

Abstract Interpretation II

Semantics and Application to Program Verification

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Interval lattice

Reminder: Intervals

Idea: abstract program states by the bounds of each variable

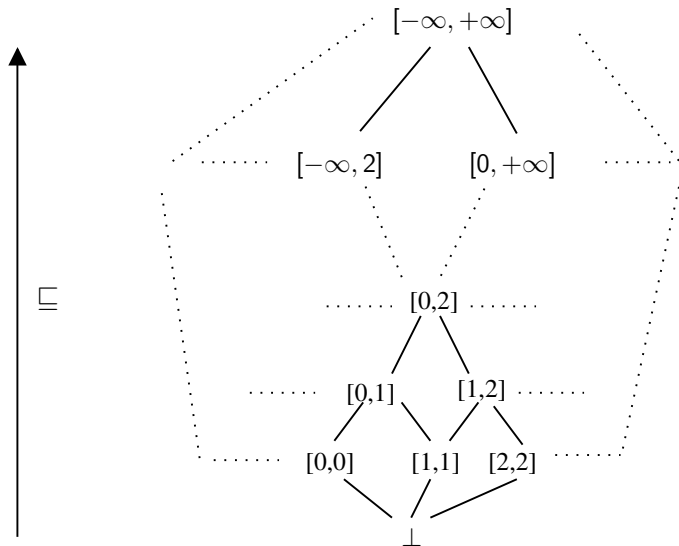
- non-relational abstraction
(aka. attribute-independent, no relation between variables)
- sufficient to **express** freedom from overflow
(e.g., computations in machine integers or floats, array accesses)

Intervals: abstraction of sets of integers $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z})$

$$\mathbb{I} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ [a, b] \mid a \in \mathbb{Z} \cup \{-\infty\}, b \in \mathbb{Z} \cup \{+\infty\}, a \leq b \} \cup \{\perp\}$$

- $-\infty, +\infty$ bounds are needed to abstract unbounded sets
 $[-\infty, +\infty] = \top$ represents \mathbb{Z} , $[0, +\infty]$ represents \mathbb{N} , etc.
 \implies any integer set may be over-approximated in \mathbb{I}
 (we can always resort to \top)
- \perp (uniquely) represents \emptyset
 (in $[a, b]$, we have $a \leq b$ so that non- \perp intervals are never empty)

Interval lattice



Algebraic structure

partial order: \sqsubseteq

- $\forall I \in \mathbb{I}: \perp \sqsubseteq I$
- $[a, b] \sqsubseteq [c, d] \iff a \geq c \wedge b \leq d$
(where \leq is extended naturally to $\mathbb{Z} \cup \{-\infty, +\infty\}$ as: $\forall c \in \mathbb{Z}: -\infty < c < +\infty$)

lattice structure: \sqcup, \sqcap

- least upper bound \sqcup for \sqsubseteq
 - $\forall I \in \mathbb{I}: \perp \sqcup I = I \sqcup \perp = I$
 - $[a, b] \sqcup [c, d] = [\min(a, c), \max(b, d)]$
- greatest lower bound \sqcap :
 - $\forall I \in \mathbb{I}: \perp \sqcap I = I \sqcap \perp = \perp$
 - $[a, b] \sqcap [c, d] = \begin{cases} [\max(a, c), \min(b, d)] & \text{if } \max(a, c) \leq \min(b, d) \\ \perp & \text{if } \max(a, c) > \min(b, d) \end{cases}$

Algebraic structure

Notes:

- the lattice is **complete**

$\forall I \subseteq \mathbb{I}$: $\sqcup I$ and $\sqcap I$ exist

$$\sqcup \{ [a_j, b_j] \mid j \in J \} = [\min_{j \in J} a_j, \max_{j \in J} b_j]$$

$$\sqcap \{ [a_j, b_j] \mid j \in J \} = [\max_{j \in J} a_j, \min_{j \in J} b_j] \text{ if } \max \leq \min, \text{ or } \perp \text{ otherwise}$$

- intervals are **closed** by \cap

$$[a, b] \cap [c, d] = [a, b] \sqcap [c, d]$$

\implies this will be useful to define best interval approximations

- intervals are **not closed** by \cup

$$[0, 0] \cup [2, 2] = \{0, 2\}, \text{ which is not an interval; } [0, 0] \sqcup [2, 2] = [0, 2]$$

- \sqcup and \sqcap are **not distributive**

$$([0, 0] \sqcup [2, 2]) \sqcap [1, 1] = [0, 2] \sqcap [1, 1] = [1, 1]$$

$$\text{but } ([0, 0] \sqcap [1, 1]) \sqcup ([2, 2] \sqcap [1, 1]) = \emptyset \sqcup \emptyset = \emptyset$$

\implies this can be a cause of precision loss

Reminder: Interval Galois connection

Interval Galois connection: $(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}), \subseteq) \xleftrightarrow[\alpha]{\gamma} (\mathbb{I}, \sqsubseteq)$

- $\begin{cases} \gamma(\perp) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \emptyset \\ \gamma([a, b]) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid a \leq x \leq b\} \end{cases}$
- $\alpha(X) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \perp & \text{if } X = \emptyset \\ [\min X, \max X] & \text{if } X \neq \emptyset \end{cases}$
- Galois connection definition: $\forall I, X: \alpha(X) \sqsubseteq I \iff X \subseteq \gamma(I)$
- main property: $\alpha(X)$ is the **best** abstraction in \mathbb{I} of $X \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$

Proof: that $\alpha(X) \sqsubseteq I \iff X \subseteq \gamma(I)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \alpha(X) \sqsubseteq (a, b) \\
 \iff & \min X \geq a \wedge \max X \leq b && (\text{def. } \alpha, \sqsubseteq) \\
 \iff & \forall x \in X: a \leq x \leq b && (\text{def. min, max}) \\
 \iff & \forall x \in X: x \in \{y \mid a \leq y \leq b\} \\
 \iff & \forall x \in X: x \in \gamma([a, b]) && (\text{def. } \gamma) \\
 \iff & X \subseteq \gamma([a, b]) && (\text{prop. } \subseteq)
 \end{aligned}$$

Reminder: Sound, optimal, exact abstractions

Given $F : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z})$, how do we construct $F^\sharp : \mathbb{I} \rightarrow \mathbb{I}$?

Optimality: define F^\sharp as $F^\sharp = \alpha \circ F \circ \gamma$

then $\forall I \in \mathbb{I}: F^\sharp(I) = \min_{\subseteq} \{ I' \in \mathbb{I} \mid F(\gamma(I)) \subseteq \gamma(I') \}$

(by definition of Galois connections)

this implies: $\forall I \in \mathbb{I}: \gamma(F^\sharp(I)) = \min_{\subseteq} \{ \gamma(I') \mid F(\gamma(I)) \subseteq \gamma(I') \}$

(F^\sharp outputs the smallest interval encompassing all the concrete results)

Note: not all domains have a best abstraction α !

we will see abstract interpretation with just γ

in that case, we say that F^\sharp is optimal if
 $\gamma(F^\sharp(I)) = \min_{\subseteq} \{ \gamma(I') \mid F(\gamma(I)) \subseteq \gamma(I') \}$

(such a F^\sharp may not always exist, nor be unique)

Reminder: Sound, optimal, exact abstractions

Soundness: core property of abstract operators

$$\alpha \circ F \circ \gamma \sqsubseteq F^\#$$

this is equivalent to $F \circ \gamma \subseteq \gamma \circ F^\#$

(an abstract step $F^\#$ over-approximates a concrete one F)

if no α exist, we take $F \circ \gamma \subseteq \gamma \circ F^\#$ as definition of soundness

Exactness: $\forall I \in \mathbb{I}: F(\gamma(I)) = \gamma(F^\#(I))$

- quite rare: $\forall I \in \mathbb{I}: F(\gamma(I))$ must be exactly representable in \mathbb{I}
- $\alpha \circ F \circ \gamma$ is not always exact
- even if it exists, such a $F^\#$ may be difficult to compute

Summary:

- α provides a systematic way to define an optimal $F^\#$
- it may not be possible or practicable to use $\alpha \circ F \circ \gamma$
 \implies we settle for a sound $F^\#$ instead of an optimal one

Concrete integer operations

Goal: design interval versions of core operators

building blocks to design an interval semantics

Concrete arithmetic operators:

$+, -, \times, /$, lifted to sets $(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}))^n \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z})$

$$X \overset{\text{def}}{=} \{-x \mid x \in X\}$$

$$X \overset{\text{def}}{+} Y = \{x + y \mid x \in X, y \in Y\}$$

$$X \overset{\text{def}}{-} Y = \{x - y \mid x \in X, y \in Y\}$$

$$X \overset{\text{def}}{\times} Y = \{x \times y \mid x \in X, y \in Y\}$$

$$X \overset{\text{def}}{/} Y = \{x/y \mid x \in X, y \in Y, y \neq 0\}$$

where $/$ rounds towards 0 (truncation)

Set operators: $\cup, \cap, \subseteq, =$

Interval set operators

Optimal binary operators: $A_1 \diamond^{\#} A_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \alpha(\gamma(A_1) \diamond \gamma(A_2))$

- $\cap^{\#} = \sqcap$

as $\gamma([a, b] \sqcap [c, d]) = \gamma([a, b]) \cap \gamma([c, d])$

- $\cup^{\#} = \sqcup$

as $\alpha(\gamma([a, b]) \cup \gamma([c, d]))$
 $= \alpha(\{x \mid a \leq x \leq b \vee c \leq x \leq d\})$
 $= [\min \{x \mid a \leq x \leq b \vee c \leq x \leq d\}, \max \{x \mid a \leq x \leq b \vee c \leq x \leq d\}]$
 $= [\min(a, c), \max(b, d)]$
 $= [a, b] \sqcup [c, d]$

Optimal predicates: $A_1 \bowtie^{\#} A_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \gamma(A_1) \bowtie \gamma(A_2)$

- $\subseteq^{\#}$ is \sqsubseteq

as $\gamma([a, b]) \subseteq \gamma([c, d]) \iff a \geq c \wedge b \leq d \iff [a, b] \sqsubseteq [c, d]$

- $=^{\#}$ is $=$

as $\gamma([a, b]) = \gamma([c, d]) \iff a = c \wedge b = d$

Note: for soundness, $A_1 \bowtie^{\#} A_2 \implies \gamma(A_1) \bowtie \gamma(A_2)$ is actually sufficient

Interval arithmetic: addition, subtraction

- $-^{\#} [a, b] = [-b, -a]$
- $[a, b] +^{\#} [c, d] = [a + c, b + d]$
- $[a, b] -^{\#} [c, d] = [a - d, b - c]$
- $\forall I \in \mathbb{I}: -^{\#} \perp = \perp +^{\#} I = I +^{\#} \perp = \dots = \perp$ (strictness)

where: $+$ and $-$ is extended to $+\infty$, $-\infty$ as:

$\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}: (+\infty) + x = +\infty$, $(-\infty) + x = -\infty$, $-(+\infty) = (-\infty), \dots$

Proof: **optimality** of $+^{\#}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \alpha(\gamma([a, b]) \bar{\vee} \gamma([c, d])) \\
 &= \alpha(\{x \mid a \leq x \leq b\} \bar{\vee} \{y \mid c \leq y \leq d\}) \\
 &= \alpha(\{x + y \mid a \leq x \leq b \wedge c \leq y \leq d\}) \\
 &= [\min \{x + y \mid a \leq x \leq b \wedge c \leq y \leq d\}, \max \{x + y \mid a \leq x \leq b \wedge c \leq y \leq d\}] \\
 &= [a + c, b + d] \\
 &= [a, b] +^{\#} [c, d]
 \end{aligned}$$

Interval arithmetic: multiplication

- $[a, b] \times^\# [c, d] = [\min(a \times c, a \times d, b \times c, b \times d), \max(a \times c, a \times d, b \times c, b \times d)]$

where \times is extended to $+\infty$ and $-\infty$ by the **rule of signs**:

$$c \times (+\infty) = (+\infty) \text{ if } c > 0, (-\infty) \text{ if } c < 0$$

$$c \times (-\infty) = (-\infty) \text{ if } c > 0, (+\infty) \text{ if } c < 0$$

we also need the **non-standard rule**: $0 \times (+\infty) = 0 \times (-\infty) = 0$

Proof sketch: by decomposition into negative and positive intervals

$$a \geq 1 \quad \wedge \quad c \geq 1 \quad \implies \quad [a, b] \times^\# [c, d] = [a \times c, b \times d]$$

$$b \leq -1 \quad \wedge \quad c \geq 1 \quad \implies \quad [a, b] \times^\# [c, d] = [a \times d, b \times c]$$

$$a \geq 1 \quad \wedge \quad d \leq -1 \quad \implies \quad [a, b] \times^\# [c, d] = [b \times c, a \times d]$$

$$b \leq -1 \quad \wedge \quad d \leq -1 \quad \implies \quad [a, b] \times^\# [c, d] = [b \times d, a \times c]$$

$$a = b = 0 \quad \vee \quad c = d = 0 \quad \implies \quad [a, b] \times^\# [c, d] = [0, 0]$$

$$\begin{aligned} [a, b] \times^\# [c, d] = & ([a, b] \cap [1, +\infty]) \times^\# ([c, d] \cap [1, +\infty]) \sqcup \\ & ([a, b] \cap [1, +\infty]) \times^\# ([c, d] \cap [0, 0]) \sqcup \\ & ([a, b] \cap [1, +\infty]) \times^\# ([c, d] \cap [-\infty, -1]) \sqcup \dots \end{aligned}$$

Interval arithmetic: division

- $/^\#$ by **case split**:

$$([a, b] /^\# ([c, d] \sqcap [1, +\infty])) \sqcup ([a, b] /^\# ([c, d] \sqcap [-\infty, -1]))$$

where

$$[a, b] /^\# [c, d] = \begin{cases} [\min(a/c, a/d), \max(b/c, b/d)] & \text{if } 1 \leq c \\ [\min(b/c, b/d), \max(a/c, a/d)] & \text{if } d \leq -1 \end{cases}$$

where $/$ is extended to $+\infty$ and $-\infty$ by the **rule of signs**:

$$c/(+\infty) = c/(-\infty) = 0, \text{ including } (+\infty)/(+\infty) = 0$$

$$(+\infty)/c = (+\infty) \text{ if } c > 0, (-\infty) \text{ if } c < 0$$

$$(-\infty)/c = (-\infty) \text{ if } c > 0, (+\infty) \text{ if } c < 0$$

Examples:

$$[-5, 5] /^\# [0, 0] = \perp$$

$$[5, 10] /^\# [-1, 1] = ([5, 10] /^\# [1, 1]) \sqcup ([5, 10] /^\# [-1, -1]) = [5, 10] \sqcup [-10, -5] = [-10, 10]$$

Interval operator exactness

- **exact** interval operations: \cap^\sharp , $+\sharp$, $-\sharp$

- **non-exact** interval operations: \cup^\sharp , \times^\sharp , $/^\sharp$

$$[0, 1] \cup^\sharp [10, 11] = [0, 11] \quad \text{but} \quad \gamma([0, 1]) \cup \gamma([10, 11]) = \{0, 1, 10, 11\}$$

$$[0, 1] \times^\sharp [2, 2] = [0, 2] \quad \text{but} \quad \gamma([0, 1]) \bar{\times} \gamma([2, 2]) = \{0, 2\}$$

$$[10, 10] /^\sharp [-1, 1] = [-10, 10] \quad \text{but} \quad \gamma([10, 10]) \bar{/} \gamma([-1, 1]) = \{-10, 10\}$$

Note: F^\sharp is exact if it is optimal and $\forall a \in A: F(\gamma(a)) \in \{\gamma(x) \mid x \in A\}$

Operator composition

- if F^\sharp and G^\sharp are **sound** and F is monotonic, then $F^\sharp \circ G^\sharp$ is sound

Proof:

$$G(\gamma(I)) \subseteq \gamma(G^\sharp(I)), \text{ so: } F(G(\gamma(I))) \subseteq F(\gamma(G^\sharp(I))) \subseteq \gamma(F^\sharp(G^\sharp(I)))$$

- if F^\sharp and G^\sharp are **exact**, then $F^\sharp \circ G^\sharp$ is exact

Proof: $F(G(\gamma(I))) = F(\gamma(G^\sharp(I))) = \gamma(F^\sharp(G^\sharp(I)))$

- if F^\sharp and G^\sharp are **optimal**, then $F^\sharp \circ G^\sharp$ is sound but **not necessarily optimal!**

Example:

$$F(X) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{2x \mid x \in X\} \text{ and } G(X) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x \in X \mid x \geq 1\}$$

$$F^\sharp([a, b]) = [2a, 2b] \text{ and } G^\sharp([a, b]) = [a, b] \cap^\sharp [1, +\infty] \text{ are optimal}$$

$$\text{but } G^\sharp(F^\sharp([0, 1])) = [0, 2] \cap^\sharp [1, +\infty] = [1, 2]$$

$$\text{while } \alpha(G(F(\gamma([0, 1]))) = [2, 2]$$

\implies decomposing the semantics into more fined-grained operators

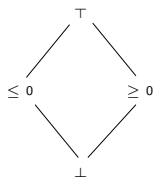
- **simplifies** analysis design and enhances **reusability**
- but **can degrade the precision**

Side-note: Meet closure and optimality

Reminder: $\gamma(a \sqcap a') = \gamma(a) \cap \gamma(a')$

$\implies \{\gamma(a) \mid a \in A\}$ must be **closed under \cap**

Counter-example: invalid sign domain



$A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\perp, \leq 0, \geq 0, \top\}$

$\gamma(\leq 0) \cap \gamma(\geq 0) = \{0\} \notin \gamma(A)$
no best abstraction for $\{0\}$

\implies no Galois connection

possible fixes:

- complete A by \cap : $A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\perp, 0, \leq 0, \geq 0, \top\}$
- hollow A , removing elements: $A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\perp, \geq 0, \top\}$
- fix elements: $A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\perp, < 0, \geq 0, \top\}$

Side-note: Complete meet closure and optimality

Reminder: $\gamma(\sqcap X) = \sqcap \{ \gamma(x) \mid x \in X \}$

$\implies \{ \gamma(a) \mid a \in A \}$ must be **closed under arbitrary \sqcap**

α can be actually defined as $\alpha(c) = \sqcap \{ a \in A \mid c \subseteq \gamma(a) \}$

Counter-example: rational intervals

$\mathbb{I} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ [a, b] \mid a \in \mathbb{Q} \cup \{-\infty\}, b \in \mathbb{Q} \cup \{+\infty\}, a \leq b \} \cup \{\perp\}$

$X = \{ c \mid c^2 \leq 2 \}$ has no best abstraction

because $\max X = \sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$

\implies no Galois connection

we can still define optimal $\cup^\sharp, \cap^\sharp, +^\sharp, -^\sharp, \times^\sharp, /^\sharp$

such that $\forall a_1, a_2: \gamma(a_1 \diamond^\sharp a_2) = \min_{\subseteq} \{ \gamma(a) \mid \gamma(a) \subseteq \gamma(a_1) \diamond \gamma(a_2) \}$

but some operators, such as $F(X) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ \sqrt{x} \mid x \in X \}$, have no best abstraction

\implies we can study abstract domains wrt. the functions they can abstract precisely

Interval analysis

Reminder: Language

Expressions and conditions

<i>expr</i>	::=	V	$V \in \mathbb{V}$
		c	$c \in \mathbb{Z}$
		$-expr$	
		$expr \diamond expr$	$\diamond \in \{+, -, \times, /\}$
		rand (a, b)	$a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$
<i>cond</i>	::=	$expr \bowtie expr$	$\bowtie \in \{\leq, \geq, =, \neq, <, >\}$
		$\neg cond$	
		$cond \diamond cond$	$\diamond \in \{\wedge, \vee\}$

Statements

<i>stat</i>	::=	$V \leftarrow expr$
		if <i>cond</i> then <i>stat</i> else <i>stat</i>
		while <i>cond</i> do <i>stat</i>
		<i>stat</i> ; <i>stat</i>
		skip

Reminder: Concrete semantics of expressions

Classic non-deterministic concrete semantics, in denotational style:

$\underline{E}[\text{expr}] : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z})$ (*arithmetic expressions*)

$$\underline{E}[V] \rho \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\rho(V)\}$$

$$\underline{E}[c] \rho \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{c\}$$

$$\underline{E}[\mathbf{rand}(a, b)] \rho \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x \mid a \leq x \leq b\}$$

$$\underline{E}[-e] \rho \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{-v \mid v \in \underline{E}[e] \rho\}$$

$$\underline{E}[e_1 \diamond e_2] \rho \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{v_1 \diamond v_2 \mid v_1 \in \underline{E}[e_1] \rho, v_2 \in \underline{E}[e_2] \rho, \diamond \neq / \vee v_2 \neq 0\}$$

$\underline{C}[\text{cond}] : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\{\text{true}, \text{false}\})$ (*boolean conditions*)

$$\underline{C}[\neg c] \rho \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\neg v \mid v \in \underline{C}[c] \rho\}$$

$$\underline{C}[c_1 \diamond c_2] \rho \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{v_1 \diamond v_2 \mid v_1 \in \underline{C}[c_1] \rho, v_2 \in \underline{C}[c_2] \rho\}$$

$$\underline{C}[e_1 \bowtie e_2] \rho \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\text{true} \mid \exists v_1 \in \underline{E}[e_1] \rho, v_2 \in \underline{E}[e_2] \rho: v_1 \bowtie v_2\} \cup \{\text{false} \mid \exists v_1 \in \underline{E}[e_1] \rho, v_2 \in \underline{E}[e_2] \rho: v_1 \not\bowtie v_2\}$$

where $\mathcal{E} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

Reminder: Concrete semantics of statements

$$\underline{S[\textit{stat}]} : \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{E})$$

$$S[\textit{skip}] R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} R$$

$$S[s_1; s_2] R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S[s_2] (S[s_1] R)$$

$$S[V \leftarrow e] R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ \rho[V \mapsto v] \mid \rho \in R, v \in E[e] \rho \}$$

$$S[\textit{if } c \textit{ then } s_1 \textit{ else } s_2] R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S[s_1] (S[c?] R) \cup S[s_2] (S[\neg c?] R)$$

$$S[\textit{while } c \textit{ do } s] R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S[\neg c?] (\textit{lfp } \lambda I. R \cup S[s] (S[c?] I))$$

where

$$S[c?] R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ \rho \in R \mid \textit{true} \in C[c] \rho \}$$

$S[\textit{stat}]$ is a \cup -morphism in the complete lattice $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{E}), \subseteq, \cup, \cap, \emptyset, \mathcal{E})$

Reminder: Non-relational abstraction

Reminder: we compose two abstractions:

- $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z})$ is abstracted as $\mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z})$ (forget relationship)
- $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z})$ is abstracted as intervals \mathbb{I} (keep only bounds)

Cartesian lattice:

- $\mathcal{E}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{I}$
- **point-wise** order: $X_1^\# \dot{\subseteq} X_2^\# \iff \forall V \in \mathbb{V}: X_1^\#(V) \subseteq X_2^\#(V)$
- join: $X_1^\# \dot{\sqcup} X_2^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda V. X_1^\#(V) \sqcup X_2^\#(V)$
- meet: $X_1^\# \dot{\sqcap} X_2^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda V. X_1^\#(V) \cap X_2^\#(V)$

\implies we still have a complete lattice

Cartesian Galois connection: $(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}), \subseteq) \stackrel{\dot{\gamma}}{\underset{\dot{\alpha}}{\longleftrightarrow}} (\mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{I}, \dot{\subseteq})$

- $\dot{\alpha}(E) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda V. \alpha(\{\rho(V) \mid \rho \in R\})$
- $\dot{\gamma}(X^\#) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\rho \mid \forall V \in \mathbb{V}: \rho(V) \in \gamma(X^\#(V))\}$

Interval expression evaluation

$$E^\# \llbracket expr \rrbracket : \mathcal{E}^\# \rightarrow \mathbb{I}$$

interval version of $E \llbracket expr \rrbracket : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z})$

Definition by structural induction, very similar to $E \llbracket expr \rrbracket$

$$E^\# \llbracket V \rrbracket X^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X^\#(V)$$

$$E^\# \llbracket c \rrbracket X^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [c, c]$$

$$E^\# \llbracket \mathbf{rand}(a, b) \rrbracket X^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [a, b]$$

$$E^\# \llbracket -e \rrbracket X^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} -^\# E^\# \llbracket e \rrbracket X^\#$$

$$E^\# \llbracket e_1 \diamond e_2 \rrbracket X^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E^\# \llbracket e_1 \rrbracket X^\# \diamond^\# E^\# \llbracket e_2 \rrbracket X^\#$$

Soundness of interval expression evaluation

Soundness: $\cup \{ E[e] \rho \mid \rho \in \dot{\gamma}(X^\#) \} \subseteq \gamma(E^\#[e] X^\#)$

Proof:

by induction on the expression syntax, using the soundness of abstract operators; the base cases $E^\#[V]$, $E^\#[c]$, $E^\#[\mathbf{rand}(a, b)]$ are straightforward; for $+$ (the same holds for $-$, \times , $/$):

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \gamma(E^\#[e_1 + e_2] X^\#) \\
 &= \gamma(E^\#[e_1] X^\# \text{ }^\# \text{ } E^\#[e_2] X^\#) && \text{(def. } E^\#[\] \text{)} \\
 &\supseteq \{ v_1 + v_2 \mid v_1 \in \gamma(E^\#[e_1] X^\#), v_2 \in \gamma(E^\#[e_2] X^\#) \} && \text{(sound. } +^\# \text{)} \\
 &\supseteq \{ v_1 + v_2 \mid \exists \rho_1, \rho_2 \in \dot{\gamma}(X^\#): v_1 \in E[e_1] \rho_1, v_2 \in E[e_2] \rho_2 \} && \text{(induction)} \\
 &\supseteq \{ v_1 + v_2 \mid \exists \rho \in \dot{\gamma}(X^\#): v_1 \in E[e_1] \rho, v_2 \in E[e_2] \rho \} && \text{(prop. } \exists \text{)} \\
 &= \cup \{ E[e_1 + e_2] \rho \mid \rho \in \dot{\gamma}(X^\#) \} && \text{(def. } E[\] \text{)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Non-optimality except in rare cases because:

- the composition of optimal operators is not always optimal
- of the core non-relational abstraction: $\mathcal{P}(V \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}) \xrightleftharpoons[\alpha]{\gamma} V \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z})$

$$\text{e.g.: } E^\#[V - V][V \mapsto [0, 1]] = [0, 1] \text{ }^\# \text{ } [0, 1] = [-1, 1]$$

$$\text{but } \alpha(\cup \{ E[V - V] \rho \mid \rho \in \dot{\gamma}([V \mapsto [0, 1]]) \}) = [0, 0]$$

Abstract interval statements: first part

$S^\# \llbracket \text{stat} \rrbracket : \mathcal{E}^\# \rightarrow \mathcal{E}^\#$ interval version of $S \llbracket \text{stat} \rrbracket : \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{E})$

- $S \llbracket \text{skip} \rrbracket R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} R$
 $S^\# \llbracket \text{skip} \rrbracket X^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X^\#$ (identity)
- $S \llbracket s_1; s_2 \rrbracket R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S \llbracket s_2 \rrbracket (S \llbracket s_1 \rrbracket R)$
 $S^\# \llbracket s_1; s_2 \rrbracket X^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S^\# \llbracket s_2 \rrbracket (S^\# \llbracket s_1 \rrbracket X^\#)$ (composition)
- $S \llbracket V \leftarrow e \rrbracket R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ \rho[V \mapsto v] \mid \rho \in R, v \in E \llbracket e \rrbracket \rho \}$
 $S^\# \llbracket V \leftarrow e \rrbracket X^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} X^\# \llbracket V \mapsto E^\# \llbracket e \rrbracket X^\# \rrbracket & \text{if } E^\# \llbracket e \rrbracket X^\# \neq \perp \\ \perp & \text{if } E^\# \llbracket e \rrbracket X^\# = \perp \end{cases}$

(tests and loops are more complex, they are presented in the next slides)

Soundness proof: i.e., $S \llbracket s \rrbracket (\dot{\gamma}(X^\#)) \subseteq \dot{\gamma}(S^\# \llbracket s \rrbracket X^\#)$

obvious for **skip**; by composition of soundness for $s_1; s_2$;

for $V \leftarrow e$ we derive:

$$\begin{aligned} & \dot{\gamma}(S^\# \llbracket V \leftarrow e \rrbracket X^\#) \\ &= \{ \rho[V \mapsto v] \mid \forall W: \rho(W) \in \gamma(X^\#(W)), v \in \gamma(E^\# \llbracket e \rrbracket X^\#) \} \quad (\text{def. } \dot{\gamma}, S^\# \llbracket \cdot \rrbracket) \\ &\supseteq \{ \rho[V \mapsto v] \mid \forall W: \rho(W) \in \gamma(X^\#(W)), v \in E \llbracket e \rrbracket \rho \} \quad (\text{sound. } E^\# \llbracket \cdot \rrbracket) \\ &= S \llbracket V \leftarrow e \rrbracket \dot{\gamma}(X^\#) \quad (\text{def. } \dot{\gamma}, S \llbracket \cdot \rrbracket) \end{aligned}$$

Tests

Abstract tests

conditionals and loops use the auxiliary “test” statement:

$$S[[c?]]R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\rho \in R \mid \text{true} \in C[[c]]\rho\}$$

Abstract tests: $S^\#[[c?]]$

Preprocessing: remove \neg , $=$, \neq , $>$, \geq , $<$

- \neg can be removed using De Morgan's law:

$$\neg(c_1 \vee c_2) \rightsquigarrow \neg c_1 \wedge \neg c_2$$

$$\neg(c_1 \wedge c_2) \rightsquigarrow \neg c_1 \vee \neg c_2$$

$$\neg(e_1 \leq e_2) \rightsquigarrow e_1 > e_2 \dots$$

- $=$, \neq , $>$, \geq , $<$ can be expressed using only \leq , \vee and \wedge :

$$e_1 < e_2 \rightsquigarrow e_1 \leq (e_2 - 1)$$

$$e_1 \geq e_2 \rightsquigarrow e_2 \leq e_1$$

$$e_1 > e_2 \rightsquigarrow e_2 \leq (e_1 - 1)$$

$$e_1 = e_2 \rightsquigarrow (e_1 \leq e_2) \wedge (e_2 \leq e_1)$$

$$e_1 \neq e_2 \rightsquigarrow (e_1 \leq (e_2 - 1)) \vee (e_2 \leq (e_1 - 1))$$

Interval test (cont.)

Handling boolean operators: by induction

- $S^\# \llbracket c_1 \vee c_2? \rrbracket X^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (S^\# \llbracket c_1? \rrbracket X^\#) \dot{\cup}^\# (S^\# \llbracket c_2? \rrbracket X^\#)$
- $S^\# \llbracket c_1 \wedge c_2? \rrbracket X^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (S^\# \llbracket c_1? \rrbracket X^\#) \dot{\cap}^\# (S^\# \llbracket c_2? \rrbracket X^\#)$

Simple tests: comparing a variable to a variable or a constant

assuming $X^\#(V) = [a, b]$ and $X^\#(W) = [c, d]$

- $S^\# \llbracket V \leq v? \rrbracket X^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} X^\# [V \mapsto [a, \min(b, v)]] & \text{if } a \leq v \\ \perp & \text{if } a > v \end{cases}$
- $S^\# \llbracket V \leq W? \rrbracket X^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} X^\# [V \mapsto [a, \min(b, d)], \\ W \mapsto [\max(a, c), d]] & \text{if } a \leq d \\ \perp & \text{if } a > d \end{cases}$
 (W 's upper bound refines V 's, V 's lower bound refines W 's)

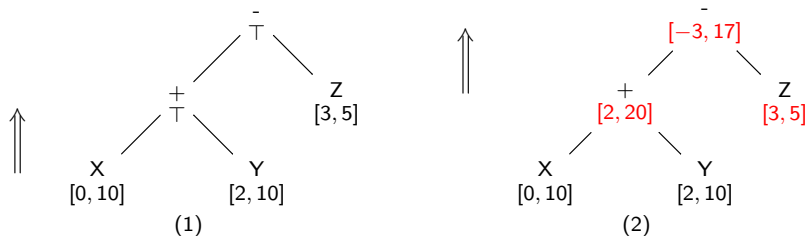
(next slides: how to handle tests with arbitrary expressions)

Example of complex interval test

Example: $S^\# \llbracket X + Y - Z \leq 0 \rrbracket X^\#$

with $X^\# = \{ X \mapsto [0, 10], Y \mapsto [2, 10], Z \mapsto [3, 5] \}$

First step: **annotate** the expression tree



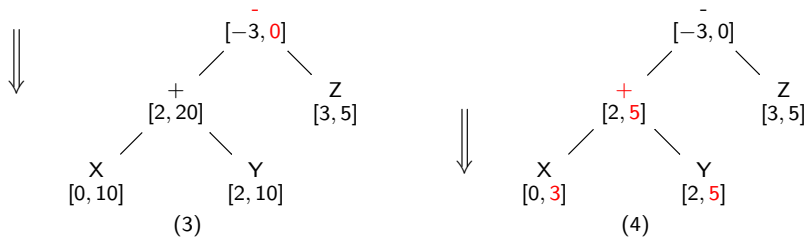
bottom-up evaluation using abstract interval operators $+^\#, -^\#, \text{etc.}$
 (similar to interval assignment)

Example of complex interval test (cont.)

Example: $S^\# \llbracket X + Y - Z \leq 0 \rrbracket X^\#$

with $X^\# = \{ X \mapsto [0, 10], Y \mapsto [2, 10], Z \mapsto [3, 5] \}$

Second step: refine the expression tree **top-down**



- refine the **root**: we know the result is negative
- **propagate** refined nodes **downward** toward leaves
- use **refined variable values**: $\{ X \mapsto [0, 3], Y \mapsto [2, 5], Z \mapsto [3, 5] \}$

\implies we need new abstract operators to model refinement $\leq^\#$, $\leq^\#$, etc.

Backward arithmetic and comparison operators

Sound backward arithmetic and comparison operators that **refine** their argument given a result.

- Backward comparison operators, applied at the root:

$$X^{\#'} = \overset{\leftarrow}{\leq} 0^{\#}(X^{\#})$$

$$\implies \{x \in \gamma(X^{\#}) \mid x \leq 0\} \subseteq \gamma(X^{\#'}) \subseteq \gamma(X^{\#})$$

- Backward arithmetic operators, applied at internal expression nodes:

$$X^{\#'} = \overset{\leftarrow}{-}^{\#}(X^{\#}, R^{\#})$$

$$\implies \{x \mid x \in \gamma(X^{\#}), -x \in \gamma(R^{\#})\} \subseteq \gamma(X^{\#'}) \subseteq \gamma(X^{\#})$$

$$(X^{\#'}, Y^{\#'}) = \overset{\leftarrow}{+}^{\#}(X^{\#}, Y^{\#}, R^{\#})$$

$$\implies \{x \in \gamma(X^{\#}) \mid \exists y \in \gamma(Y^{\#}), x + y \in \gamma(R^{\#})\} \subseteq \gamma(X^{\#'}) \subseteq \gamma(X^{\#})$$

$$\text{and } \{y \in \gamma(Y^{\#}) \mid \exists x \in \gamma(X^{\#}), x + y \in \gamma(R^{\#})\} \subseteq \gamma(Y^{\#'}) \subseteq \gamma(Y^{\#})$$

⋮

Note: **best** backward operators can be designed with α

e.g. for $\overset{\leftarrow}{+}^{\#}$: $X^{\#'} = \alpha(\{x \in \gamma(X^{\#}) \mid \exists y \in \gamma(Y^{\#}), x + y \in \gamma(R^{\#})\})$

Generic backward operator construction

Synthesizing (non optimal) backward arithmetic operators from forward arithmetic operators

$$\overleftarrow{\leq}^{\#}(X^{\#}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X^{\#} \cap^{\#} [-\infty, 0]^{\#}$$

$$\overleftarrow{\leq}^{\#}(X^{\#}, R^{\#}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X^{\#} \cap^{\#} (-^{\#} R^{\#})$$

$$\overleftarrow{+}^{\#}(X^{\#}, Y^{\#}, R^{\#}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (X^{\#} \cap^{\#} (R^{\#} -^{\#} Y^{\#}), Y^{\#} \cap^{\#} (R^{\#} -^{\#} X^{\#}))$$

$$\overleftarrow{-}^{\#}(X^{\#}, Y^{\#}, R^{\#}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (X^{\#} \cap^{\#} (R^{\#} +^{\#} Y^{\#}), Y^{\#} \cap^{\#} (X^{\#} -^{\#} R^{\#}))$$

$$\overleftarrow{/}^{\#}(X^{\#}, Y^{\#}, R^{\#}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (X^{\#} \cap^{\#} (R^{\#} /^{\#} Y^{\#}), Y^{\#} \cap^{\#} (R^{\#} /^{\#} X^{\#}))$$

$$\overleftarrow{/}^{\#}(X^{\#}, Y^{\#}, R^{\#}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (X^{\#} \cap^{\#} (S^{\#} \times^{\#} Y^{\#}), Y^{\#} \cap^{\#} ((X^{\#} /^{\#} S^{\#}) \cup^{\#} [0, 0]^{\#}))$$

$$\text{where } S^{\#} = \begin{cases} R^{\#} & \text{if } \mathbb{I} \neq \mathbb{Z} \\ R^{\#} +^{\#} [-1, 1]^{\#} & \text{if } \mathbb{I} = \mathbb{Z} \text{ (as } / \text{ rounds)} \end{cases}$$

Note: $\overleftarrow{\diamond}^{\#}(X^{\#}, Y^{\#}, R^{\#}) = (X^{\#}, Y^{\#})$ is always sound (no refinement).

Interval backward operators

Applying the generic construction to the interval domain, we get:

$$\overleftarrow{\Sigma}^{\#}([a, b]) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} [a, \min(b, 0)] & \text{if } a \geq 0 \\ \perp & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\overleftarrow{\sqcap}^{\#}([a, b], [r, s]) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [a, b] \cap^{\#} [-s, -r]$$

$$\overleftarrow{\sqsupset}^{\#}([a, b], [c, d], [r, s]) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} ([a, b] \cap^{\#} [r - d, s - c], [c, d] \cap^{\#} [r - b, s - a])$$

...

Interval conditionals

Concrete semantics:

$$S[\text{if } c \text{ then } s_1 \text{ else } s_2] R$$

$$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S[s_1] (S[c?] R) \cup S[s_2] (S[\neg c?] R)$$

Abstract semantics: compose existing abstract operators:

$$S^\#[\text{if } c \text{ then } s_1 \text{ else } s_2] X^\#$$

$$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S^\#[s_1] (S^\#[c?] X^\#) \dot{\cup} S^\#[s_2] (S^\#[\neg c?] X^\#)$$

Soundness proof:

by soundness of the composition of sound operators

Example: $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} V \leftarrow 2 \times \text{rand}(0, 1); \text{if } V > 1 \text{ then } V \leftarrow 0 \text{ else skip}$

given $E^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [V \mapsto [-\infty, +\infty]]$

we get: $S^\#[\text{stat}] E^\# = [V \mapsto [0, 1]]$

note that $S[\text{stat}] \mathcal{E} = \{[V \mapsto 0]\}$

$\implies S^\#[\text{stat}]$ is sound but not optimal

Loops

Interval loops

Concrete semantics:

$$S[\text{while } c \text{ do } s] R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S[\neg c?] (\text{lfp } F)$$

$$\text{where } F(I) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} R \cup S[s] (S[c?] I)$$

Reminder: $\text{lfp } F$ exists because F is monotonic
 in fact, $\text{lfp } F = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} F^n(\emptyset)$ because F is a \cup -morphism

Abstract fixpoint computation:

given a sound abstraction F^\sharp of F , how can we abstract $\text{lfp } F$?

- $\text{lfp } F^\sharp$ may **not exist**
 \implies we seek only X^\sharp such that $F^\sharp(X^\sharp) \sqsubseteq X^\sharp$ (post fixpoint)
- F^\sharp may be **non monotonic** (example presented later)
 \implies we compute $X_{n+1}^\sharp \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X_n^\sharp \sqcup F^\sharp(X_n^\sharp)$ (abstract iterations)
- X_n^\sharp may **increase infinitely** (e.g., $F^\sharp(X^\sharp) = X^\sharp +^\sharp [1, 1]$)
 \implies we use **convergence acceleration**

Convergence acceleration

Widening: binary operator $\nabla : \mathcal{E}^\# \times \mathcal{E}^\# \rightarrow \mathcal{E}^\#$ such that:

- $\gamma(X^\#) \cup \gamma(Y^\#) \subseteq \gamma(X^\# \nabla Y^\#)$ (sound abstraction of \cup)

- for any sequence $(X_n^\#)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, the sequence $(Y_n^\#)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$

$$\begin{cases} Y_0^\# & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X_0^\# \\ Y_{n+1}^\# & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} Y_n^\# \nabla X_{n+1}^\# \end{cases}$$

stabilizes in finite time: $\exists N \in \mathbb{N} : Y_N^\# = Y_{N+1}^\#$

Fixpoint approximation theorem:

- the sequence $X_{n+1}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X_n^\# \nabla F^\#(X_n^\#)$ stabilizes in finite time
- when $X_{N+1}^\# \sqsubseteq X_N^\#$, then $X_N^\#$ abstracts $\text{lfp } F$

Soundness proof: assume $X_{N+1}^\# \sqsubseteq X_N^\#$, then

$$\gamma(X_N^\#) \supseteq \gamma(X_{N+1}^\#) = \gamma(X_N^\# \nabla F^\#(X_N^\#)) \supseteq \gamma(F^\#(X_N^\#)) \supseteq F(\gamma(X_N^\#))$$

$\gamma(X_N^\#)$ is a post-fixpoint of F , but $\text{lfp } F$ is F 's least post-fixpoint, so, $\gamma(X_N^\#) \supseteq \text{lfp } F$

Interval loops (cont.)

Concrete semantics:

$$S[\mathbf{while} \ c \ \mathbf{do} \ s] R$$

$$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S[\neg c?] (\text{lfp } \lambda I. R \cup S[s] (S[c?] I))$$

Abstract semantics

compose existing sound abstractions
 employ convergence acceleration ∇

$$S^\#[\mathbf{while} \ c \ \mathbf{do} \ s] X^\#$$

$$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S^\#[\neg c?] (\text{lim } \lambda I^\#. I^\# \nabla (X^\# \dot{\cup}^\# S^\#[s] (S^\#[c?] I^\#)))$$

(where $\text{lim } F^\#$ iterates the function $F^\#$ from \perp until $F^\#(X^\#) \sqsubseteq X^\#$)

Interval widening

Interval widening $\nabla : \mathbb{I} \times \mathbb{I} \rightarrow \mathbb{I}$

$$\forall I \in \mathbb{I}: \perp \nabla I = I \nabla \perp = I$$

$$[a, b] \nabla [c, d] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left[\begin{cases} a & \text{if } a \leq c \\ -\infty & \text{if } a > c \end{cases}, \begin{cases} b & \text{if } b \geq d \\ +\infty & \text{if } b < d \end{cases} \right]$$

- an unstable lower bound is put to $-\infty$
- an unstable upper bound is put to $+\infty$
- once at $-\infty$ or $+\infty$, the bound becomes stable

Point-wise lifting: $\dot{\nabla} : \mathcal{E}^\# \times \mathcal{E}^\# \rightarrow \mathcal{E}^\#$

$$X^\# \dot{\nabla} Y^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda V \in \mathbb{V}. X^\#(V) \nabla Y^\#(V)$$

extrapolate each variable independently

\implies stabilization in at most $2|\mathbb{V}|$ iterations

Analysis example with widening

Example

```
V ← 1;
while V ≤ 50 do V ← V + 2
```

We must compute $S^\sharp \llbracket V > 50 \rrbracket (\lim \lambda I^\sharp. I^\sharp \dot{\vee} F^\sharp(I^\sharp))$
 where $F^\sharp(I^\sharp) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [1, 1] \dot{\cup}^\sharp S^\sharp \llbracket V \leftarrow V + 2 \rrbracket (S^\sharp \llbracket V \leq 50 \rrbracket I^\sharp)$

iterates with widening:

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_0^\sharp &= \perp \\
 I_1^\sharp &= I_0^\sharp \nabla F^\sharp(I_0^\sharp) = \perp \nabla [1, 1] &= [1, 1] \\
 I_2^\sharp &= I_1^\sharp \nabla F^\sharp(I_1^\sharp) = [1, 1] \nabla ([1, 1] \dot{\cup}^\sharp [3, 3]) &= [1, 1] \nabla [1, 3] &= [1, +\infty] \\
 I_3^\sharp &= I_2^\sharp \nabla F^\sharp(I_2^\sharp) = [1, +\infty] \nabla ([1, 1] \dot{\cup}^\sharp [3, 52]) &= [1, +\infty] \nabla [1, 52] &= [1, +\infty] = I_2^\sharp \\
 \implies \lim \lambda I^\sharp. I^\sharp \nabla F^\sharp(I^\sharp) &= [1, +\infty]
 \end{aligned}$$

At the end of the program, we find $S^\sharp \llbracket V > 50 \rrbracket I_3^\sharp = [51, +\infty]$

The concrete semantics would give $\{51\}$

Intuitions behind the widening

Inductive reasoning (philosophical logic)

- induction = generalization from a small set of observations
e.g., if the upper bound is increasing, it is probably unbounded
major cognitive process
- \neq induction in mathematics, which is deductive by nature
(apply an induction axiom)
- in philosophy, induction is **unreliable** (finite observation)
but in abstract interpretation, **widening is always sound!**

Inductive invariants

- $\text{lfp } F$ defines the **most precise invariant** (concrete semantics)
- X such that $\text{lfp } F \subseteq X$ is a (possibly less precise) **invariant**
- X such that $F(X) \subseteq X$ is an **inductive invariant**
(X is an invariant, and it can be proved to be invariant without computing $\text{lfp } F$)
- $X^\#$ such that $F^\#(X^\#) \subseteq X^\#$ is an **abstract inductive invariant**
($\gamma(X^\#)$ can be proved to be invariant in the abstract, without computing $\text{lfp } F$)

Decreasing iterations

Example

```
V ← 1;
while V ≤ 50 do V ← V + 2
```

Imprecision

In this example, we found $V \in [1, +\infty]$ as loop invariant but the most precise interval invariant is $V \in [1, 52]$

Solution: decreasing iterations

after stabilizing an iteration **with widening**

we can continue iterating **without the widening** to gain precision

- compute as before $X^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lim \lambda I^\#. I^\# \nabla F^\#(I^\#)$
we get an abstract post-fixpoint $X^\# \sqsupseteq F^\#(X^\#)$, so $F(\gamma(X^\#)) \subseteq \gamma(X^\#)$
- then compute $Y_n^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} F^{\#n}(X^\#)$
by soundness, $\gamma(Y_n^\#)$ is also a post-fixpoint of F for every n
we stop after a fixed finite n , or when $Y_{n+1}^\# = Y_n^\#$

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Solution: decreasing iterations

here: $F^\sharp(I^\sharp) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [1, 1] \dot{\cup}^\sharp S^\sharp[V \leftarrow V + 2](S^\sharp[V \leq 50] I^\sharp)$

$$X^\sharp \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lim \lambda I^\sharp. I^\sharp \nabla F^\sharp(I^\sharp) = [1, +\infty]$$

$$Y_1^\sharp = F^\sharp(X^\sharp) = [1, 1] \cup^\sharp [2, 52] = [1, 52]$$

$$Y_2^\sharp = F^\sharp(Y_1^\sharp) = [1, 52] = Y_1^\sharp$$

we find the **most precise** loop invariant expressible using intervals!

at the **loop exit**, we get: $S^\sharp[V > 50]([1, 52]) = [51, 52]$

Widening with thresholds

Example

```
V ← 40;
while V ≠ 0 do V ← V - 1
```

Imprecision

V decreases from 40 (to 0)

⇒ iterations with widening find the loop invariant: $V \in [-\infty, 40]$

$S^\sharp[V \leftarrow V - 1](S^\sharp[V \neq 0][-\infty, 40]) = [-\infty, 39]$

⇒ decreasing iterations are **ineffective**

Note: this is caused by the $\neq 0$ test instead of ≥ 0

with $\neq 0$, every set $[a, 40] \setminus \{-1\}$ for $a \leq 0$ is a fixpoint

with ≥ 0 , we have a single fixpoint: $[0, 40]$

Widening with thresholds

Example

```
V ← 40;
while V ≠ 0 do V ← V - 1
```

Solution widening with thresholds T

T : fixed finite set of integers containing $-\infty$ and $+\infty$

∇ “jumps” to the next value in T

$\implies \nabla$ tests the stability of values in T

$[a, b] \nabla [c, d] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$

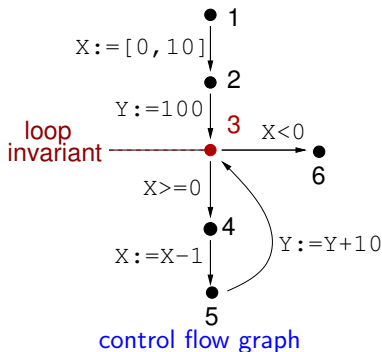
$$\left[\begin{array}{ll} a & \text{if } a \leq c \\ \max\{t \in T \mid t \leq c\} & \text{if } a > c \end{array} , \begin{array}{ll} b & \text{if } b \geq d \\ \min\{t \in T \mid t \geq d\} & \text{if } b < d \end{array} \right]$$

In our example, we find as loop invariant: $[\max\{t \in T \mid t \leq 0\}, 40]$
 if $0 \in T$, we find the most precise invariant $[0, 40]$

Solving equation systems with widening

Program semantics as equation system

Alternate view of program semantics:



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} R_1 = (\{X, Y\} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}) \\ R_2 = S[X \leftarrow [0, 10]] R_1 \\ R_3 = S[Y \leftarrow 100] R_2 \cup \\ \quad S[Y \leftarrow Y + 10] R_5 \\ R_4 = S[X \geq 0] R_3 \\ R_5 = S[X \leftarrow X - 1] R_4 \\ R_6 = S[X < 0] R_3 \end{array} \right.$$

equation system

- the system has a unique smallest solution (it's a least fixpoint in the complete lattice $\mathcal{P}(\{X, Y\} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z})!$)
- R_i is the best invariant at program point i (e.g. $R_3 = \{\rho \mid \rho(X) \in [0, 10], 10\rho(X) + \rho(Y) \in [100, 200] \cap 10\mathbb{Z}\}$)
- one big equation system of the form $R_i = F_i(R_1, \dots, R_n)$

Resolution

Concrete resolution: iterations R^k

$$\begin{cases} R_i^0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \emptyset \\ R_i^{k+1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} F_i(R_1^k, \dots, R_n^k) \end{cases}$$

may not converge in finite time...

Abstract resolution: iterations $X^{\#k}$ in the abstract with widening

- choose an abstract domain and sound versions $F_i^{\#}$ of the F_i
- choose a set of **widening points** W
every cycle in the CFG should pass through W
e.g., choose **loop heads** as W

$$\begin{cases} X_i^{\#0} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \perp \\ X_i^{\#k+1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} F_i^{\#}(X_1^{\#k}, \dots, X_n^{\#k}) & \text{if } i \notin W \\ X_i^{\#k+1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X_i^{\#k} \nabla F_i^{\#}(X_1^{\#k}, \dots, X_n^{\#k}) & \text{if } i \in W \end{cases}$$

\implies converges in finite time

(more clever algorithms exist: worklist iterator, see project)

Backward analysis

Forward versus backward analysis

Example

```
Y ← 0;  
while Y ≤ X do Y ← Y + 1
```

Forward analysis:

- given $X \in [-10, 10]$ at the **beginning** of the program
 $Y \in [0, 11]$ at the **end** of the program

Backward analysis:

- to have $Y \in [10, 20]$ at the **end** of the program
we must have $X \in [9, 19]$ at the **beginning** of the program

Backward-forward combination

Goal: given initial states I and final states F
consider only executions that start in I and end in F

Application: analysis **specialization** to remove false alarms

Example

```
X ← rand(-100, 100);  
if X = 0 then X ← 1;  
• Y ← 100/X
```

Analysis: using the interval domain

- a forward analysis finds $X \in [-100, 100]$ at •
⇒ **false alarm** for division by zero
- backward analysis from • **assuming** $X = 0$
we find \perp at the program entry
⇒ no execution can trigger the division by zero
(we have **removed** the false alarm)

more complex combinations exist, such as iterated forward and backward analyses

Reminder: Forward denotational concrete semantics

$$\underline{S[\textit{stat}] : \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{E})}$$

$$S[\textit{skip}] R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} R$$

$$S[s_1; s_2] R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S[s_2] (S[s_1] R)$$

$$S[V \leftarrow e] R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\rho[V \mapsto v] \mid \rho \in R, v \in E[e] \rho\}$$

$$S[c?] R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\rho \in R \mid \text{true} \in C[c] \rho\}$$

$$S[\textit{if } c \textit{ then } s_1 \textit{ else } s_2] R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S[s_1] (S[c?] R) \cup S[s_2] (S[\neg c?] R)$$

$$S[\textit{while } c \textit{ do } s] R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S[\neg c?] (\text{lfp } \lambda I. R \cup S[s] (S[c?] I))$$

- $S[\textit{stat}] R$

set of all possible states at the program end
when starting in a state in R

Backward denotational concrete semantics

$$\overleftarrow{S} \llbracket \text{stat} \rrbracket : \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{E})$$

$$\overleftarrow{S} \llbracket \text{skip} \rrbracket F \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} F$$

$$\overleftarrow{S} \llbracket s_1; s_2 \rrbracket F \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \overleftarrow{S} \llbracket s_1 \rrbracket (\overleftarrow{S} \llbracket s_2 \rrbracket F)$$

$$\overleftarrow{S} \llbracket V \leftarrow e \rrbracket F \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ \rho \mid \exists v \in E[e] \rho: \rho[V \mapsto v] \in F \}$$

$$\overleftarrow{S} \llbracket c? \rrbracket F \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ \rho \in F \mid \text{true} \in C[c] \rho \}$$

$$\overleftarrow{S} \llbracket \text{if } c \text{ then } s_1 \text{ else } s_2 \rrbracket F \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \overleftarrow{S} \llbracket c? \rrbracket (\overleftarrow{S} \llbracket s_1 \rrbracket F) \cup \overleftarrow{S} \llbracket \neg c? \rrbracket (\overleftarrow{S} \llbracket s_2 \rrbracket F)$$

$$\overleftarrow{S} \llbracket \text{while } c \text{ do } s \rrbracket F \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{lfp } \lambda I. \overleftarrow{S} \llbracket \neg c? \rrbracket F \cup \overleftarrow{S} \llbracket c? \rrbracket (\overleftarrow{S} \llbracket s \rrbracket I)$$

- $\overleftarrow{S} \llbracket \text{stat} \rrbracket F$

set of all the states at the program entry

such that at least one execution ends in a state in F

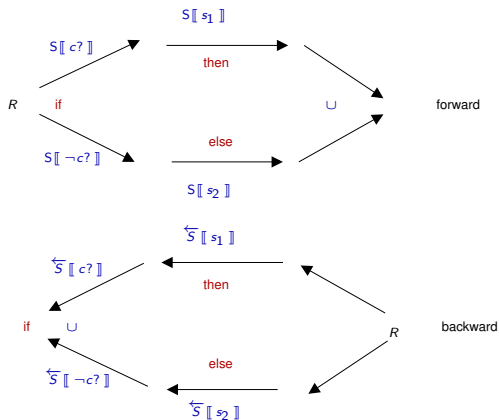
- $\iota \in \overleftarrow{S} \llbracket \text{stat} \rrbracket \{ \phi \} \iff \phi \in S \llbracket \text{stat} \rrbracket \{ \iota \}$

Note: – the order of statements reversed (s_2 before s_1 , s_1 before $c?$, etc.)

– $\overleftarrow{S} \llbracket c? \rrbracket$ is unchanged

Concrete semantics: flow intuition

Intuition: information propagation for **if ... then ... else**



$$S[\text{if } c \text{ then } s_1 \text{ else } s_2] R = S[s_1](S[c?] R) \cup S[s_2](S[\neg c?] R)$$

$$\overleftarrow{S}[\text{if } c \text{ then } s_1 \text{ else } s_2] F = \overleftarrow{S}[c?](\overleftarrow{S}[s_1] F) \cup \overleftarrow{S}[\neg c?](\overleftarrow{S}[s_2] F)$$

Backward abstraction denotational semantics

Goal: construct $\overleftarrow{S}^\# \llbracket stat \rrbracket$ that soundly approximates $\overleftarrow{S} \llbracket stat \rrbracket$

We can define, by induction:

$$\overleftarrow{S}^\# \llbracket \text{skip} \rrbracket F^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} F^\#$$

$$\overleftarrow{S}^\# \llbracket s_1; s_2 \rrbracket F^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \overleftarrow{S}^\# \llbracket s_1 \rrbracket (\overleftarrow{S}^\# \llbracket s_2 \rrbracket F^\#)$$

$$\overleftarrow{S}^\# \llbracket c? \rrbracket F^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S^\# \llbracket c? \rrbracket F^\#$$

$$\overleftarrow{S}^\# \llbracket \text{if } c \text{ then } s_1 \text{ else } s_2 \rrbracket F^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \overleftarrow{S}^\# \llbracket c? \rrbracket (\overleftarrow{S}^\# \llbracket s_1 \rrbracket F^\#) \cup^\# \overleftarrow{S}^\# \llbracket \neg c? \rrbracket (\overleftarrow{S}^\# \llbracket s_2 \rrbracket F^\#)$$

$$\overleftarrow{S}^\# \llbracket \text{while } c \text{ do } s \rrbracket F^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{lim } \lambda I^\#. I^\# \nabla (\overleftarrow{S}^\# \llbracket \neg c? \rrbracket F^\# \cup^\# \overleftarrow{S}^\# \llbracket c? \rrbracket (\overleftarrow{S}^\# \llbracket s \rrbracket I^\#))$$

Abstract operators:

- we can **reuse** $\cup^\#$, ∇ and $S^\# \llbracket c? \rrbracket$
- only $\overleftarrow{S}^\# \llbracket V \leftarrow e \rrbracket$ needs to be defined on a per-domain basis
- assuming **forward-backward** combination, we can **use the pre-condition** $X^\#$ discovered in the forward phase:

$$\overleftarrow{S}^\# \llbracket X \leftarrow e \rrbracket (X^\#, F^\#) \text{ approximates } \gamma(X^\#) \cap \overleftarrow{S} \llbracket X \leftarrow e \rrbracket \gamma(F^\#)$$

(makes $\overleftarrow{S}^\# \llbracket X \leftarrow e \rrbracket$ easier to implement and more precise: see next slide)

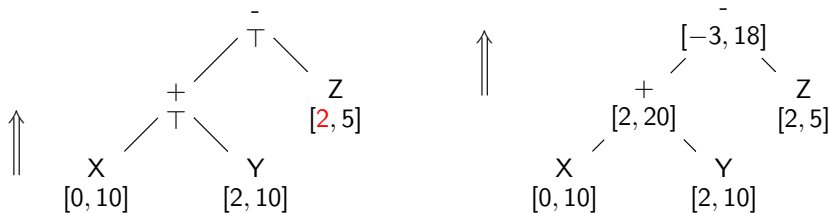
Backward interval assignment

Example: $\overleftarrow{S}^\# \llbracket X \leftarrow X + Y - Z \rrbracket (X^\#, F^\#)$

- before the assignment $X^\# = \{ X \mapsto [0, 10], Y \mapsto [2, 10], Z \mapsto [1, 5] \}$
- after the assignment $F^\# = \{ X \mapsto [-6, 6], Y \mapsto [2, 10], Z \mapsto [2, 6] \}$
- returns: subset $X^{\#\prime}$ of $X^\#$ that result in $F^\#$ after assignment

Similar to test.

Firstly: bottom-up evaluation



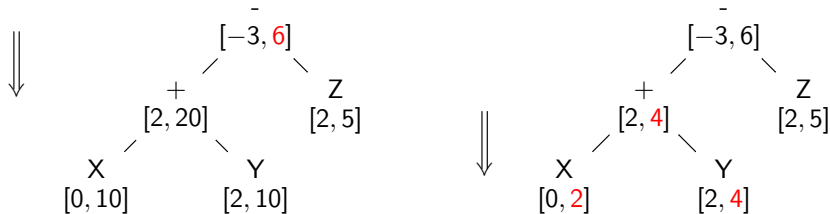
Backward interval assignment (cont.)

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Secondly: top-down refinement



returns $X^{\#\prime} = \{ X \mapsto [0, 2], Y \mapsto [2, 4], Z \mapsto [2, 5] \}$

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Summary:

- systematic design of abstract operators (Galois connection)
- optimal and non-optimal (practical) **abstractions**
- **abstract tests** through abstract refinement operators
- **backward assignment**
- fixpoint approximation by iteration with **widening**
⇒ ensure termination even for infinite-height domains!
- application to **interval analysis**
(but can be used on any non-relational analysis, e.g., constants)

Next lecture: relational domains (polyhedra)

Practical session: implement the interval domain

(also useful for the project)

TP implementation suggestions

Summary of the (forward) abstract semantics

$$S^\#[\mathbf{skip}] X^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X^\#$$

$$S^\#[s_1; s_2] X^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S^\#[s_2](S^\#[s_1] X^\#)$$

$$S^\#[V \leftarrow e] X^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} X^\#[V \mapsto E^\#[e] X^\#] & \text{if } E^\#[e] X^\# \neq \perp \\ \perp & \text{if } E^\#[e] X^\# = \perp \end{cases}$$

$$S^\#[\mathbf{if } c \mathbf{ then } s_1 \mathbf{ else } s_2] X^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S^\#[s_1](S^\#[c?] X^\#) \dot{\cup}^\# S^\#[s_2](S^\#[\neg c?] X^\#)$$

$$S^\#[\mathbf{while } c \mathbf{ do } s] X^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S^\#[\neg c?](\lim \lambda I^\#. I^\# \dot{\vee} (X^\# \dot{\cup}^\# S^\#[s](S^\#[c?] I^\#)))$$

$E^\#[e]$ by induction on the syntax of expressions

$S^\#[c?]$ by bottom-up evaluation followed by top-down refinement
(for the project only, not required in the practical session)

Value domain signature

```

module type VALUE_DOMAIN = sig
  type t //  $\{[a, b] \mid a \in \mathbb{Z} \cup \{-\infty\}, b \in \mathbb{Z} \cup \{+\infty\}, a \leq b\} \cup \{\perp\}$ 
  (* constructors *)
  val top: t //  $[-\infty, +\infty]$ 
  val bottom: t //  $\perp$ 
  val cost: int -> t //  $c \mapsto [c, c]$ 
  val rand: int -> int -> t //  $l \mapsto h \mapsto [l, h]$ 
  (* order *)
  val subset: t -> t -> bool //  $\sqsubseteq$ 
  (* set-theoretic operations *)
  val join: t -> t -> t //  $\cup^\#$ 
  val meet: t -> t -> t //  $\cap^\#$ 
  val widen: t -> t -> t //  $\nabla$ 
  (* arithmetic operations *)
  val neg: t -> t // unary  $-^\#$ 
  val add: t -> t -> t //  $+^\#$ 
  val sub: t -> t -> t //  $-^\#$ 
  val mul: t -> t -> t //  $\times^\#$ 
  val div: t -> t -> t //  $/^\#$ 
  (* boolean test *)
  val leq: t -> t -> t * t //  $[a, b] \mapsto [c, d] \mapsto ([a, \min(b, d)], [\max(a, c), d])$ 
end

```

Interval domain implementation details

```

module Intervals = (struct
  type bound = Int of Z.t | PINF | MINF           //  $\mathbb{Z} \cup \{+\infty, -\infty\}$ 
  type t = Itv of bound * bound | BOT           //  $\{[a, b] \mid a \leq b\} \cup \{\perp\}$ 

  (* utilities *)
  val bound_cmp: bound -> bound -> int         // as OCaml's compare
  val bound_neg: bound -> bound               // unary -
  val bound_add: bound -> bound -> bound      // +
  ...

  val strict: (bound -> bound -> t) -> t -> t // maps  $\perp$  to  $\perp$ 

  (* domain implementation *)
  let neg = strict                               // unary -#
      (fun a b -> Itv (bound_neg b, bound_neg a))

  let subset a b = match a,b with              //  $\sqsubseteq$ 
  | BOT, _ -> true | _, BOT -> false
  | Itv (a,b), Itv (c,d) ->
      bound_cmp a c >= 0 && bound_cmp b d >= 0
  ...

end: VALUE_DOMAIN)

```


Environment domain signature

```

module type ENVIRONMENT_DOMAIN = sig
  type t                                //  $\mathcal{E}^\#$ 
  (* constructors *)
  val init: id list -> t                //  $\forall V \in \mathbb{V}: \rho(V) = 0$ 
  (* abstract operators *)
  val assign: t -> id -> expr -> t     //  $S^\#[[id \leftarrow expr]]$ 
  val compare: t -> expr -> expr -> t //  $S^\#[[expr \leq expr?]]$ 
  (* set-theoretic operations *)
  val join: t -> t -> t                //  $\dot{\cup}^\#$ 
  val meet: t -> t -> t                //  $\dot{\cap}^\#$ 
  val widen: t -> t -> t               //  $\dot{\vee}$ 
  (* order *)
  val subset: t -> t -> bool           //  $\dot{\subseteq}$ 
end

```

Environment domain implementation details

```

module NonRelational(V : VALUE_DOMAIN) = (struct
  module Map = Mapext.Make                               // maps
    (struct type t = id let compare = compare end)
  type env = V.t Map.t                                  //  $V \rightarrow (\mathbb{0} \setminus \{\perp\})$ 
  type t = Env of env | BOT                             //  $\mathcal{E}^\# \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (V \rightarrow (\mathbb{0} \setminus \{\perp\})) \cup \{\perp\}$ 
  (* utilities *)
  val eval: env -> expr -> V.t                         //  $E^\#[[expr]]$ 
  val is_bot: V.t -> bool                               // whether  $\gamma(v^\#) = \emptyset$ 
  val strict: (env -> t) -> t -> t                   // maps  $\perp$  to  $\perp$ 
  (* operators *)
  let join a b = match a,b with                         //  $\dot{\cup}^\#$ 
    | BOT,x | x,BOT -> x
    | Env m,Env n -> Env (Map.map2z (fun _ x y -> V.join x y) m n)
  ...
end: ENVIRONMENT_DOMAIN)

```

Generic functor to lift a VALUE_DOMAIN to an ENVIRONMENT_DOMAIN

Uses a **Map** as data-structure for environment (functional array)

and a binary map iterator **map2z f**

(optimized for idempotent functions: $\forall x: f k x x = x$)