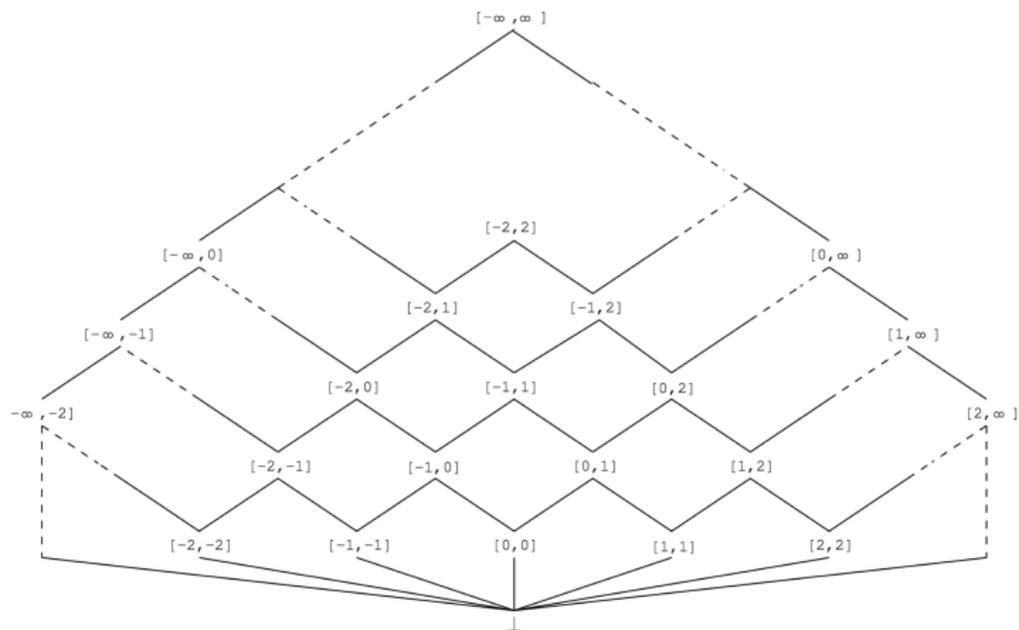


# COSE312: Compilers

## Lecture 14 — Semantic Analysis (2)

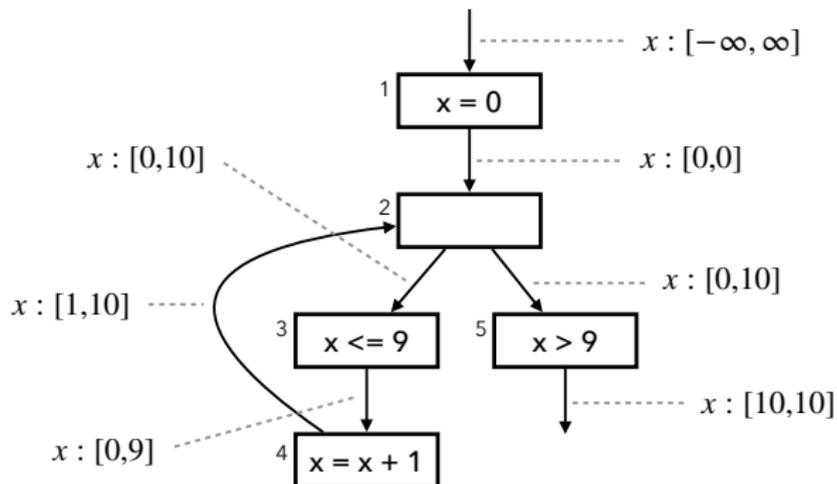
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# Interval Domain

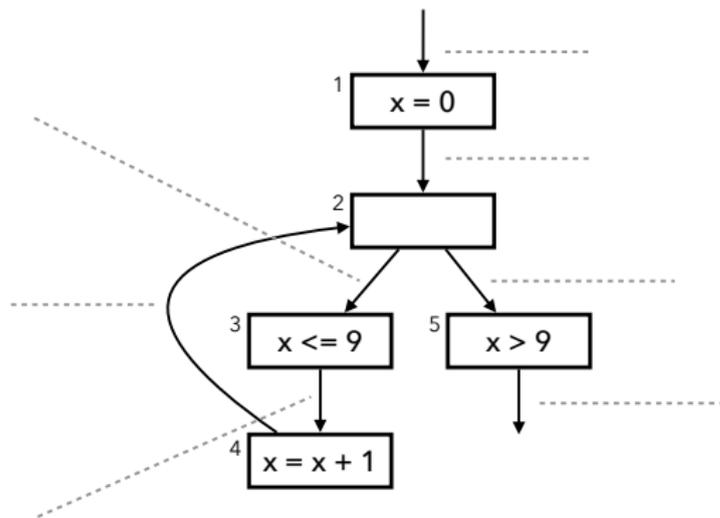


# Example Program

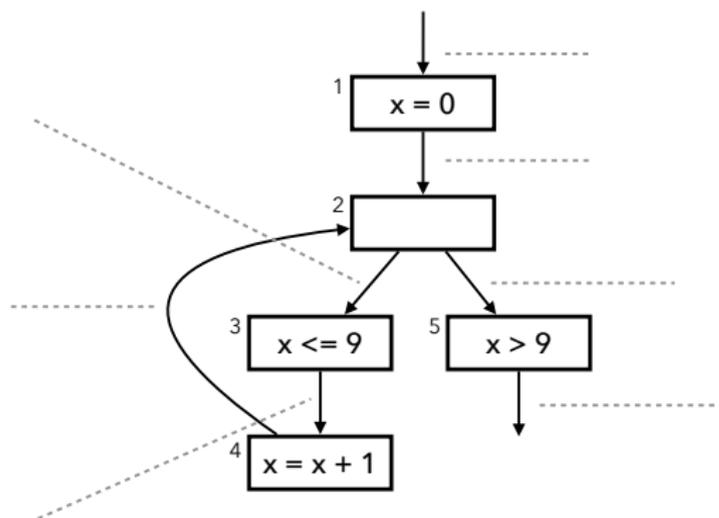
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x = 0;  
while (x <= 9)  
  x = x + 1;
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# Fixed Point Computation



# Fixed Point Computation w/ Widening and Narrowing



# Interval Domain

- Concrete integers ( $\mathbb{Z}$ ) are abstracted by the complete lattice  $(\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}, \sqsubseteq_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}})$ :

$$\widehat{\mathbb{Z}} = \{\perp\} \cup \{[l, u] \mid l, u \in \mathbb{Z} \cup \{-\infty, \infty\}, l \leq u\}$$

$$\perp \sqsubseteq_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}} \hat{z} \ (\forall \hat{z} \in \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}) \quad [l_1, u_1] \sqsubseteq_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}} [l_2, u_2] \iff l_2 \leq l_1 \wedge u_1 \leq u_2$$

- Abstraction and concretization functions:

$$\alpha_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}}(\emptyset) = \perp_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}}$$

$$\alpha_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}}(S) = [\min(S), \max(S)]$$

$$\gamma_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}}(\perp_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}}) = \emptyset$$

$$\gamma_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}}([l, u]) = \{z \in \mathbb{Z} \mid l \leq z \leq u\}$$

- Join and meet:

$$\perp \sqcup_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}} \hat{z} = \hat{z}$$

$$\hat{z} \sqcup_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}} \perp = \hat{z}$$

$$[l_1, u_1] \sqcup_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}} [l_2, u_2] = [\min(l_1, l_2), \max(u_1, u_2)]$$

$$\perp \sqcap_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}} \hat{z} = \perp$$

$$\hat{z} \sqcap_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}} \perp = \perp$$

$$[l_1, u_1] \sqcap_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}} [l_2, u_2] = [l_2, u_1] \ (l_1 \leq l_2 \wedge l_2 \leq u_1)$$

$$[l_1, u_1] \sqcap_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}} [l_2, u_2] = [l_1, u_2] \ (l_2 \leq l_1 \wedge l_1 \leq u_2)$$

$$[l_1, u_1] \sqcap_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}} [l_2, u_2] = \perp \ (\text{otherwise})$$

# Interval Domain

- Widening:

$$\perp \nabla_{\hat{Z}} \hat{z} = \hat{z}$$

$$\hat{z} \nabla_{\hat{Z}} \perp = \hat{z}$$

$$[l_1, u_1] \nabla_{\hat{Z}} [l_2, u_2] = [l_1 > l_2? -\infty : l_1, u_1 < u_2? \infty : u_1]$$

- Narrowing:

$$\perp \Delta_{\hat{Z}} \hat{z} = \perp$$

$$\hat{z} \Delta_{\hat{Z}} \perp = \perp$$

$$[l_1, u_1] \Delta_{\hat{Z}} [l_2, u_2] = [l_1 = -\infty? l_2 : l_1, u_1 = \infty? u_2 : u_1]$$

# Abstract Booleans

- The truth values  $\mathbf{T} = \{true, false\}$  are abstracted by  $(\widehat{\mathbf{T}}, \sqsubseteq_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}})$ :

$$\widehat{\mathbf{T}} = \{\top_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}}, \perp_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}}, \widehat{true}, \widehat{false}\}$$

$$\widehat{b}_1 \sqsubseteq_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}} \widehat{b}_2 \iff \widehat{b}_1 = \widehat{b}_2 \vee \widehat{b}_1 = \perp_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}} \vee \widehat{b}_2 = \top_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}}$$

- An abstract boolean denotes a set of concrete booleans:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \alpha_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}} : \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{T}) \rightarrow \widehat{\mathbf{T}} & \gamma_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}} : \widehat{\mathbf{T}} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{T}) \\ \alpha_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}}(\emptyset) = \perp_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}} & \gamma_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}}(\perp_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}}) = \emptyset \\ \alpha_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}}(\{true\}) = \widehat{true} & \gamma_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}}(\widehat{true}) = \{true\} \\ \alpha_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}}(\{false\}) = \widehat{false} & \gamma_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}}(\widehat{false}) = \{false\} \\ \alpha_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}}(\mathbf{T}) = \top_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}} & \gamma_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}}(\top_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}}) = \mathbf{T} \end{array}$$

- Join and meet:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \widehat{a} \sqcup_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}} \widehat{b} = \widehat{a} \ (\widehat{b} \sqsubseteq_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}} \widehat{a}) & \widehat{a} \sqcap_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}} \widehat{b} = \widehat{b} \ (\widehat{b} \sqsubseteq_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}} \widehat{a}) \\ \widehat{a} \sqcup_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}} \widehat{b} = \widehat{b} \ (\widehat{a} \sqsubseteq_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}} \widehat{b}) & \widehat{a} \sqcap_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}} \widehat{b} = \widehat{a} \ (\widehat{a} \sqsubseteq_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}} \widehat{b}) \\ \widehat{a} \sqcup_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}} \widehat{b} = \top_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}} & \widehat{a} \sqcap_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}} \widehat{b} = \perp_{\widehat{\mathbf{T}}} \end{array}$$

# Abstract States

- Concrete states ( $\mathbf{State}$ ) are abstracted by  $(\widehat{\mathbf{State}}, \sqsubseteq_{\widehat{\mathbf{State}}})$ :

$$\widehat{\mathbf{State}} = \mathbf{Var} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$$

$$\hat{s}_1 \sqsubseteq_{\widehat{\mathbf{State}}} \hat{s}_2 \iff \forall x \in \mathbf{Var}. \hat{s}_1(x) \sqsubseteq_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}} \hat{s}_2(x).$$

- An abstract state denotes a set of concrete states:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{\widehat{\mathbf{State}}} &: \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{State}) \rightarrow \widehat{\mathbf{State}} \\ \alpha_{\widehat{\mathbf{State}}}(S) &= \lambda x. \bigsqcup_{s \in S} \alpha_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}}(\{s(x)\}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{\widehat{\mathbf{State}}} &= \widehat{\mathbf{State}} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{State}) \\ \gamma_{\widehat{\mathbf{State}}}(\hat{s}) &= \{s \in \mathbf{State} \mid \forall x \in \mathbf{Var}. s(x) \in \gamma_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}}(\hat{s}(x))\} \end{aligned}$$

- Join and meet:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{s}_1 \sqcup_{\widehat{\mathbf{State}}} \hat{s}_2 &= \lambda x. \hat{s}_1(x) \sqcup_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}} \hat{s}_2(x) \\ \hat{s}_1 \sqcap_{\widehat{\mathbf{State}}} \hat{s}_2 &= \lambda x. \hat{s}_1(x) \sqcap_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}} \hat{s}_2(x) \end{aligned}$$

- Widening and narrowing:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{s}_1 \nabla_{\widehat{\mathbf{State}}} \hat{s}_2 &= \lambda x. \hat{s}_1(x) \nabla_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}} \hat{s}_2(x) \\ \hat{s}_1 \triangle_{\widehat{\mathbf{State}}} \hat{s}_2 &= \lambda x. \hat{s}_1(x) \triangle_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}} \hat{s}_2(x) \end{aligned}$$

# Abstract Semantics

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{\mathcal{A}}[a] &: \widehat{\text{State}} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \\ \widehat{\mathcal{A}}[n](\hat{s}) &= \alpha_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}}(\{n\}) \\ \widehat{\mathcal{A}}[x](\hat{s}) &= \hat{s}(x) \\ \widehat{\mathcal{A}}[a_1 + a_2](\hat{s}) &= \widehat{\mathcal{A}}[a_1](\hat{s}) +_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}} \widehat{\mathcal{A}}[a_2](\hat{s}) \\ \widehat{\mathcal{A}}[a_1 \star a_2](\hat{s}) &= \widehat{\mathcal{A}}[a_1](\hat{s}) \star_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}} \widehat{\mathcal{A}}[a_2](\hat{s}) \\ \widehat{\mathcal{A}}[a_1 - a_2](\hat{s}) &= \widehat{\mathcal{A}}[a_1](\hat{s}) -_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}} \widehat{\mathcal{A}}[a_2](\hat{s}) \\ \widehat{\mathcal{B}}[b] &: \widehat{\text{State}} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{T}} \\ \widehat{\mathcal{B}}[\text{true}](\hat{s}) &= \widehat{\text{true}} \\ \widehat{\mathcal{B}}[\text{false}](\hat{s}) &= \widehat{\text{false}} \\ \widehat{\mathcal{B}}[a_1 = a_2](\hat{s}) &= \widehat{\mathcal{A}}[a_1](\hat{s}) =_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}} \widehat{\mathcal{A}}[a_2](\hat{s}) \\ \widehat{\mathcal{B}}[a_1 \leq a_2](\hat{s}) &= \widehat{\mathcal{A}}[a_1](\hat{s}) \leq_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}} \widehat{\mathcal{A}}[a_2](\hat{s}) \\ \widehat{\mathcal{B}}[\neg b](\hat{s}) &= \neg_{\widehat{\mathbb{T}}} \widehat{\mathcal{B}}[b](\hat{s}) \\ \widehat{\mathcal{B}}[b_1 \wedge b_2](\hat{s}) &= \widehat{\mathcal{B}}[b_1](\hat{s}) \wedge_{\widehat{\mathbb{T}}} \widehat{\mathcal{B}}[b_2](\hat{s})\end{aligned}$$

# Abstract Semantics

- Addition / subtraction / multiplication:

$$[l_1, u_1] +_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}} [l_2, u_2] = [l_1 + l_2, u_1 + u_2]$$

$$[l_1, u_1] -_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}} [l_2, u_2] = [l_1 - u_2, u_1 - l_2]$$

$$[l_1, u_1] \star_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}} [l_2, u_2] = [\min(l_1 l_2, l_1 u_2, u_1 l_2, u_1 u_2), \max(\dots)]$$

- Equality:

$$[l_1, u_1] =_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}} [l_2, u_2] = \begin{cases} \widehat{true} & \text{if } l_1 = u_1 = l_2 = u_2 \\ \widehat{false} & \text{if no overlap} \\ \top & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Comparison:

$$[l_1, u_1] \leq_{\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}} [l_2, u_2] = \begin{cases} \widehat{true} & \text{if } u_1 \leq l_2 \\ \widehat{false} & \text{if } l_1 > u_2 \\ \top & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Abstract Semantics

- Control-flow graph  $G = (N, \hookrightarrow)$  with commands, i.e.,  $cmd(n)$ :

$$c \rightarrow x := a \mid assume(b) \mid skip$$

- Transfer function  $\hat{f}_n : \widehat{\text{State}} \rightarrow \widehat{\text{State}}$ :

$$\hat{f}_n(\hat{s}) = \begin{cases} \hat{s} & \text{if } cmd(n) = skip \\ \hat{s}[x \mapsto \hat{\mathcal{A}}[a](\hat{s})] & \text{if } x := a \\ \mathbf{Prune}_b(\hat{s}) & \text{if } assume(b) \end{cases}$$

where  $\mathbf{Prune}_b : \widehat{\text{State}} \rightarrow \widehat{\text{State}}$  computes a *pruned* abstract state such that

$$\alpha_{\widehat{\text{State}}}(\{s \in \gamma_{\widehat{\text{State}}}(\hat{s}) \mid \mathcal{B}[b](s)\}) \sqsubseteq \mathbf{Prune}_b(\hat{s}) \sqsubseteq \hat{s}.$$

- The analysis is to compute the least fixed point of the function:

$$\hat{F} : (N \rightarrow \widehat{\text{State}}) \rightarrow (N \rightarrow \widehat{\text{State}})$$

$$\hat{F}(X) = \lambda n. \hat{f}_n\left(\bigsqcup_{n' \hookrightarrow n} X(n')\right)$$

# Fixed Point Computation

Widening phase	Narrowing phase
$W := N$ $X := \lambda n. \perp$ repeat $n := \text{choose}(W)$ $W := W \setminus \{n\}$ $s := \hat{f}_n(\bigsqcup_{n' \hookrightarrow n} X(n'))$ if $s \sqsubseteq X(n)$ if widening is needed $X(n) := X(n) \nabla s$ else $X(n) := X(n) \sqcup s$ $W := W \cup \{n' \mid n \hookrightarrow n'\}$ until $W = \emptyset$	$W := N$ repeat $n := \text{choose}(W)$ $W := W \setminus \{n\}$ $s := \hat{f}_n(\bigsqcup_{n' \hookrightarrow n} X(n'))$ if $X(n) \not\sqsubseteq s$ $X(n) := X(n) \Delta s$ $W := W \cup \{n' \mid n \hookrightarrow n'\}$ until $W = \emptyset$

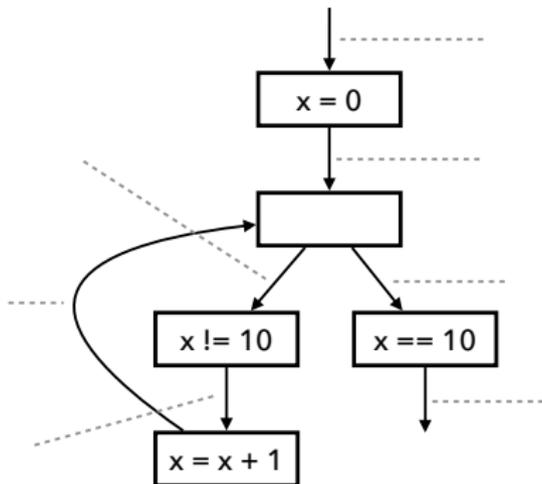
# Exercise 1

Describe the interval analysis on the program:

- 1 without widening and
- 2 with widening/narrowing

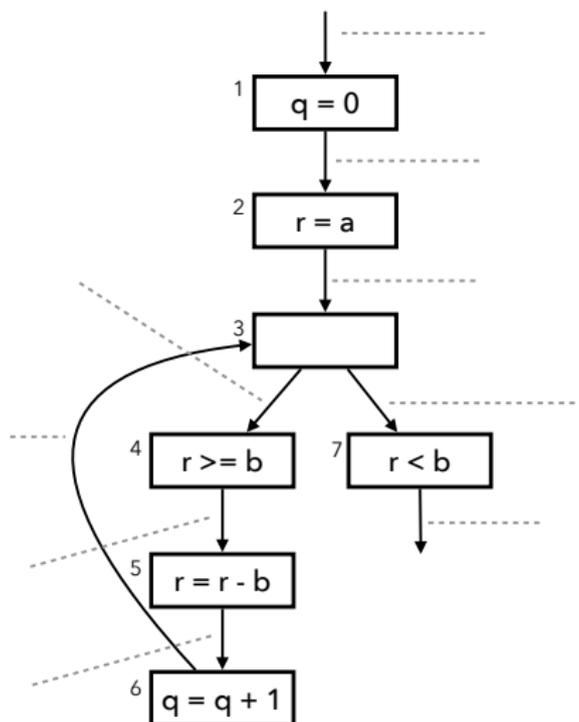
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x = 0;
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while (x != 10)  
  x = x + 1;
```



## Exercise 2

Describe the interval analysis on the program:



# Goal: A Static Analyzer for S Based on the Interval Domain

<i>program</i>	→	<i>block</i>	
<i>block</i>	→	<i>decls stmts</i>	
<i>decls</i>	→	<i>decls decl</i>   $\epsilon$	
<i>decl</i>	→	<i>type x</i>	
<i>type</i>	→	int   int[ <i>n</i> ]	
<i>stmts</i>	→	<i>stmts stmt</i>   $\epsilon$	
<i>stmt</i>	→	<i>lv = e</i>	
		if <i>e stmt stmt</i>	
		while <i>e stmt</i>	
		do <i>stmt</i> while <i>e</i>	
		read <i>x</i>	
		print <i>e</i>	
		<i>block</i>	
<i>lv</i>	→	<i>x</i>   <i>x</i> [ <i>e</i> ]	
<i>e</i>	→	<i>n</i>	integer
		<i>lv</i>	l-value
		<i>e+e</i>   <i>e-e</i>   <i>e*e</i>   <i>e/e</i>   <i>-e</i>	arithmetic operation
		<i>e==e</i>   <i>e&lt;e</i>   <i>e&lt;=e</i>   <i>e&gt;e</i>   <i>e&gt;=e</i>	conditional operation
		<i>!e</i>   <i>e  e</i>   <i>e&amp;&amp;e</i>	boolean operation

# Control-Flow Graph

- $G = (N, \hookrightarrow)$  where each node  $n \in N$  contains a command:

$c \rightarrow x = \text{alloc}(n) \mid lv = e \mid \text{assume}(e) \mid \text{skip} \mid \text{read } x \mid \text{print } e$

- Concrete domain

$l \in Loc = Var + Addr \times Offset$

$v \in Value = \mathbb{Z} + Addr \times Size$

$Offset = \mathbb{N}$

$Size = \mathbb{N}$

$m \in Mem = Loc \rightarrow Value$

$a \in Addr = Address$

- Concrete semantics

$\mathcal{L}(lv) : Mem \rightarrow Loc$

$\mathcal{E}(e) : Mem \rightarrow Value$

$f_n : Mem \hookrightarrow Mem$

# Abstraction of Memory Objects

Memory locations are unbounded. In typical static analysis, arrays are abstracted by their allocation sites, without distinguishing elements.

```
① int i;  
   int[10] arr;  
   i = 1;  
   arr[i] = 2;
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② int i;  
   int[10] a;  
   int[2] b;  
   a[0] = 1;  
   a[a[0]] = 2;  
   b[a[0]] = 3;
```

# Abstract Semantics

- An abstract state maps abstract locations ( $\widehat{Loc}$ ) to values ( $\widehat{Val}$ ):

$$\hat{l} \in \widehat{Loc} = \mathit{Var} + \mathit{AllocSite}$$

$$\hat{v} \in \widehat{Val} = \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \times \widehat{Array}$$

$$\widehat{\mathbb{Z}} = \{\perp\} \cup \{[l, u] \mid l, u \in \mathbb{Z} \cup \{-\infty, \infty\}, l \leq u\}$$

$$\widehat{Array} = \mathcal{P}(\mathit{AllocSite}) \times \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$$

$$\hat{m} \in \widehat{Mem} = \widehat{Loc} \rightarrow \widehat{Val}$$

- The analysis is to compute the least fixed point of the function:

$$\widehat{F} : (N \rightarrow \widehat{Mem}) \rightarrow (N \rightarrow \widehat{Mem})$$

$$\widehat{F}(X) = \lambda n. \hat{f}_n \left( \bigsqcup_{n' \hookrightarrow n} X(n') \right)$$

# Abstract Semantics

- An l-value evaluates to a set of abstract locations:

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{\mathcal{L}}(lv) &: \widehat{Mem} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\widehat{Loc}) \\ \widehat{\mathcal{L}}(x)(\hat{m}) &= \{x\} \\ \widehat{\mathcal{L}}(x[e])(\hat{m}) &= \hat{m}(x).\mathbf{2.1}\end{aligned}$$

- An expression evaluates to an abstract value:

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{\mathcal{E}}(e) &: \widehat{Mem} \rightarrow \widehat{Val} \\ \widehat{\mathcal{E}}(n)(\hat{m}) &= \langle [n, n], \perp_{\widehat{Array}} \rangle \\ \widehat{\mathcal{E}}(lv)(\hat{m}) &= \bigsqcup_{\hat{l} \in \widehat{\mathcal{L}}(lv)(\hat{m})} \hat{m}(\hat{l}) \\ \widehat{\mathcal{E}}(e_1 + e_2)(\hat{m}) &= \widehat{\mathcal{E}}(e_1)(\hat{m}) +_{\widehat{Val}} \widehat{\mathcal{E}}(e_2)(\hat{m})\end{aligned}$$

- Transfer function:  $\hat{f}_n(\hat{m}) =$

$$\begin{cases} \hat{m}[x \mapsto \widehat{\mathcal{E}}(e)(\hat{m})] & \text{if } lv := e, \widehat{\mathcal{L}}(lv)(\hat{m}) = \{x\} \\ \bigsqcup_{\hat{l} \in \widehat{\mathcal{L}}(lv)(\hat{m})} \hat{m}[\hat{l} \mapsto \hat{m}(\hat{l}) \sqcup \widehat{\mathcal{E}}(e)(\hat{m})] & \text{if } lv := e, \widehat{\mathcal{L}}(lv)(\hat{m}) = \dots \\ \mathbf{Prune}_e(\hat{m}) & \text{if } \mathit{assume}(e) \end{cases}$$

# Summary

- Interval abstract domain
- Fixed point computation with widening and narrowing
- Interval domain-based static analysis for S