

# More dataflow analysis

CSE 501

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# Reaching Definitions Summary

Lattice	Sets of definitions represented by bit-vectors
Transfer function	$OUT[B] = f_b(IN[B])$ $f_b(x) = (x - KILL[x]) \cup GEN[x]$
Meet operation	$IN[B] = \cup OUT[Predecessors]$
Boundary condition	$OUT[entry] = 0\dots 0$
Initial condition	$OUT[B] = 0\dots 0$

# Questions

- Does the algorithm halt?
  - yes, because transfer function is monotonic
  - if increase IN, increase OUT
  - in limit, all bits are 1
- If bit is 0, does the corresponding definition ever reach basic block?
- If bit is 1, does the corresponding definition always reach the basic block?

# Live Variable Analysis

- A variable  $v$  is live at program point  $p$  if the value of  $v$  is used along some path in the flow graph from  $p$
- Otherwise it is dead
- For each basic block, determine which variable is live
- Use bit vector to represent variables, one bit per **variable**

# Live Variable Analysis

- Insight: look BACKWARDS to trace definitions from uses!

b = x;

x must be live on entry to basic block!  
Not true for b!

# Transfer Function for Live Variable

- For statement  $s: x = y + z$ 
  - Generates new live variables:  $USE[s] = \{y, z\}$
  - Kills previously live variables:  $DEF[s] = x$
  - Variables that were not killed are propagated:  
 $OUT[s] - DEF[s]$
  - So:  $IN[s] = USE[s] \cup (OUT[s] - DEF[s])$
- Similarly for basic block  $B$ :
  - $IN[B] = USE[B] \cup (OUT[B] - DEF[B])$

# Set up

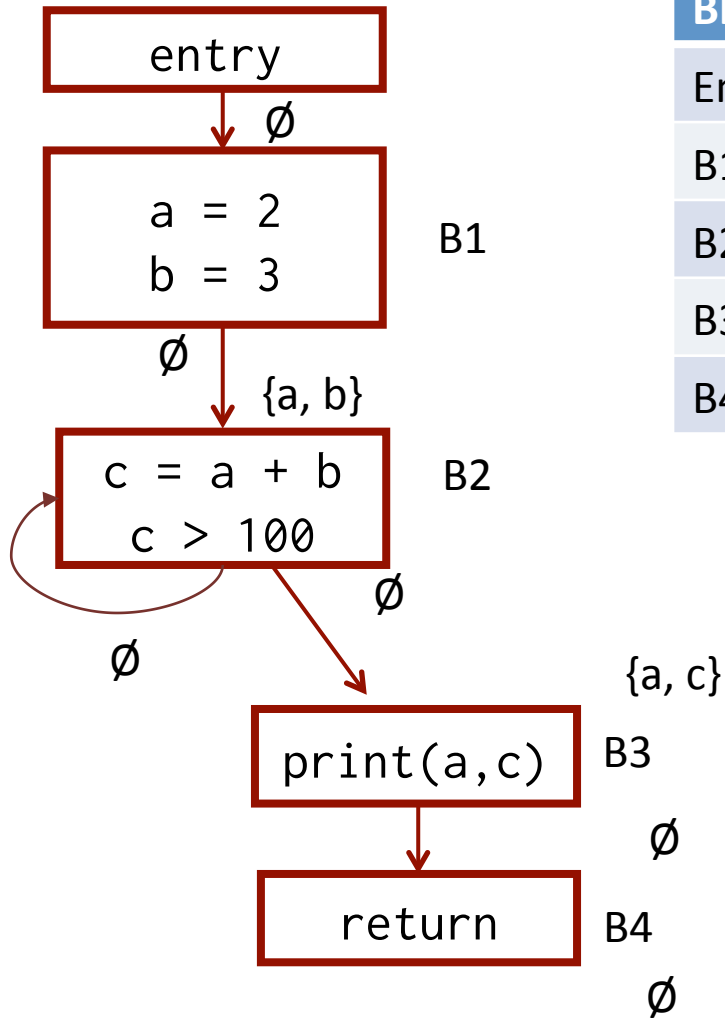
- Boundary condition:  $IN[exit] = \emptyset$
- Initial conditions:  $IN[B] = \emptyset$
- Meet operation:
  - $OUT[B] = U \ IN[Successors]$

# Example

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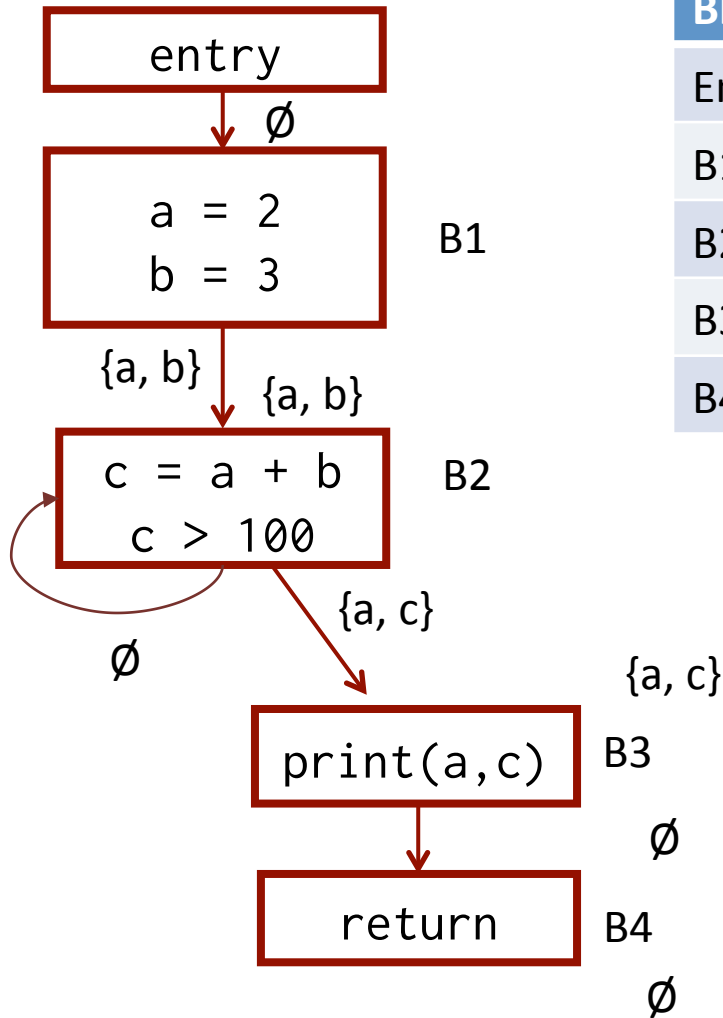


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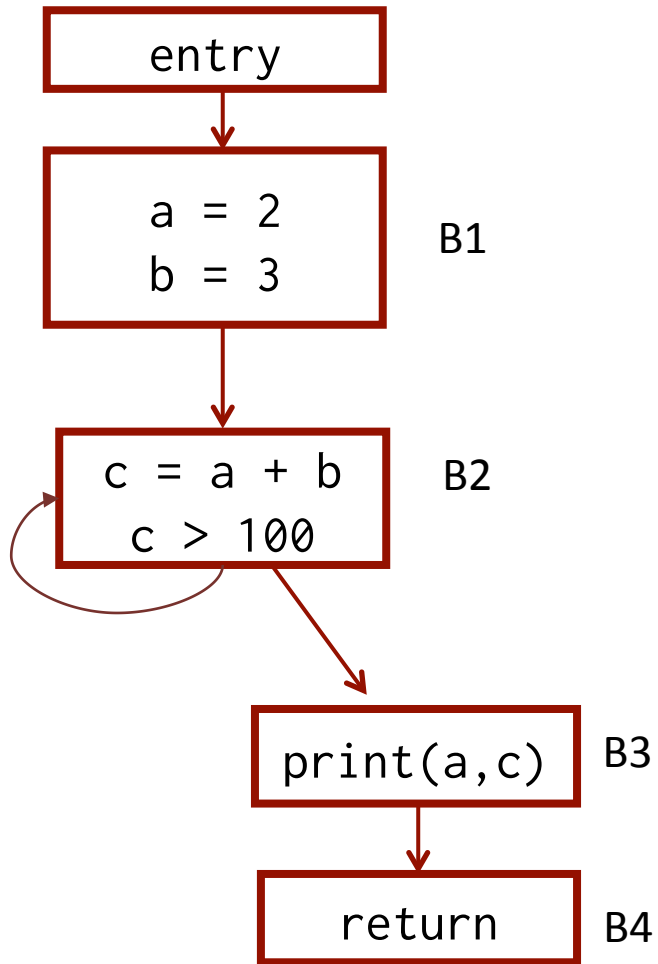


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# Two analyses

	Live Variables	Reaching Definitions
Lattice	Sets of variables represented by bit-vectors	Sets of definitions represented by bit-vectors
Transfer function	$IN[B] = f_b(OUT[B])$ $f_b(x) =$ $USE[x] \cup (x - DEF[x])$ <b>Backward</b>	$OUT[B] = f_b(IN[B])$ $f_b(x) =$ $(x - KILL[x]) \cup GEN[x]$ <b>Forward</b>
Meet operation	$OUT[B] =$ $\cup IN[Successors]$	$IN[B] =$ $\cup OUT[Predecessors]$
Boundary condition	$IN[exit] = \emptyset$	$OUT[entry] = 0\dots 0$
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# Dataflow Analysis: Steps

- Decide on flow values (lattice)
- Forward / backward?
- Design transfer functions
- Design meet operation
- What are the boundary and initial conditions?

# “Must-Reach” definitions

- A definition **D** must reach a program point **P** iff
  - **D** appears at least once along all paths that leads to **P**
  - **D** is not redefined along any path after the last appearance of **D** and before **P**
- How do we design a dataflow analysis for this?

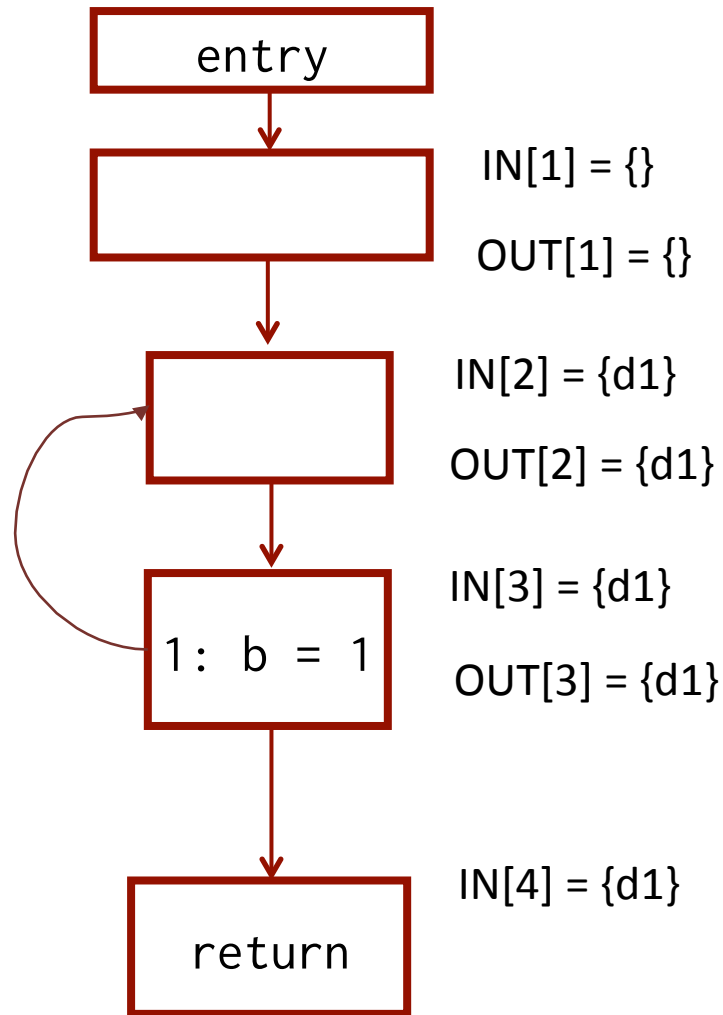


**SO ARE WE DONE  
NOW?**

**OR IS THE PARTY JUST GETTING  
STARTED?**

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# Legal solutions

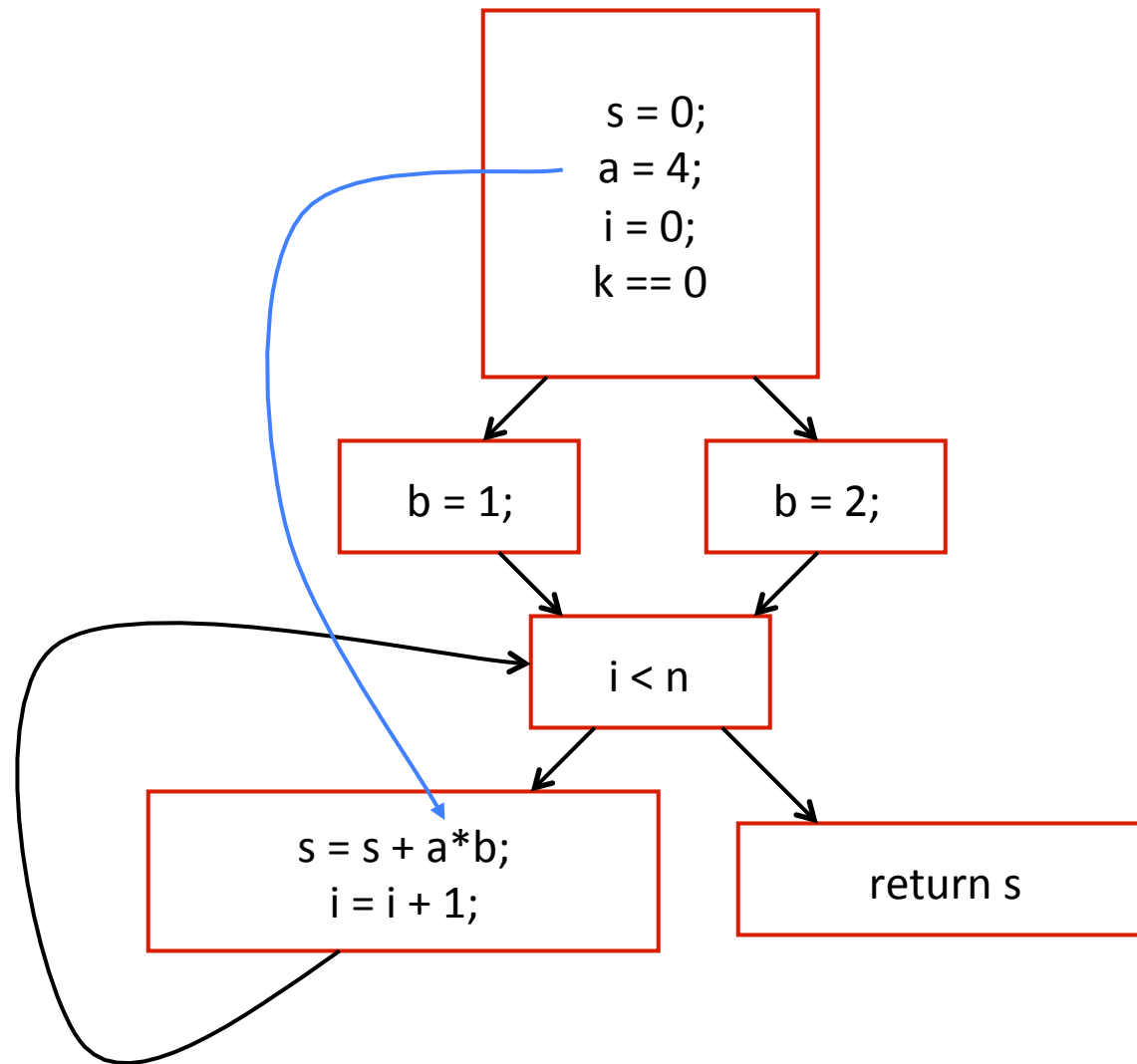




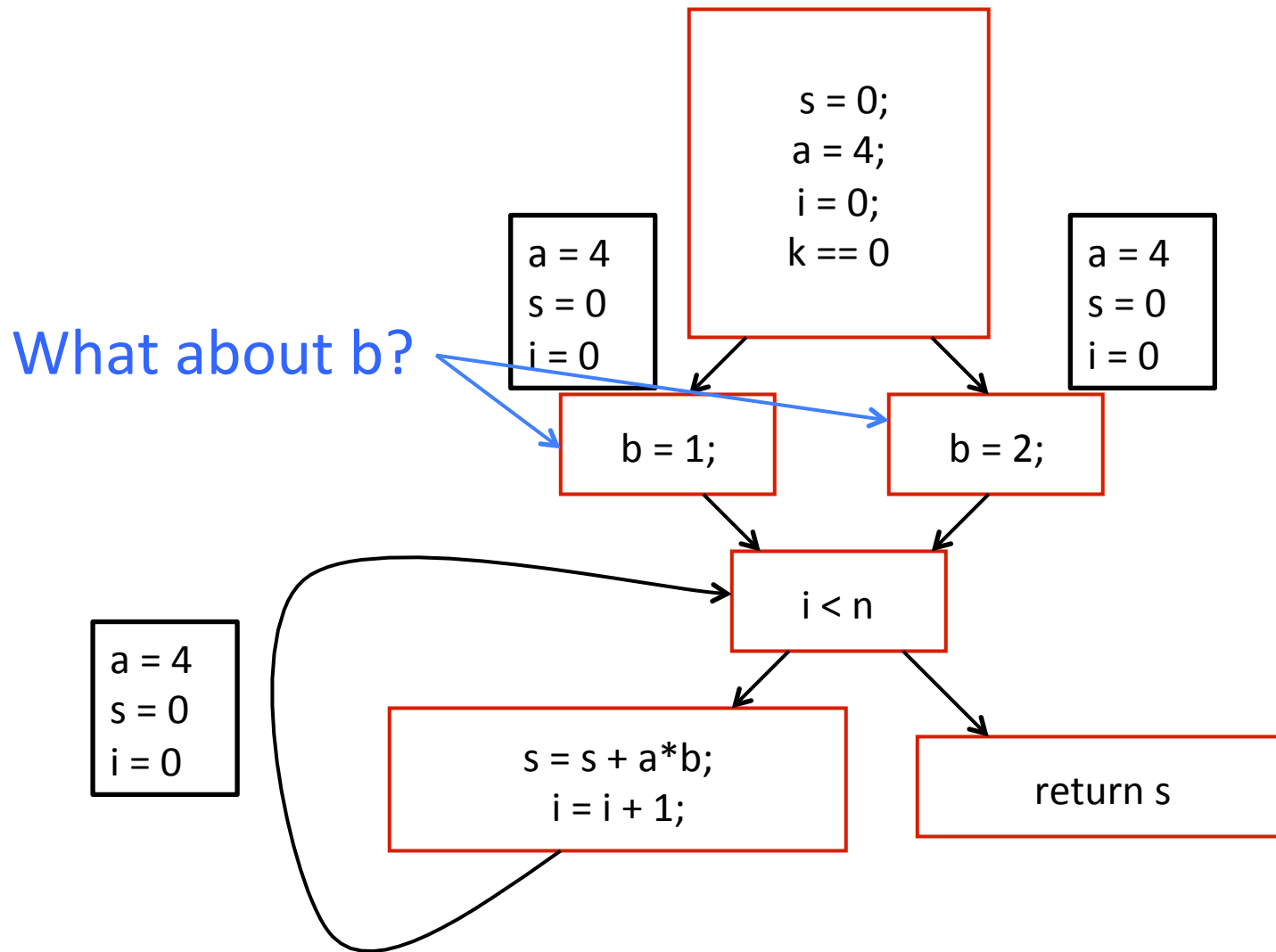
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- Correctness
- Precision
- Convergence
- Runtime

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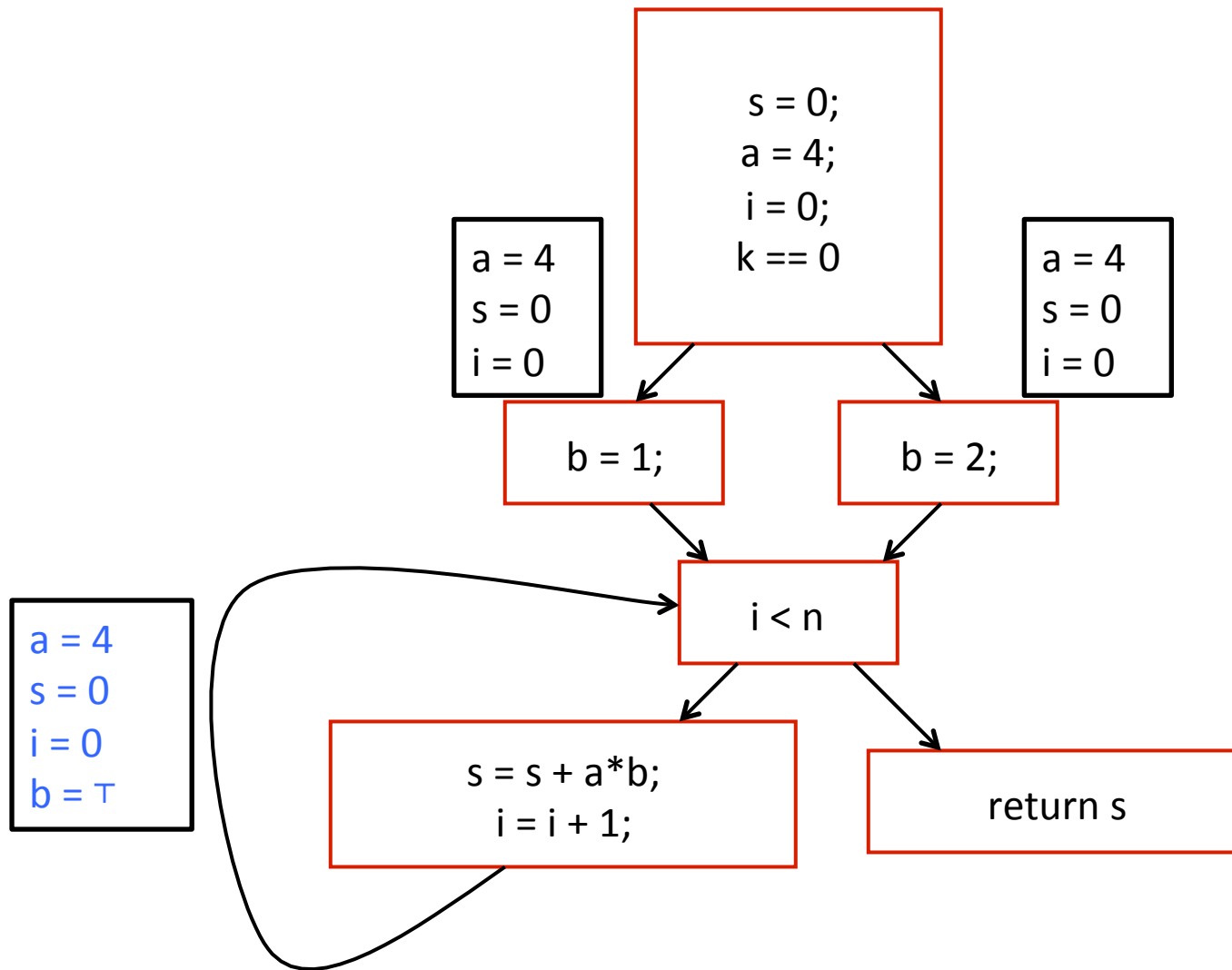
# Constant Propagation: lattice

- Undefined:  $\perp$
- Constant: ..., -10, -9, ..., 0, 1, 2, ... 42, ...
- NAC:  $\top$
  
- Undefined and NAC are not the same!
  - Undefined: variable has not been initialized
  - NAC: variable definitely has a value (we just don't know what)

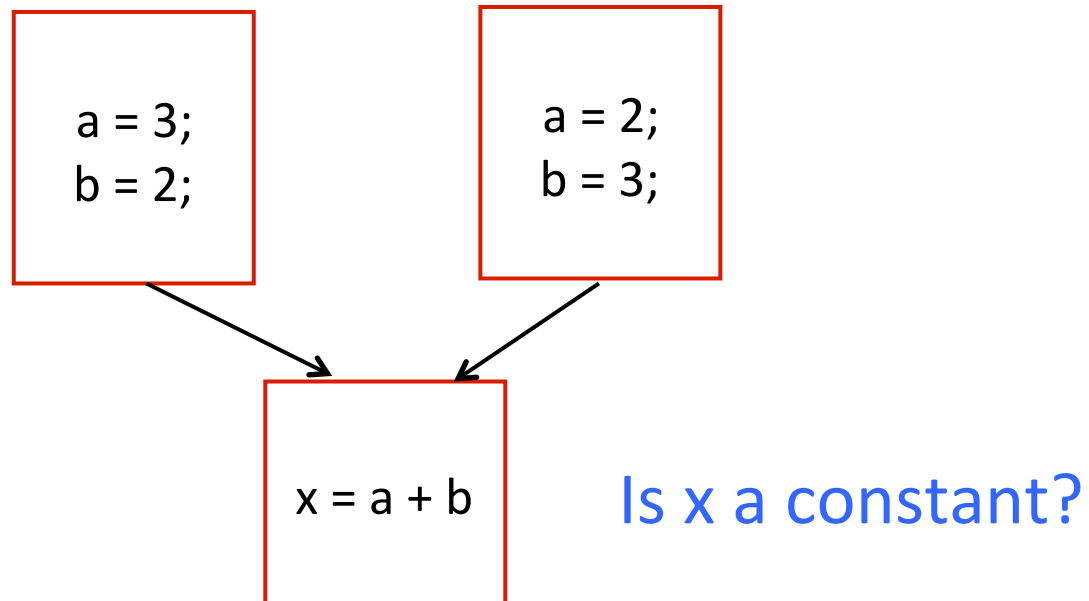
# Constant Propagation: meet

- Meet rules:
  - $\text{constant} \wedge \text{constant} = \text{constant}$  (if equal)
  - $\text{constant} \wedge \text{constant} = \top$  (if not equal)
  - $\text{constant} \wedge \perp = \text{constant}$
  - $\text{constant} \wedge \top = \top$

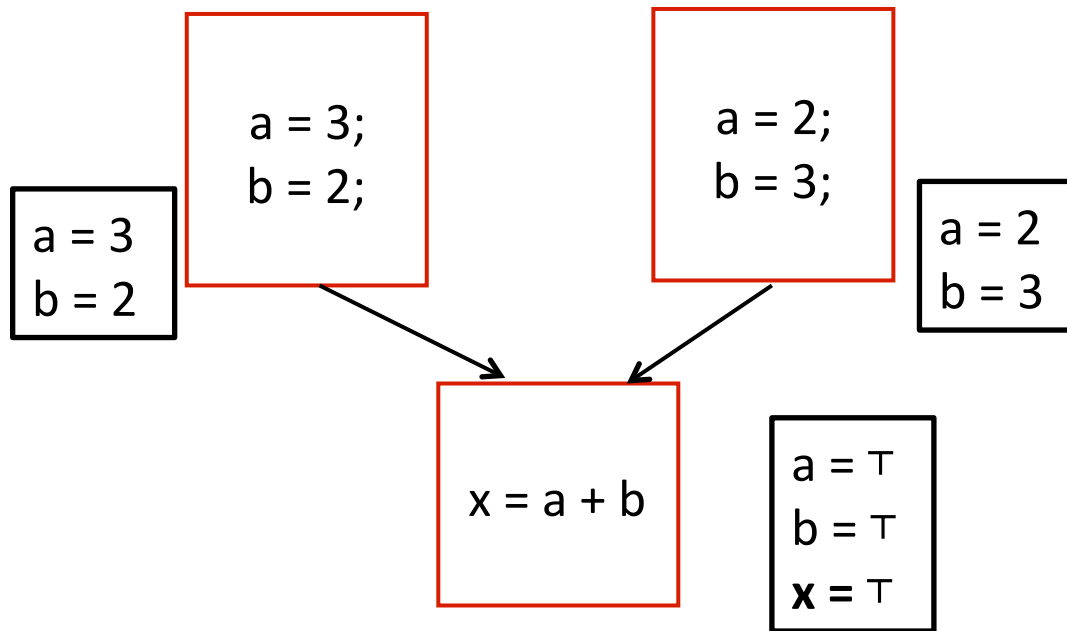
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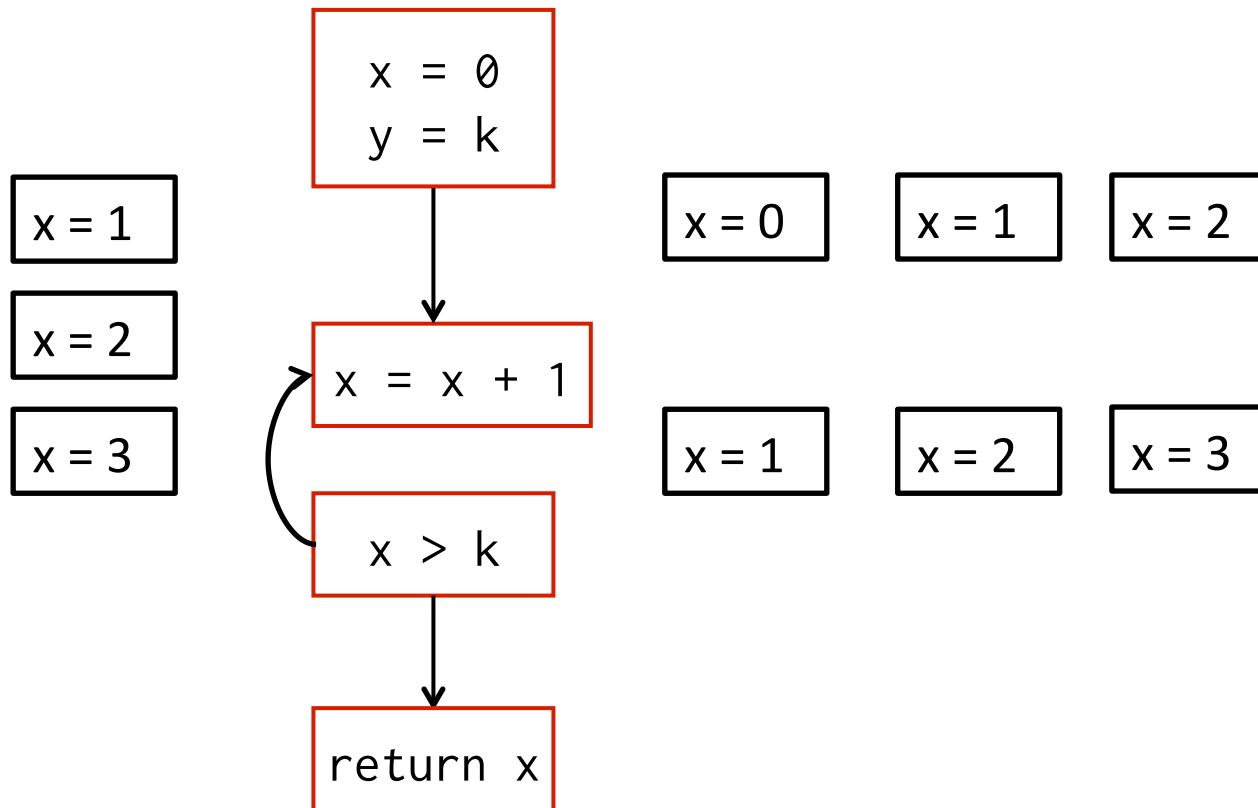


constant  $\wedge$  constant =  $\top$  (if not equal) !!



# How about this?

- Undefined:  $\perp$
- Constant: ..., -10, -9, ..., 0, 1, 2, ... 42, ...
- Meet: if  $x \leq y$ ,  $x \wedge y = y$  (=  $x$  otherwise)



# What do we care about?

- Correctness
- Precision
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Back to Marlowe and Ryder

# Dataflow Framework

- $\langle G, L, F, M \rangle$
- $G$  = flow graph
- $L$  = (semi-)lattice
- $F$  = transfer function
- $M$  = application of transfer function to nodes in  $G$

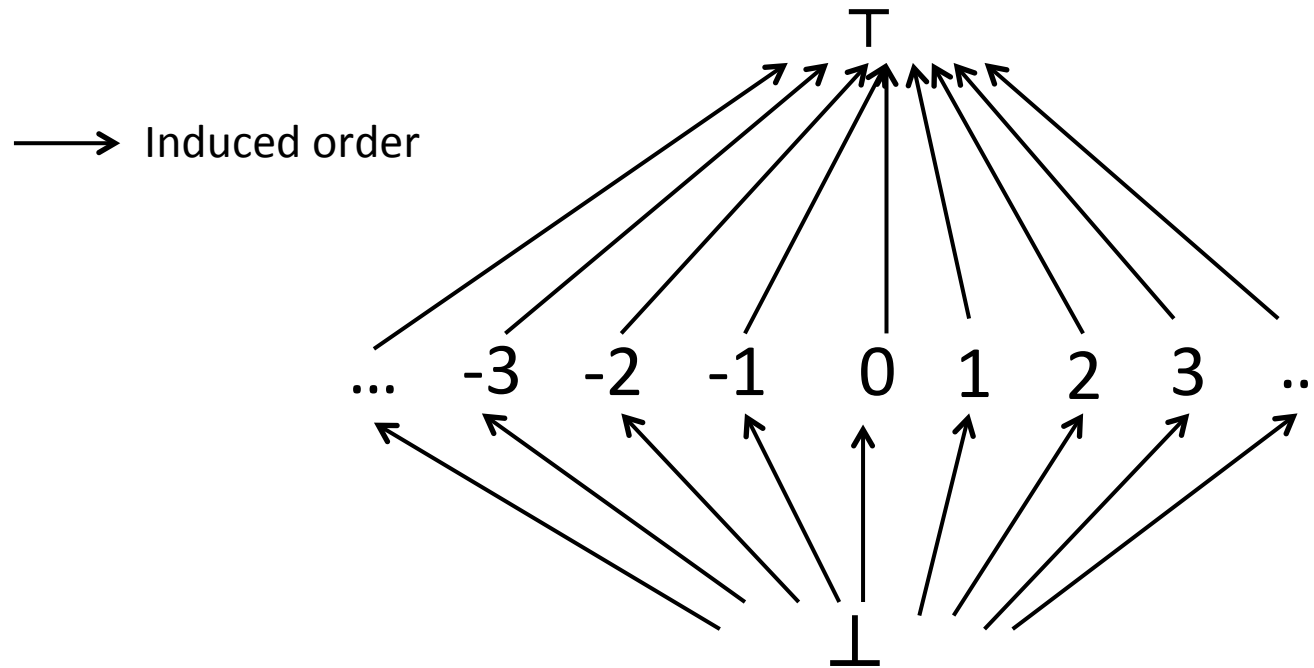
# Semi-lattice

- Three definitions:
    1. Set of values  $s$  and a meet operator  $\wedge$  that is:
      - Idempotent:  $x \wedge x = x$ , for all  $x$  in  $s$
      - Commutative:  $x \wedge y = y \wedge x$ , for all  $x, y$  in  $s$
      - Associative:  $x \wedge (y \wedge z) = (x \wedge y) \wedge z$
    2. Set of values  $s$  and a partial order with greatest lower bound for any non-empty subset:
      - Reflexive:  $x \leq x$ , for all  $x$  in  $s$
      - Anti-symmetric: if  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq x$  then  $x = y$ , for all  $x, y$  in  $s$
      - Transitive: if  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq z$  then  $x \leq z$
- Check:  $x \leq y \iff x \wedge y = x$ , for all  $x, y$  in  $s$
- What is  $s$ ?

# Semi-lattice

3. Graphically:

- $S = \{\perp, \top, \mathbf{Z}\}$

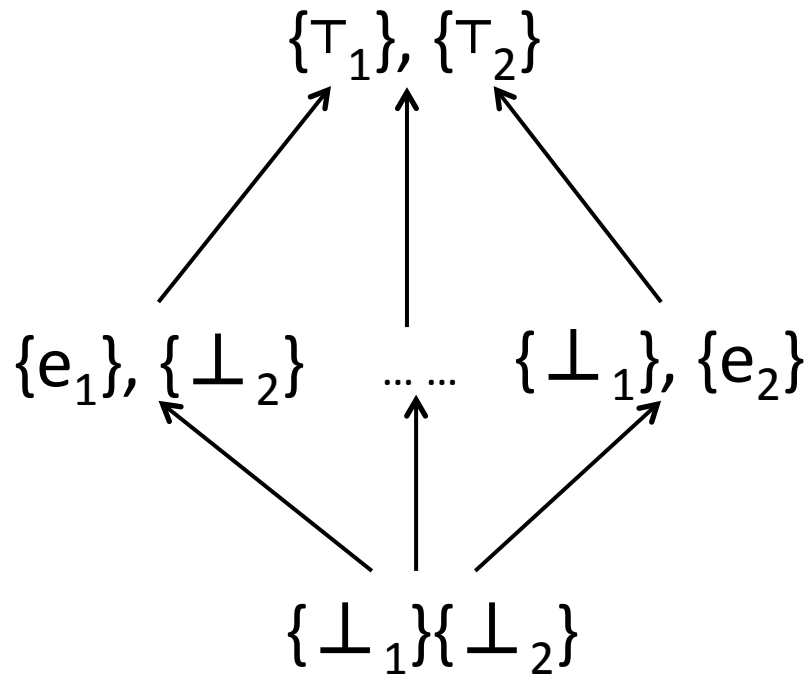


# Semi-lattice

- **Meet-** semi-lattice has a greatest lower bound (GLB) for all subsets of  $s$
- **Join-** semi-lattice has a least upper bound (LUB) for all subsets of  $s$
- Basically comes down to partial order definition

# Some Properties

- Define **product** of lattices as union
- $\mathbf{s}_1: \{\perp_1, \top_1, e_1\}$     $\mathbf{s}_2: \{\perp_2, \top_2, e_2\}$
- $\mathbf{s}_1 \times \mathbf{s}_2:$



Useful for doing multiple analysis simultaneously



# Some Properties

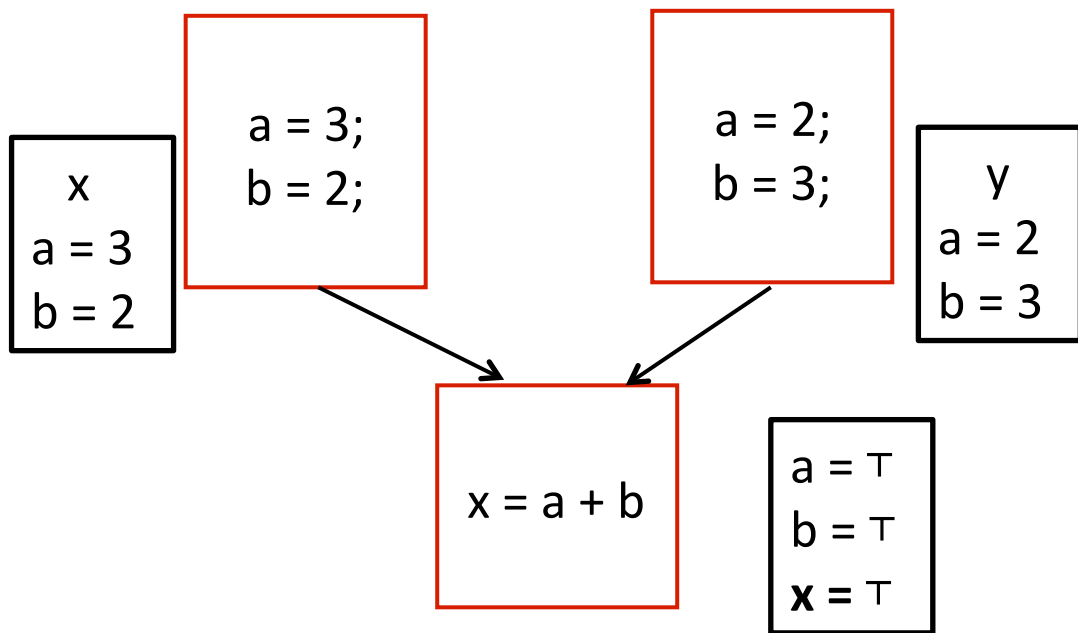
- Height of a lattice is the largest number of  $>$  relations that will fit in a descending chain:  
 $x_0 > x_1 > \dots \perp$
- We only want finite descending chains

# Transfer Functions

- For a family of transfer functions  $F$ 
  - $f: s \rightarrow s$  for all  $f \in F$
- Furthermore:
  - Identity function:  $\exists f . f(x) = x$  for all  $x$  in  $s$
  - Closed under composition:
    - $f_1, f_2 \in F, \rightarrow f_1 \bullet f_2 \in F$

# Distributivity of Frameworks

- $(G, L, F, M)$  is distributive iff  
 $f(x \wedge y) = f(x) \wedge f(y)$



$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x \wedge y) &= f(\{3, 2, ?\} \wedge \{2, 3, ?\}) \\
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# Maximal Fixed Point (MFP) Solution

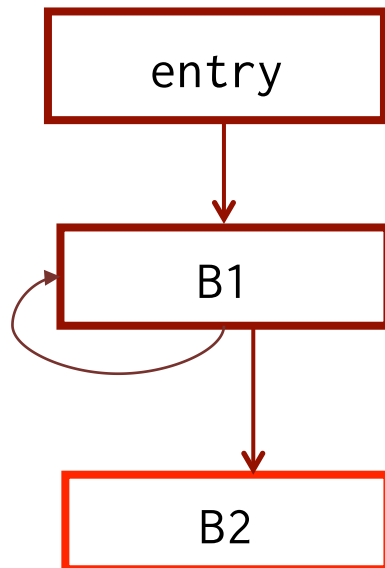
- Fact: the iterative solution to dataflow equations is the most precise
- Intuition:
  - Start with the top element at each program point
  - Refine during each iteration to satisfy all dataflow equations
  - Final result will be closest to the top
- Hence for any solution FP of dataflow equations:  
 $FP \leq MFP$

# Meet Over Paths (MOP) Solution

- Another approach to solve the dataflow equations:
  - Enumerate each path  $p_k = [\text{entry}, n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k]$
  - Define  $IN[p_k] = f_{n_{k-1}}(\dots (f_{n_1}(f_{n_0}(d_0))))$ , where  $d_0$  is the flow element for entry
  - Compute final solution as
$$IN[n] = U \{ IN[p] \ . \ p \text{ is a path from entry to } p \}$$

# MFP and MOP

- Fact:  $MFP \leq MOP$
- Why not compute MOP in practice?



How many paths can reach B2?

# MFP and MOP

- Fact: For transfer functions that are distributive, then MFP = MOP
- Recall:  $f(x \wedge y) = f(x) \wedge f(y)$
- Hence  $f(x_1) \wedge f(x_2) \wedge f(x_3) \dots = f(\bigwedge x_i)$
- We can compute MOP using iterative algorithm!