X = context(p, v), Y.v \in In(q, m), n \text{ is } S_p \\ \quad (q, m) \in gpred(p, n)\} \\ \uplus \quad Out(p, m) & \text{otherwise} \\ (p, m) \in gpred(p, n) \end{cases}$$

$$Out(p, n) = \begin{cases} Out(p, n) \uplus \{X.v' \mid X.v' \in In(p, m), \\ \quad Y = context(q, v'), \\ \quad v = exitValue(Y)\} & n \text{ calls } q \\ \{X.v \mid X.v' \in In(p, m), v = f(p, n)(v')\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



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## Value Contexts and Interprocedurally Valid Paths

The role of value contexts in context sensitivity

- Value contexts preserve interprocedurally valid paths
- Value contexts consider only interprocedurally valid paths

We explain this with the help of an example by illustrating paths using a staircase diagram



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## Value Contexts and Interprocedurally Valid Paths: Example

We explain the data flow value at the entry of  $C_2$  by dividing the paths into the following two categories:

- Paths in which the innermost recursion is along the call at  $C_2$ .
- Paths in which the innermost recursion is along the call at  $C_3$ .

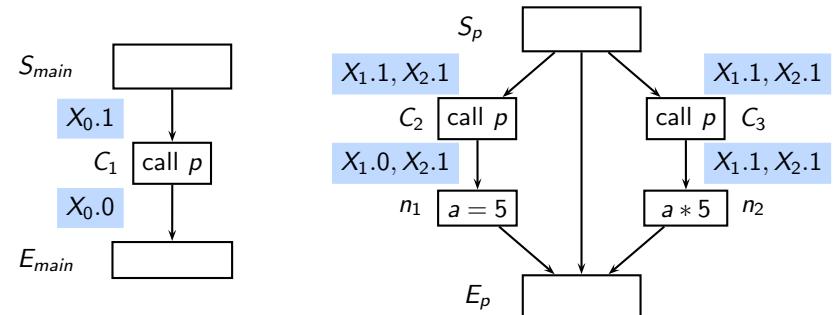
We draw the staircase diagrams of the example paths in the two categories



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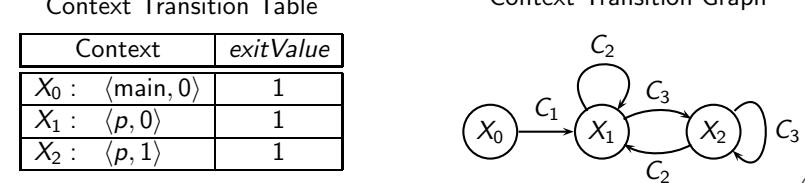
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## Value Contexts and Interprocedurally Valid Paths: Example



Context Transition Table

Context	exitValue
$X_0 : \langle \text{main}, 0 \rangle$	1
$X_1 : \langle p, 0 \rangle$	1
$X_2 : \langle p, 1 \rangle$	1



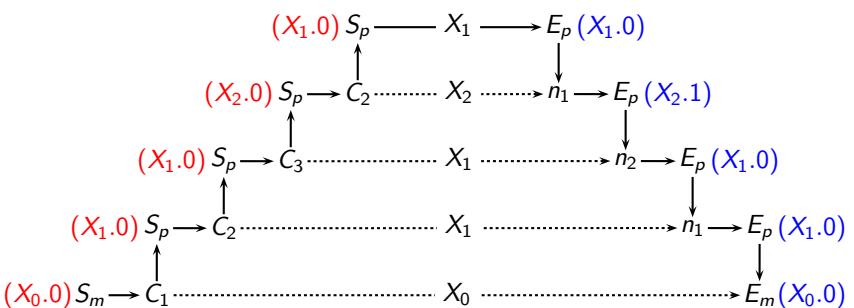
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## Innermost Recursion Along the Call at $C_2$

For this example, the innermost call determines the exitValue of contexts



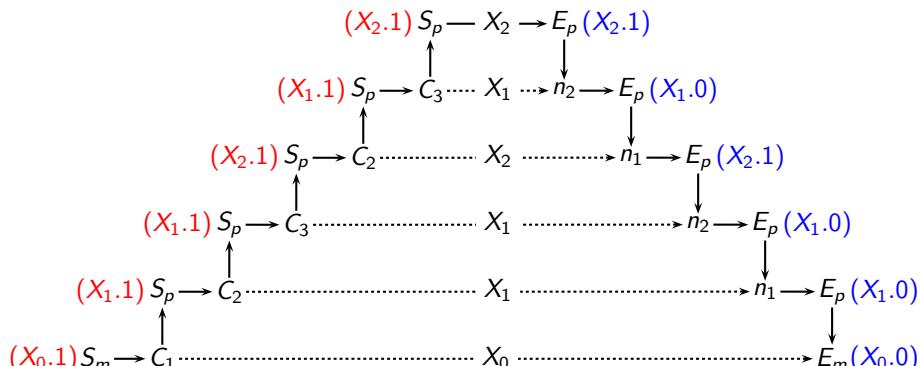
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## Innermost Recursion Along the Call at $C_3$

Again, the innermost call determines the *exitValue* of contexts  
The final values at the entry of  $C_3$  are 1 (union of 1 and 0)



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## Tutorial Problem #2 for Value Contexts

Perform interprocedural live variables analysis using value contexts

```

main()
{
    p();
}
p()
{
    while (...)

    {
        printf ("%d\n",a);
        p();
    }
}
  
```

Observe the change in edges in the transition diagram

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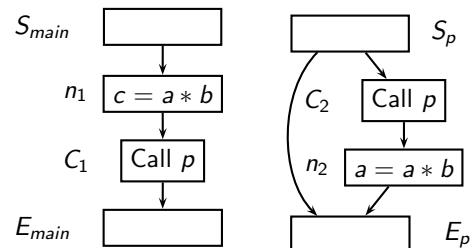


## Tutorial Problem #1 for Value Contexts

```

1. int a,b,c;
2. void main()
3. {
    c = a*b;
4.   p();
5. }
6. void p()
7. {
    if (...)

8. {
    p();
9.   Is a*b available?
10.  a = a*b;
11. }
12. }
  
```



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## Tutorial Problem #3 for Value Contexts

Perform interprocedural available expressions analysis using value contexts

```

main()
{
    while (a > b)
    {
        c = a*b;
        p();
    }
}
p()
{
    while (a > b)
    {
        p();
        a = a*b;
    }
}
  
```

Observe the change in edges in the transition diagram

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## Tutorial Problem #4 for Value Contexts

Perform interprocedural available expressions analysis using value contexts

```

1. main()
2. {
3.     c = a*b;
4.     p();
5.     a = a*b;
6. }
7. p()
8. {
9.     if (... )
10.    {
11.        a = a*b;
12.        p();
13.    }
14.    else if (... )
15.    {
16.        c = a * b;
17.        p();
18.        c = a;
19.    }
20. }
21. else
22.     ; /* ignore */
23. }
```

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## Result of Tutorial #5

```

main()
{
    a = 5; b = 3;
    c = 7; d = 2;
    /*{a,d}*/
    p();
    /*{a,b,c,d}*/
    a = a + 2;
    e = c+d;
    /*{a,b,e}*/
    d = a*b;
    /*{d,e}*/
    q();
    /*{a,c,e}*/
    print a+c+e;
}

p()
{
    /*{a,d,e}*/
    b = 2;
    if (b<d)
        /*{a,b,d,e}*/
        c = a+b;
    else
        /*{d,e}*/
        q();
    /*{a,b,c,d,e}*/
    print c+d;
}

q()
{
    /*{d,e}*/
    a = 1;
    /*{a,d,e}*/
    p();
    /*{a,b,c,d,e}*/
    a = a*b;
}
```

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## Tutorial Problem #5 for Value Contexts

Perform interprocedural live variables analysis using value contexts

```

main()
{
    a = 5; b = 3;
    c = 7; d = 2;
    p();
    a = a + 2;
    e = c+d;
    d = a*b;
    q();
    print a+c+e;
}

p()
{
    b = 2;
    if (b<d)
        c = a+b;
    else
        q();
    print a+c+e;
}

q()
{
    a = 1;
    p();
    a = a*b;
}
```

Context sensitivity: e is live on entry to p but not before its call in main

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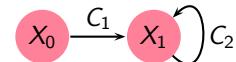
## Tutorial Problem #6: Interprocedural Points-to Analysis

```

main()
{
    x = &y;
    z = &x;
    y = &z;
    p(); /* C1 */
}

p()
{
    if (... )
        { p(); /* C2 */
        x = *x;
        }
}
```

Value contexts method requires three contexts as shown below in the transition diagram



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## Reaching Definitions Analysis in GCC 4.0

Program	LoC	#F	#C	3K length bound				Proposed Approach			
				K	#CS	Max	Time	#CS	Max	Time	
hanoi	33	2	4	4	100000+	99922	$3973 \times 10^3$	8	7	2.37	
bit_gray	53	5	11	7	100000+	31374	$2705 \times 10^3$	17	6	3.83	
analyzer	288	14	20	2		21	4	20.33	21	4	1.39
distray	331	9	21	6	96	28	322.41	22	4	1.11	
mason	350	9	13	8	100000+	22143	$432 \times 10^3$	14	4	0.43	
fourinarow	676	17	45	5	510	158	397.76	46	7	1.86	
sim	1146	13	45	8	100000+	33546	$1427 \times 10^3$	211	105	234.16	
181_mcf	1299	17	24	6	32789	32767	$484 \times 10^3$	41	11	5.15	
256_bzip2	3320	63	198	7	492	63	258.33	406	34	200.19	

- LoC is the number of lines of code,
- #F is the number of procedures,
- #C is the number of call sites,
- #CS is the number of call strings
- Max denotes the maximum number of call strings reaching any node.
- Analysis time is in milliseconds.

(Implementation was carried out by Seema Ravandale.)



## Some Observations

- Compromising on precision may not be necessary for efficiency.
- Separating the necessary information from redundant information is much more significant.
- Data flow propagation in real programs seems to involve only a small subset of all possible values.  
Much fewer changes than the theoretically possible worst case number of changes.
- A precise modelling of the process of analysis is often an eye opener.

$$\begin{aligned} \# \text{ distinct tagged values} = \\ \text{Min} (\# \text{ actual contexts}, \# \text{ actual data flow values}) \end{aligned}$$