

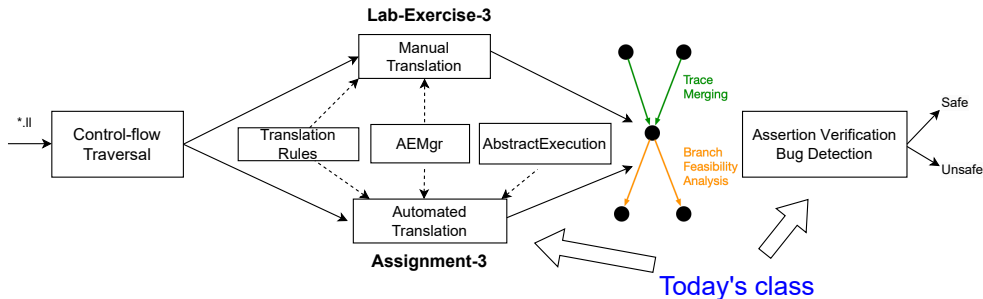
Abstract Interpretation for Code Analysis and Verification

(Week 9)

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Today's class



- Weak topological order (WTO) and handling loops
- Abstract interpretation over a combined abstract domain

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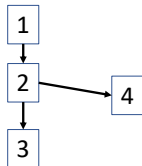
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A **topological order** of a graph $G(V, E)$ is a linear ordering of its nodes such that for every directed edge $a \rightarrow b$, node a always precedes node b in the ordering.

- Must be a **directed acyclic graph** (DAG), at least one topological ordering.
- The ordering respects the **direction of edges**.

Example of topological order:



acyclic graph G

1 2 3 4 ✓

1 2 4 3 ✓

1 3 2 4 ✗

Valid/invalid topological order

How About Analyzing Loops?

- **Topological Order** can only be used for directed acyclic graphs (DAGs).
- **Weak Topological Order (WTO)** is a relaxation of the more stringent topological order for graphs with loops.
 - **Cycles Permitted:** allows for cycles within the graph.
 - **Hierarchical Decomposition:** A graph is decomposed into a hierarchical structure where each node or a strongly connected component (SCC) can contain subnodes.
 - **Weak Topological Order or Partial Order:** In a WTO, nodes and SCCs are arranged in a partial order (not enumerating possible infinite loop paths). This order respects the dependencies in a way that allows for iterative analysis.
 - We will practice loop handling using WTO in Assignment-3.

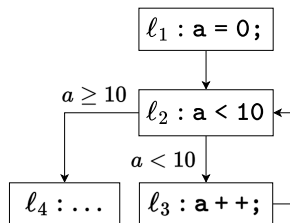
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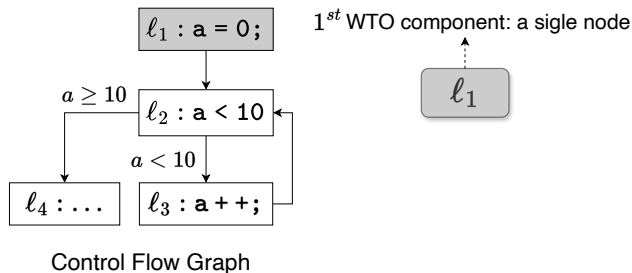
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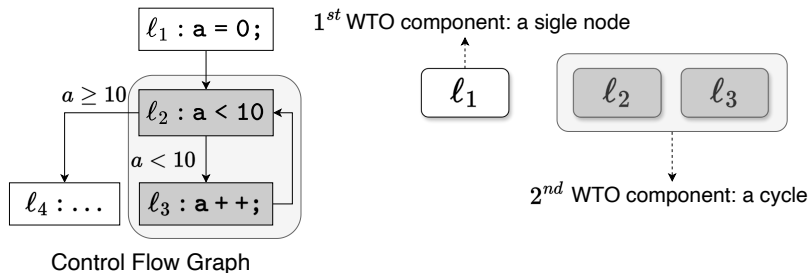
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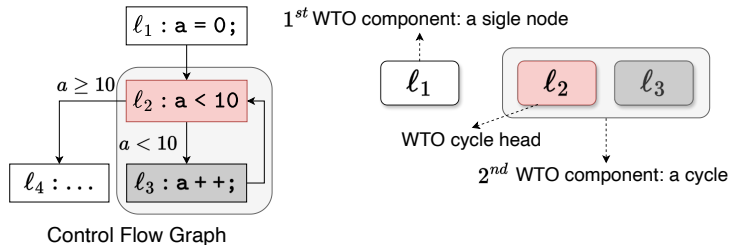
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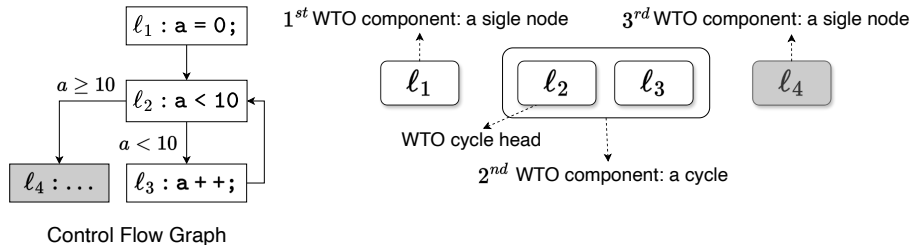
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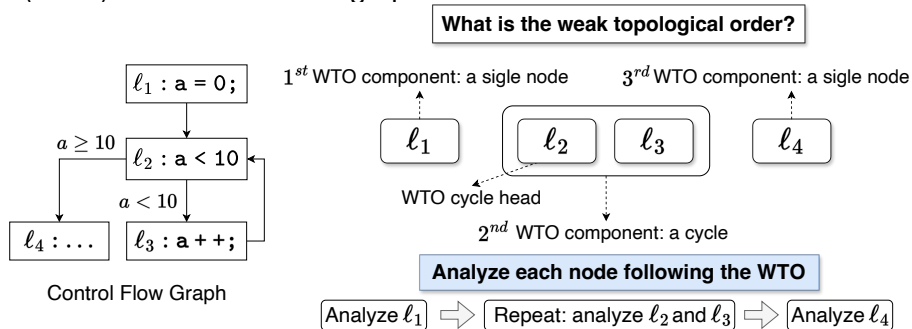


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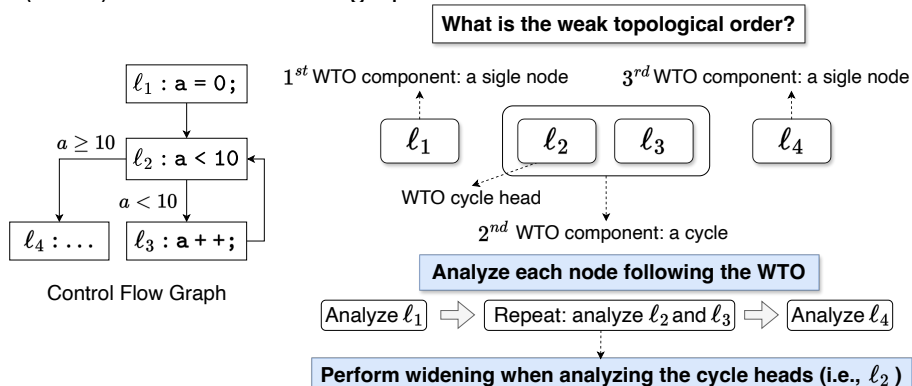


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WTO, Widening and Narrowing

Why Weak Topological Order (WTO)?

- Handling cyclic dependencies
- Efficient fixed-point computation

Why Widening?

- Over-approximation
- Prevent non-termination

Why Narrowing?

- Refine precision after widening converges
- The specific conditions or constraints used for narrowing:
 - Loop exit conditions ([this course](#))
 - Type constraints (8-bit integer ranging from $[-128, 127]$)
 - Bounds from arithmetic operations If $x = y + z$, and $y \in [1, 5]$ and $z \in [2, 3]$, then $x \in [3, 8]$. If widening gives $[1, 10]$, narrowing can refine this to $[3, 8]$.
 - User-specification (assertions and guard conditions)

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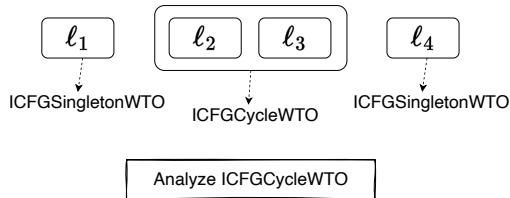
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- An **abstract value** can be either an interval or a memory address.

	Domain	Notation	SSE Data Structure
Abstract trace	$\mathbb{L} \times \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}$	σ	preAbsTrace: trace before ICFGNodes postAbsTrace: trace after ICFGNodes
Abstract state at $L \in \mathbb{L}$	$\mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}$	$\sigma_{\bar{\ell}}$ $\sigma_{\underline{\ell}}$	preAbsTrace[node]: state before node ℓ postAbsTrace[node]: state after node ℓ
Abstract value of varId at $L \in \mathbb{L}$	$\mathbb{A}$	$\sigma_{\underline{\ell}}(\text{varId})$	as = postAbsTrace[node] as[VarID]: value of varId after node ℓ

Widening and Narrowing



ICFGWTOComp has two subclasses:

ICFGSingletonWTO and ICFGCycleWTO.

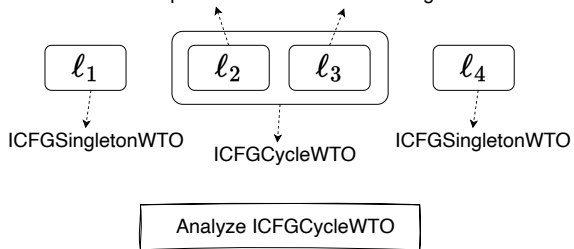
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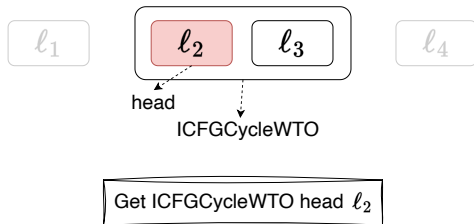
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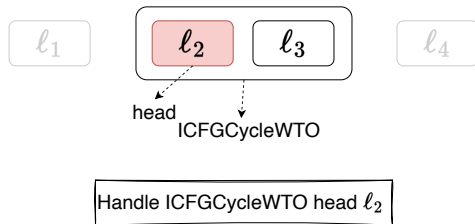
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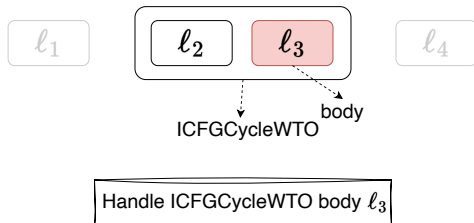
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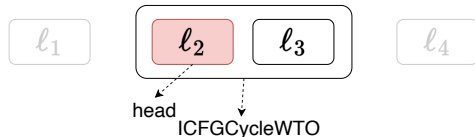
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Note: getIWT0components returns Cycle WTO body, i.e., ℓ_3

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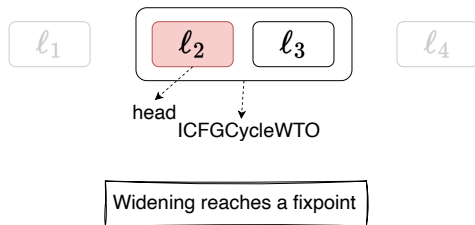
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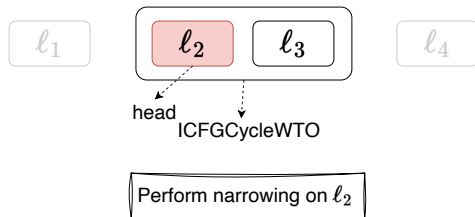
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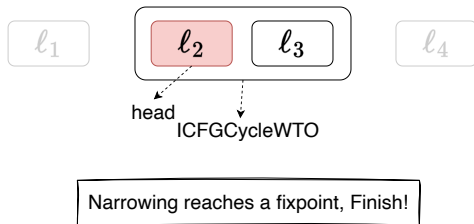
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Abstract Interpretation on SVFIR

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Abstract Interpretation on Pointer-Free SVFIR

Interval Domain

- For simplicity, let's first consider abstract execution on a pointer-free language.
- This means there are no operations for memory allocation (like $p = \text{alloc}_o$) or for indirect memory accesses (such as $p = *q$ or $*p = q$).
- Here are the pointer-free SVFSTMTs and their C-like forms:

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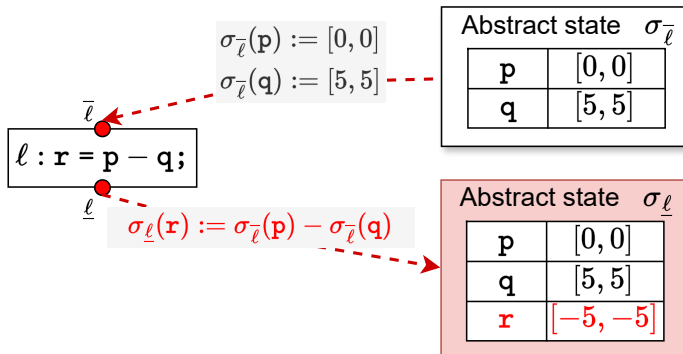
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Let's use the *Interval* abstract domain to update σ based on the following rules for different SVFSTMT:

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SEQUENCE	$\ell_1; \ell_2$	$\forall v \in \mathbb{V}, \sigma_{\underline{\ell}_2}(v) \supseteq \sigma_{\underline{\ell}_1}(v)$
BRANCHSTMT	$\ell_1 : \text{if}(x < c) \text{ then } \ell_2 \text{ else } \ell_3$	$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\underline{\ell}_2}(x) &:= \sigma_{\underline{\ell}_1}(x) \sqcap [-\infty, c - 1], \text{ if } \sigma_{\underline{\ell}_1}(x) \sqcap [-\infty, c - 1] \neq \perp \\ \sigma_{\underline{\ell}_3}(x) &:= \sigma_{\underline{\ell}_1}(x) \sqcap [c, +\infty], \text{ if } \sigma_{\underline{\ell}_1}(x) \sqcap [c, +\infty] \neq \perp \end{aligned}$

Abstract Interpretation on BINARYSTMT

SVFSTMT	C-like form	Abstract Execution Rule
BINARYSTMT	$\ell : r = p \otimes q$	$\sigma_{\underline{\ell}}(r) := \sigma_{\bar{\ell}}(p) \hat{\otimes} \sigma_{\bar{\ell}}(q)$

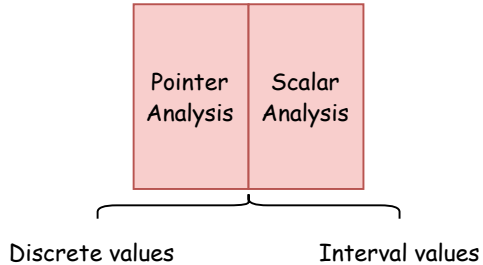


Abstract Interpretation in the Presence of Pointers

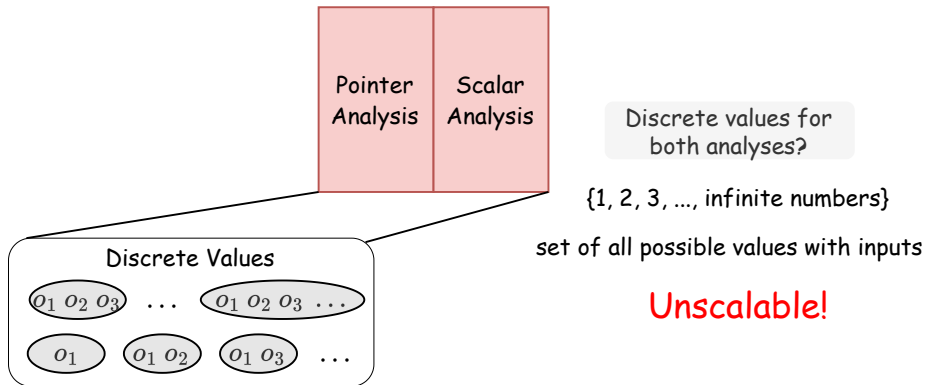
- SVFIR in the presence of pointers contains pointer-related statements including ADDRSTMT, GEPSTMT, LOADSTMT and STORESTMT.
- Abstract interpretation needs to be performed on **a combined domain of intervals and abstract addresses**.

SVFSTMT	C-like form
CONSTMT	$\ell : p = c$
COPYSTMT	$\ell : p = q$
BINARYSTMT	$\ell : r = p \otimes q$
PHISTMT	$\ell : r = \text{phi}(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$
SEQUENCE	$\ell_1; \ell_2$
BRANCHSTMT	$\ell_1 : \text{if}(x < c) \text{ then } \ell_2 \text{ else } \ell_3$
ADDRSTMT	$\ell : p = \text{alloc}$
GEPSTMT	$\ell : p = \&(q \rightarrow i) \text{ or } p = \&q[i]$
LOADSTMT	$\ell : p = *q$
STORESTMT	$\ell : *p = q$

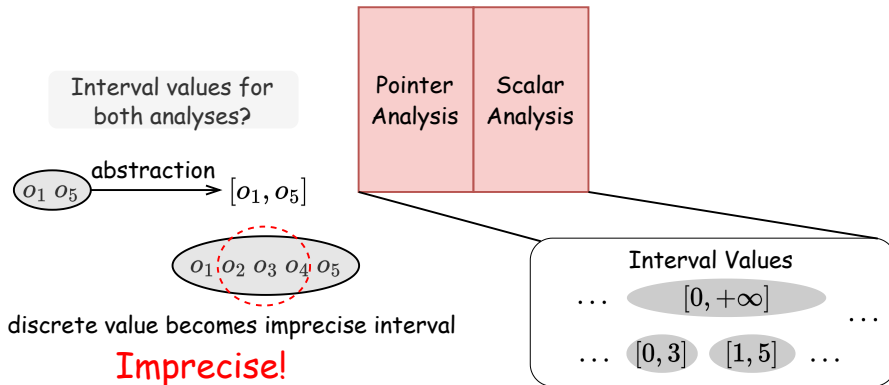
Combined Analysis



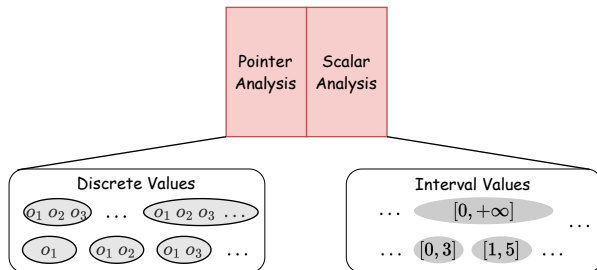
Combined Analysis Using Discrete Values



Combined Analysis Using Interval Values



Abstract Interpretation Over a Combined Domain



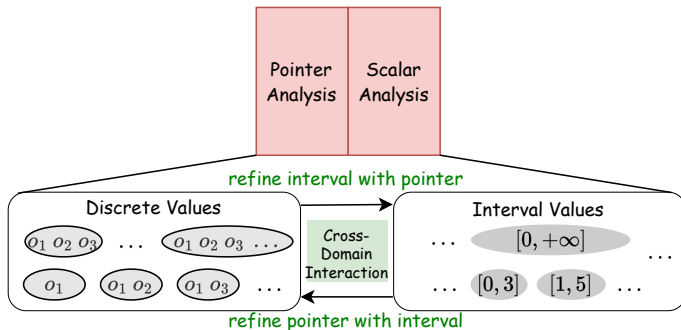
$p = \text{malloc}(\textcolor{blue}{m} * \text{sizeof}(\text{int}));$ // p points to an array of size m

$q = \text{malloc}(\textcolor{red}{n} * \text{sizeof}(\text{int}));$ // q points to an array of size n

$\textcolor{blue}{m} = r[\textcolor{red}{i}];$

- The discrete values for points-to set of p , q depend on interval values of m and n .
- The interval value of m depends on the pointer aliasing between p , q and $\&r[i]$.
- Cyclic dependency between two domains requiring a bi-directional refinement. (variables highlighted in $\textcolor{blue}{blue}$ and $\textcolor{red}{red}$ denote the discrete values and interval values dependent),

Abstract Interpretation Over a Combined Domain

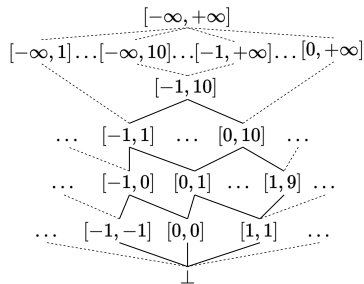


We require **a combination of interval and memory address domains** to precisely and efficiently perform abstract execution on SVFIR in the presence of pointers.

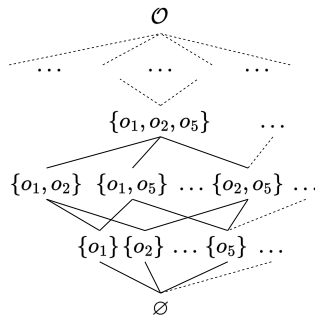
Precise Sparse Abstract Execution via Cross-Domain Interaction, ICSE 2024

Abstract Interpretation over Interval and MemAddress Domains

A Combined Domain of Intervals and Discrete Memory Addresses



Interval domain for scalar variables



MemAddress domain for discrete memory address values

SVF Program Variables (SVFVar)

Program Variables	Domain	Meanings
SVFVar	$\mathbb{V} = \mathbb{P} \cup \mathbb{O}$	Program Variables
ValVar	$\mathbb{P}$	Top-level variables (scalars and pointers)
ObjVar	$\mathbb{O} = \mathbb{S} \cup \mathbb{G} \cup \mathbb{H} \cup \mathbb{C}$	Memory Objects (constant data, stack, heap, global) (function objects are considered as global objects)
FIObjVar	$\mathbf{o} \in (\mathbb{S} \cup \mathbb{G} \cup \mathbb{H})$	A single (base) memory object
GepObjVar	$\mathbf{o}_i \in (\mathbb{S} \cup \mathbb{G} \cup \mathbb{H}) \times \mathbb{P}$	i -th subfield/element of an (aggregate) object
ConstantData	$\mathbb{C}$	Constant data (e.g., numbers and strings)
Program Statement	$\ell \in \mathbb{L}$	Statements labels

Abstract Trace for the Combined Domain

- At each program point L , σ_L maps top-level variables $\mathbb{P}$ to product-domain values in $Interval \times MemAddress$ (to track the addresses or intervals).
- At each program point L , δ_L maps memory objects $\mathbb{O}$ to their abstract values.
- The pre- and post-traces store $\langle \sigma_L, \delta_L \rangle$ before and after each `ICFGNode`.

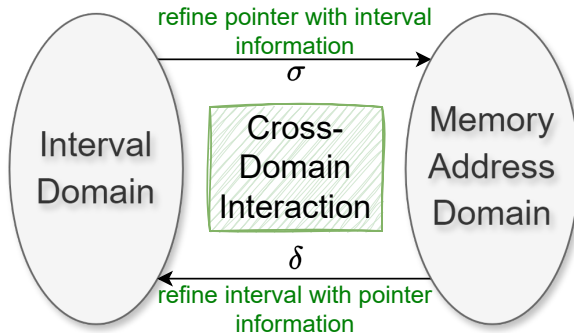
	Notation	Domain	Data Structure Implementation
Abstract trace	σ	$\mathbb{L} \times \mathbb{P} \rightarrow Interval \times MemAddress$	$preAbsTrace, postAbsTrace$
	δ	$\mathbb{L} \times \mathbb{O} \rightarrow Interval \times MemAddress$	
Abstract state	σ_L	$\mathbb{P} \rightarrow Interval \times MemAddress$	$AbstractState.varToAbsVal$
	δ_L	$\mathbb{O} \rightarrow Interval \times MemAddress$	$AbstractState.addrToAbsVal$
Abstract value	$\sigma_L(p)$	$Interval \times MemAddress$	$AbstractValue$
	$\delta_L(o)$		

- *Interval* is used for tracking the interval value of **scalar variables** $\mathbb{P}$.
- *MemAddress* is used for tracking the memory addresses of **memory address variables** $\mathbb{O}$.

Implementation of Abstract Trace and State in Assignment-3

- For a program point L , $AEState$ consists of:
 - Top-level variable, $varToAbsVal : \sigma_L \in \mathbb{P} \rightarrow Interval \times MemAddress$
 - Memory object, $addrToAbsVal : \delta_L \in \mathbb{O} \rightarrow Interval \times MemAddress$
- The abstract trace has two maps, $preAbsTrace$ and $postAbsTrace$, which maintain abstract states before and after each $ICFGNode$ respectively.
 - For an $ICFGNode$ ℓ , $preAbsTrace(\ell)$ retrieves the abstract state $\langle \sigma_{\bar{\ell}}, \delta_{\bar{\ell}} \rangle$, and $postAbsTrace(\ell)$ represents $\langle \sigma_{\underline{\ell}}, \delta_{\underline{\ell}} \rangle$.
 - For an abstract state $\langle \sigma, \delta \rangle$, use `as[VarId]` to access σ , and use `storeValue` and `loadValue` to access δ .
 - Each variable's `AbstractValue` (e.g., `as[VarId]`) is initialized as $\perp$ in an `AbstractState` before it is assigned a new value. An `uninitialized variable` is `assigned with` $\top$ for over-approximation.
 - Each `AbstractValue` (e.g., `as[VarId]`) is a `2-element tuple` consisting of `an interval` `as[VarId].getInterval()` and `an address set` `as[VarId].getAddrs()`.
 - Print out `SVFVars` and their `AbstractValues` in an `AbstractState` by invoking `as.printAbstractState()`

Abstract Trace for the Combined Domain



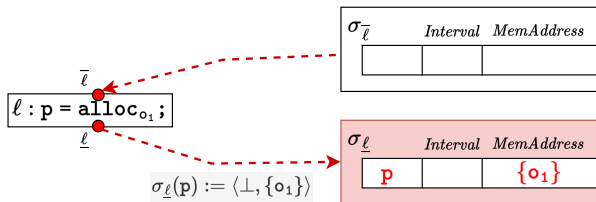
Abstract Execution Rules on SVFIR in the Presence of Pointers

Now let's use the $Interval \times MemAddress$ abstract domain to update σ and δ based on the following rules for different SVFSTMT:

SVFSTMT	C-like form	Abstract Execution Rule
CONSTMT	$\ell : p = c$	$\sigma_{\ell}(p) := \langle [c, c], \perp \rangle$
COPYSTMT	$\ell : p = q$	$\sigma_{\ell}(p) := \sigma_{\ell}(q)$
BINARYSTMT	$\ell : r = p \otimes q$	$\sigma_{\ell}(r) := \sigma_{\ell}(p) \otimes \sigma_{\ell}(q)$
CMPSTMT	$\ell : r = p \odot q$	$\sigma_{\ell}(r) := \widehat{cmp}_{\odot}(\sigma_{\ell}(p), \sigma_{\ell}(q))$
PHISTMT	$\ell : r = \text{phi}(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$	$\sigma_{\ell}(r) := \bigsqcup_{i=1}^n \sigma_{\ell}(p_i)$
BRANCHSTMT	$\ell_1 : \text{if}(x < c) \text{ then } \ell_2 \text{ else } \ell_3$	$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\ell_2}(x) &:= \sigma_{\ell_1}(x) \sqcap [-\infty, c - 1], \text{ if } \sigma_{\ell_1}(x) \sqcap [-\infty, c - 1] \neq \perp \\ \sigma_{\ell_3}(x) &:= \sigma_{\ell_1}(x) \sqcap [c, +\infty], \text{ if } \sigma_{\ell_1}(x) \sqcap [c, +\infty] \neq \perp \end{aligned}$
SEQUENCE	$\ell_1; \ell_2$	$\delta_{\ell_2} \sqsupseteq \delta_{\ell_1}, \sigma_{\ell_2} \sqsupseteq \sigma_{\ell_1}$
ADDRSTMT	$\ell : p = \text{alloc}_{o_i}$	$\sigma_{\ell}(p) := \langle \perp, \{o_i\} \rangle$
GEPSTMT	$\ell : p = \&(q \rightarrow i) \text{ or } p = \&q[i]$	$\sigma_{\ell}(p) := \bigsqcup_{o \in \gamma(\sigma_{\ell}(q))} \bigsqcup_{j \in \gamma(\sigma_{\ell}(i))} \langle \perp, \{\text{offset}_j\} \rangle$
LOADSTMT	$\ell : p = *q$	$\sigma_{\ell}(p) := \bigsqcup_{o \in \{o \mid o \in \gamma(\sigma_{\ell}(q))\}} \delta_{\ell}(o)$
STORESTMT	$\ell : *p = q$	$\delta_{\ell} := (\{o \mapsto \sigma_{\ell}(q) \mid o \in \gamma(\sigma_{\ell}(p))\}) \sqcup \delta_{\ell}$

Abstract Interpretation on ADDRSTMT

SVFSTMT	C-like form	Abstract Execution Rule
ADDRSTMT	$\ell : p = \text{alloc}_{o_1}$	$\sigma_{\underline{\ell}}(p) := \langle \perp, \{o_1\} \rangle$



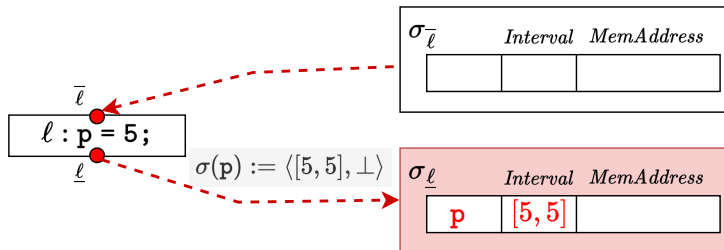
Algorithm 13: Abstract Execution Rule for ADDRSTMT

```

1 Function updateStateOnAddr(addr):
2   node = addr → getICFGNode();
3   as = getAbsStateFromTrace(node);
4   initObjVar(as, SVFUtil :: cast<ObjVar>(addr → getRHSVar()));
5   as[addr → getLHSVarID()] = as[addr → getRHSVarID()];
  
```

Abstract Interpretation on CONSTMT

SVFSTMT	C-like form	Abstract Execution Rule
CONSTMT	$\ell : p = c$	$\sigma_{\ell}(p) := \langle [c, c], \perp \rangle$



Algorithm 14: Abstract Execution Rule for CONSTMT

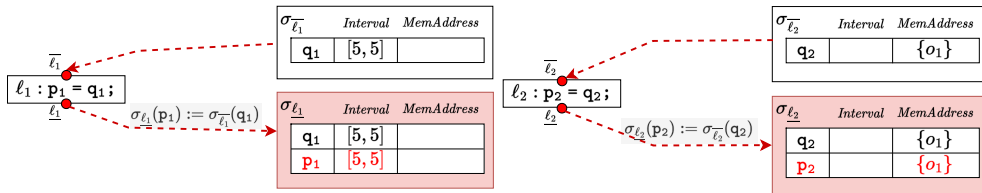
```

1 Function updateStateOnAddr(addr):
2   node = addr → getICFGNode();
3   as = getAbsStateFromTrace(node);
4   initObjVar(as, SVFUtil :: cast(ObjVar)(addr → getRHSVar()));
5   as[addr → getLHSVarID()] = as[addr → getRHSVarID()];

```

Abstract Interpretation on COPYSTMT

SVFSTMT	C-like form	Abstract Execution Rule
COPYSTMT	$\ell : p = q$	$\sigma_{\underline{\ell}}(p) := \sigma_{\overline{\ell}}(q)$



Algorithm 15: Abstract Execution Rule for COPYSTMT

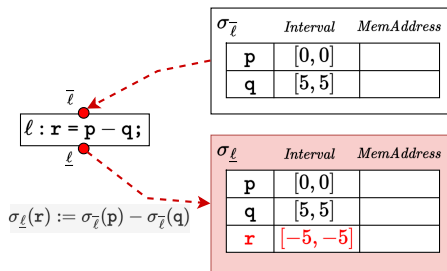
```

1 Function updateStateOnCopy(copy):
2   // Retrieve ICFGNode  $\ell$ ;
3   // Retrieve the abstract state at  $\underline{\ell}$ ;
4   // Assign RHS's abstract value to LHS;

```

Abstract Interpretation on BINARYSTMT

SVFSTMT	C-like form	Abstract Execution Rule
BINARYSTMT	$\ell : r = p \otimes q$	$\sigma_{\underline{\ell}}(r) := \sigma_{\bar{\ell}}(p) \hat{\otimes} \sigma_{\bar{\ell}}(q)$



Algorithm 16: Abstract Execution Rule for BINARYSTMT

```

1 Function updateStateOnBinary(binary):
2   // Retrieve ICFGNode  $\ell$ ;
3   // Retrieve the abstract state at  $\underline{\ell}$ ;
4   // Assign the results after the binary
   operation of the two operands op0 and op1;

```

Operands op0 and op1 assumed to be properly initialized

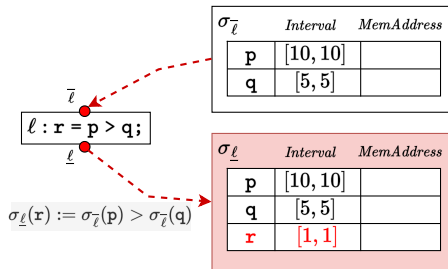
The binary operator works out the range of **all possible results** from two input intervals, use "+" and "-" as examples

$$[l_1, u_1] + [l_2, u_2] = [l_1 + l_2, u_1 + u_2]$$

$$[l_1, u_1] - [l_2, u_2] = [l_1 - u_2, u_1 - l_2]$$

Abstract Interpretation on CMPSTMT

SVFSTMT	C-like form	Abstract Execution Rule
CMPSTMT	$\ell : r = p \odot q$	$\sigma_{\underline{\ell}}(r) := \widehat{\text{cmp}}_{\odot}(\sigma_{\bar{\ell}}(p), \sigma_{\bar{\ell}}(q))$



Algorithm 17: Abstract Execution Rule for CMPSTMT

```

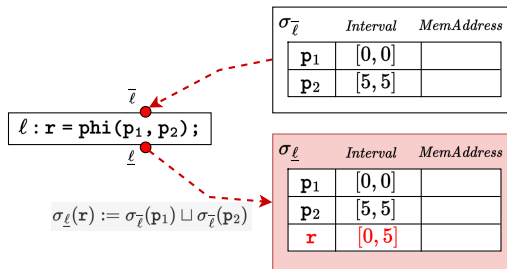
1 Function updateStateOnCmp(cmp):
2   // Retrieve ICFGNode  $\ell$ ;
3   // Retrieve the abstract state at  $\underline{\ell}$ ;
4   // Assign the results after the
   // comparison operation of the two operands;

```

Operands op0 and op1 are assumed to be properly initialized (the Assignment-3 tests contain no reads of uninitialized memory).

Abstract Interpretation on PHISTMT

SVFSTMT	C-like form	Abstract Execution Rule
PHISTMT	$\ell : r = \text{phi}(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$	$\sigma_{\underline{\ell}}(r) := \bigsqcup_{i=1}^n \sigma_{\bar{\ell}}(p_i)$



Algorithm 18: Abstract Execution Rule for PHISTMT

```

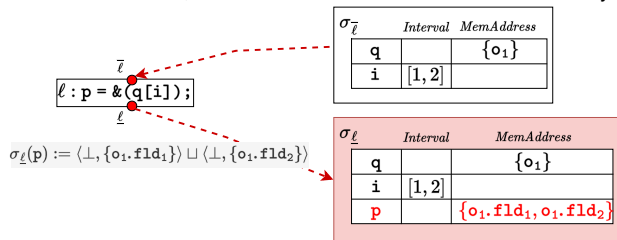
1 Function updateStateOnPhi(phi):
2   // Retrieve ICFGNode  $\ell$ ;
3   // Retrieve the abstract state at  $\bar{\ell}$ ;
4   // Join the abstract values of all n
   // operands retrieved from  $\bar{\ell}$  or from the
   // ICFGNode where each operand is defined.;
5   // Assign the joined values to the result
   // operand.;
6   //  $\sigma_{\underline{\ell}}(r) := \bigsqcup_{i=1}^n \sigma_{\bar{\ell}}(p_i)$ 

```

Abstract Interpretation on GEPSTMT

SVFSTMT	C-like form	Abstract Execution Rule
GEPSTMT	$\ell : p = \&(q \rightarrow i) \text{ or } p = \&q[i]$	$\sigma_{\underline{\ell}}(p) := \bigsqcup_{o \in \gamma(\sigma_{\bar{\ell}}(q))} \bigsqcup_{j \in \gamma(\sigma_{\bar{\ell}}(i))} \langle \perp, \{o.fld_j\} \rangle$

Note: getGepObjAddr computes abstract target addresses without explicitly enumerating an unbounded concretization; unknown indices are handled conservatively by the Assignment-3 memory model.



Algorithm 19: Abstract Execution Rule for GEPSTMT

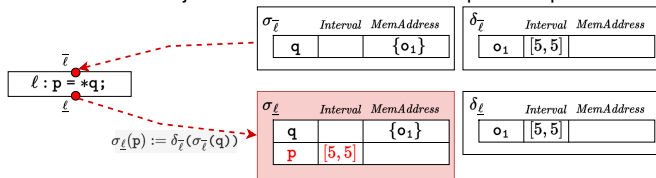
```

1 Function updateStateOnGep(gep):
2   // Retrieve ICFGNode  $\ell$ ;
3   // Retrieve the abstract state at  $\ell$ ;
4   // Retrieve the field index or array index  $i$ 
   given as.getElemIndex(gep);
5   // Retrieve the memory address value via
   as.getGepObjAddr(rhs, i) and assign it to
   LHS
  
```

Abstract Interpretation on LOADSTMT

SVFSTMT	C-like form	Abstract Execution Rule
LOADSTMT	$\ell : p = *q$	$\sigma_{\underline{\ell}}(p) := \bigsqcup_{o \in \{o \mid o \in \gamma(\sigma_{\bar{\ell}}(q))\}} \delta_{\bar{\ell}}(o)$

Note: a load joins the abstract values of all possible pointees.



Algorithm 20: Abstract Execution Rule for LOADSTMT

```

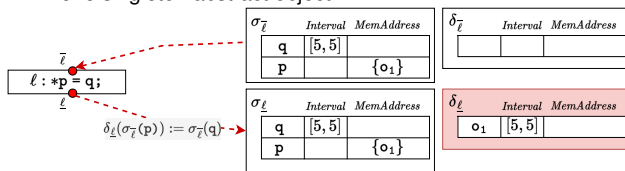
1 Function updateStateOnLoad(load):
2   // Retrieve ICFGNode  $\ell$ ;
3   // Retrieve the abstract state at  $\underline{\ell}$ ;
4   // Load the value from RHS via
   as.loadValue(rhs) and assign it to LHS;

```

Abstract Interpretation on STORETMT

SVFSTMT	C-like form	Abstract Execution Rule
STORETMT	$\ell : *p = q$	$\delta_{\underline{\ell}} := (\{o \mapsto \sigma_{\bar{\ell}}(q) \mid o \in \gamma(\sigma_{\bar{\ell}}(p))\} \sqcup \delta_{\underline{\ell}})$

Note: the rule performs a weak update. A strong update is possible only when the target is known to be exactly one singleton abstract object.



Algorithm 21: Abstract Execution Rule for STORETMT

```

1 Function updateStateOnStore(store):
2   // Retrieve ICFGNode  $\ell$ ;
3   // Retrieve the abstract state at  $\underline{\ell}$ ;
4   // Store RHS value to LHS via as.storeValue;

```

An Example: Abstract Trace σ for Top-level Variables

```
extern void assert(int);

int main(){
    int a = 0;
    while(a < 10) {
        a++;
    }
    assert(a == 10);
    return 0;
}
```

Source Code

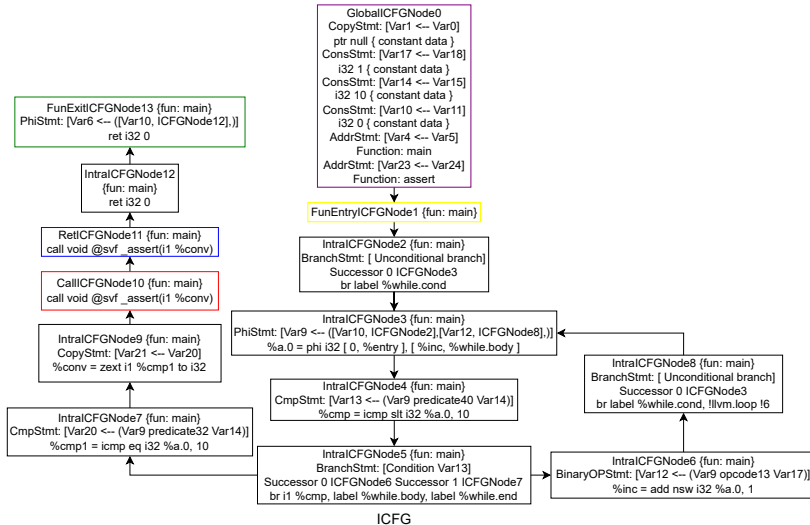
Compile to LLVM IR



```
define dso_local i32 @main() {
entry:
    br label %while.cond
while.cond:
    %a.0 = phi i32 [ 0, %entry ], [ %inc, %while.body ]
    %cmp = icmp slt i32 %a.0, 10
    br i1 %cmp, label %while.body, label %while.end
while.body:
    %inc = add nsw i32 %a.0, 1
    br label %while.cond,
while.end:
    %cmp1 = icmp eq i32 %a.0, 10
    %conv = zext i1 %cmp1 to i32
    call void @assert(i32 noundef %conv)
    ret i32 0
}
```

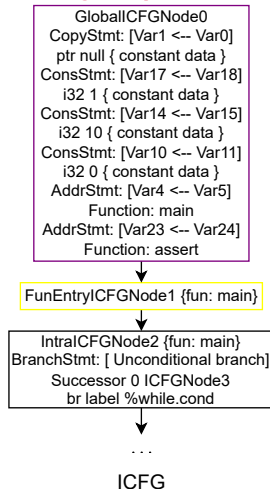
LLVM IR

An Example: Abstract Trace σ for Top-level Variables



An Example: Abstract Trace σ for Top-level Variables

Before Entering Loop



Algorithm 22: Abstract execution guided by WTO

```
1 Function handleStatement( $\ell$ ):
2    $tmpAS := preAbsTrace[\ell]$ ;
3   if  $\ell$  is CONSTMT or ADDRSTMT then
4     | updateStateOnAddr( $\ell$ );
5   else if  $\ell$  is COPYSTMT then
6     | updateStateOnCopy( $\ell$ );
7   ...;
```

$postAbsTrace[ICFGNode0].varToAbsVal$:

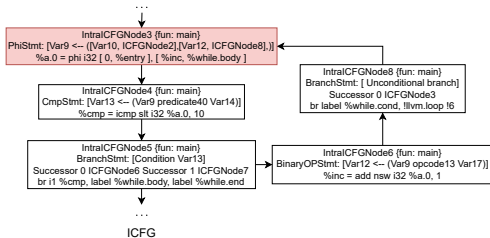
SVFVar	AbstractValue(<i>Interval</i> , <i>MemAddress</i>)
Var0	$\langle \perp, \{0x7f00\} \rangle$
Var1	$\langle \perp, \{0x7f00\} \rangle$
Var18	$\langle [1, 1], \perp \rangle$
Var17	$\langle [1, 1], \perp \rangle$
Var14	$\langle [10, 10], \perp \rangle$
Var15	$\langle [10, 10], \perp \rangle$
Var10	$\langle [0, 0], \perp \rangle$
Var11	$\langle [0, 0], \perp \rangle$

...

Print out the table via `as.printAbstractState()`. The AbstractValue can **either be an interval or addresses**, but not both!

An Example: Abstract Trace σ for Top-level Variables

Widen Delay Phase (cur_iter is 0)



$postAbsTrace[ICFGNode3].varToAbsVal :$

SVFVar	AbstractValue $\langle Interval, MemAddress \rangle$
...	...
Var10	$\langle [0, 0], \perp \rangle$
Var9	$\langle [0, 0], \perp \rangle$
...	...

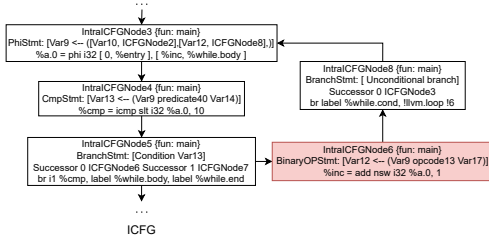
Algorithm 12: Handle ICFG Cycle

```

1 Function handleICFGCycle (cycle):
2    $\ell := cycle.getHead().getICFGNode();$  // cycle head ICFGNode  $\ell$ 
3   increasing := true;
4   i := 0; // analysis iteration for the loop
5   while true do
6      $as_{pre} := \sigma_{\ell};$  // abstract state in the last iteration
7     handleICFGNode( $\ell$ );
8      $as_{cur} := \sigma_{\ell};$  // abstract state in the current iteration
9     if  $i \geq Options.WidenDelay()$  then
10      if increasing then
11         $\sigma_{\ell} := as_{pre} \nabla as_{cur};$  // widening
12        if  $\sigma_{\ell} \equiv as_{pre}$  then
13          increasing := false;
14          continue;
15      else
16         $\sigma_{\ell} := as_{pre} \Delta as_{cur};$  // narrowing
17        if  $\sigma_{\ell} \equiv as_{pre}$  then
18          break;
19      // continue until the widening and narrowing phases stabilize
20      foreach comp  $\in cycle.getWTOComponents()$  do
21        if comp is Singleton then
22          handleICFGNode(comp.getICFGNode())
23        else if comp is Cycle then
24          handleICFGCycle(comp);
25      i++;
26      return;
  
```

An Example: Abstract Trace σ for Top-level Variables

Widen Delay Phase (cur_iter is 0)



$postAbsTrace[ICFGNode6].varToAbsVal$:

SVFVar	AbstractValue $\langle Interval, MemAddress \rangle$
...	...
Var10	$\langle [0, 0], \perp \rangle$
Var9	$\langle [0, 0], \perp \rangle$
Var12	$\langle [1, 1], \perp \rangle$
...	...

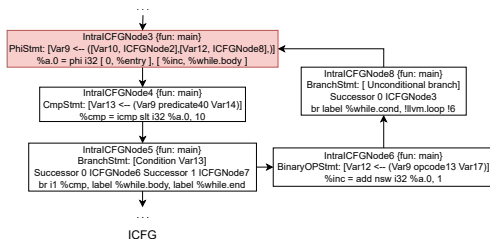
Algorithm 12: Handle ICFG Cycle

```

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2    $\ell := cycle.getHead().getICFGNode();$  // cycle head ICFGNode  $\ell$ 
3   increasing := true;
4   i := 0; // analysis iteration for the loop
5   while true do
6      $as_{pre} := \sigma_{\ell};$  // abstract state in the last iteration
7     handleICFGNode( $\ell$ );
8      $as_{cur} := \sigma_{\ell};$  // abstract state in the current iteration
9     if  $i \geq Options.WidenDelay()$  then
10      if increasing then
11         $\sigma_{\ell} := as_{pre} \nabla as_{cur};$  // widening
12        if  $\sigma_{\ell} \equiv as_{pre}$  then
13          increasing := false;
14          continue;
15      else
16         $\sigma_{\ell} := as_{pre} \Delta as_{cur};$  // narrowing
17        if  $\sigma_{\ell} \equiv as_{pre}$  then
18          break;
19      // continue until the widening and narrowing phases stabilize
20      foreach comp  $\in cycle.getWTOComponents()$  do
21        if comp is Singleton then
22          handleICFGNode(comp.getICFGNode())
23        else if comp is Cycle then
24          handleICFGCycle(comp);
25      i++;
26   return;
  
```

An Example: Abstract Trace σ for Top-level Variables

Widen Delay Phase (cur_iter is 1)



$postAbsTrace[ICFGNode3].varToAbsVal :$

SVFVar	AbstractValue $\langle Interval, MemAddress \rangle$
...	
Var9	$\langle [0, 1], \perp \rangle$
Var12	$\langle [1, 1], \perp \rangle$
...	

Refer back to the example in Week-9.

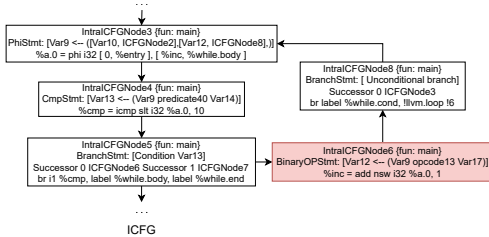
Algorithm 12: Handle ICFG Cycle

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7     handleICFGNode( $\ell$ );
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9     if  $i \geq Options.WidenDelay()$  then
10      if increasing then
11         $\sigma_{\ell} := as_{pre} \nabla as_{cur};$  // widening
12        if  $\sigma_{\ell} \equiv as_{pre}$  then
13          increasing := false;
14          continue;
15      else
16         $\sigma_{\ell} := as_{pre} \Delta as_{cur};$  // narrowing
17        if  $\sigma_{\ell} \equiv as_{pre}$  then
18          break;
19      // continue until the widening and narrowing phases stabilize
20      foreach comp  $\in cycle.getWTOComponents()$  do
21        if comp is Singleton then
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23        else if comp is Cycle then
24          handleICFGCycle(comp);
25      i++;
26   return;
  
```

An Example: Abstract Trace σ for Top-level Variables

Widen Delay Phase (cur_iter is 1)



$postAbsTrace[ICFGNode6].varToAbsVal$:

SVFVar	AbstractValue(<i>Interval</i> , <i>MemAddress</i>)
...	...
Var9	$\langle [0, 1], \perp \rangle$
Var12	$\langle [1, 2], \perp \rangle$
...	...

Refer back to the example in Week-9.

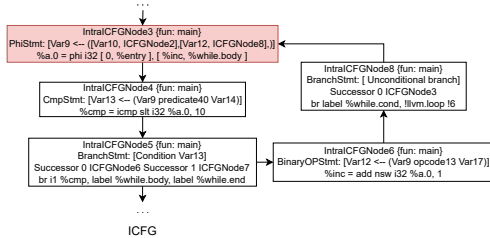
Algorithm 12: Handle ICFG Cycle

```

1 Function handleICFGCycle (cycle):
2    $\ell := cycle.getHead().getICFGNode();$  // cycle head ICFGNode  $\ell$ 
3   increasing := true;
4   i := 0; // analysis iteration for the loop
5   while true do
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21        if comp is Singleton then
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23        else if comp is Cycle then
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25      i++;
26   return;
  
```

An Example: Abstract Trace σ for Top-level Variables

Widen Phase (cur_iter is 2)



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 $postAbsTrace[ICFGNode3].varToAbsVal :$

SVFVar	$\langle Interval, MemAddress \rangle$
...	...
Var9	$\langle [0, +\infty], \perp \rangle$
Var12	$\langle [1, +\infty], \perp \rangle$
...	...

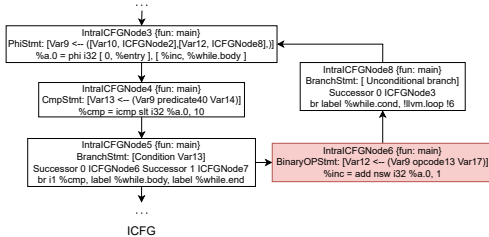
Algorithm 12: Handle ICFG Cycle

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17       if  $\sigma_{\ell} \equiv as_{pre}$  then
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21       if comp is Singleton then
22        handleICFGNode(comp.getICFGNode())
23       else if comp is Cycle then
24        handleICFGCycle(comp);
25      i++;
26    return;
  
```

An Example: Abstract Trace σ for Top-level Variables

Widen Phase (cur_iter is 2)



$\text{postAbsTrace}[\text{ICFGNode6}].\text{varToAbsVal}$:

SVFVar	AbstractValue $\langle \text{Interval}, \text{MemAddress} \rangle$
...	...
Var9	$\langle [0, 9], \perp \rangle$
Var12	$\langle [1, 10], \perp \rangle$
...	...

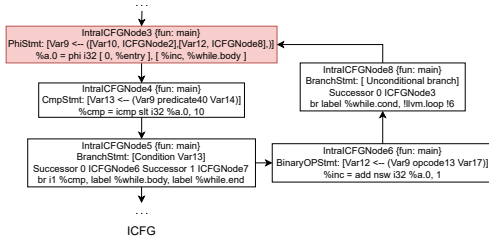
Algorithm 12: Handle ICFG Cycle

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7     handleICFGNode( $\ell$ );
8      $\text{as}_{\text{cur}} := \sigma_{\ell}$ ; // abstract state in the current iteration
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23        else if comp is Cycle then
24          handleICFGCycle(comp);
25      i++;
26  return;
  
```

An Example: Abstract Trace σ for Top-level Variables

Widen Phase Fixed Point



$postAbsTrace[ICFGNode3].varToAbsVal :$

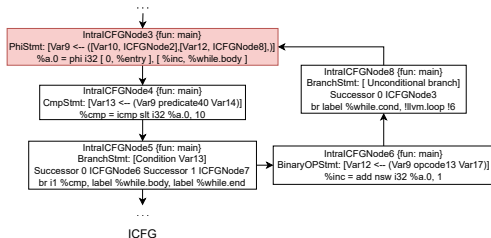
SVFVar	$\langle Interval, MemAddress \rangle$
...	...
Var9	$\langle [0, +\infty], \perp \rangle$
Var12	$\langle [1, +\infty], \perp \rangle$
...	...

Algorithm 12: Handle ICFG Cycle

```

1 Function handleICFGCycle (cycle):
2    $\ell := cycle.getHead().getICFGNode();$  // cycle head ICFGNode  $\ell$ 
3    $increasing := true;$ 
4    $i := 0;$  // analysis iteration for the loop
5   while true do
6      $as_{pre} := \sigma_{\ell};$  // abstract state in the last iteration
7      $handleICFGNode(\ell);$ 
8      $as_{cur} := \sigma_{\ell};$  // abstract state in the current iteration
9     if  $i \geq Options.WidenDelay()$  then
10      if  $increasing$  then
11         $\sigma_{\ell} := as_{pre} \nabla as_{cur};$  // widening
12        if  $\sigma_{\ell} \equiv as_{pre}$  then
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14          continue;
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20      foreach  $comp \in cycle.getWTOComponents()$  do
21        if  $comp$  is Singleton then
22           $handleICFGNode(comp.getICFGNode());$ 
23        else if  $comp$  is Cycle then
24           $handleICFGCycle(comp);$ 
25       $i++;$ 
26   return;
  
```

Narrow Phase



```
postAbsTrace[ICFGNode3].varToAbsVal :
```

SVFVar	$\langle Interval, MemAddress \rangle$
	...
<i>Var9</i>	$\langle [0, 10], \perp \rangle$
<i>Var12</i>	$\langle [1, 10], \perp \rangle$
	...

Algorithm 12: Handle ICFG Cycle

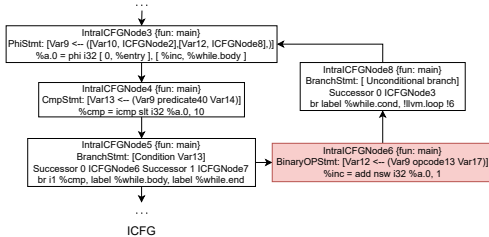
```

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2    $\ell := \text{cycle.getHead}().\text{getICFGNode}();$  // cycle head ICFGNode  $\ell$ 
3   increasing := true;
4   i := 0; // analysis iteration for the loop
5   while true do
6      $\text{as}_{\text{pre}} := \sigma_{\ell};$  // abstract state in the last iteration
7     handleICFGNode( $\ell$ );
8      $\text{as}_{\text{cur}} := \sigma'_{\ell};$  // abstract state in the current iteration
9     if i  $\geq$  Options.WidenDelay() then
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20     foreach comp  $\in$  cycle.getWTOComponents() do
21       if comp is Singleton then
22         handleICFGNode(comp.getICFGNode())
23       else if comp is Cycle then
24         handleICFGCycle(comp);
25   i++;
26 return;

```

An Example: Abstract Trace σ for Top-level Variables

Narrow Phase



$postAbsTrace[ICFGNode6].varToAbsVal :$

SVFVar	$\langle Interval, MemAddress \rangle$
...	
Var9	$\langle [0, 9], \perp \rangle$
Var12	$\langle [1, 10], \perp \rangle$
...	

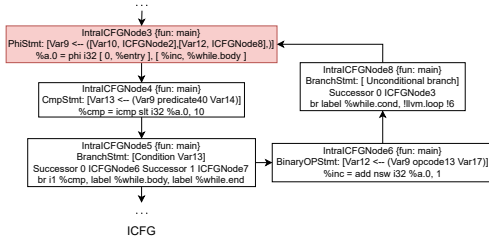
Algorithm 12: Handle ICFG Cycle

```

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21        if comp is Singleton then
22          handleICFGNode(comp.getICFGNode())
23        else if comp is Cycle then
24          handleICFGCycle(comp);
25      i++;
26  return;
  
```

An Example: Abstract Trace σ for Top-level Variables

Narrow Phase Fixed Point



$postAbsTrace[ICFGNode3].varToAbsVal :$

SVFVar	$\langle Interval, MemAddress \rangle$
...	...
<i>Var9</i>	$\langle [0, 10], \perp \rangle$
<i>Var12</i>	$\langle [1, 10], \perp \rangle$
...	...

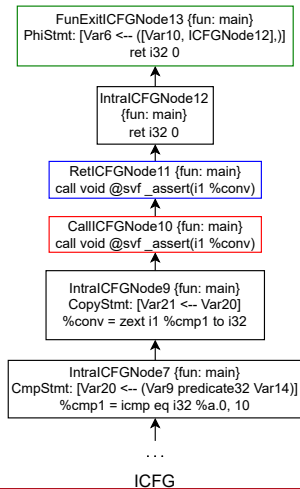
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21       if comp is Singleton then
22         handleICFGNode(comp.getICFGNode())
23       else if comp is Cycle then
24         handleICFGCycle(comp);
25   i++;
26   return;
  
```

An Example: Abstract Trace σ for Top-level Variables

After Exiting Loop



Algorithm 13: Abstract execution guided by WTO

```

1 Function handleStatement( $\ell$ ):
2    $tmpAS := preAbsTrace[\ell]$ ;
3   if  $\ell$  is CMPSTMT then
4      $updateStateOnCmp(\ell)$ ;
5   ...;
  
```

$postAbsTrace[ICFGNode7].varToAbsVal :$

SVFVar	$\langle Interval, MemAddress \rangle$
...	
Var9	$\langle [10, 10], \perp \rangle$
Var20	$\langle [1, 1], \perp \rangle$
...	