

CS738: Advanced Compiler Optimizations

Constant Propagation

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Agenda

- ▶ Using data flow analysis to identify “constant expressions” in a program
- ▶ Identify similarity/differences with bit-vector data flow analyses discussed earlier
- ▶ Other properties of constant propagation

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- ▶ CP: Replace expressions that evaluate to same constant “c” every time they are executed, by the value “c”

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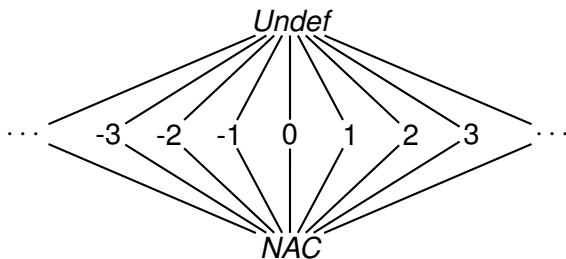
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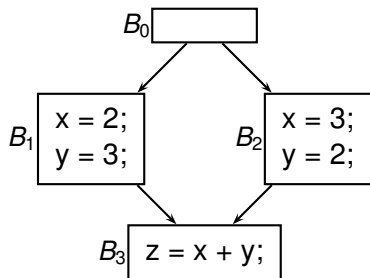
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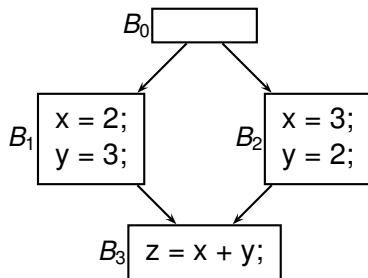
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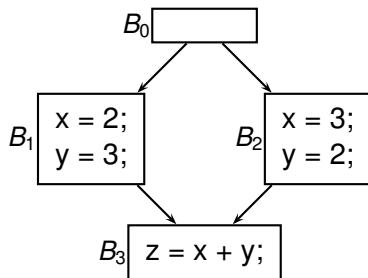
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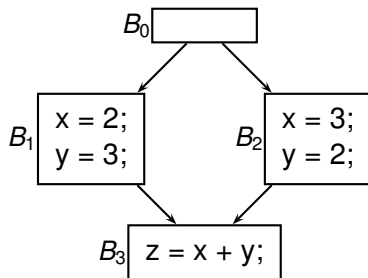


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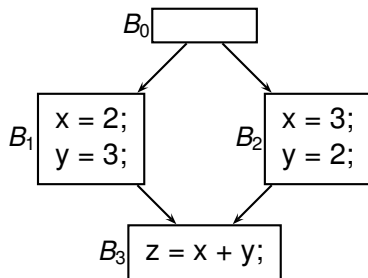
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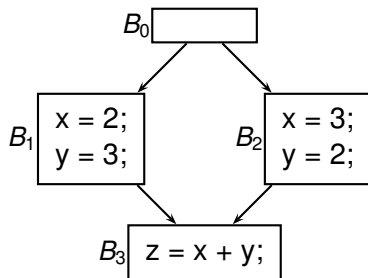
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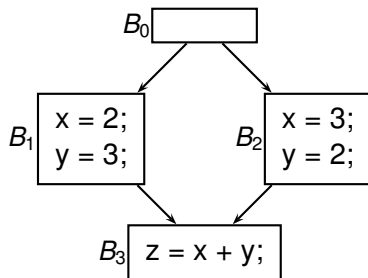
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