

AAA616: Program Analysis

Lecture 2 – Static Analysis Examples

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Principles of Static Analysis

$$30 \times 12 + 11 \times 9 = ?$$

- Dynamic analysis (testing): 459
- Static analysis: a variety of answers
 - “integer” (type system)
 - “odd integer”
 - “positive integer”
 - “integer between 400 and 500”
 - ...

2. “Execute” the program with abstract values

$$e \hat{\times} e + o \hat{\times} o = o$$

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Strength of Static Analysis

- By contrast to testing, static analysis can prove the absence of bugs

```
Even          T (don't know)
void f(int x) {
    y = x * 12 + 9 * 11; Odd
    assert (y % 2 == 1);
}
Odd
```

Strength of Static Analysis

- By contrast to program verification, static analysis can prove the absence of bugs automatically

```
@pre: n >= 0
@post: rv == n
int SimpleWhile (int n) {
    int i = 0;
    while
        @L: 0 <= i <= n
        (i < n) {
            i = i + 1;
        }
}
```

Weakness of Static Analysis

- Instead, static analysis may produce false alarms

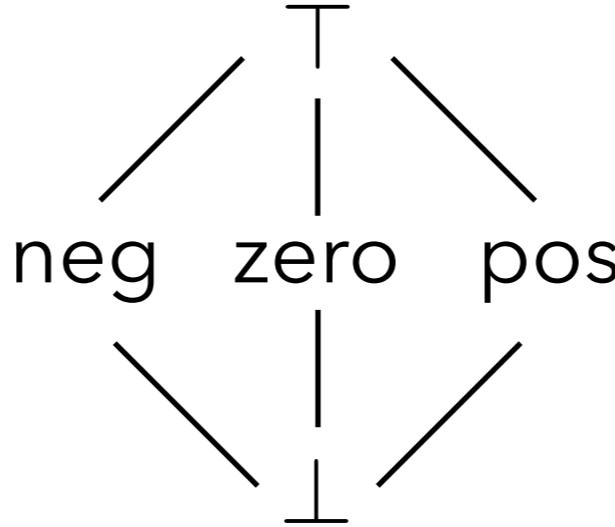
```
void f (int x) {  
    T (don't know) → y = x + x;  
    assert (y % 2 == 0);  
}
```

T (don't know)

false alarm

A Simple Sign Domain

- Abstract values



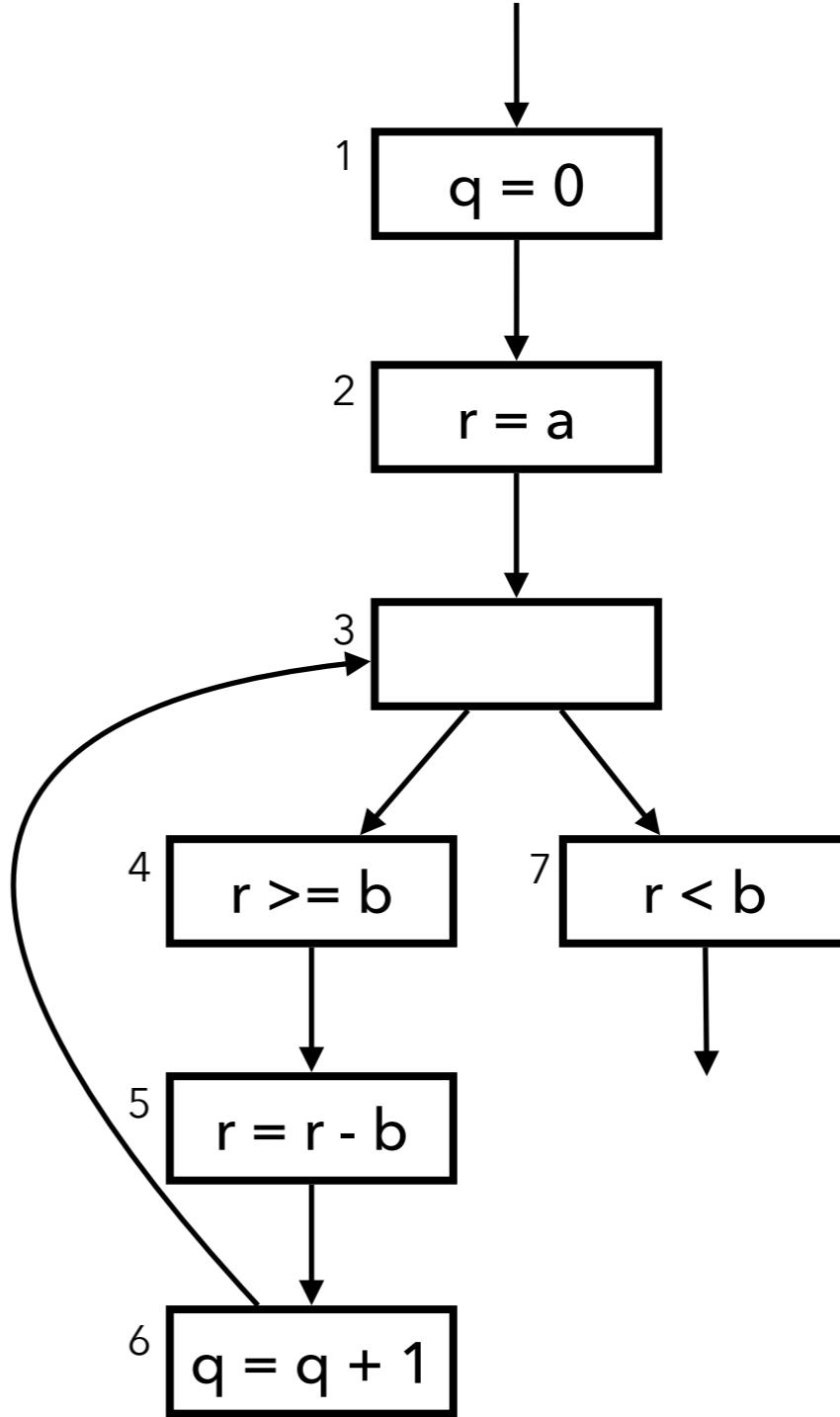
- Abstract operators

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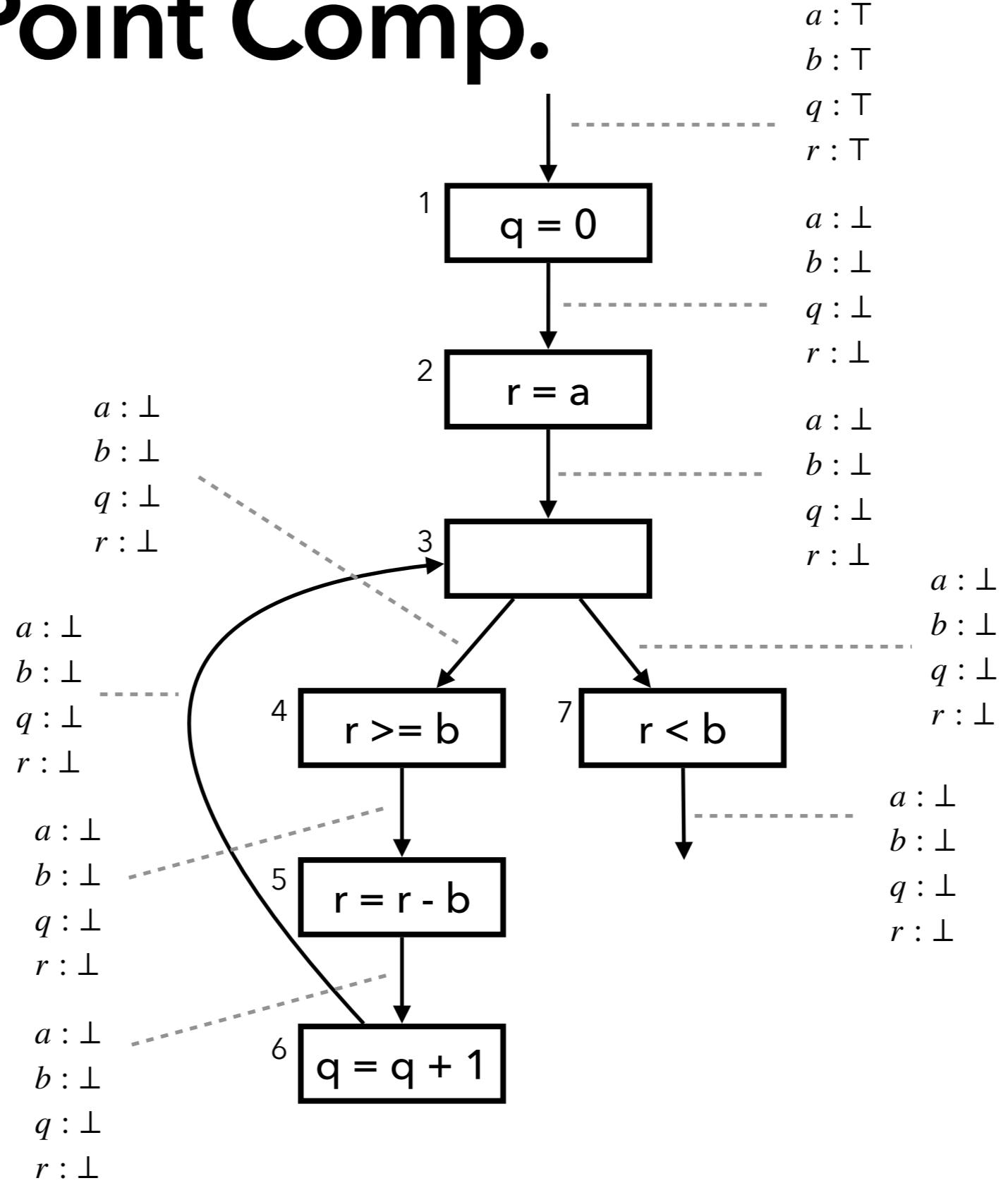
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Example Program

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// a >= 0, b >= 0
q = 0;
r = a;
while (r >= b) {
    r = r - b;
    q = q + 1;
}
assert(q >= 0);
assert(r >= 0);
```

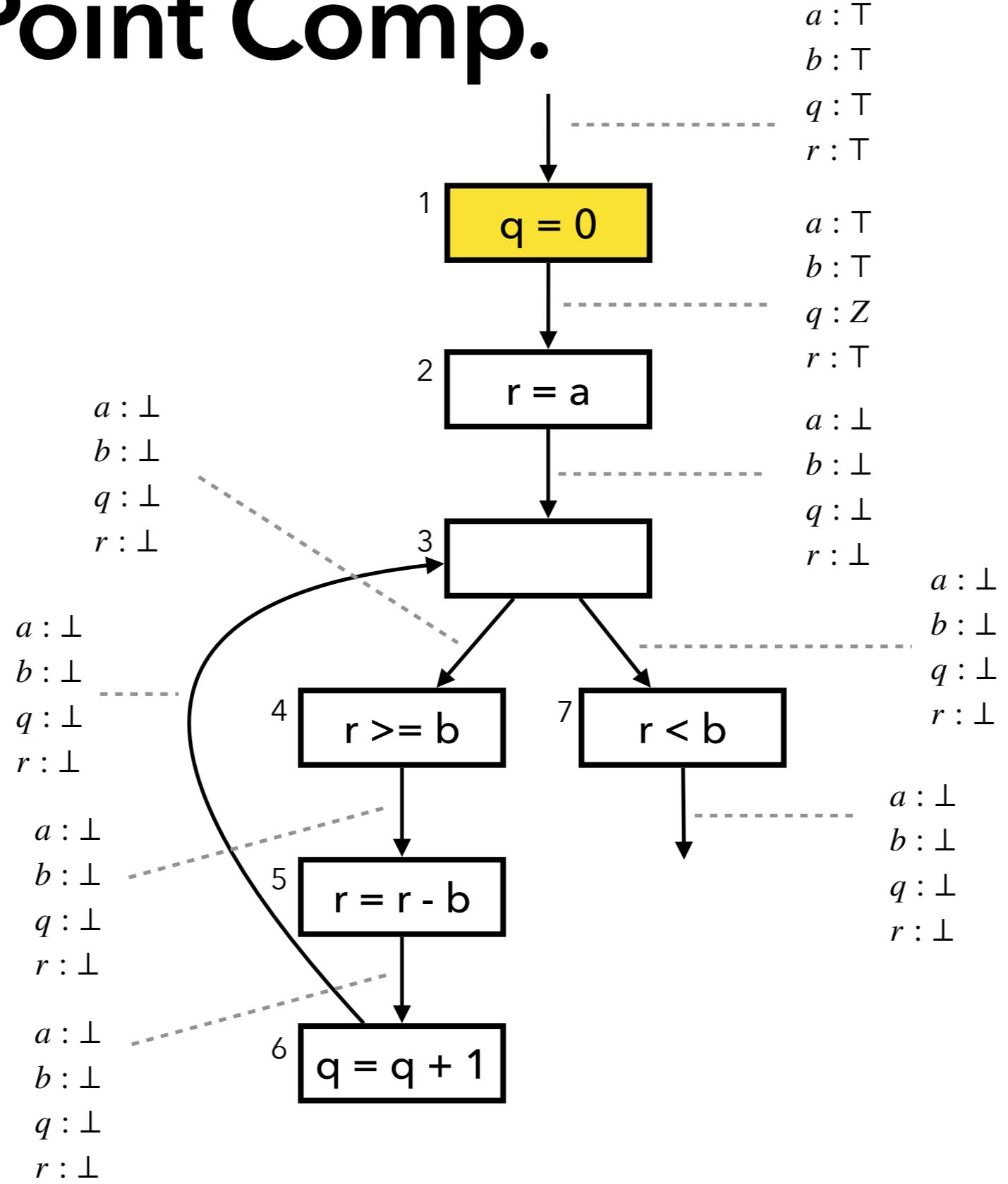


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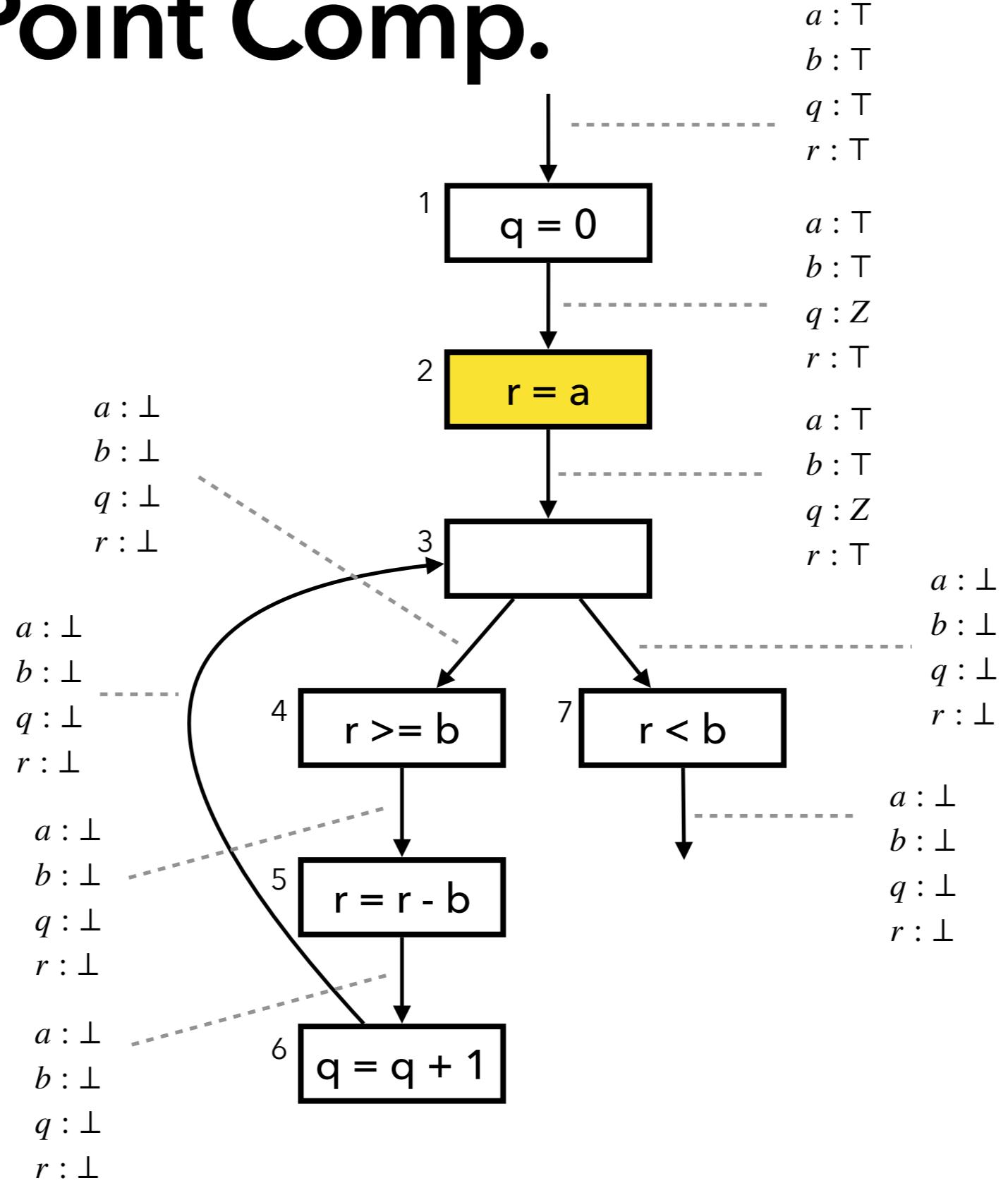
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Fixed Point Comp.



$$W = \{ 4, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 \}$$

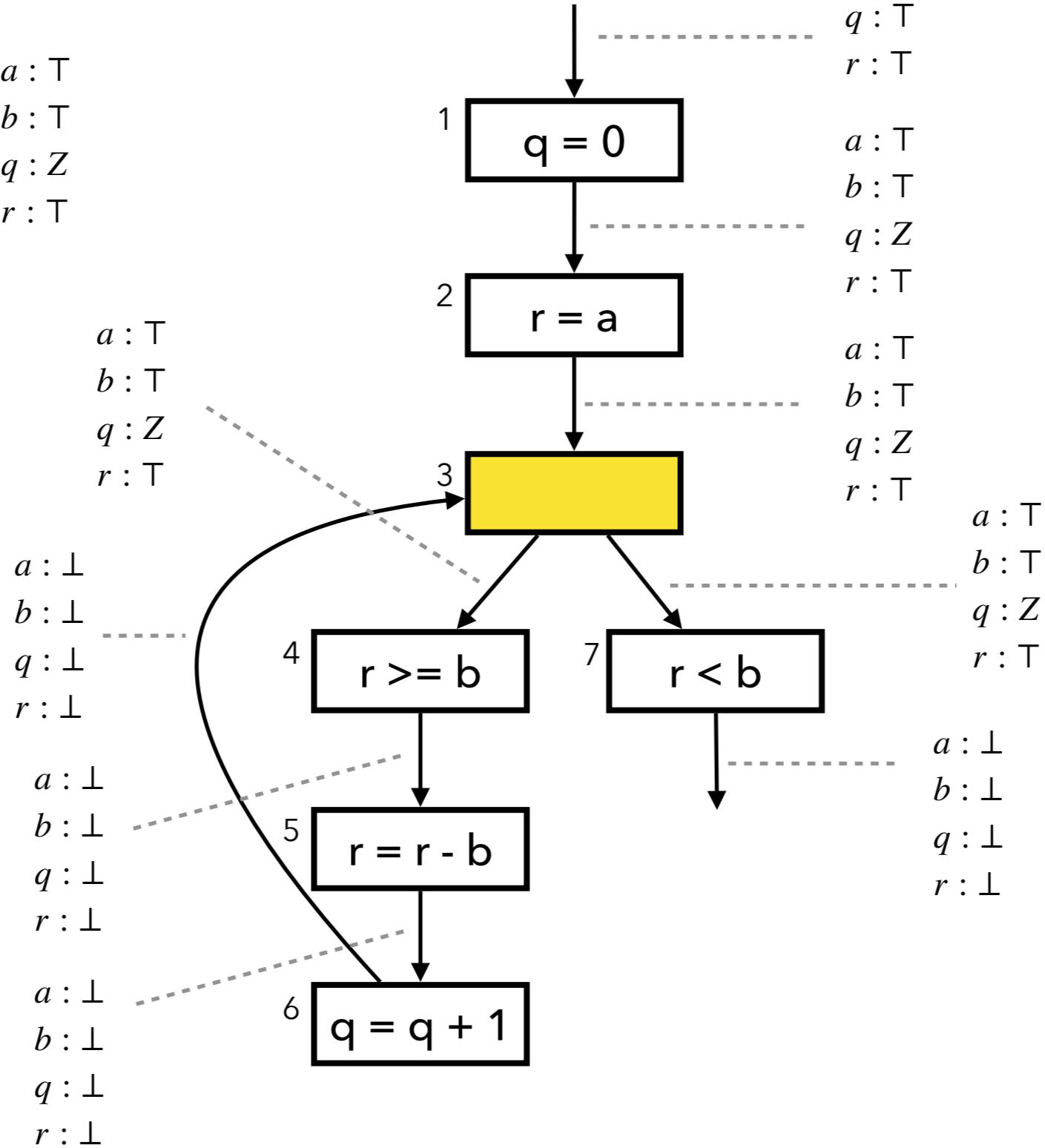
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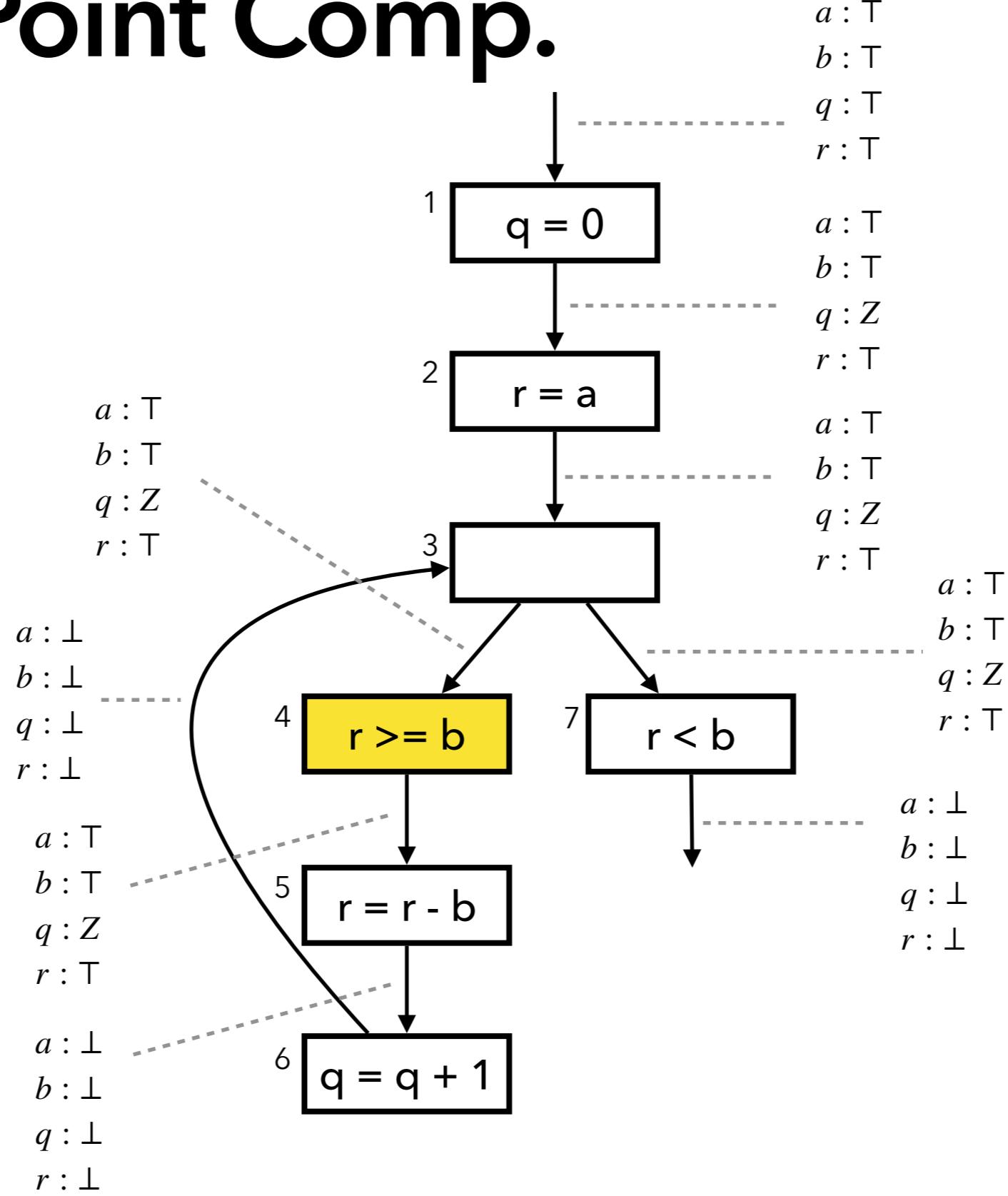
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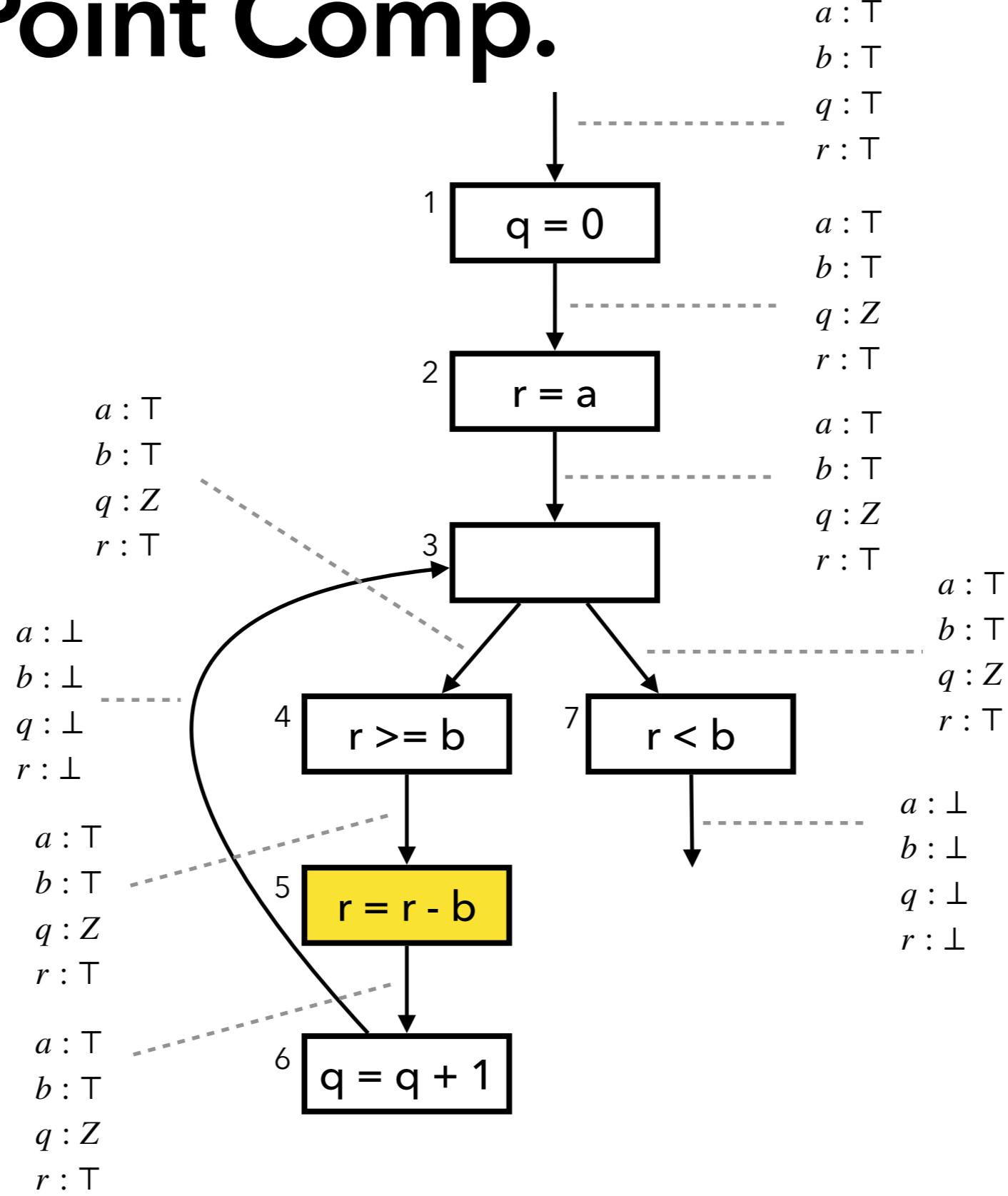
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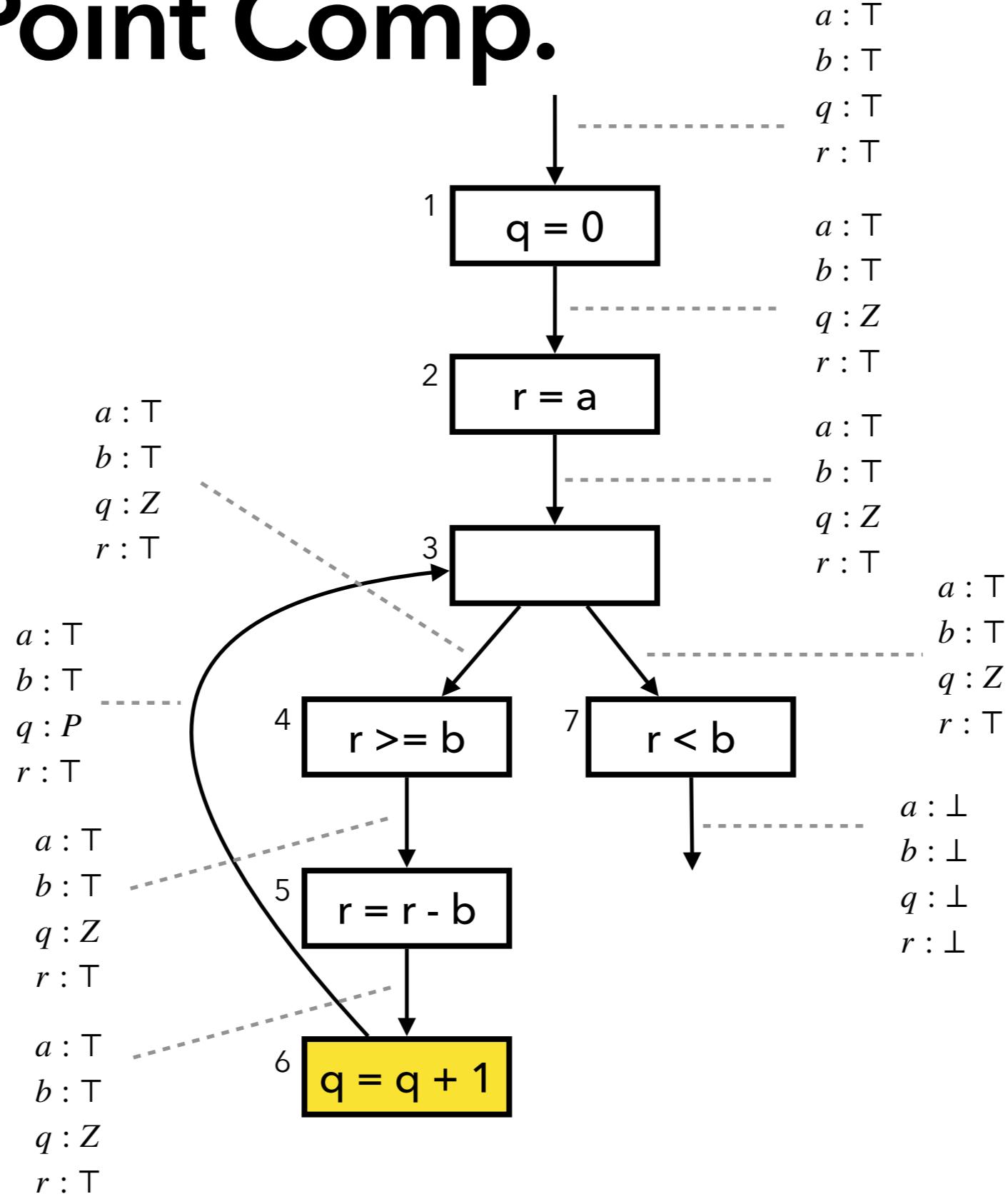
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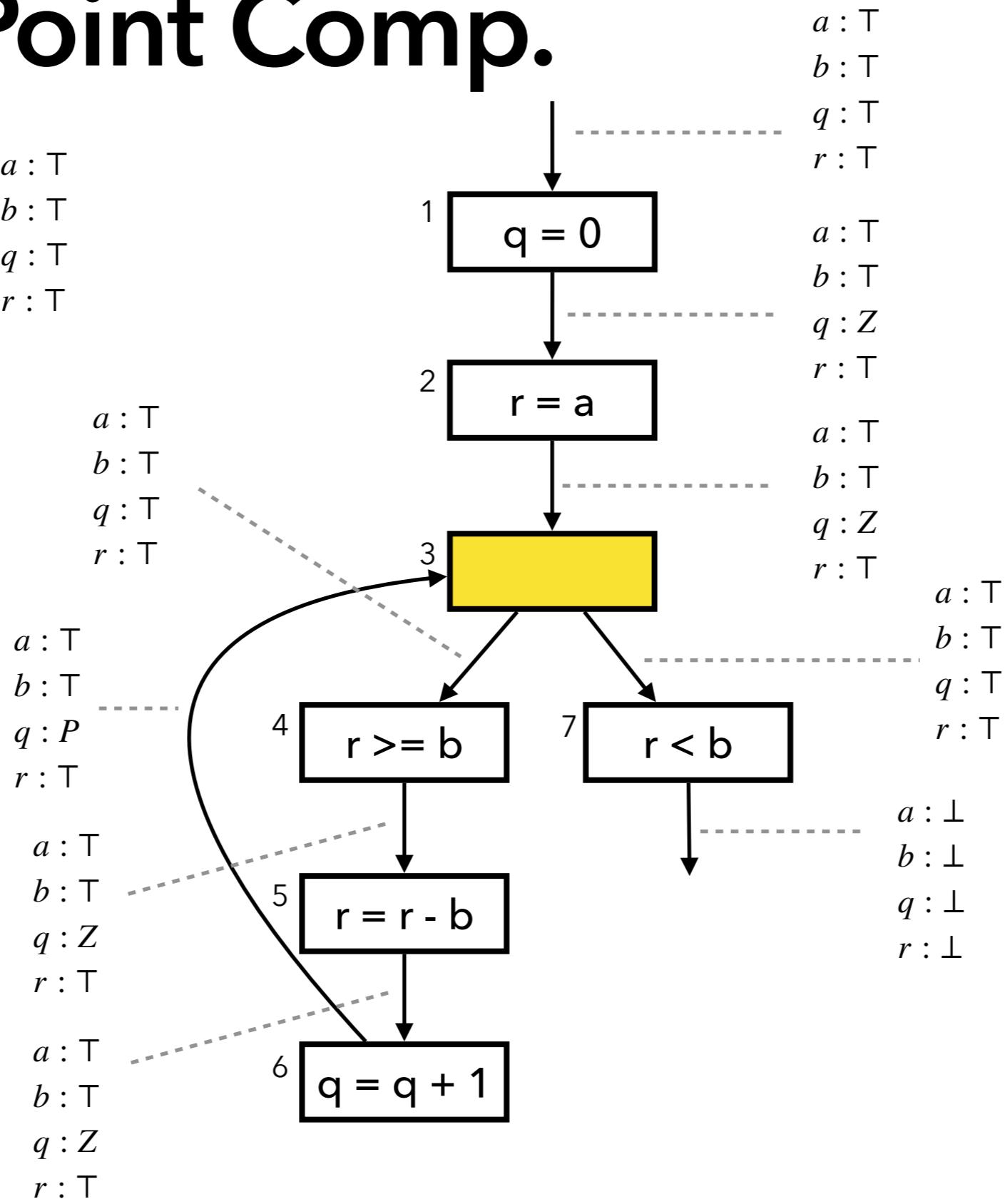
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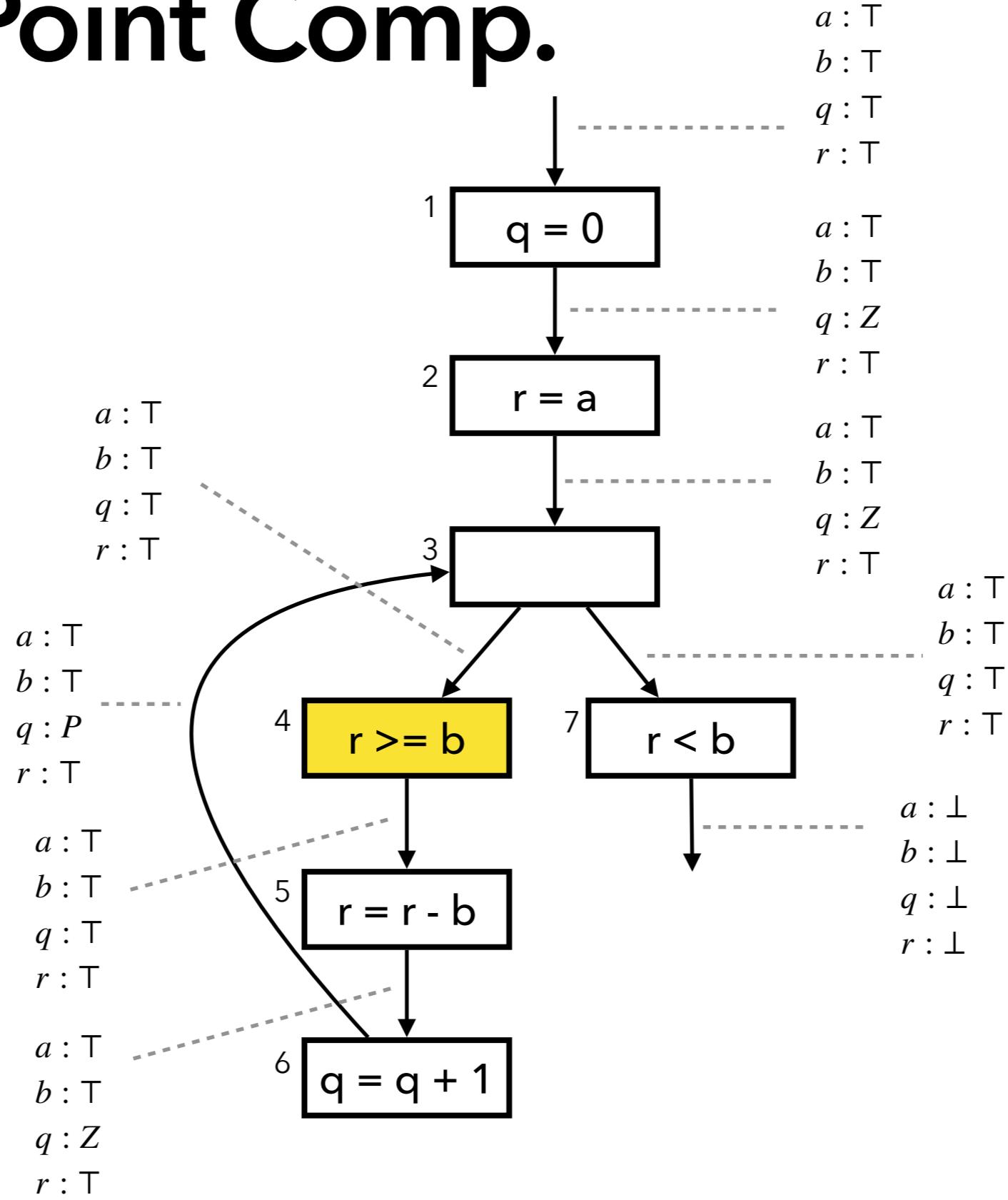
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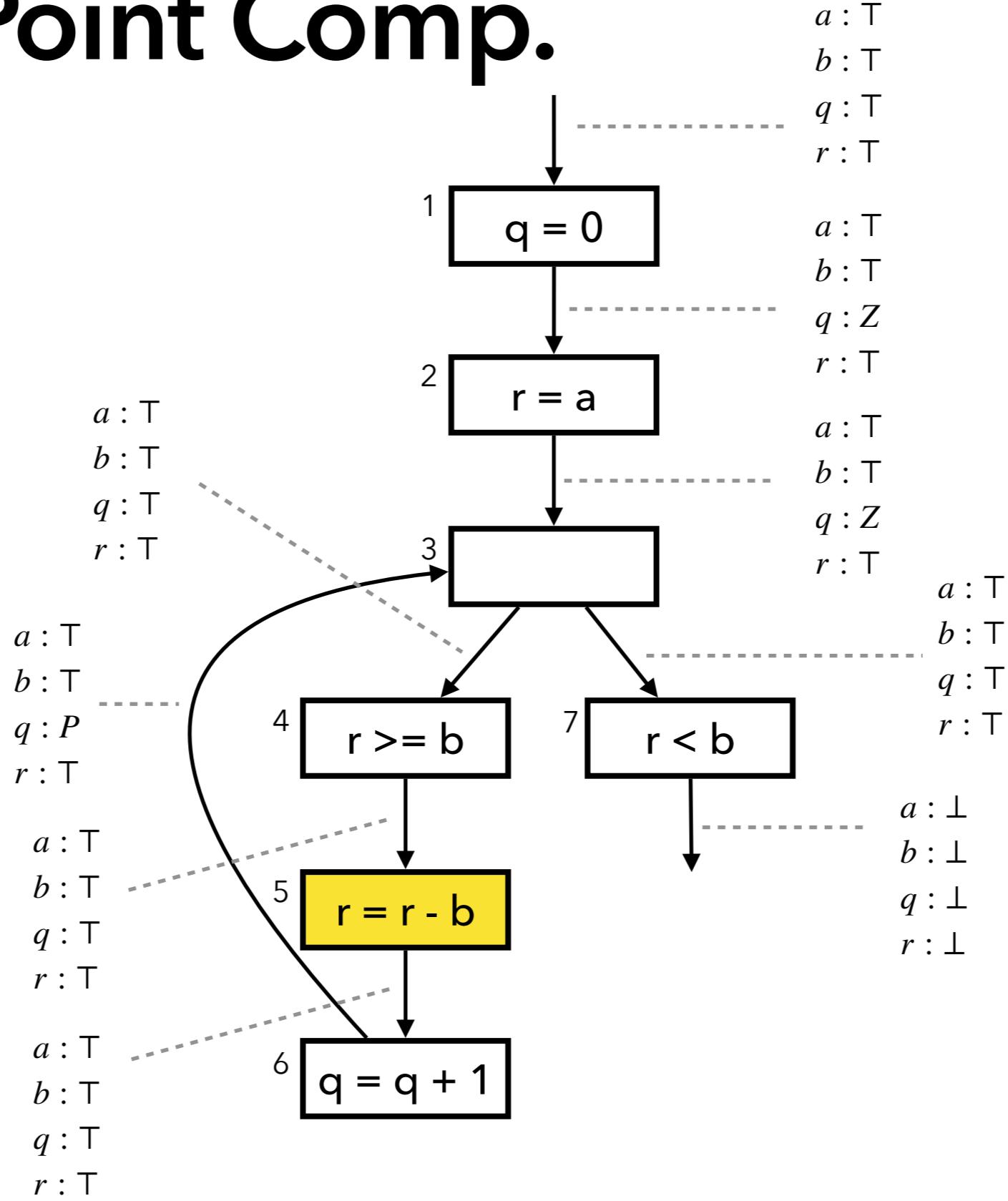
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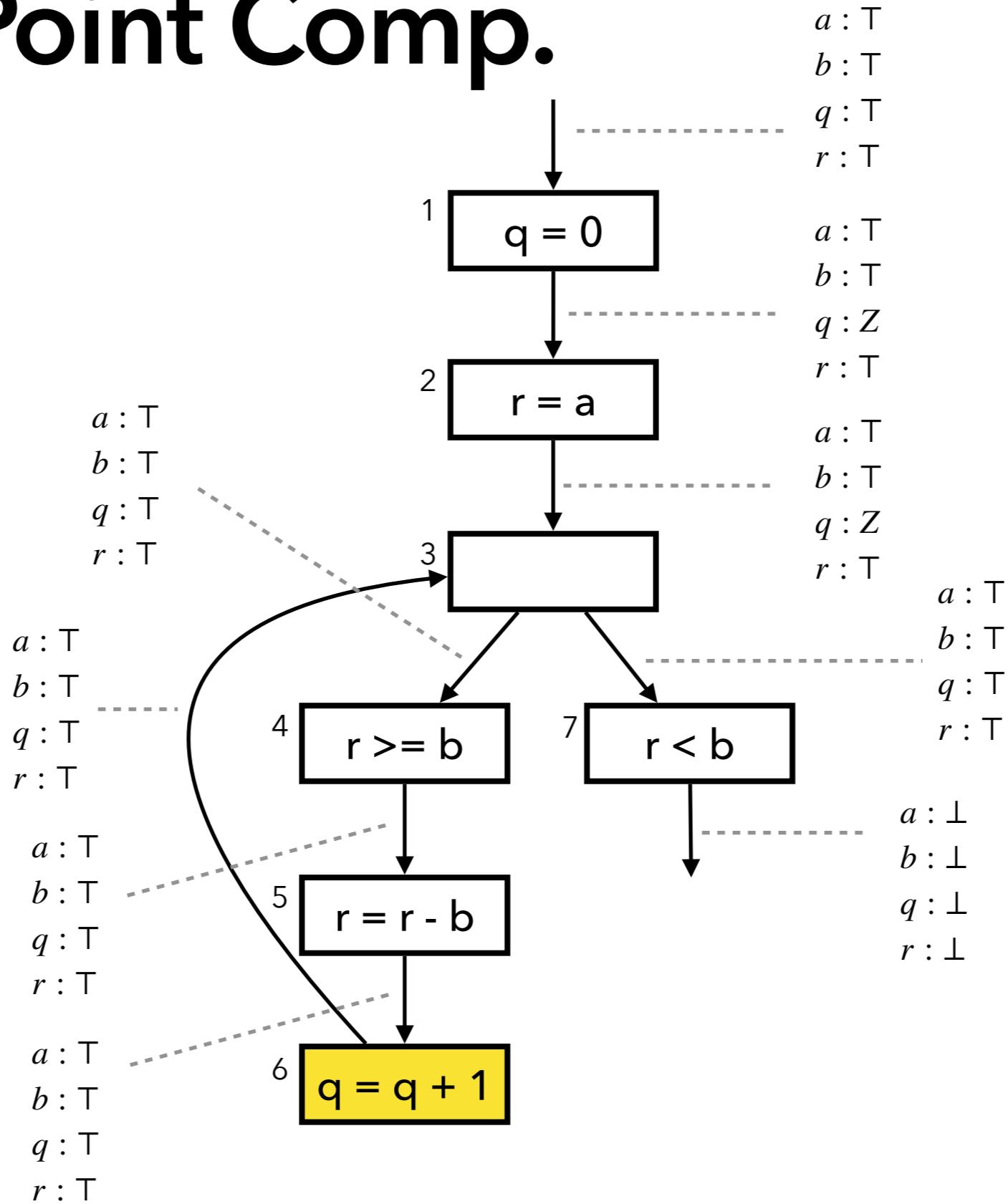
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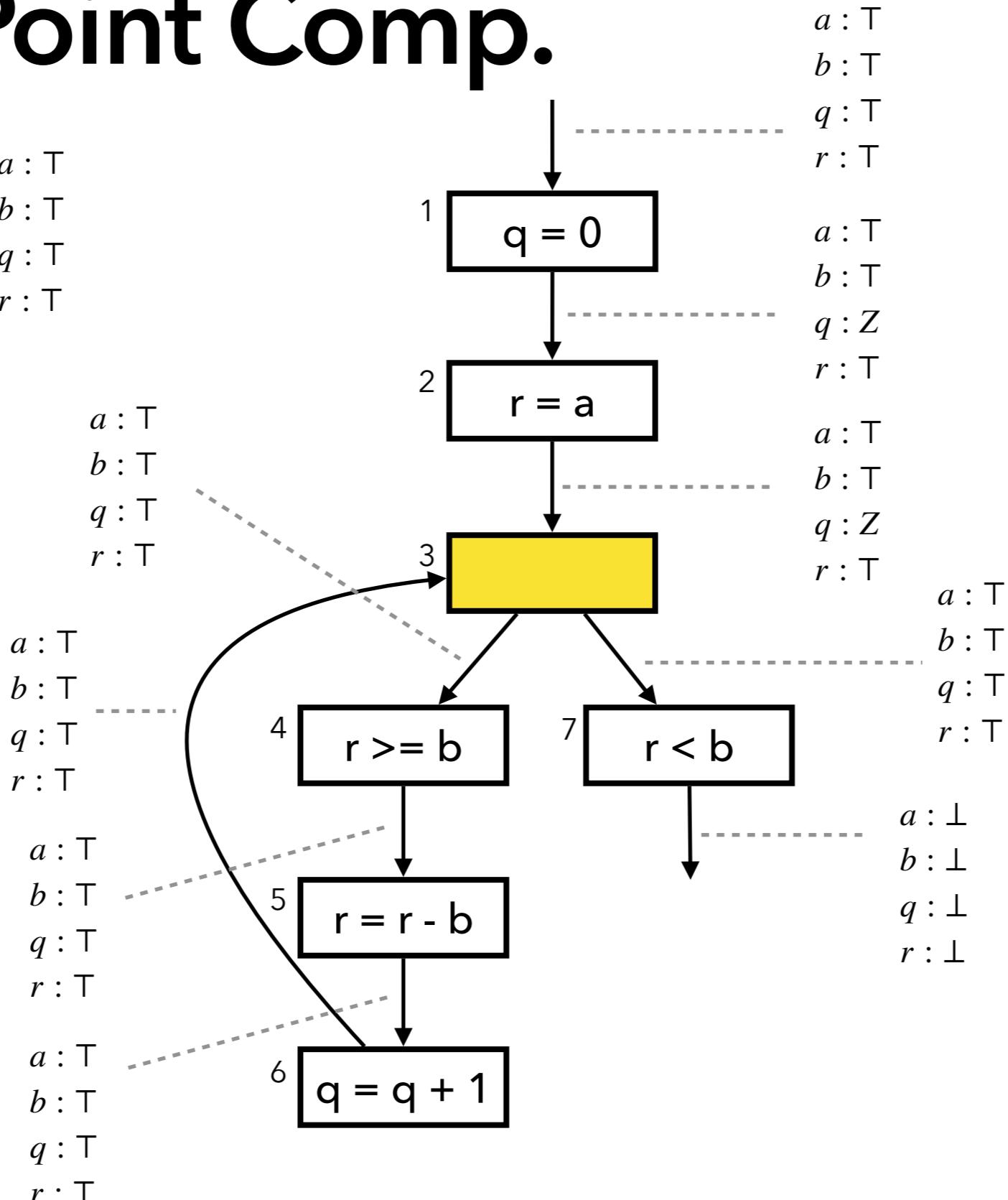


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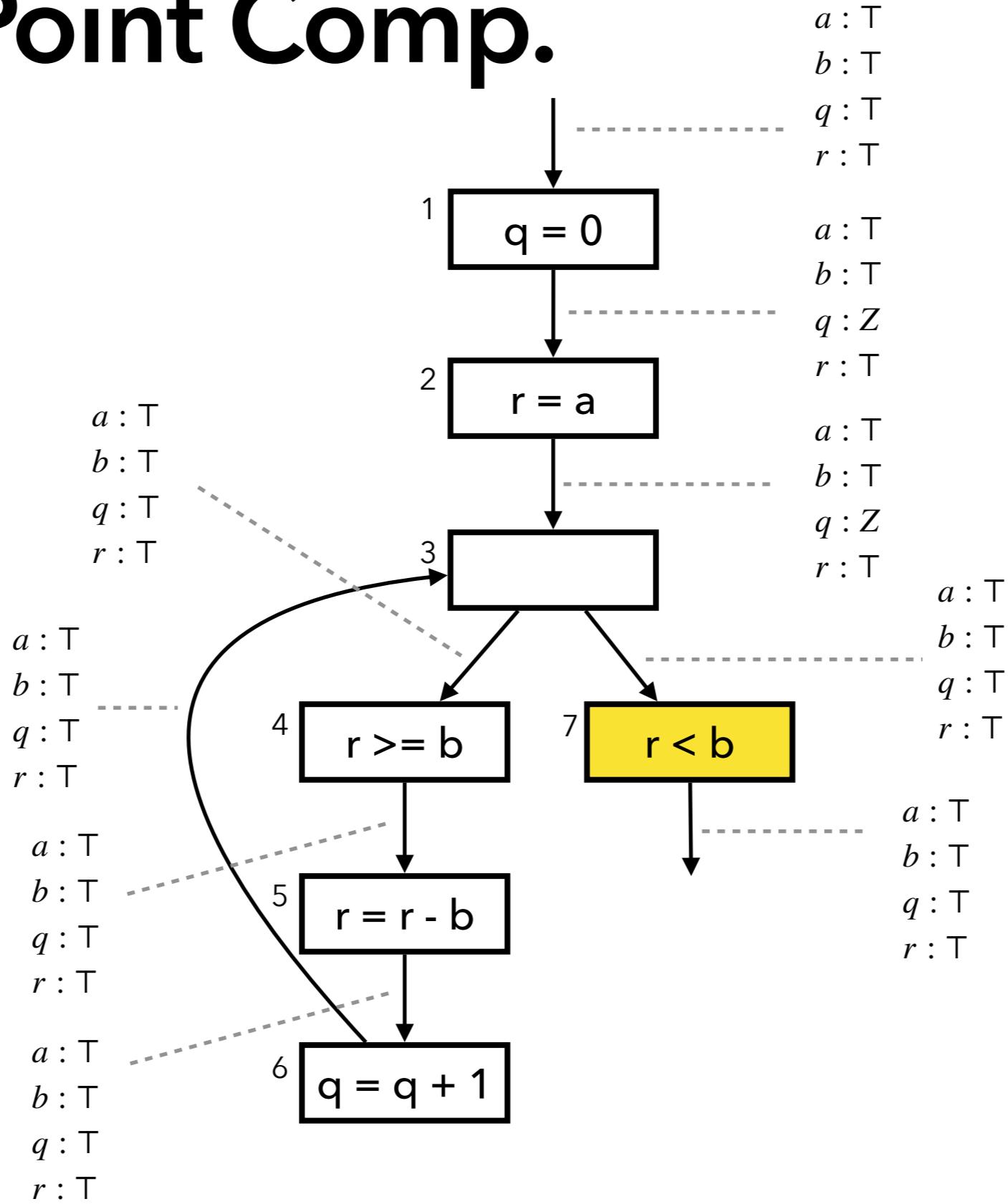
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(fixed point)



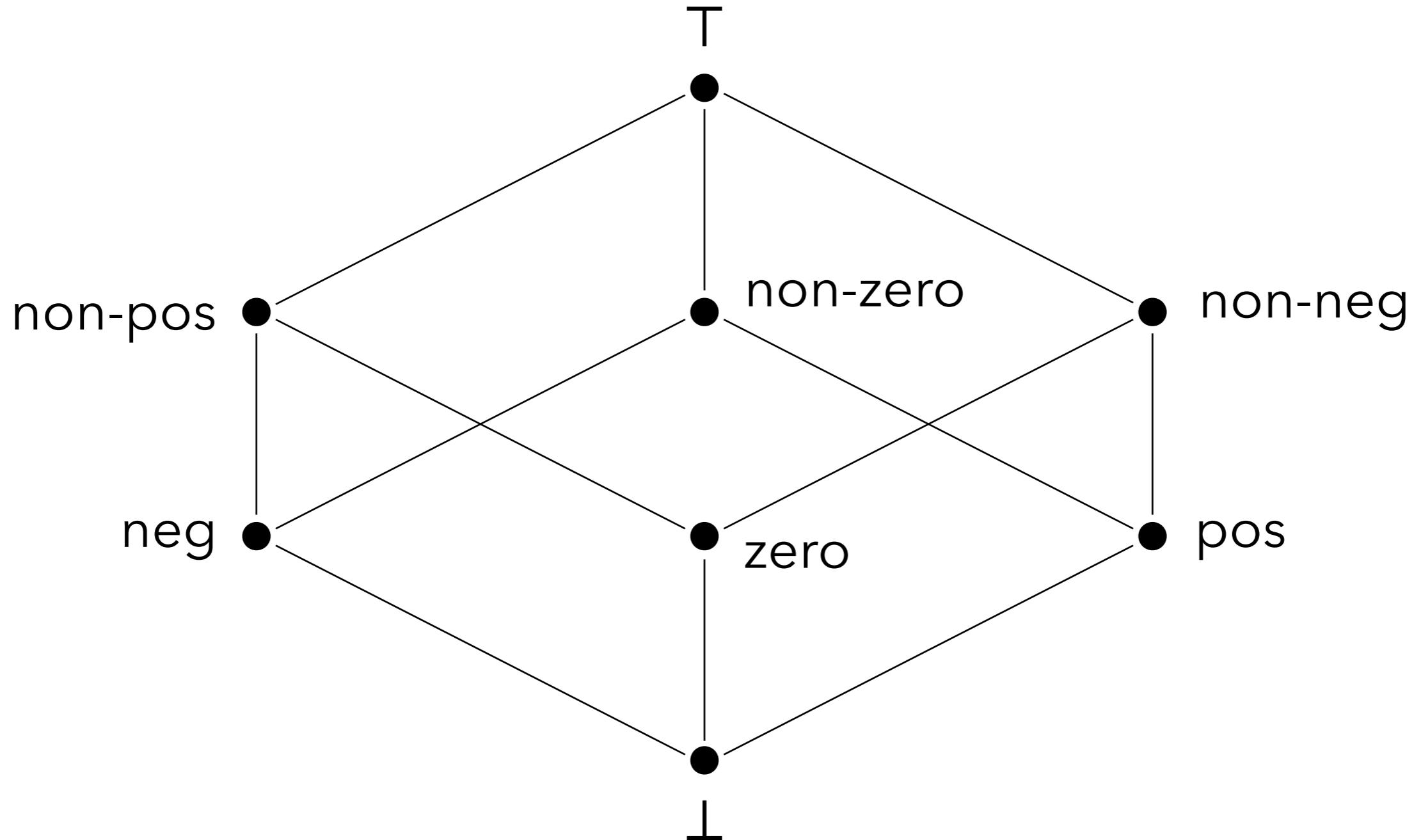
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An Extended Sign Domain



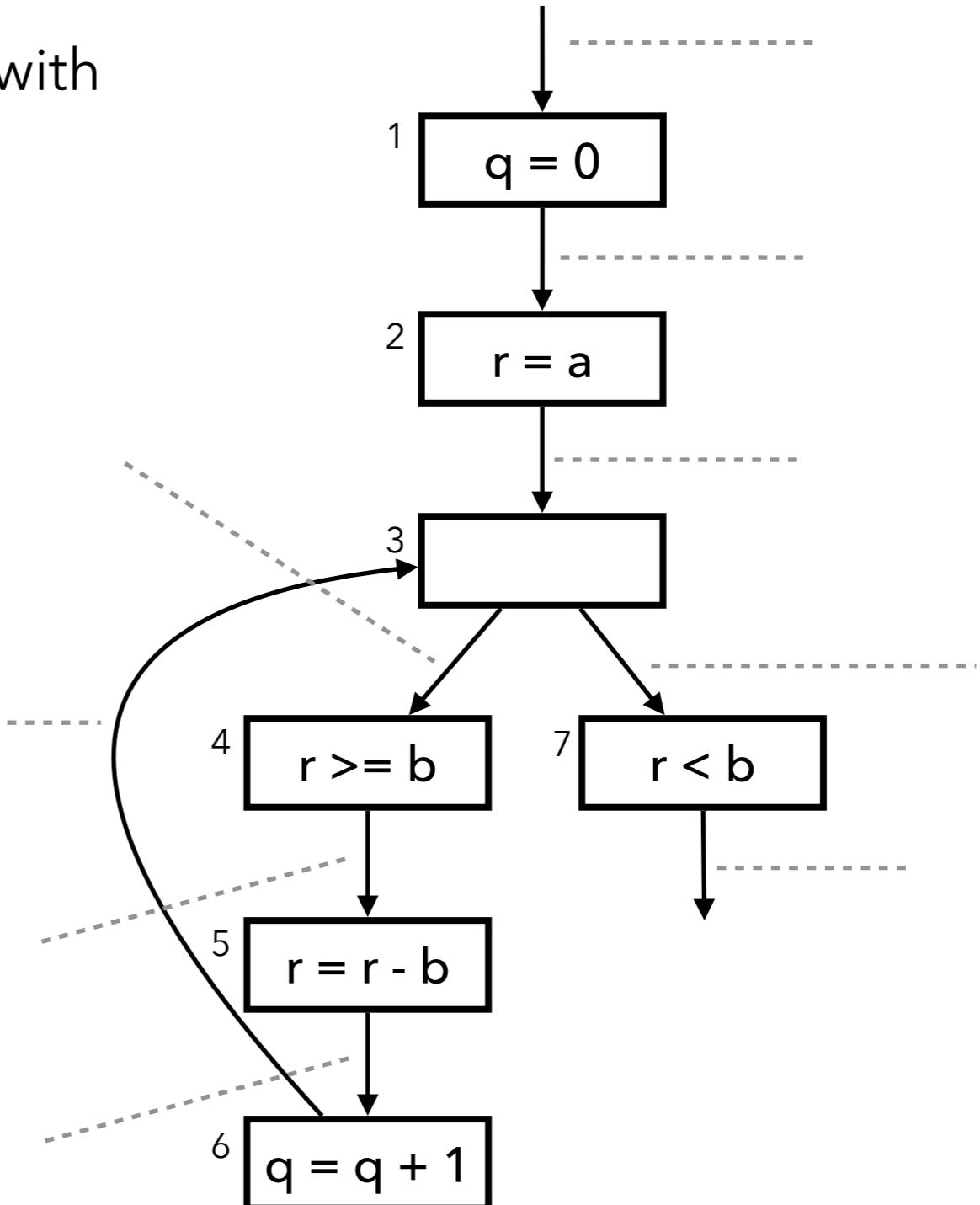
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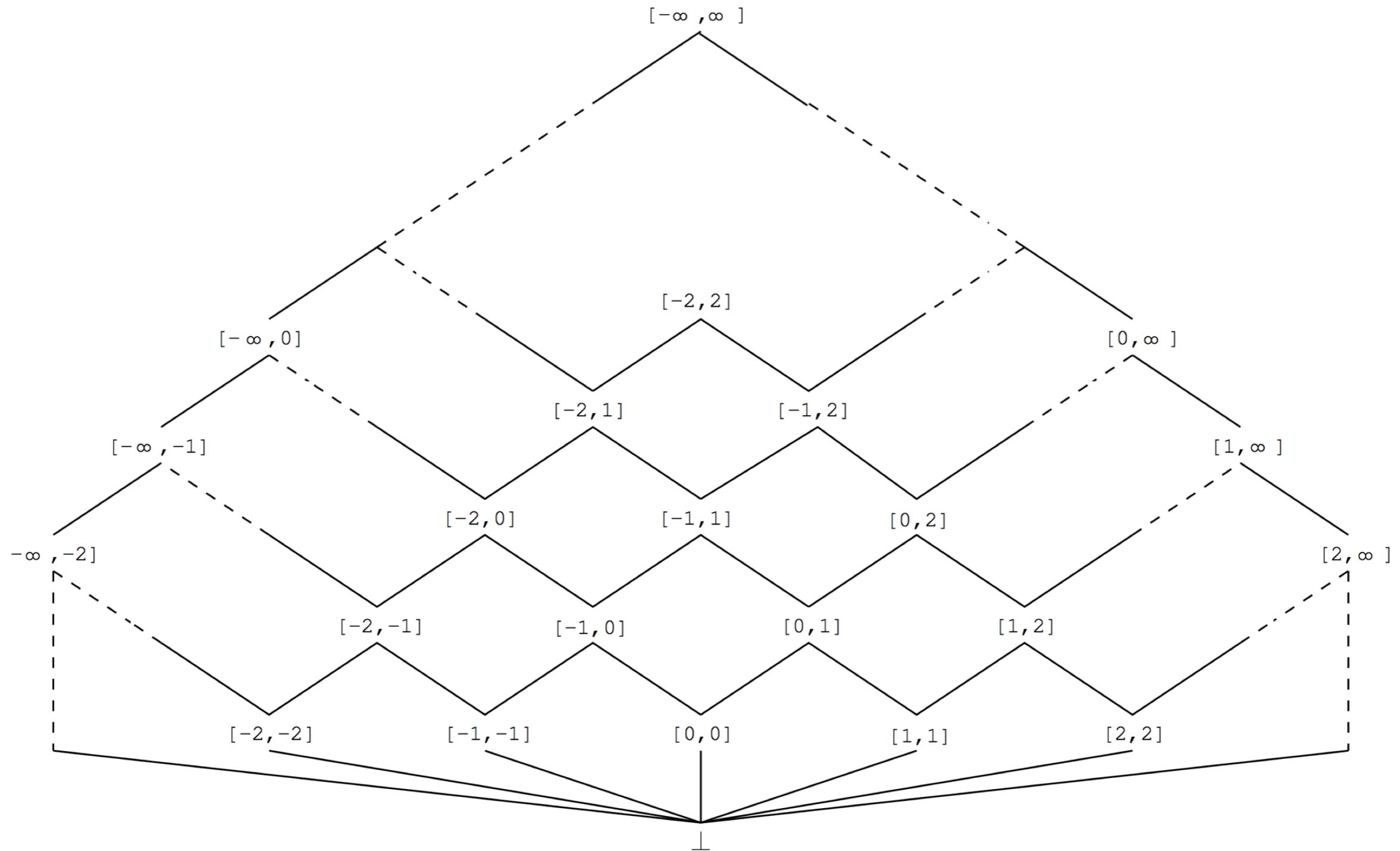
Exercise (1)

Describe the result of the analysis with the extended sign domain

```
// a >= 0, b >= 0
q = 0;
r = a;
while (r >= b) {
    r = r - b;
    q = q + 1;
}
assert(q >= 0);
assert(r >= 0);
```

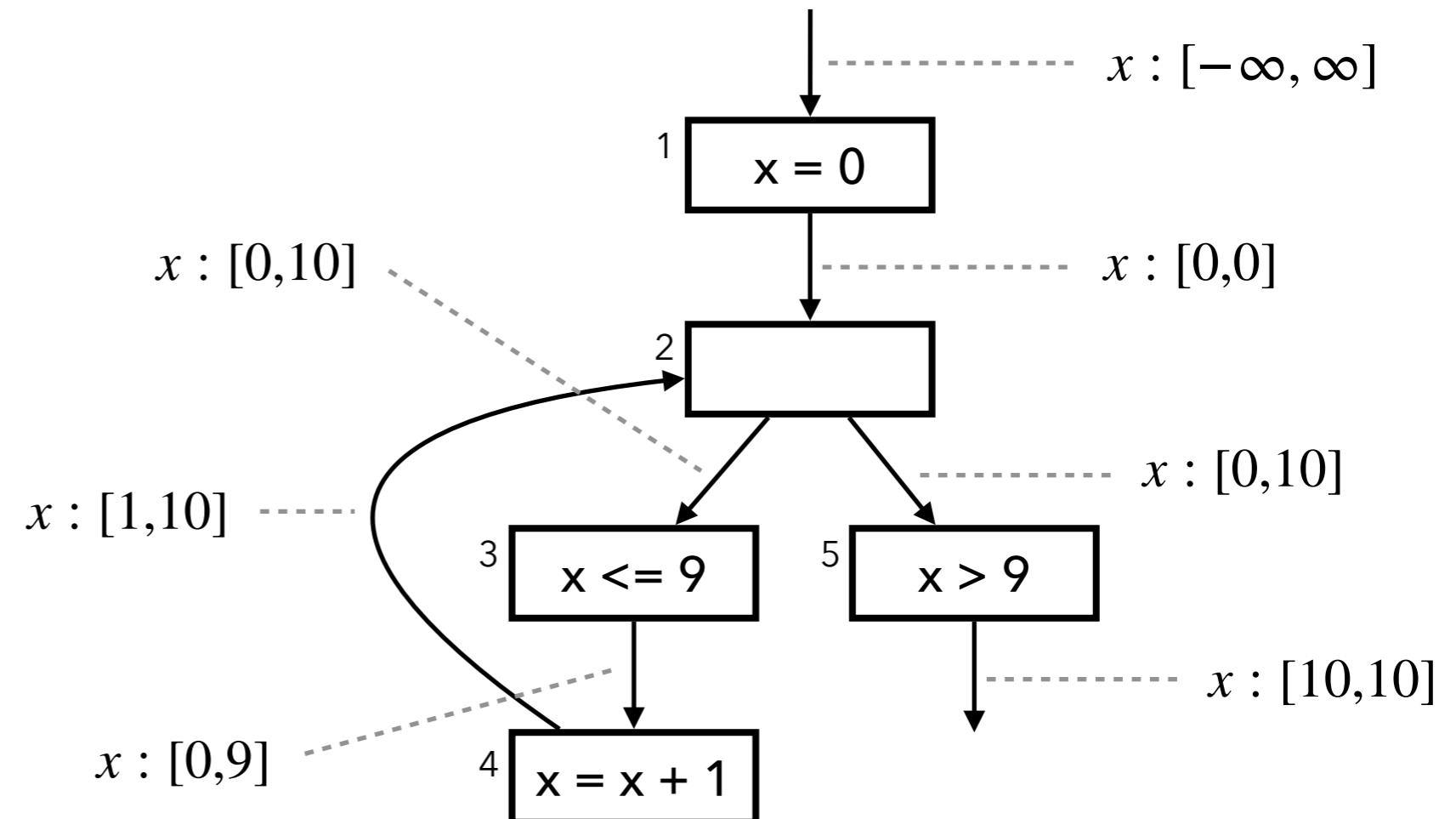


The Interval Domain

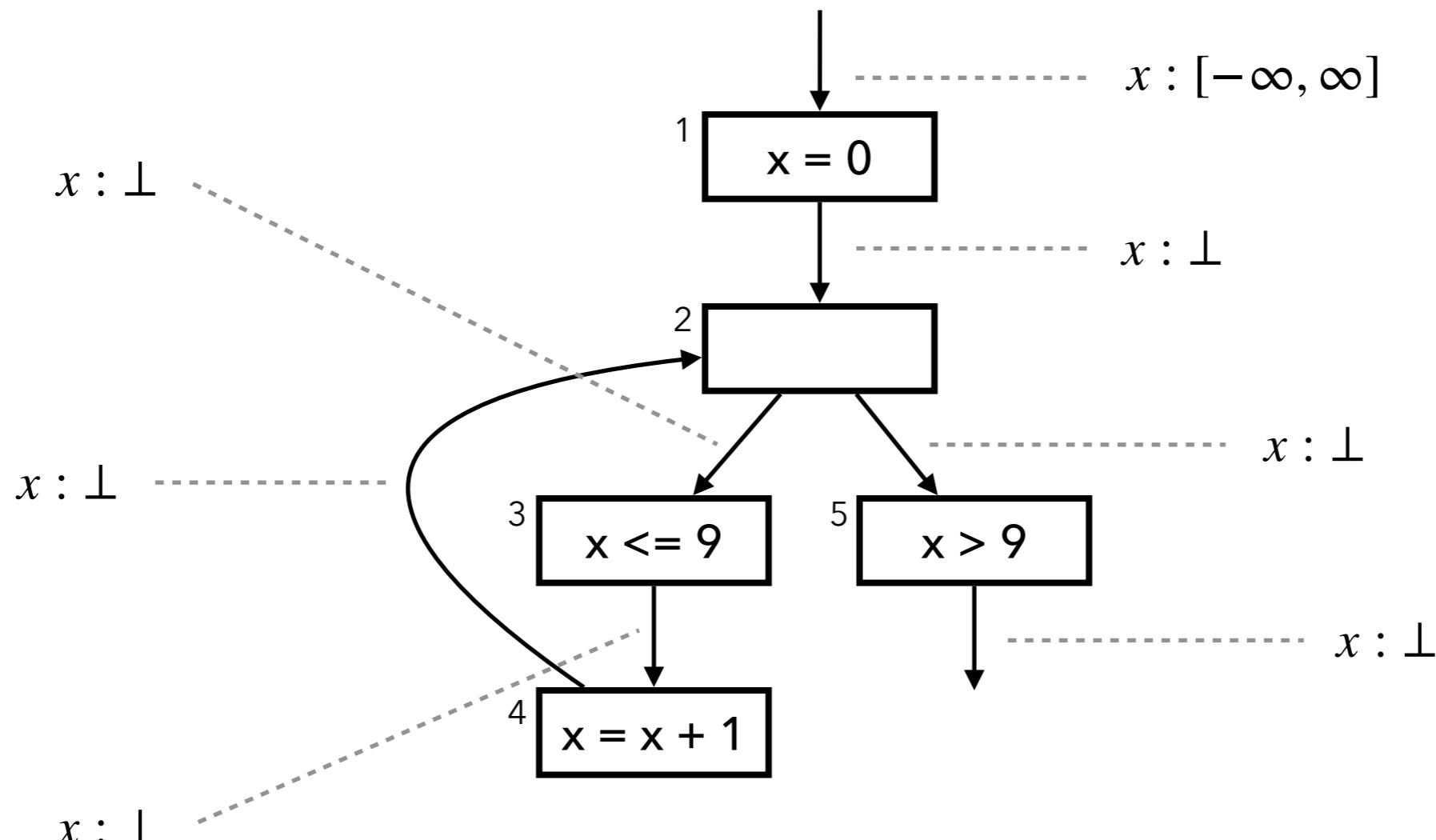


Example Program

```
x = 0;  
while (x <= 9)  
    x = x + 1;
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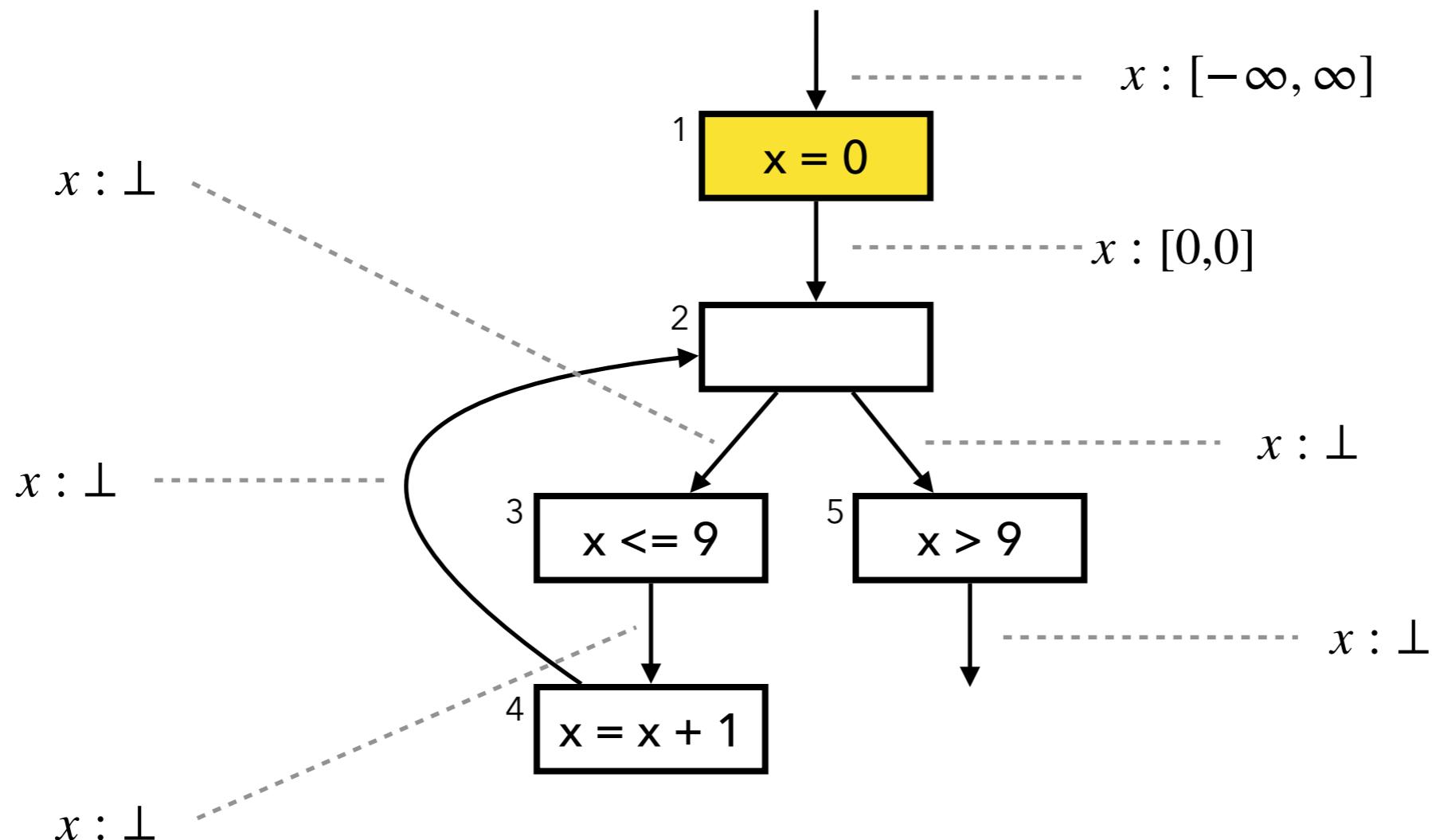


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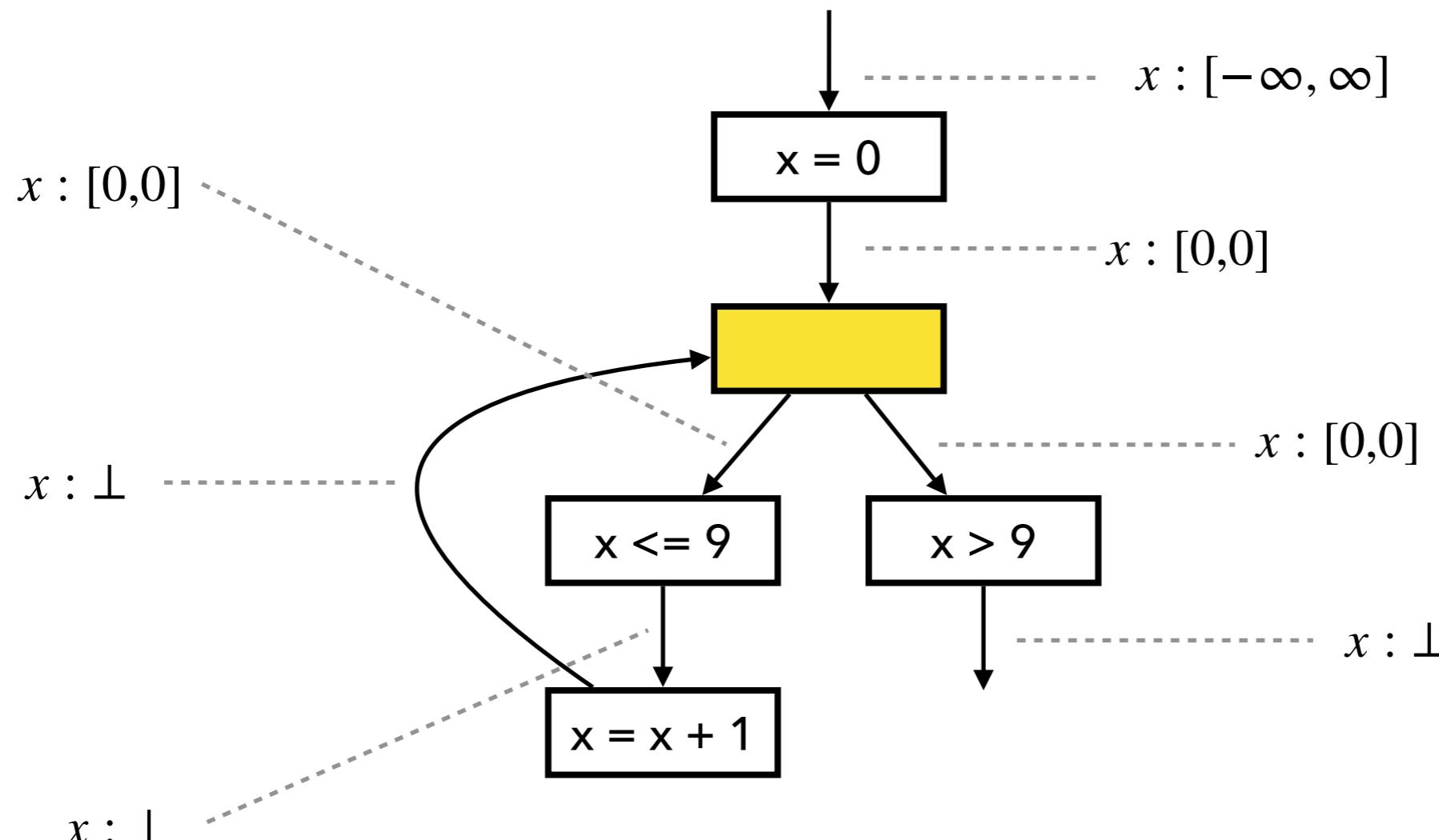


Initial states

Fixed Point Computation

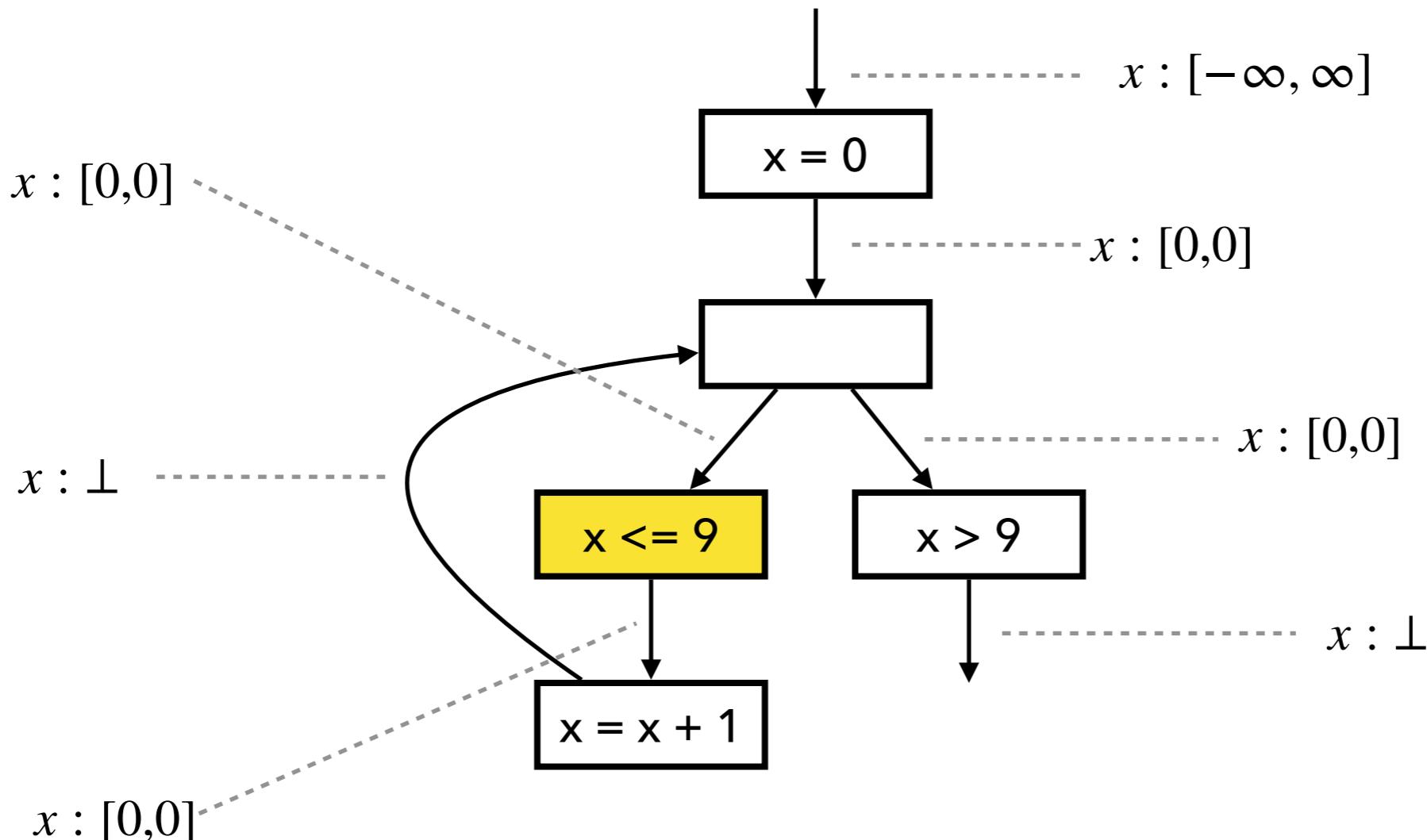


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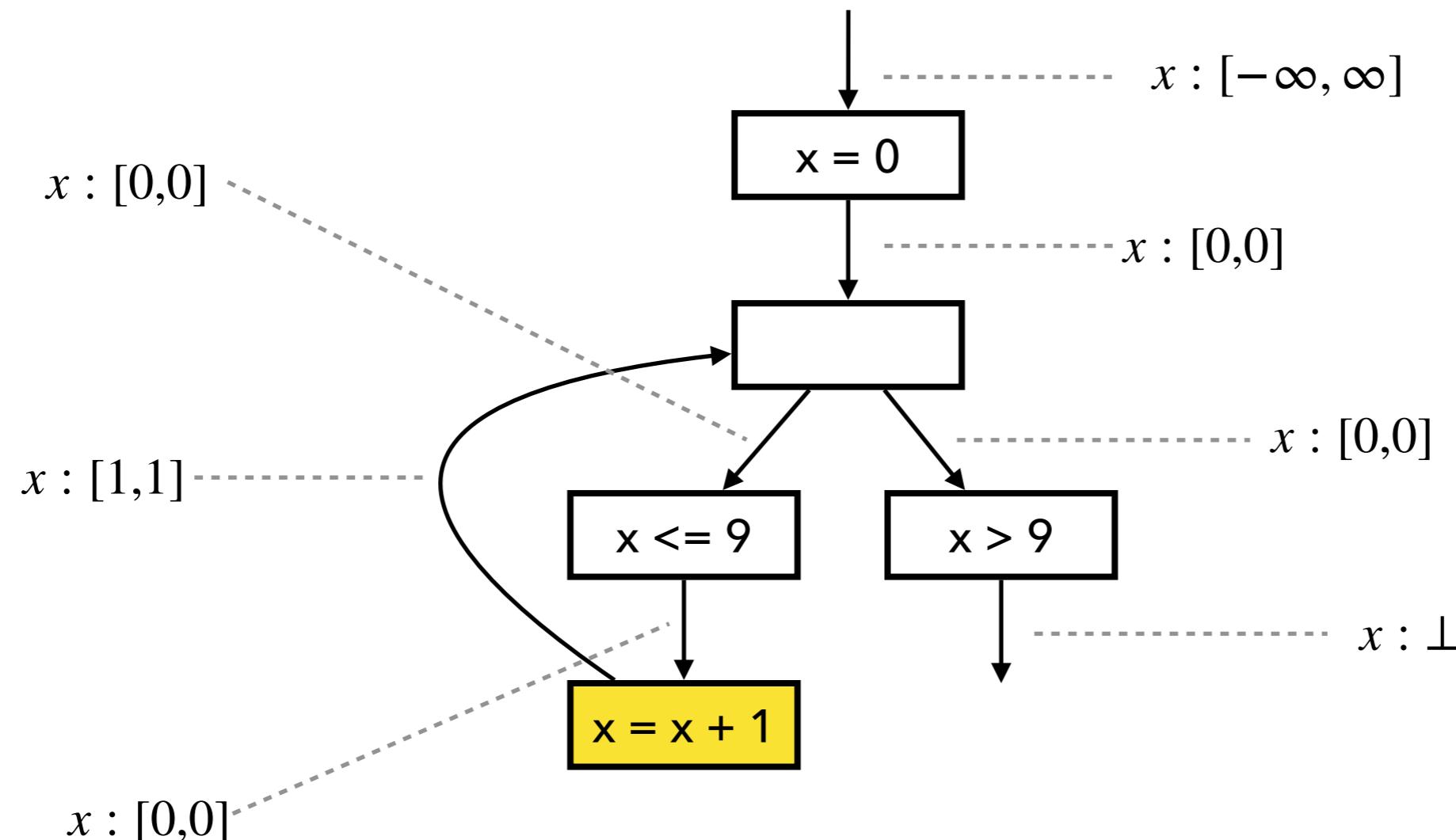
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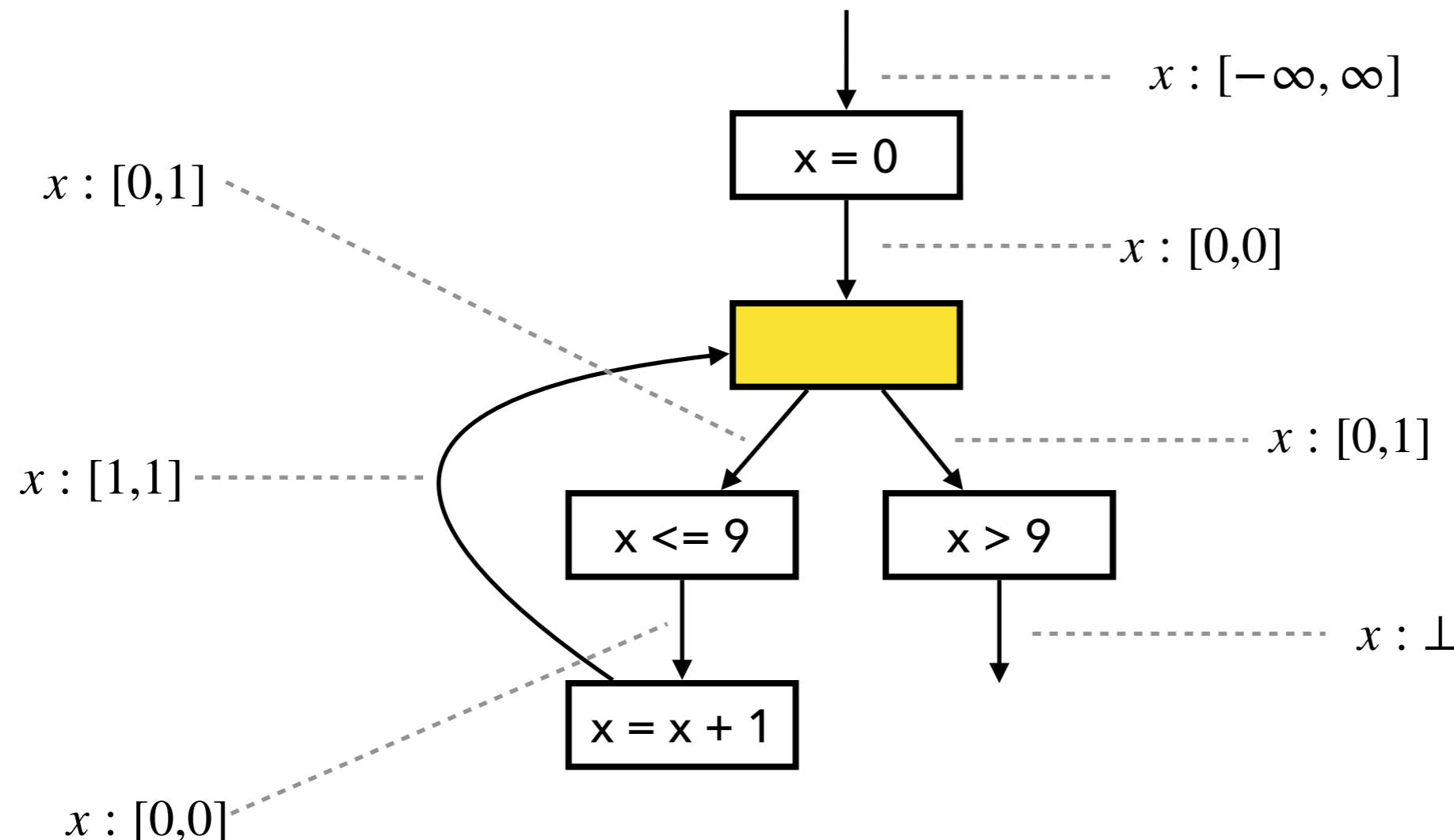


$$[0,0] \sqcap [-\infty, 9] = [0,0]$$

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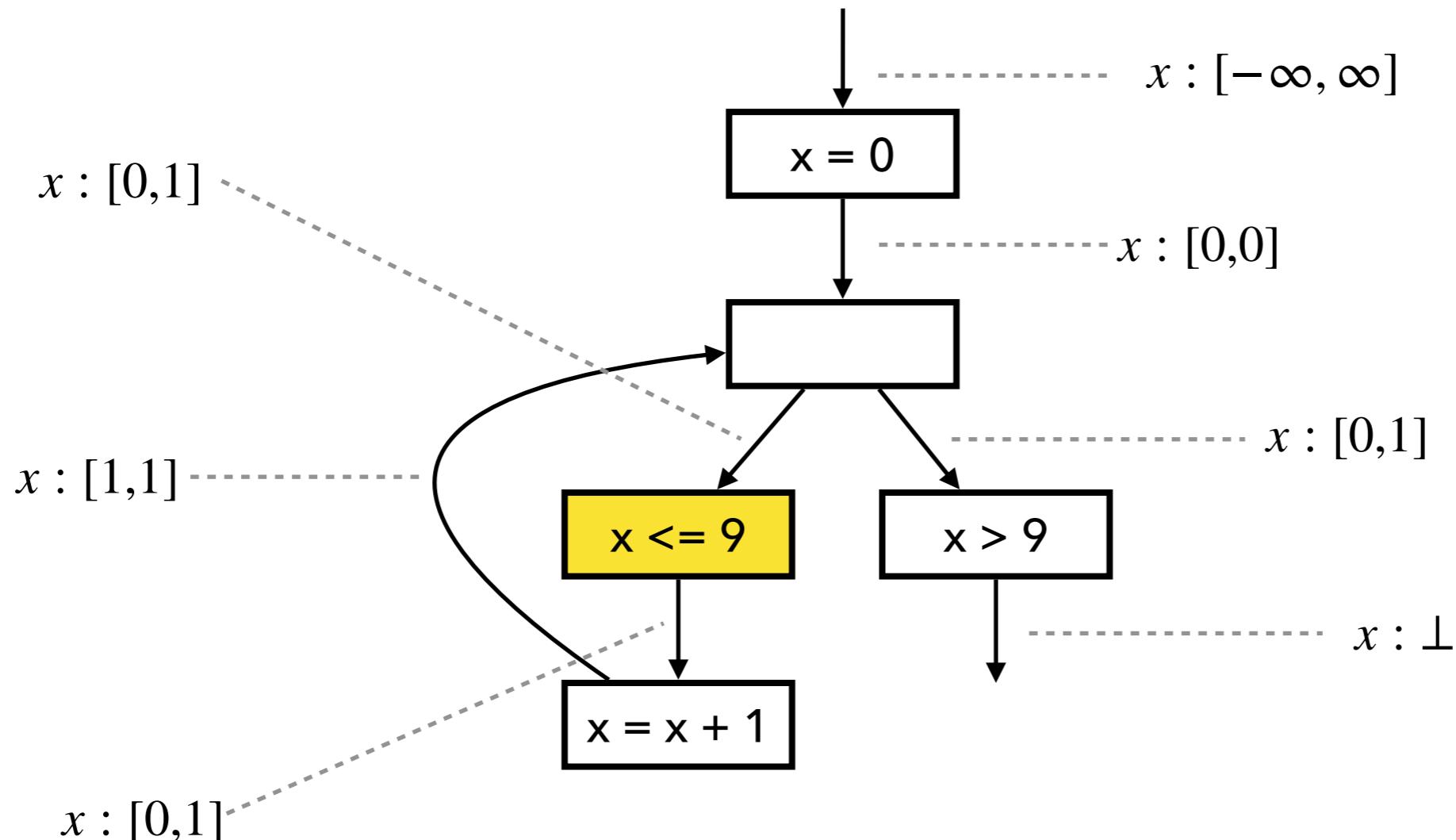


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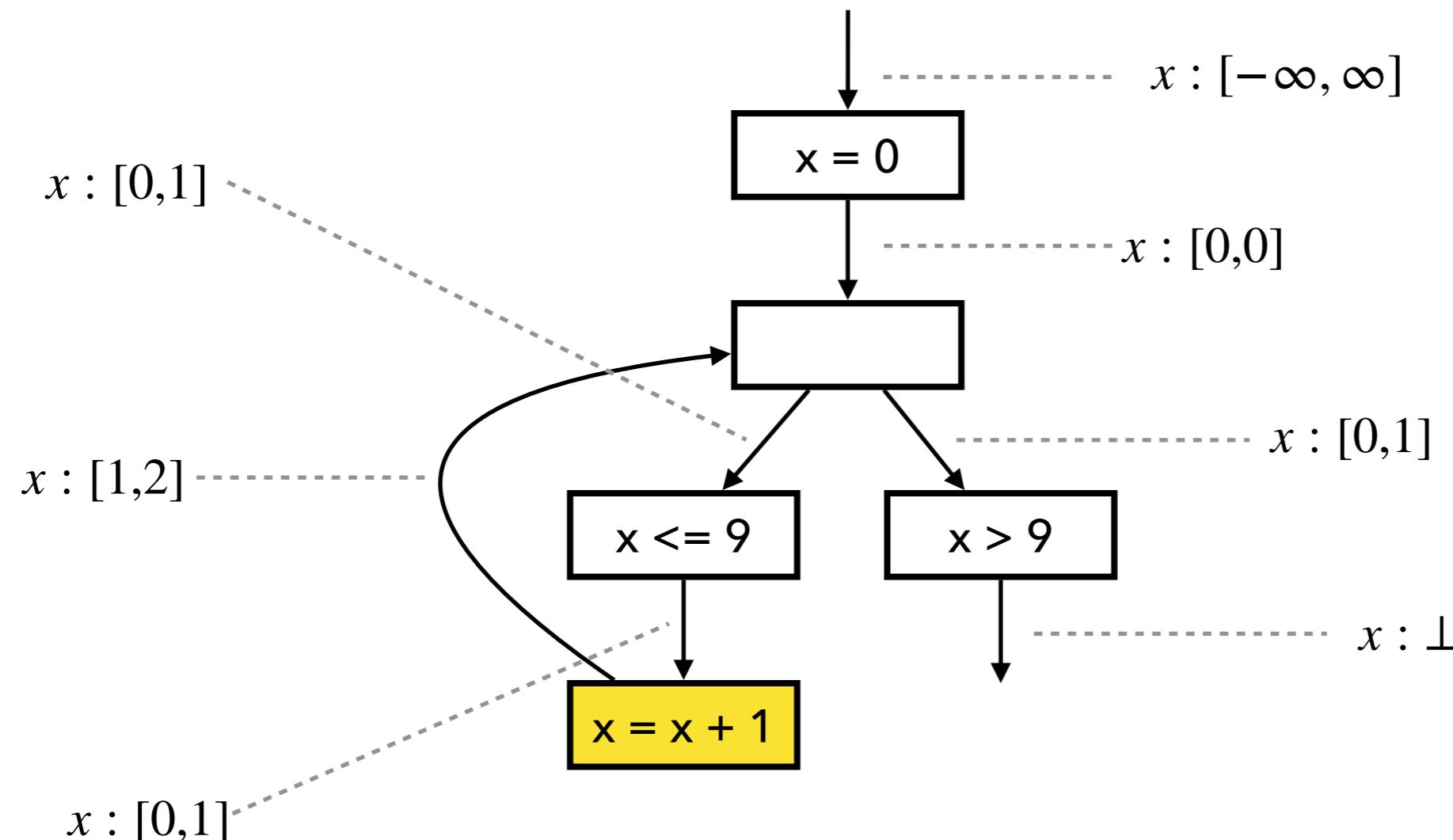
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(1st iteration of loop)

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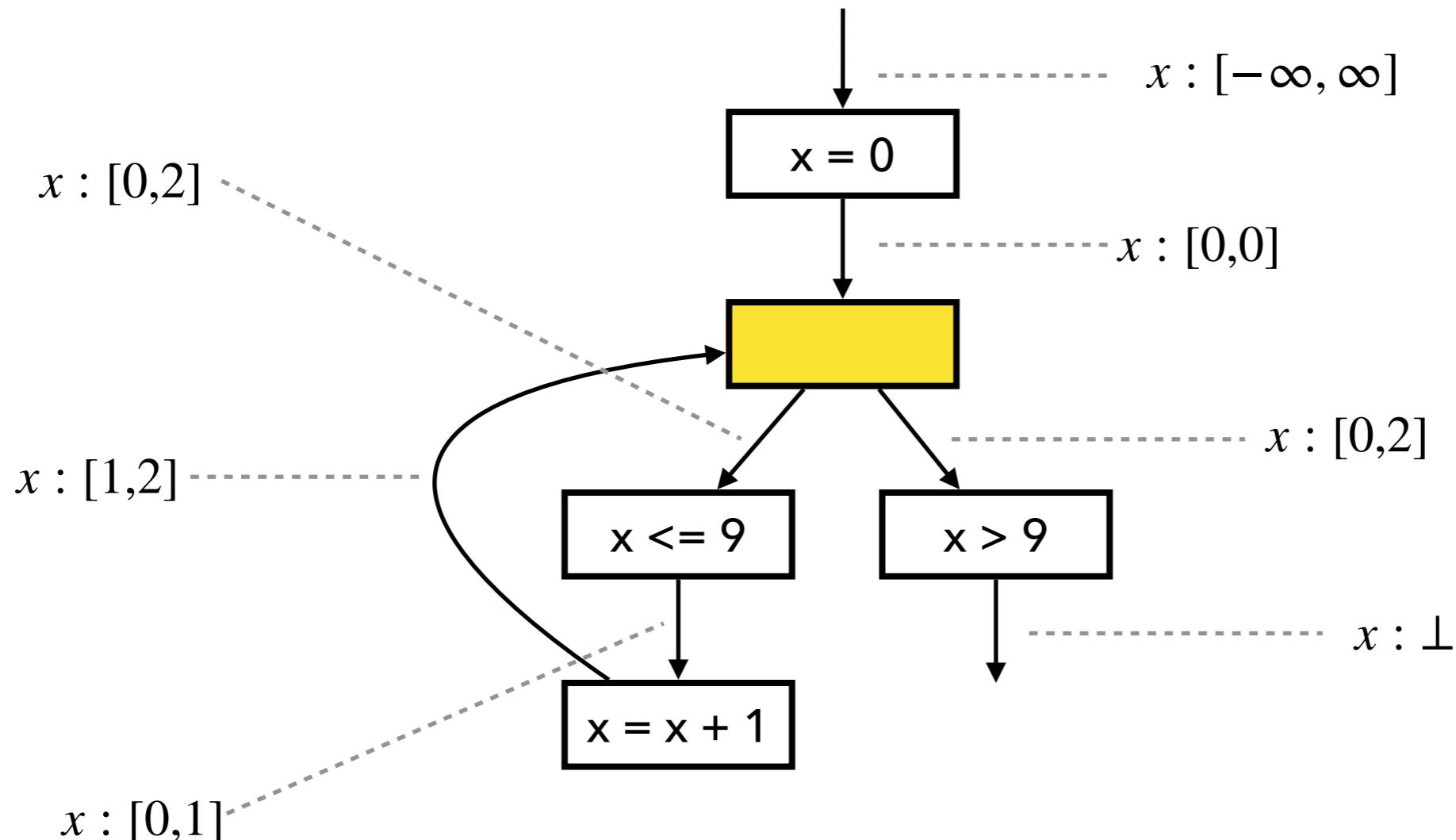


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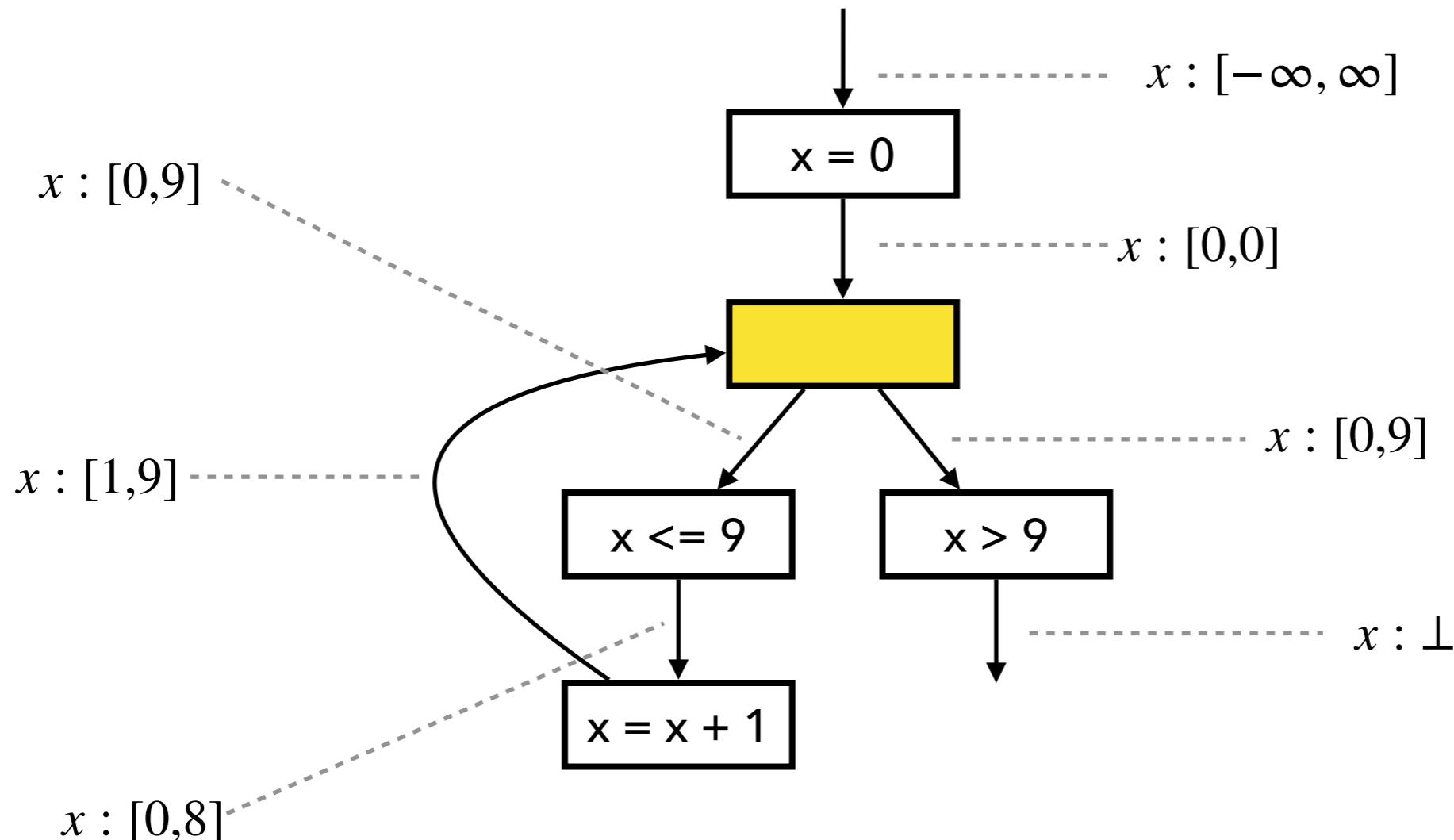


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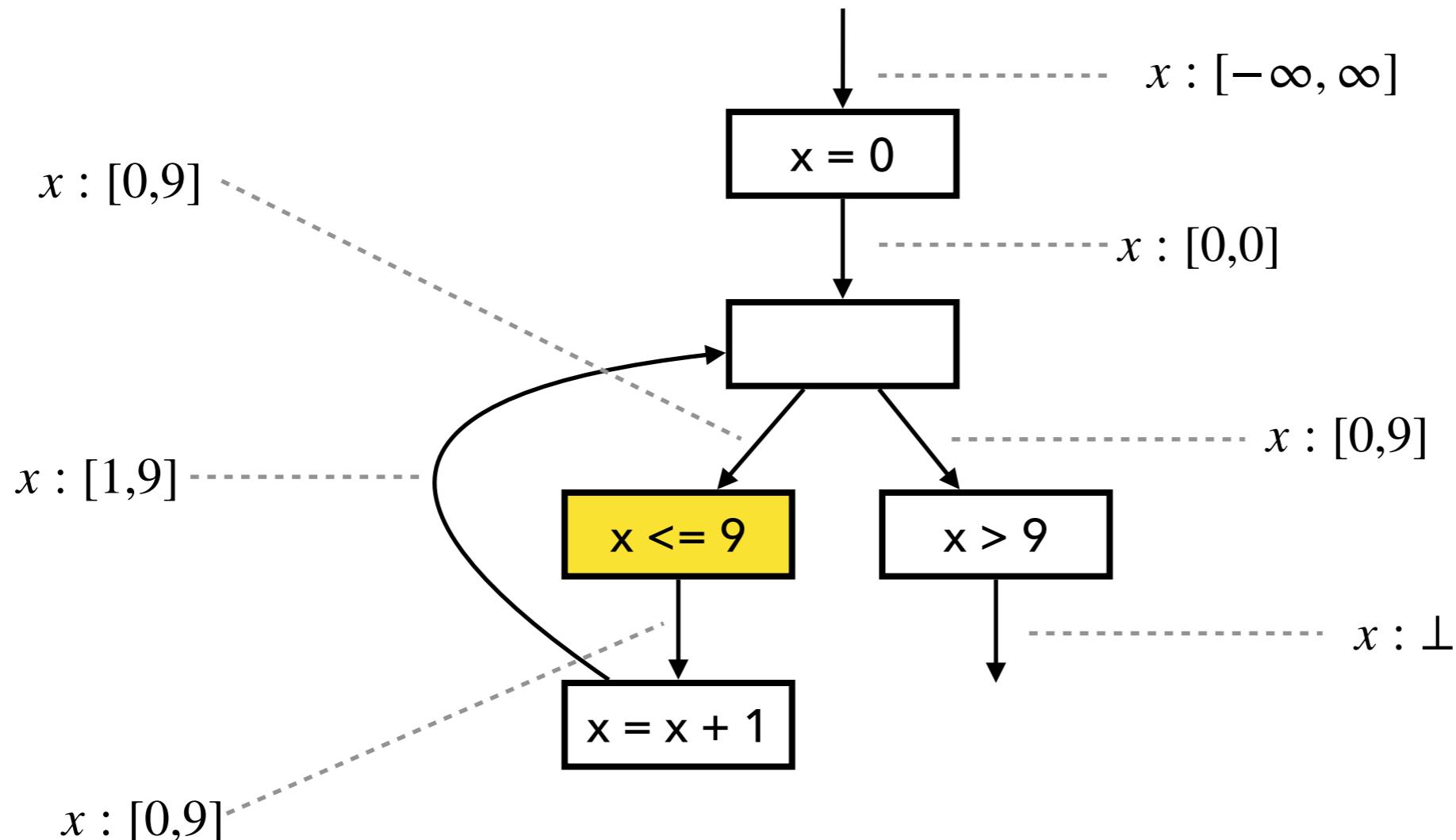
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(2nd iteration of loop)

Fixed Point Computation



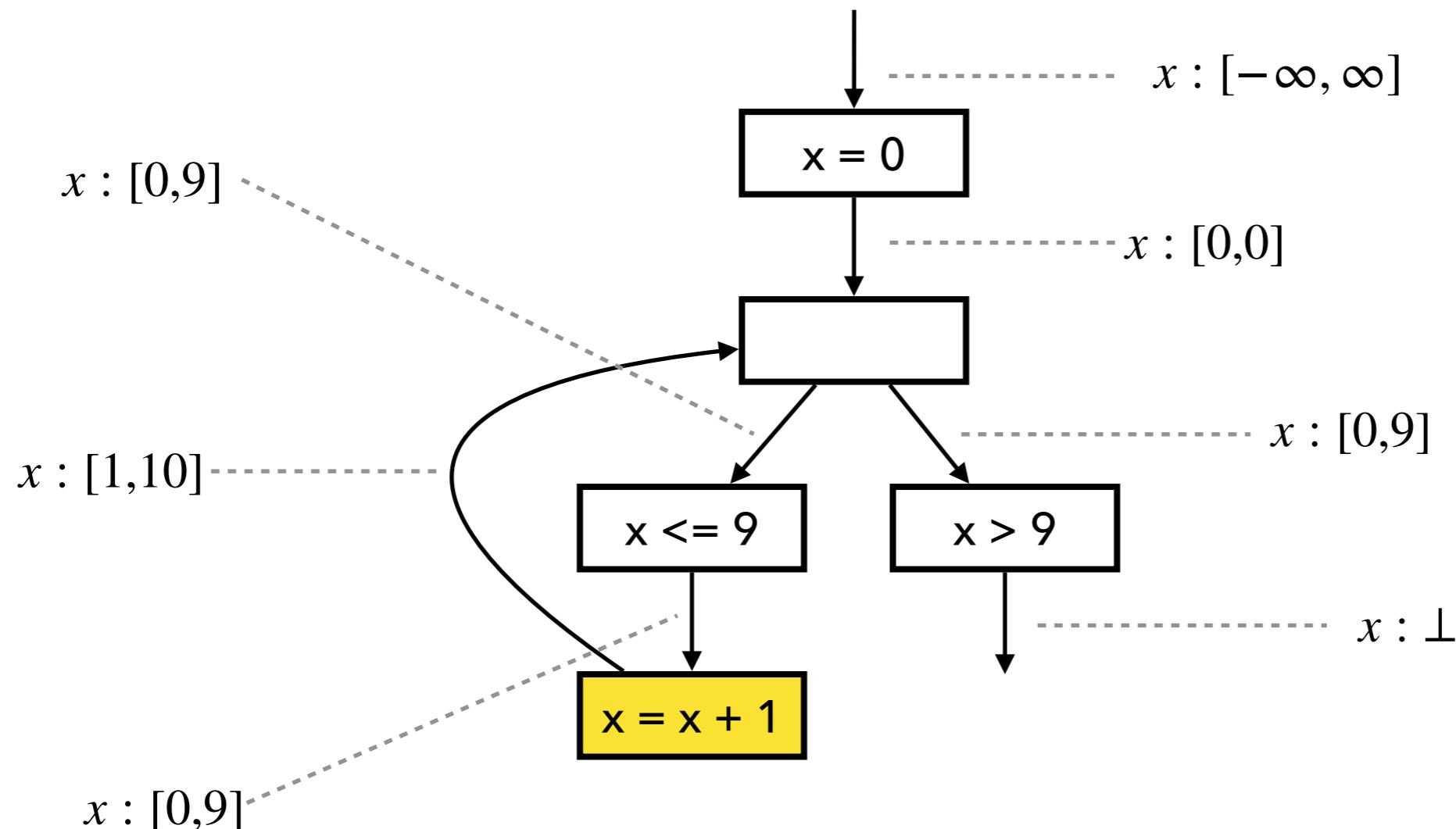
Input state: $[0,0] \sqcup [1,9] = [0,9]$
(9th iteration of loop)

Fixed Point Computation

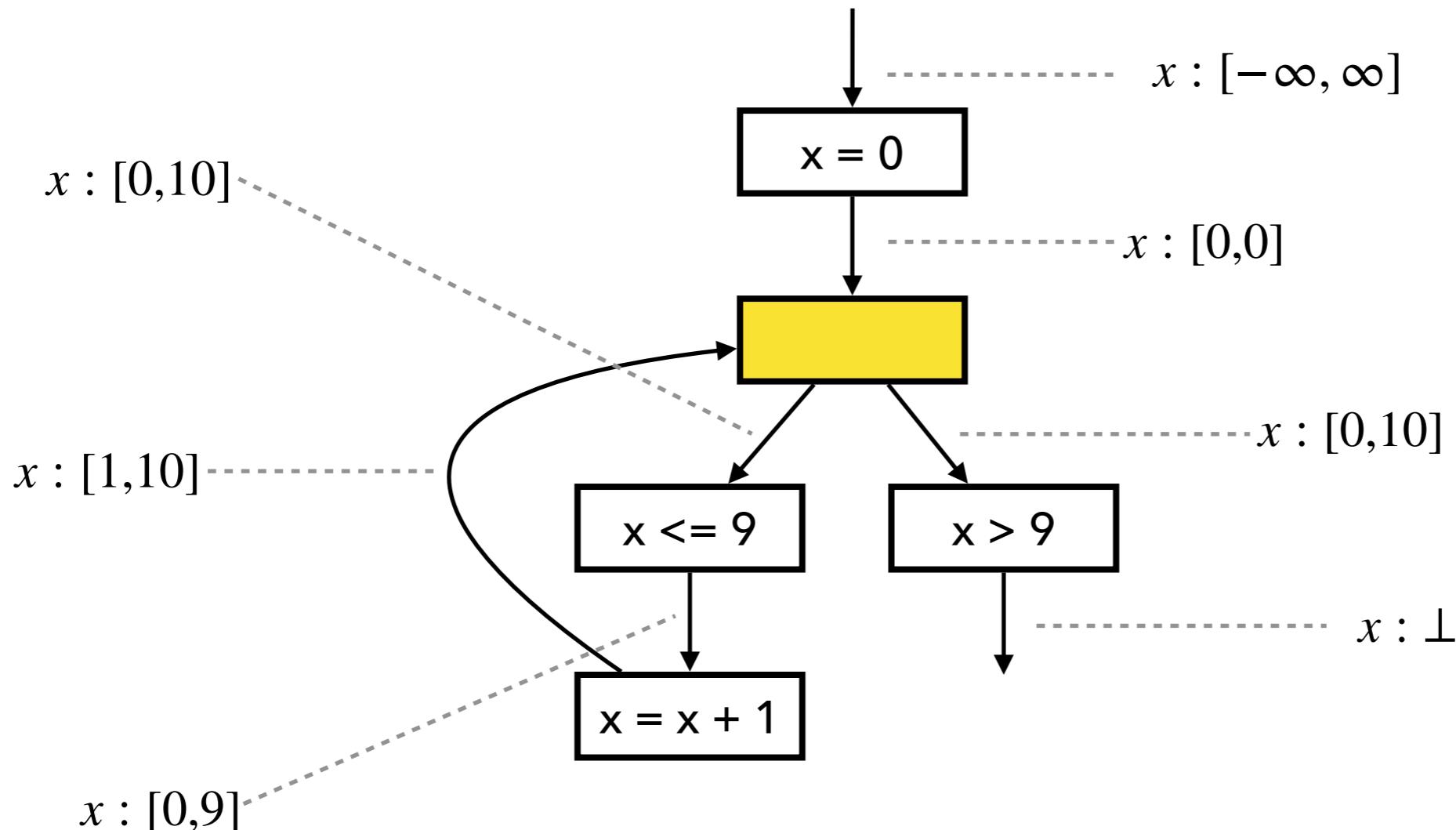


$$[0,9] \sqcap [-\infty, 9] = [0,9]$$

Fixed Point Computation

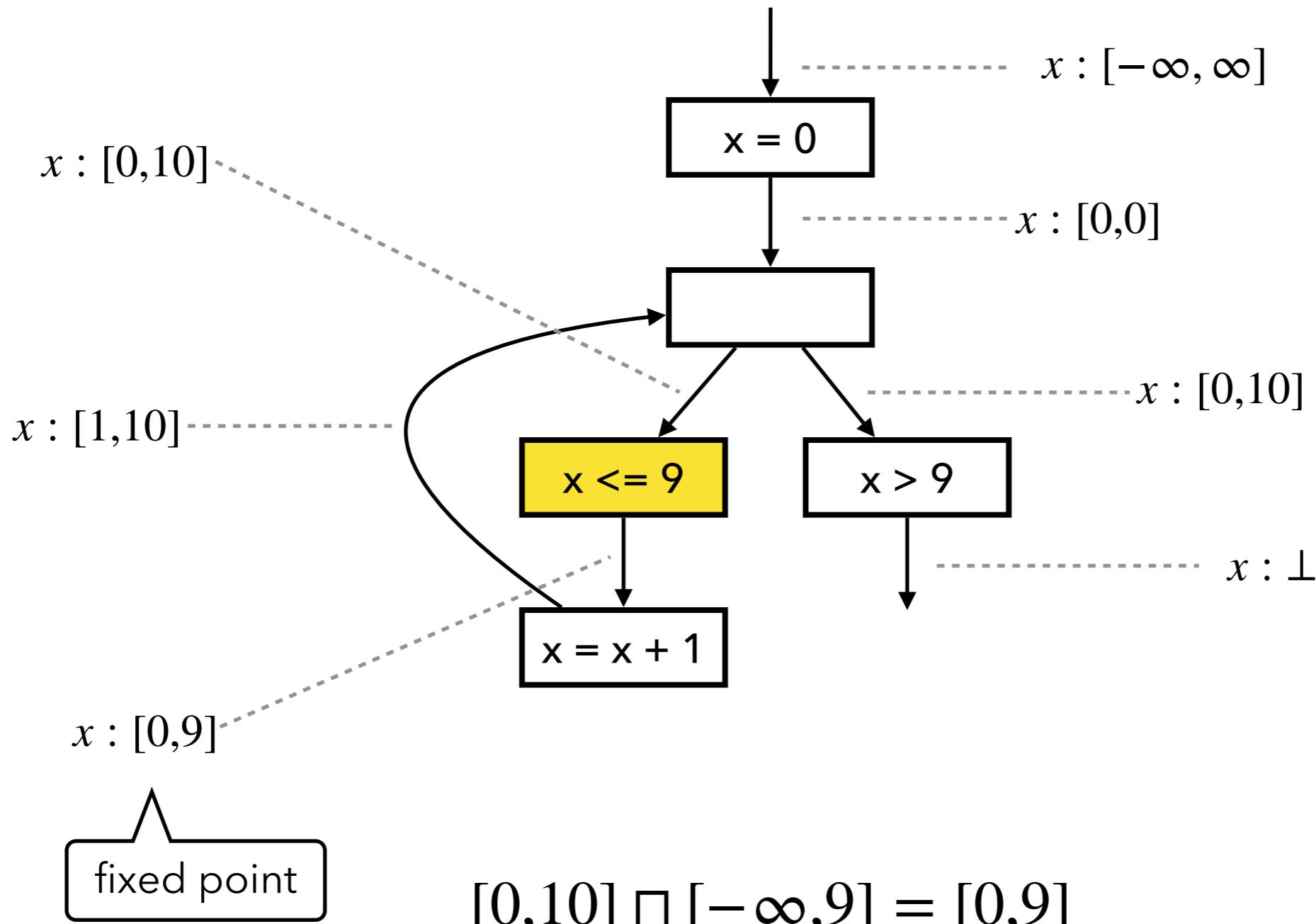


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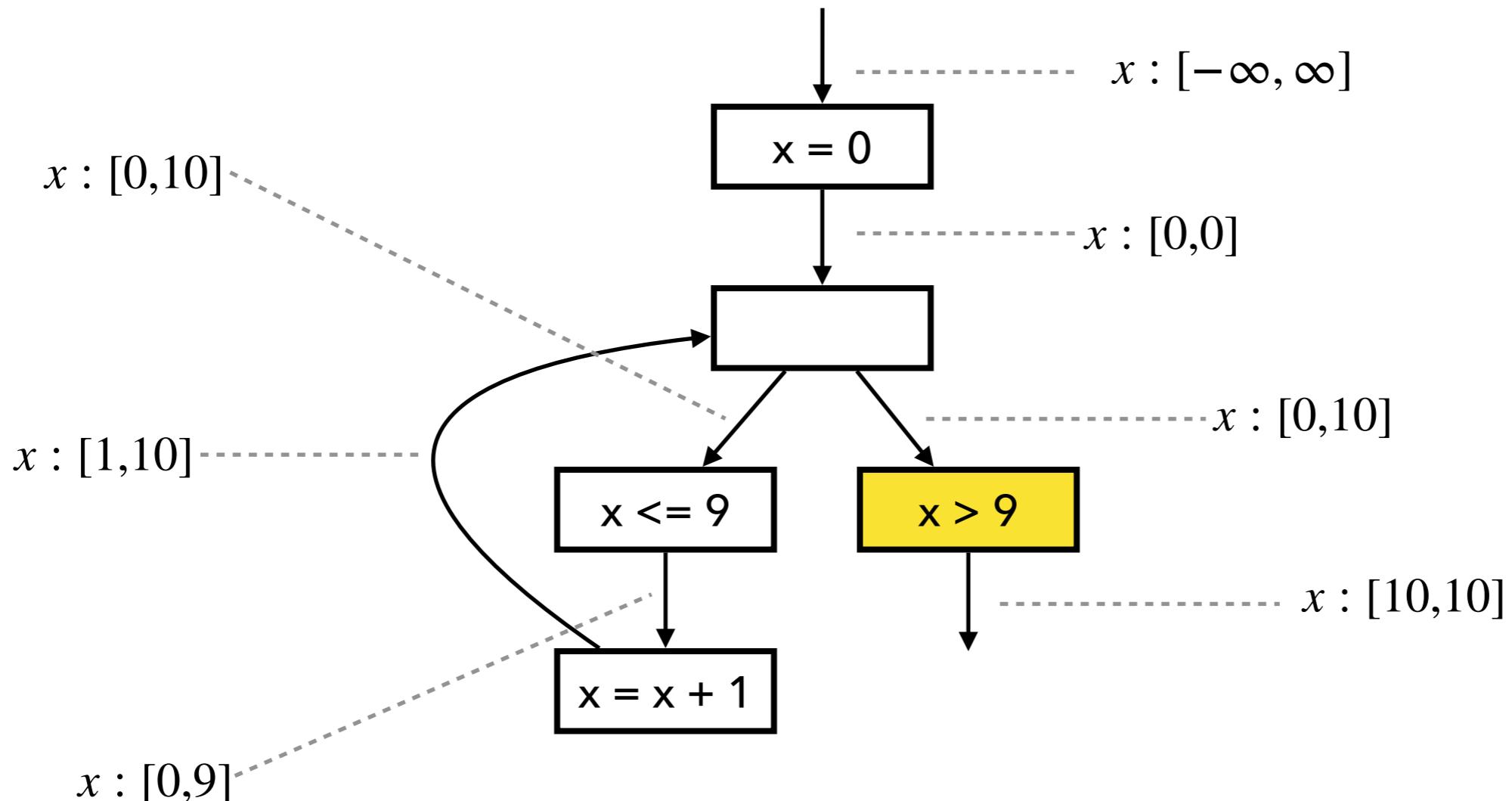


Input state: $[0,0] \sqcup [1,10] = [0,10]$
(10th iteration of loop)

Fixed Point Computation

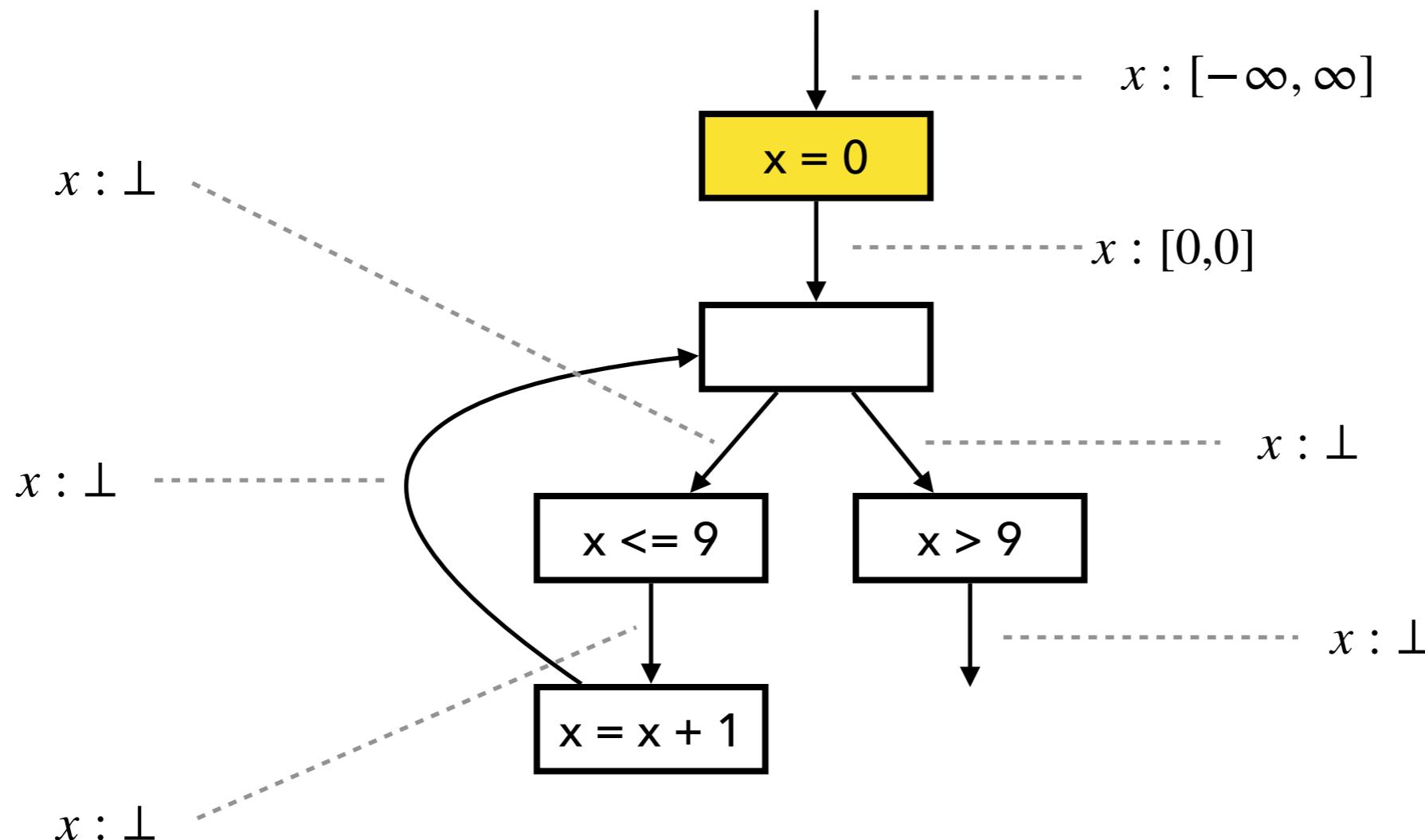


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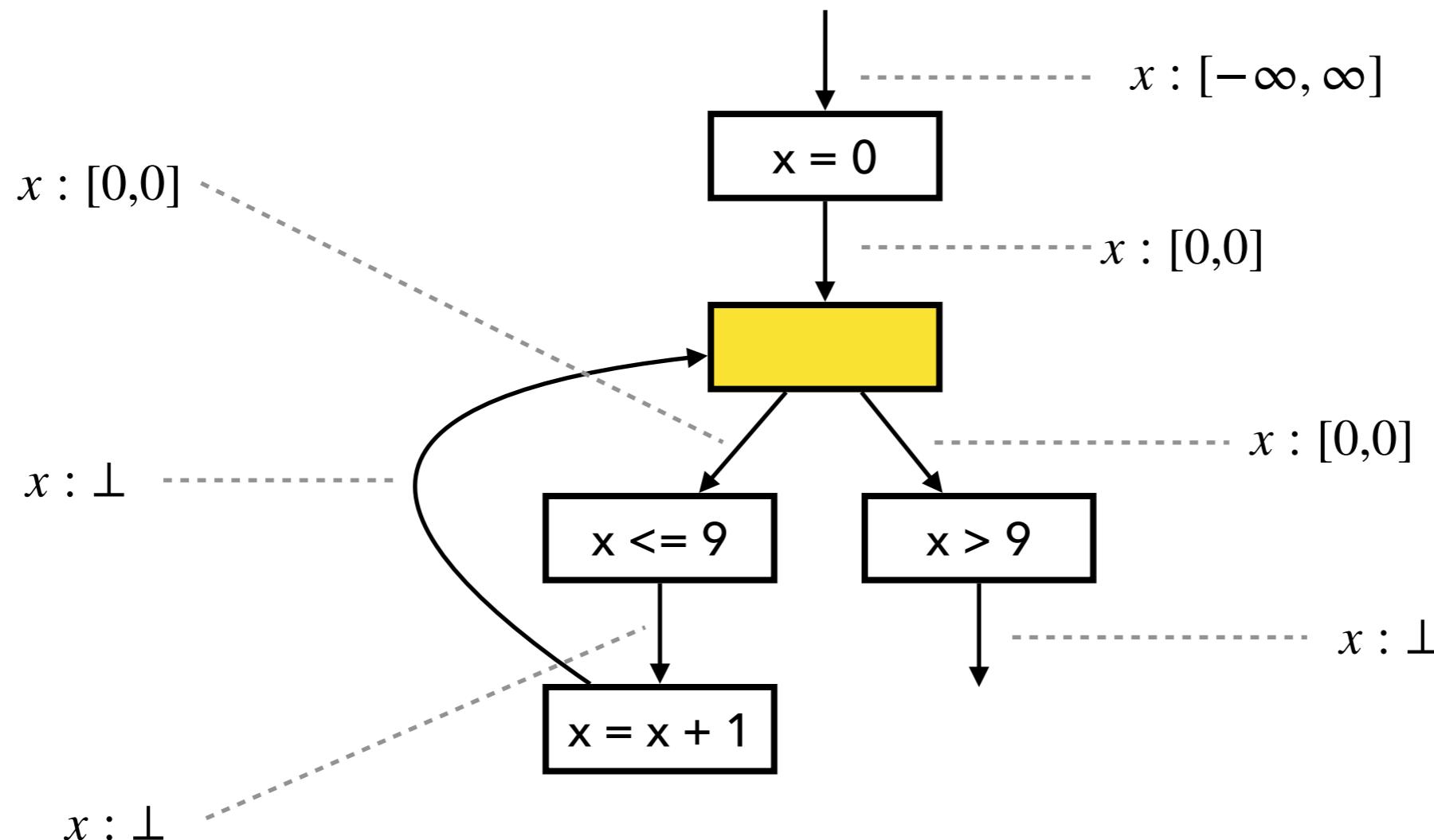


$$[0,10] \cap [10,\infty] = [10,10]$$

Fixed Point Comp. with Widening

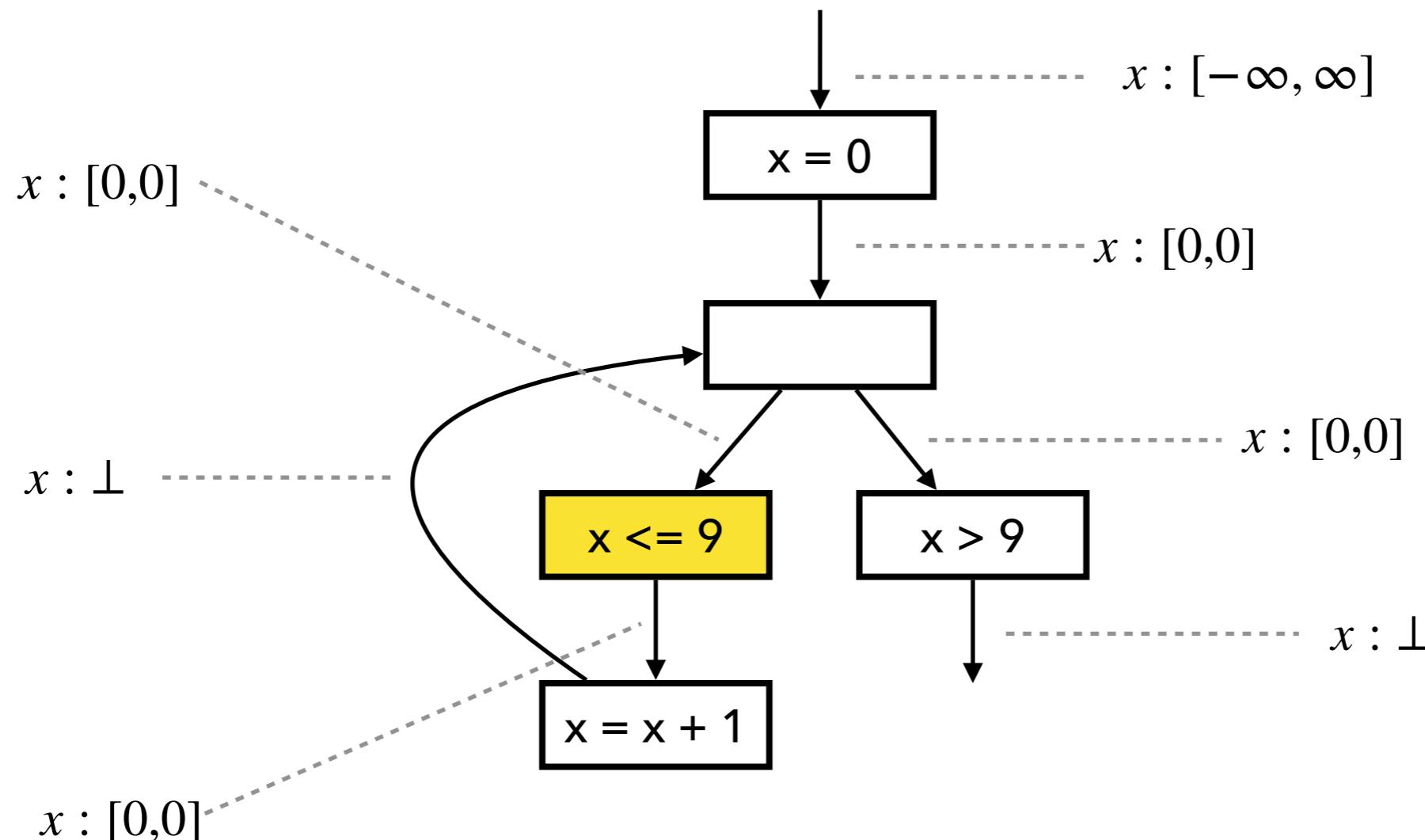


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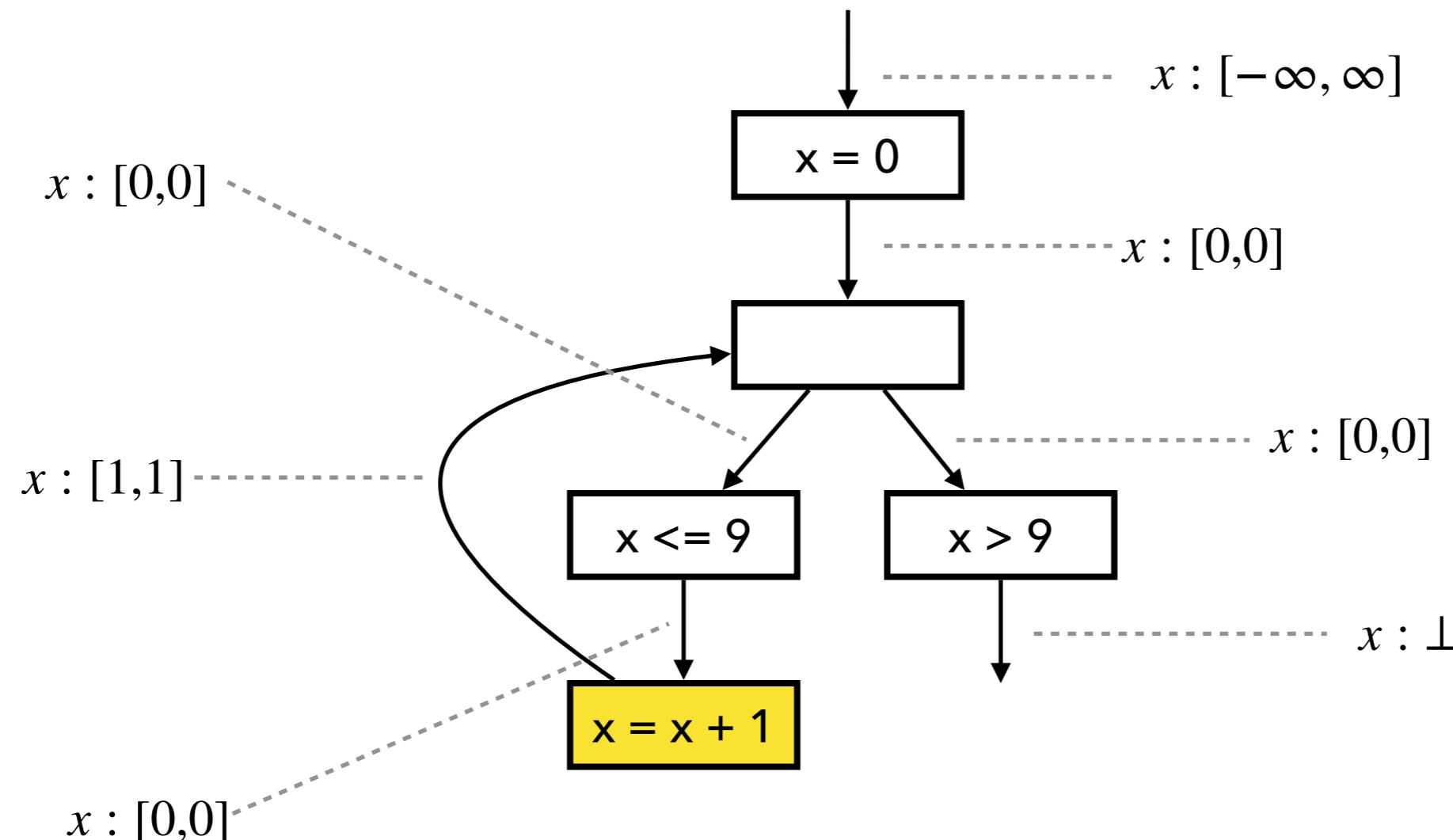
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$$[0,0] \sqcap [-\infty, 9] = [0,0]$$

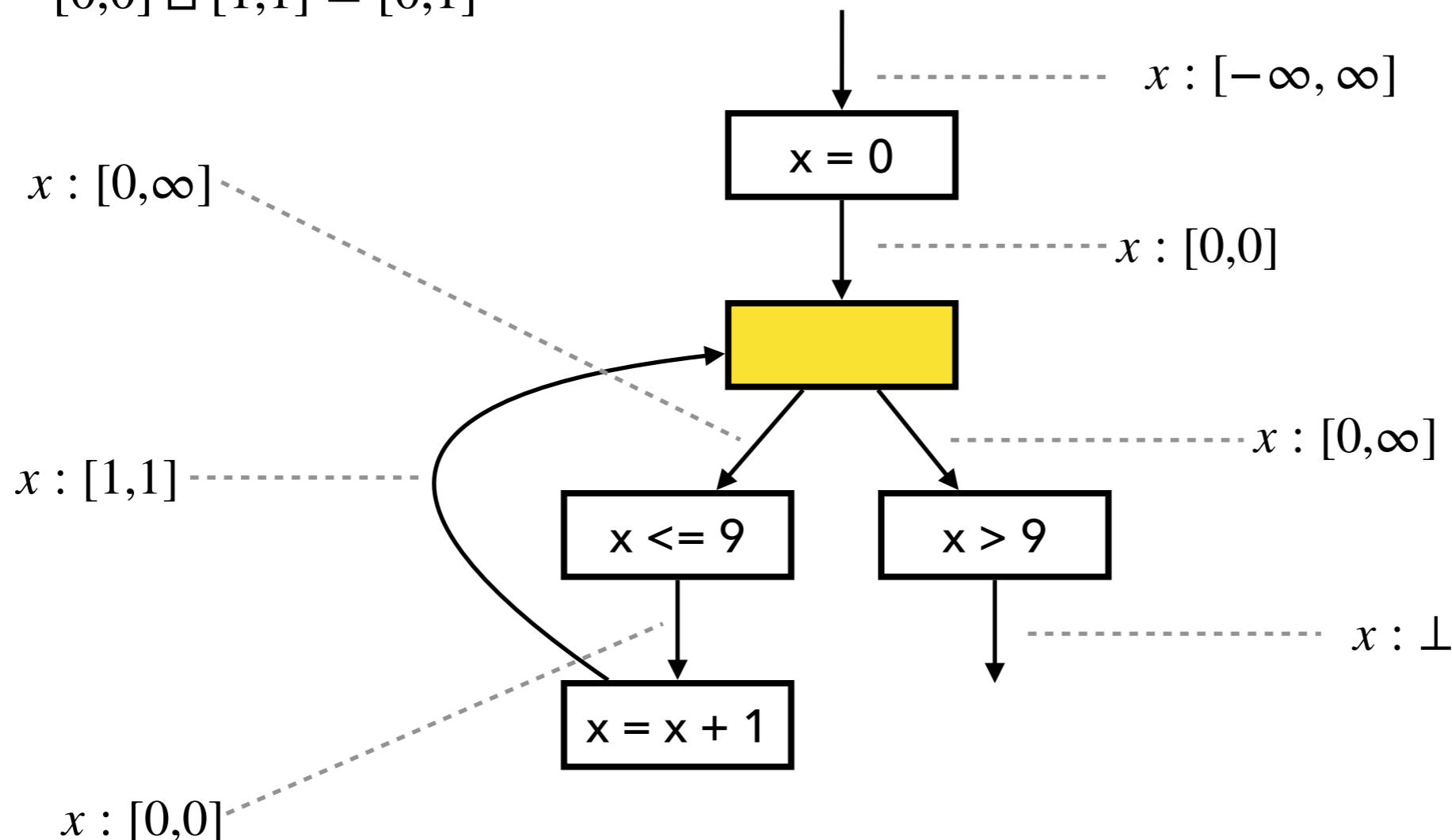
Fixed Point Comp. with Widening



Fixed Point Comp. with Widening

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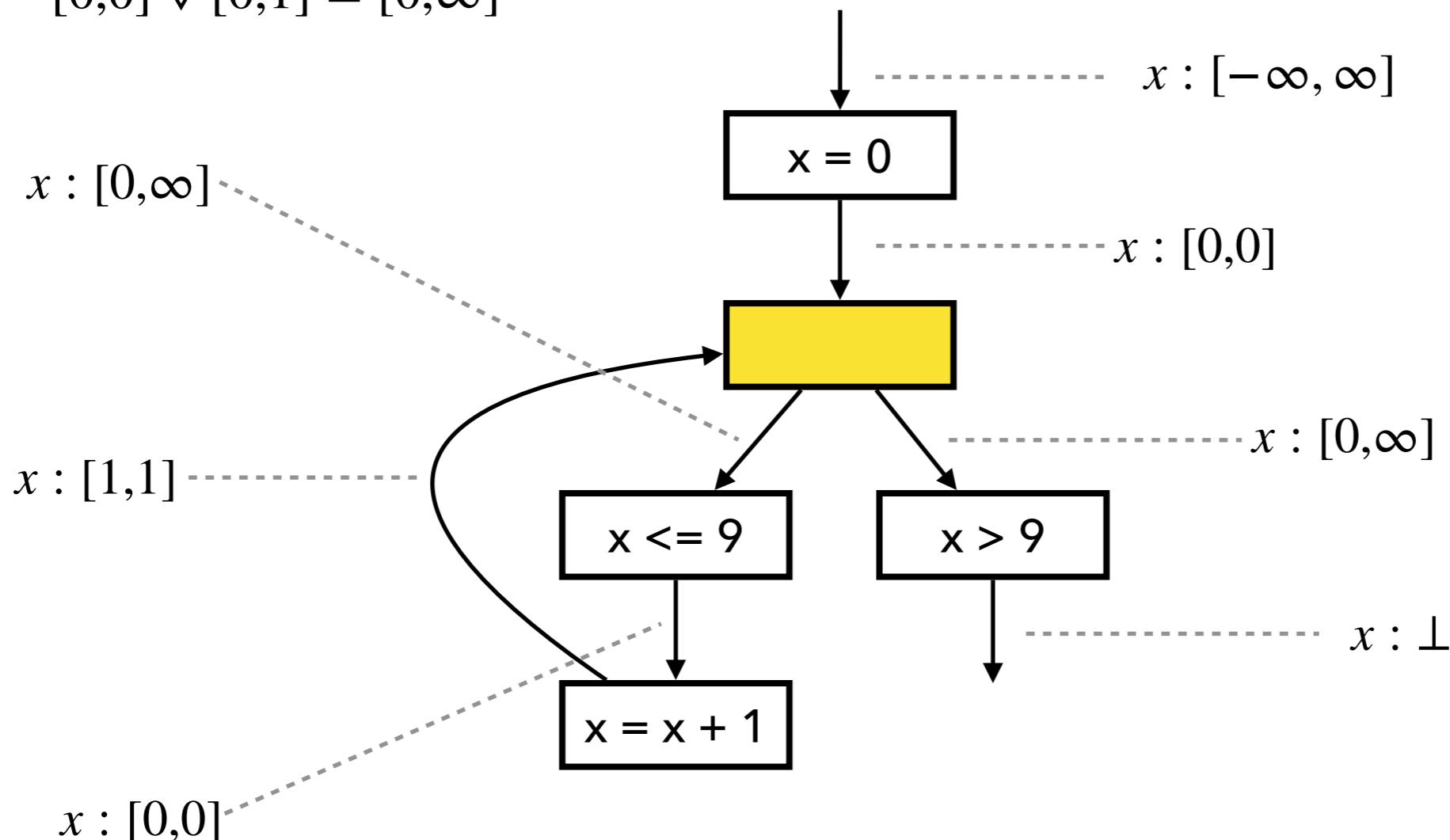
$$[0,0] \sqcup [1,1] = [0,1]$$



Fixed Point Comp. with Widening

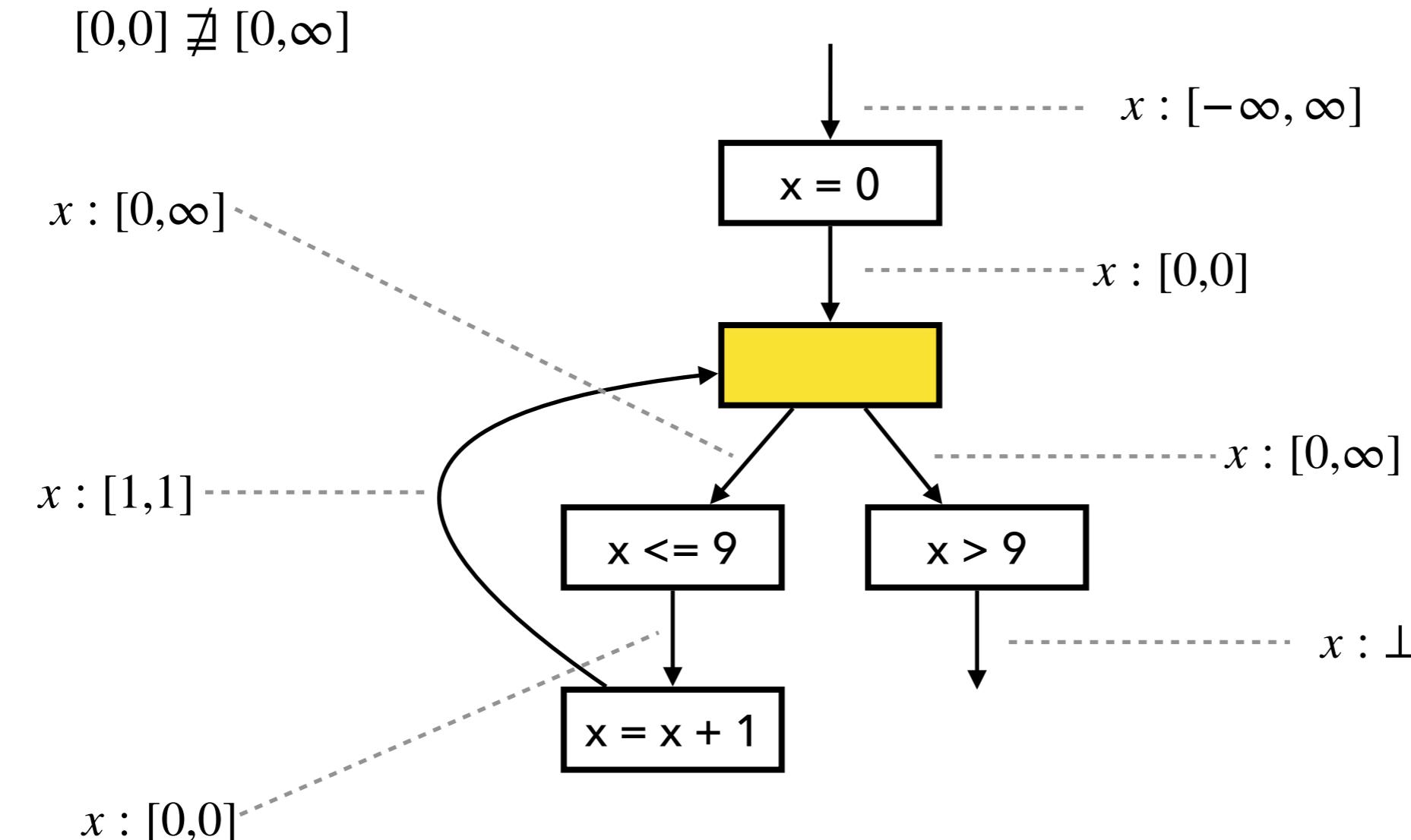
2. Apply widening with old output:

$$[0,0] \nabla [0,1] = [0,\infty]$$

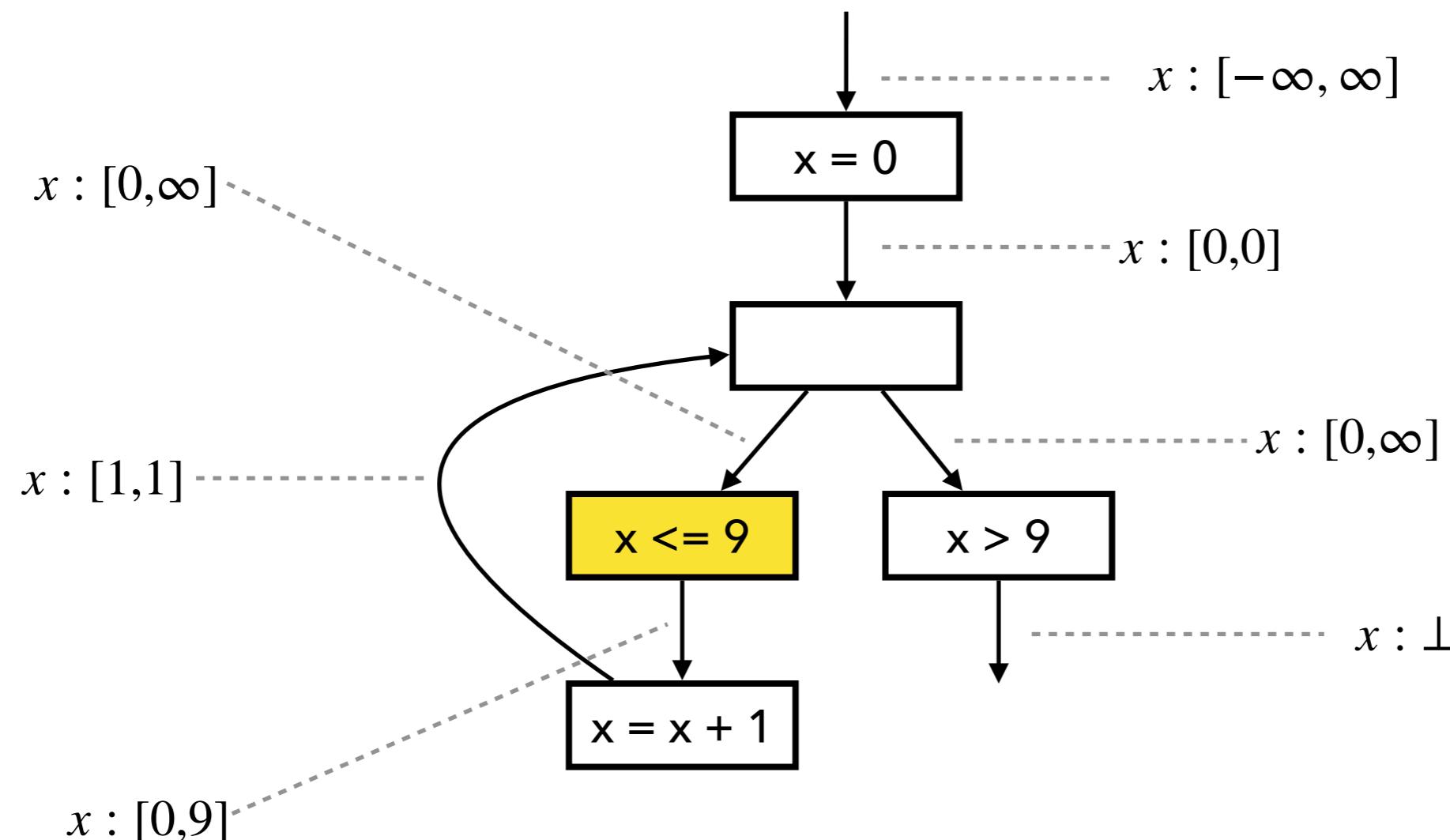


Fixed Point Comp. with Widening

3. Check if fixed point is reached

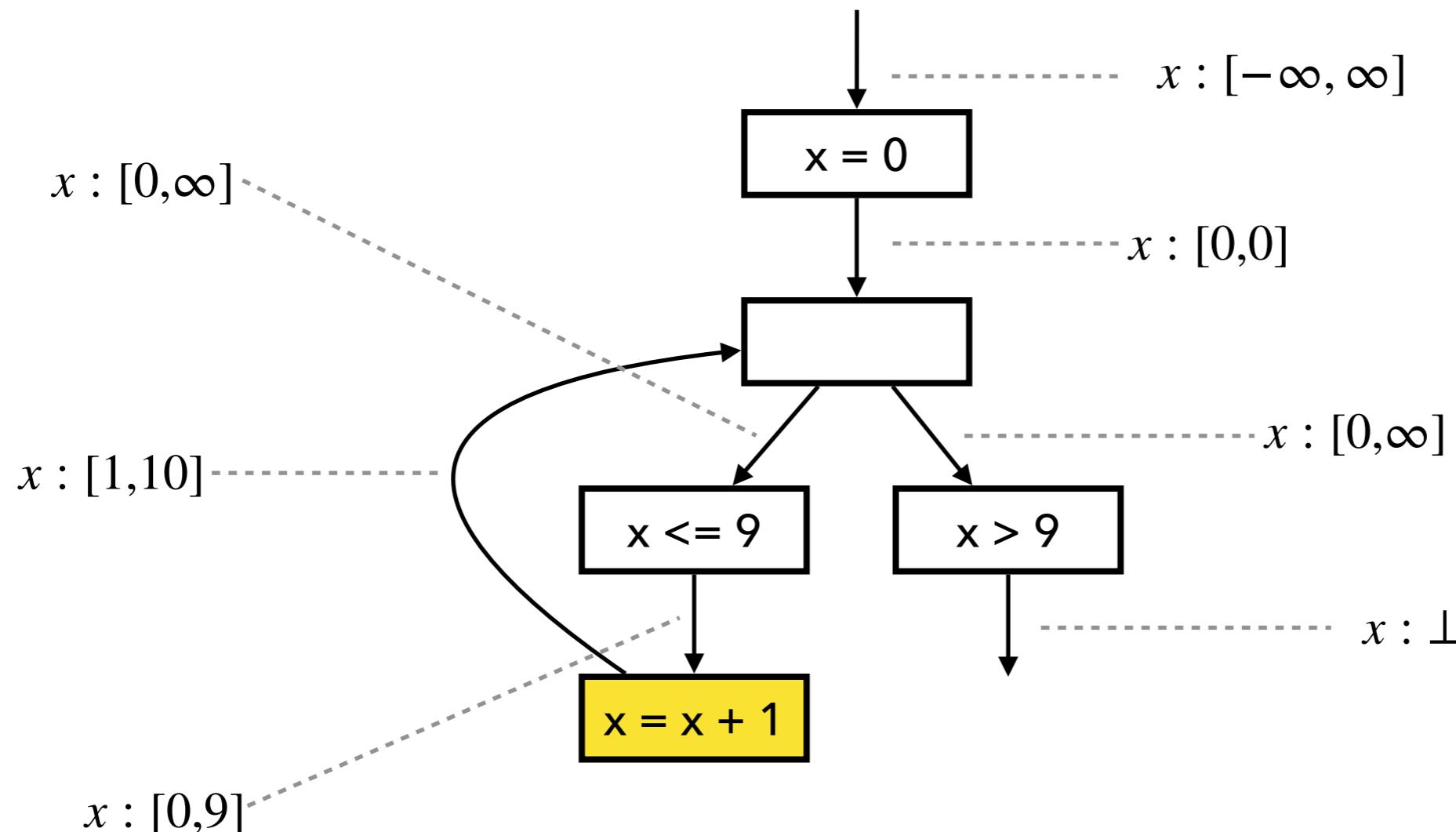


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$$[0, \infty] \sqcap [-\infty, 9] = [0, 9]$$

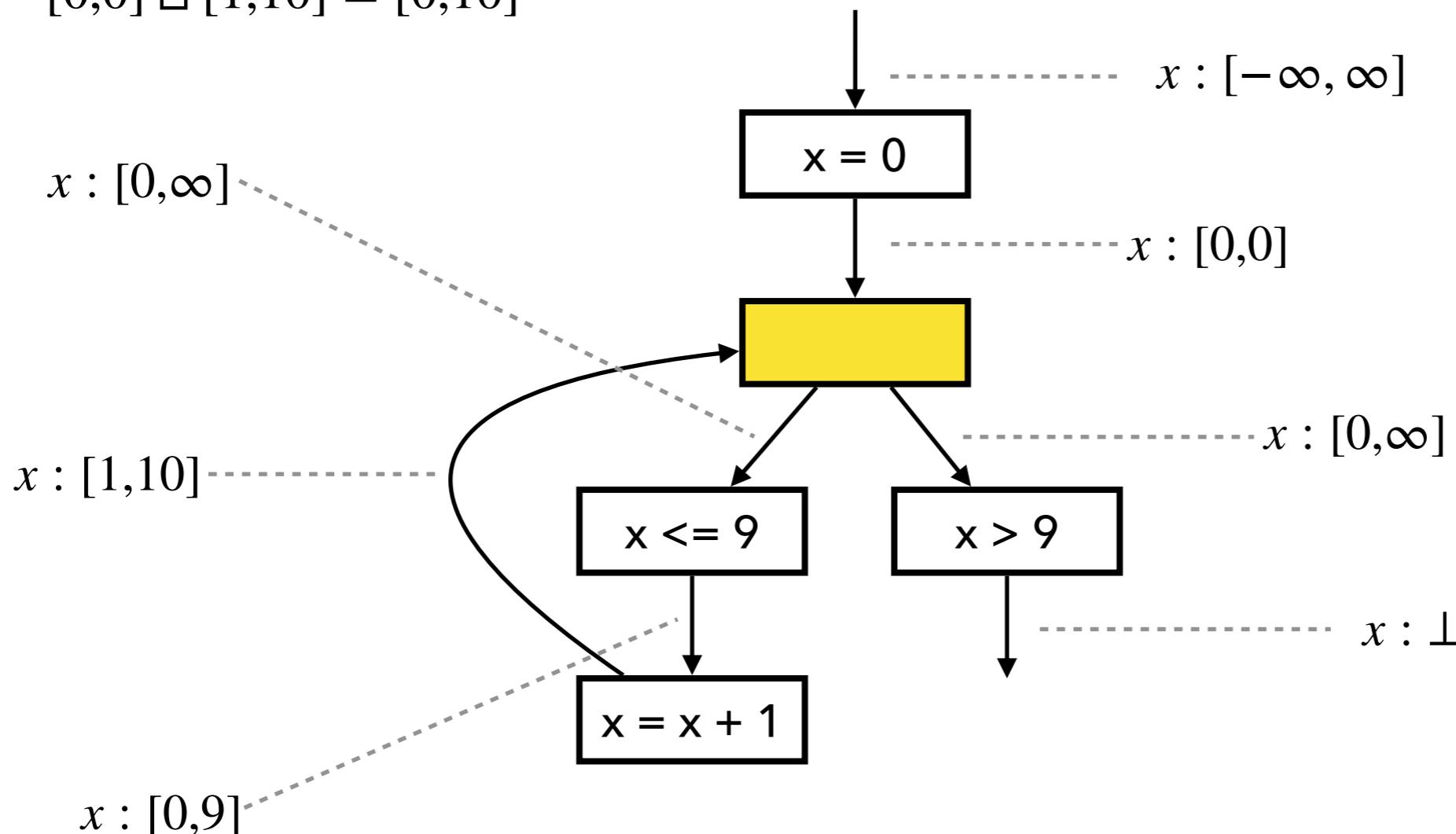
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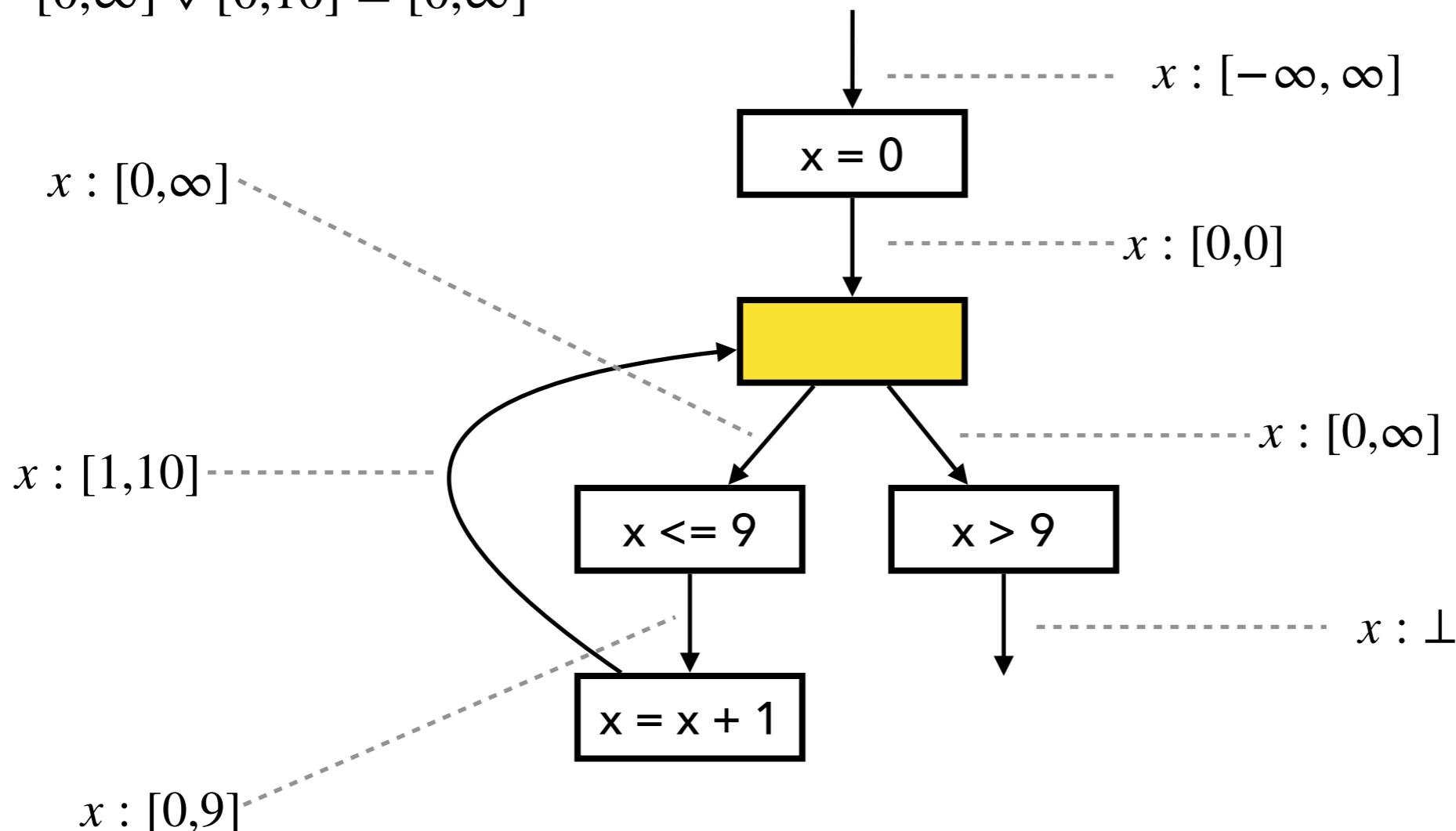
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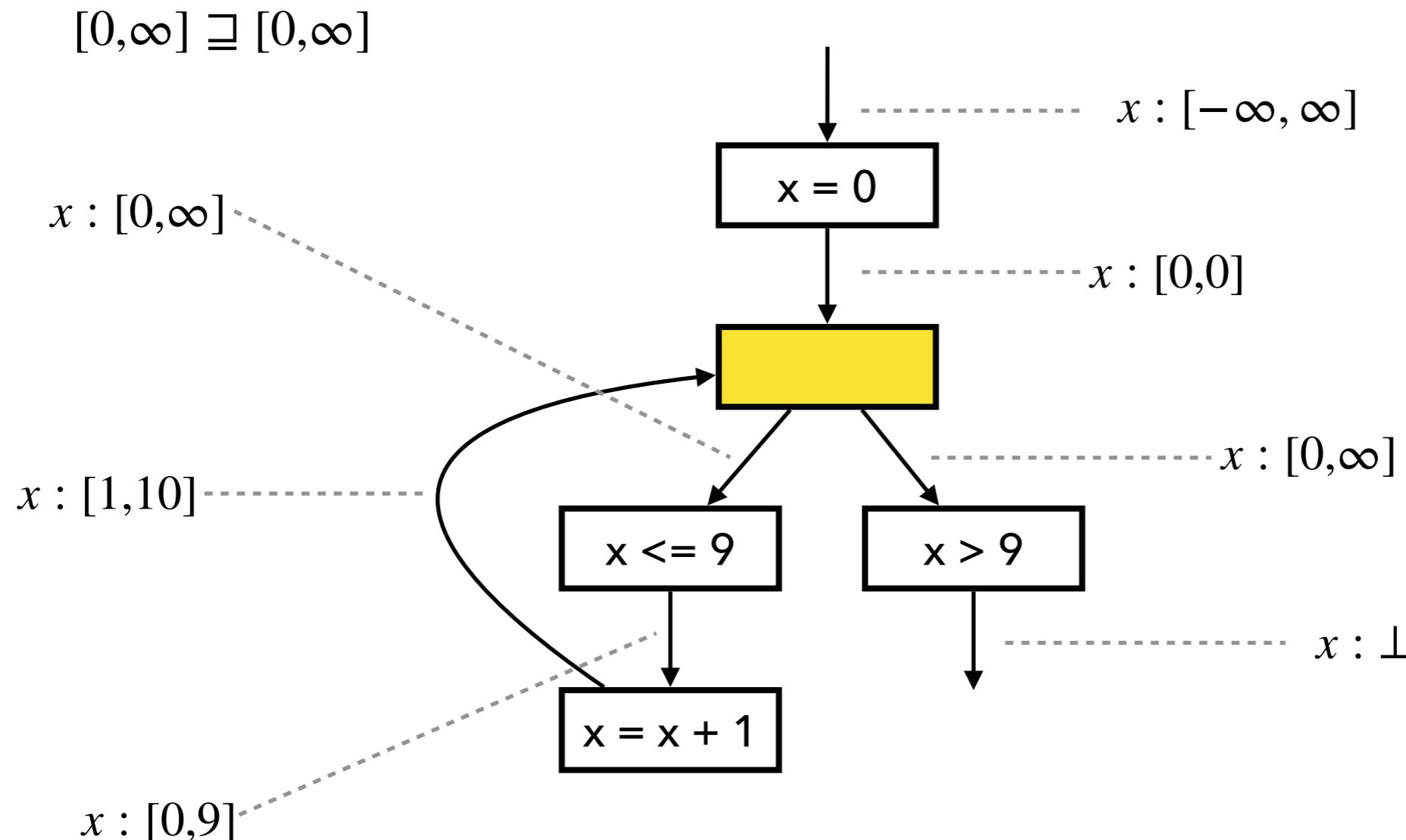
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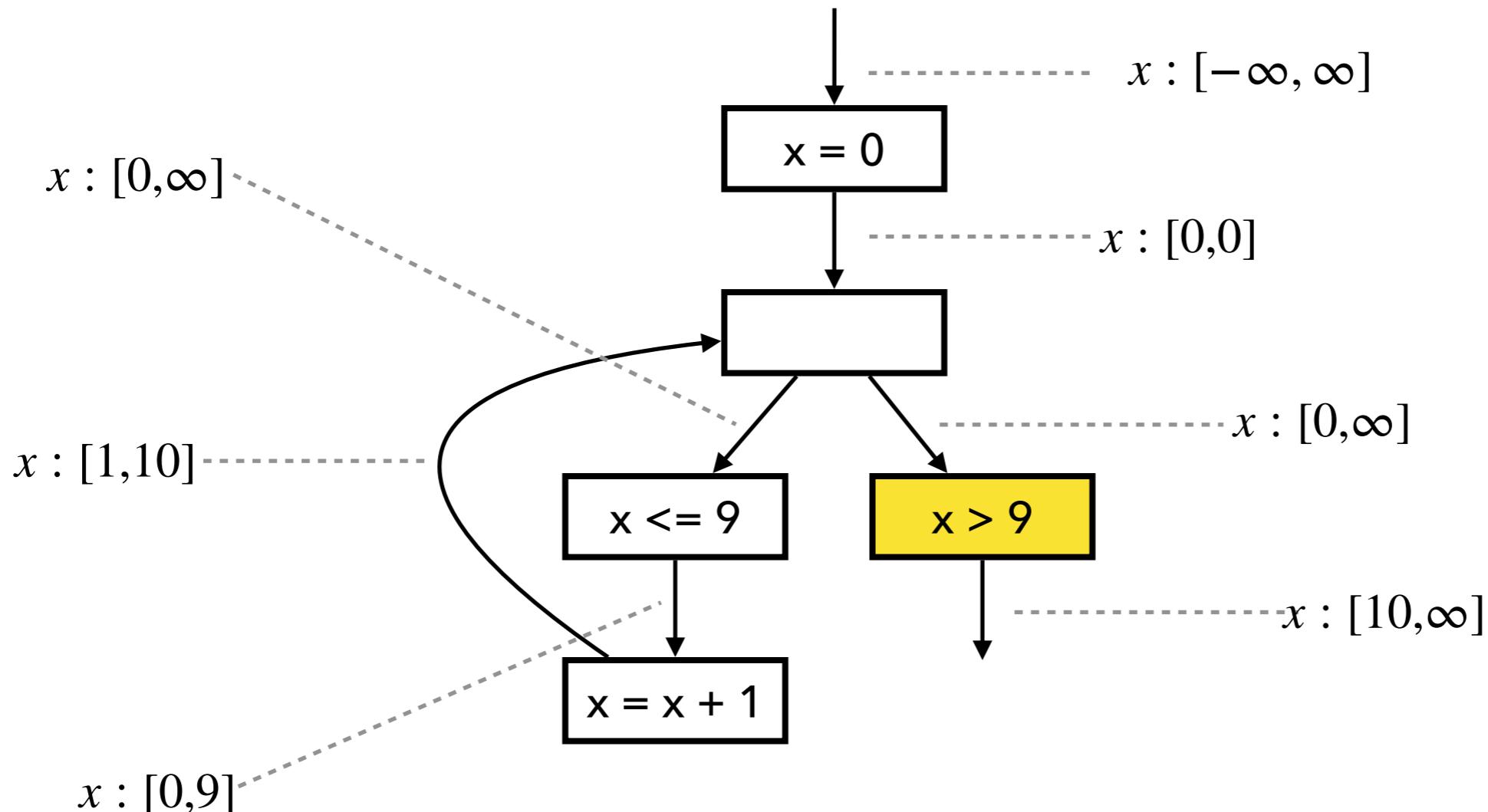


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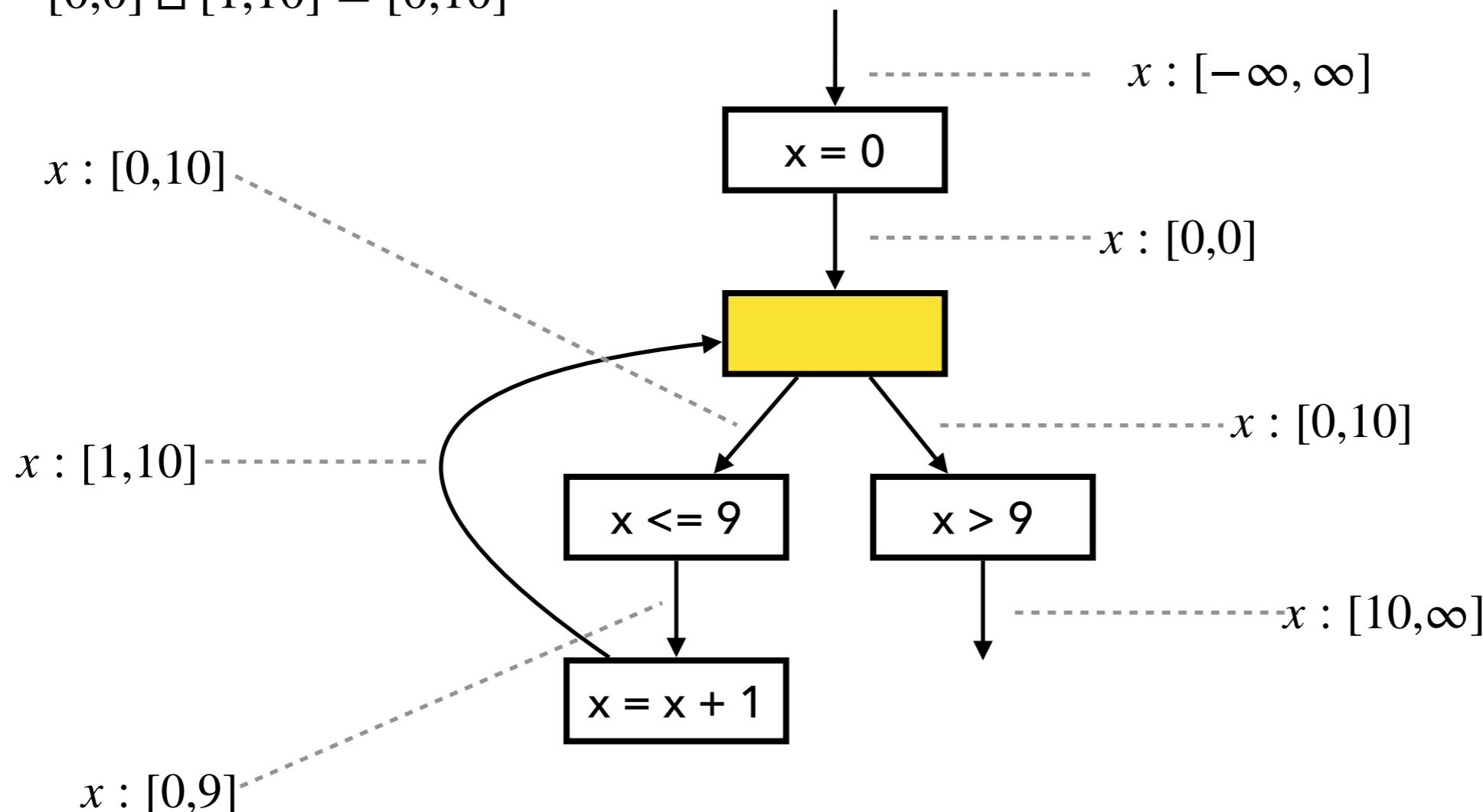


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Fixed Point Comp. with Narrowing

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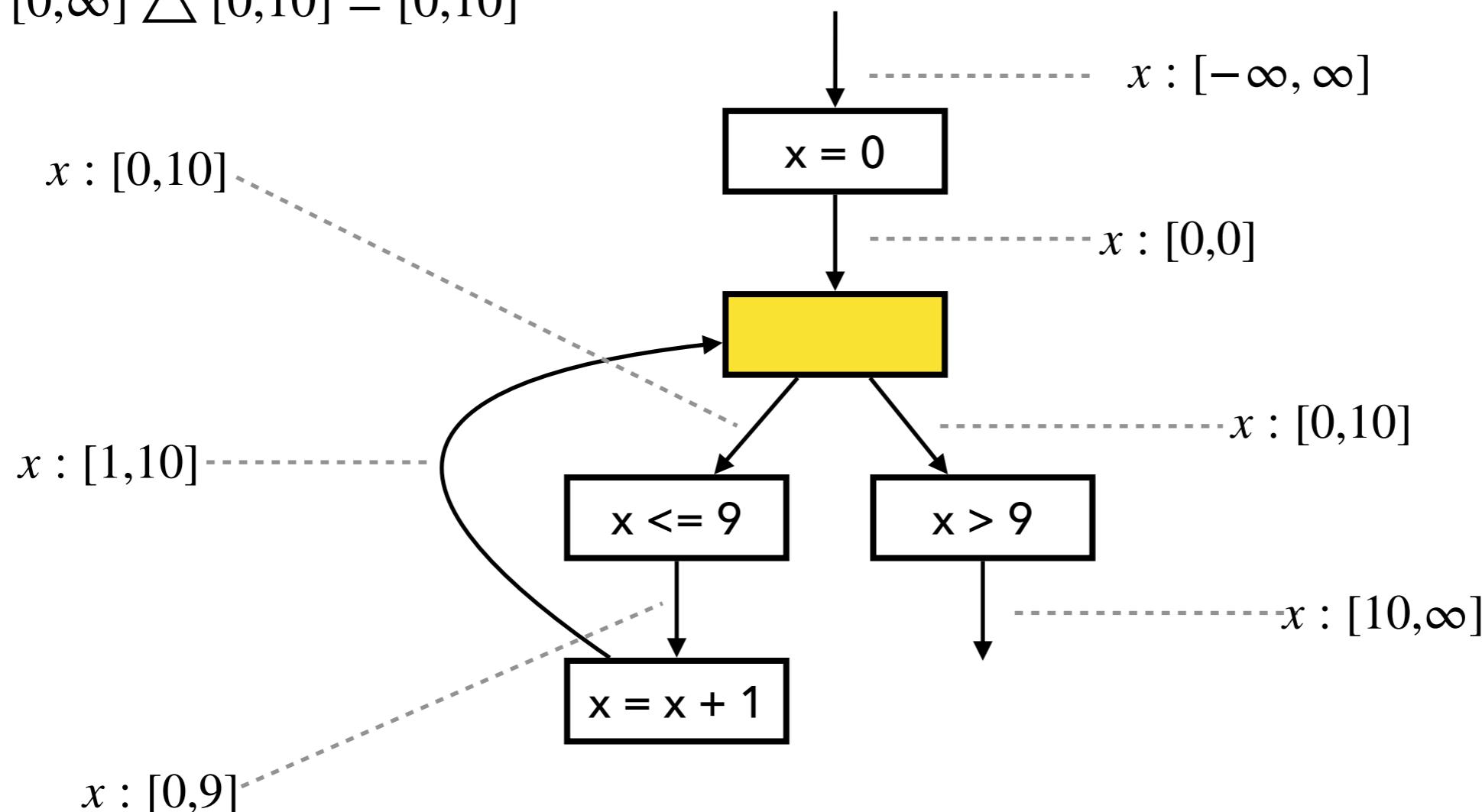
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Fixed Point Comp. with Narrowing

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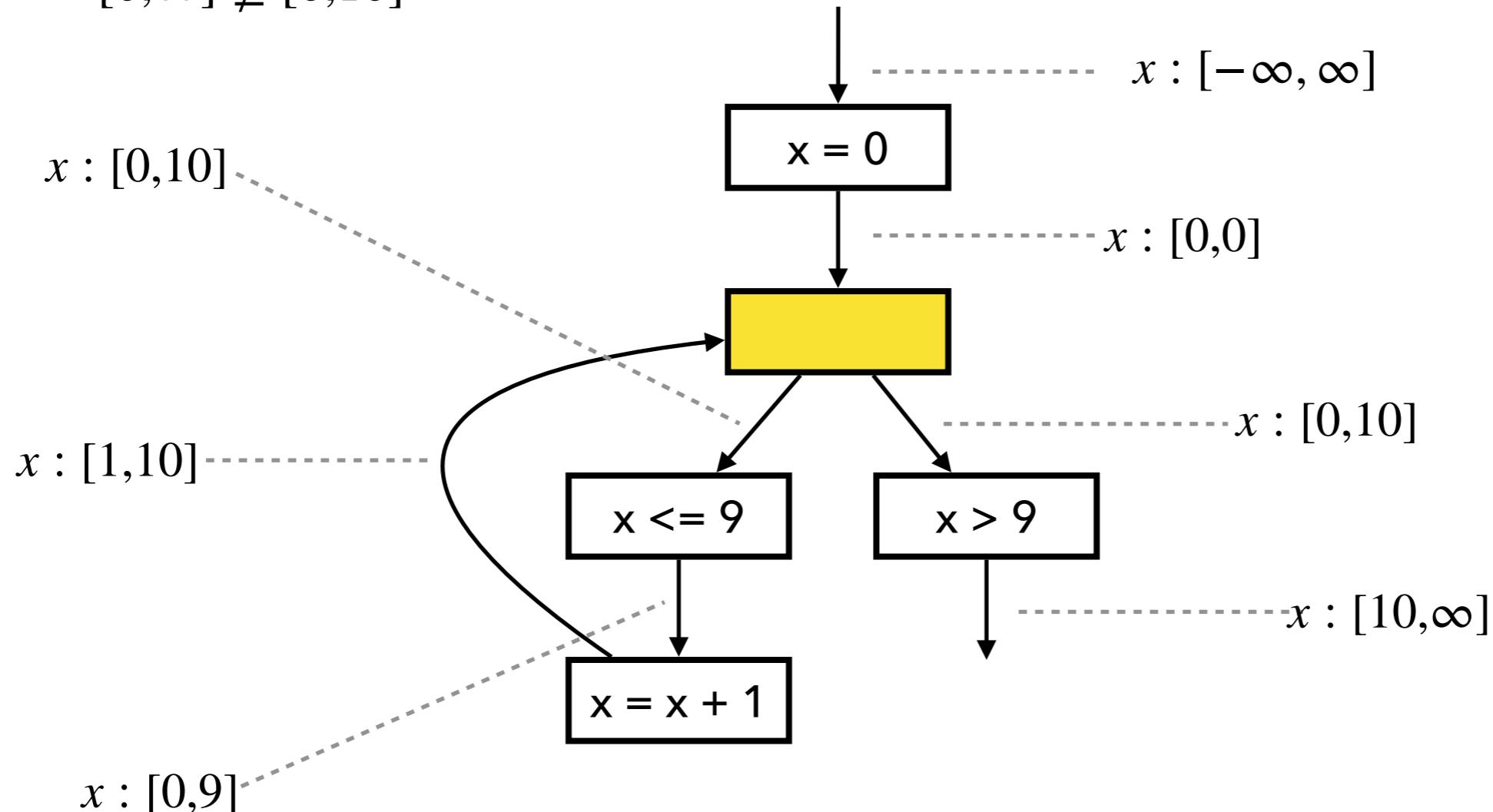
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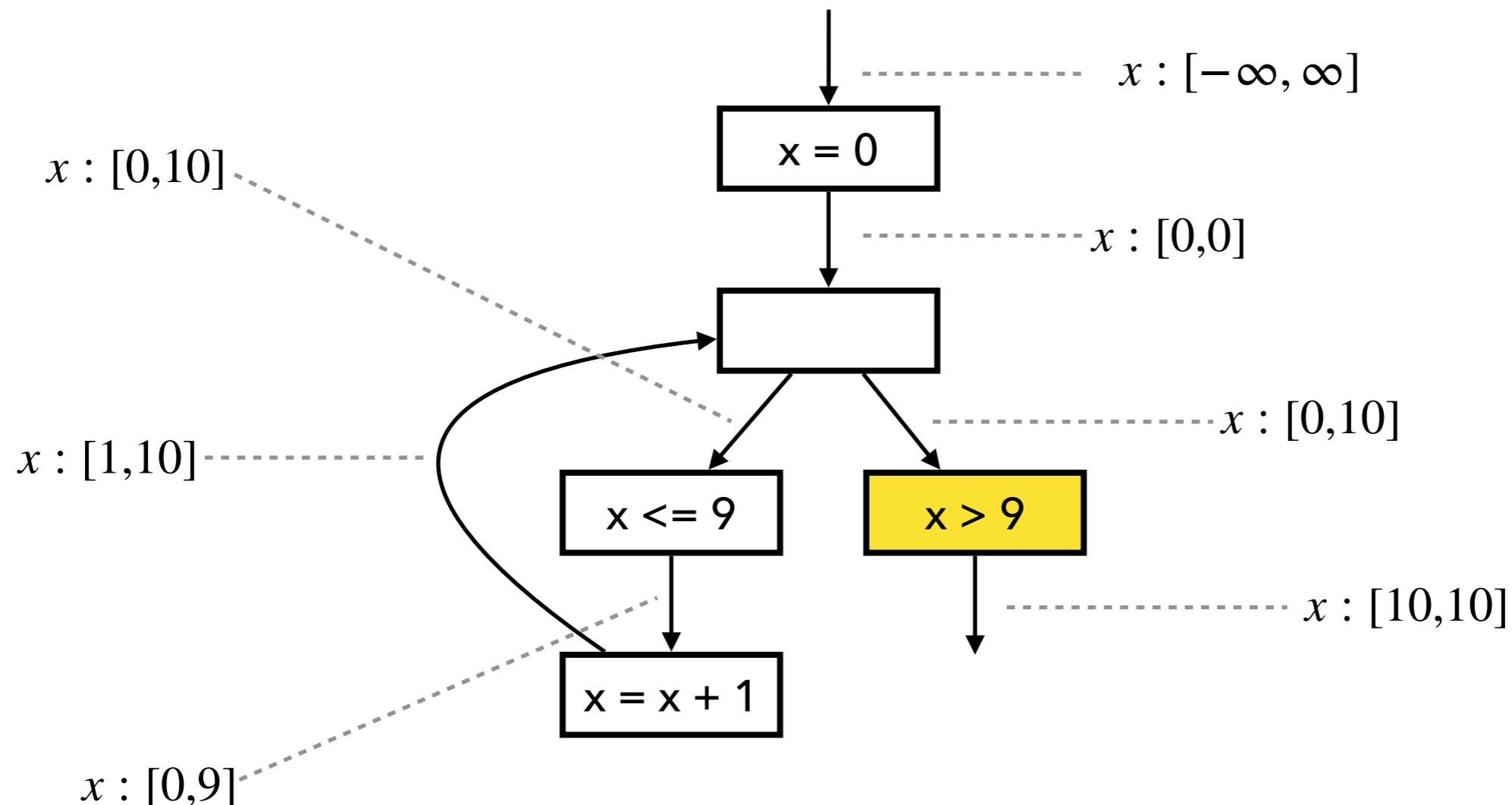
Fixed Point Comp. with Narrowing

3. Check if fixed point is reached:

$$[0, \infty] \not\subseteq [0, 10]$$



Fixed Point Comp. with Narrowing



The Interval Domain

- The set of intervals:

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

- Partial order:

$$\perp \sqsubseteq \hat{z} \quad (\text{for any } \hat{z} \in \hat{\mathbb{Z}}) \quad [l_1, u_1] \sqsubseteq [l_2, u_2] \iff l_2 \leq l_1 \wedge u_1 \leq u_2$$

- Join:

$$\perp \sqcup \hat{z} = \hat{z} \quad \hat{z} \sqcup \perp = \hat{z} \quad [l_1, u_1] \sqcup [l_2, u_2] = [\min(l_1, l_2), \max(u_1, u_2)]$$

- Meet:

$$[l_1, u_1] \sqcap [l_2, u_2] = [l_2, u_1] \quad (\text{if } l_1 \leq l_2 \wedge l_2 \leq u_1)$$

$$[l_1, u_1] \sqcap [l_2, u_2] = [l_1, u_2] \quad (\text{if } l_2 \leq l_1 \wedge l_1 \leq u_2)$$

$$\hat{z}_1 \sqcap \hat{z}_2 = \perp \quad (\text{otherwise})$$

The Interval Domain

- Widening:

$$\perp \triangledown \hat{z} = \hat{z}$$

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$$[l_1, u_1] \triangledown [l_2, u_2] = [l_1 > l_2 ? -\infty : l_1, u_1 < u_2 ? +\infty : u_1]$$

- Narrowing:

$$\perp \triangle \hat{z} = \perp$$

$$\hat{z} \triangle \perp = \perp$$

$$[l_1, u_1] \triangle [l_2, u_2] = [l_1 = -\infty ? l_2 : l_1, u_1 = +\infty ? u_2 : u_1]$$

The Interval Domain

- Addition / Subtraction / Multiplication:

$$[l_1, u_1] \hat{+} [l_2, u_2] = [l_1 + l_2, u_1 + u_2]$$

$$[l_1, u_1] \hat{-} [l_2, u_2] = [l_1 - u_2, u_1 - l_2]$$

$$[l_1, u_1] \hat{\times} [l_2, u_2] = [\min(l_1l_2, l_1u_2, u_1l_2, u_1u_2), \max(l_1l_2, l_1u_2, u_1l_2, u_1u_2)]$$

- Equality (=) produces T except for the cases:

$$[l_1, u_1] \hat{=} [l_2, u_2] = \text{true} \quad (\text{if } l_1 = u_1 = l_2 = u_2)$$

$$[l_1, u_1] \hat{=} [l_2, u_2] = \text{false} \quad (\text{no overlap})$$

- ``Less than'' (<) produces T except for the cases:

$$[l_1, u_1] \hat{<} [l_2, u_2] = \text{true} \quad (\text{if } u_1 < l_2)$$

$$[l_1, u_1] \hat{<} [l_2, u_2] = \text{false} \quad (\text{if } l_1 > u_2)$$

Abstract Memory

$$\hat{\mathbb{M}} = \mathbf{Var} \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{Z}}$$

$$m_1 \sqsubseteq m_2 \iff \forall x \in \mathbf{Var}. m_1(x) \sqsubseteq m_2(x)$$

$$m_1 \sqcup m_2 = \lambda x. m_1(x) \sqcup m_2(x)$$

$$m_1 \sqcap m_2 = \lambda x. m_1(x) \sqcap m_2(x)$$

$$m_1 \bigtriangledown m_2 = \lambda x. m_1(x) \bigtriangledown m_2(x)$$

$$m_1 \bigtriangleup m_2 = \lambda x. m_1(x) \bigtriangleup m_2(x)$$

Worklist Algorithm

Fixpoint comp. with widening

```
W := Node
T :=  $\lambda n . \perp_{\hat{\mathbb{M}}}$ 
while  $W \neq \emptyset$ 
   $n := choose(W)$ 
   $W := W \setminus \{n\}$ 
   $in := inputof(n, T)$ 
   $out := analyze(n, in)$ 
  if  $out \not\subseteq T(n)$ 
    if widening is needed
       $T(n) := T(n) \bigtriangledown out$ 
    else
       $T(n) := T(n) \sqcup out$ 
   $W := W \cup succ(n)$ 
```

Fixpoint comp. with narrowing

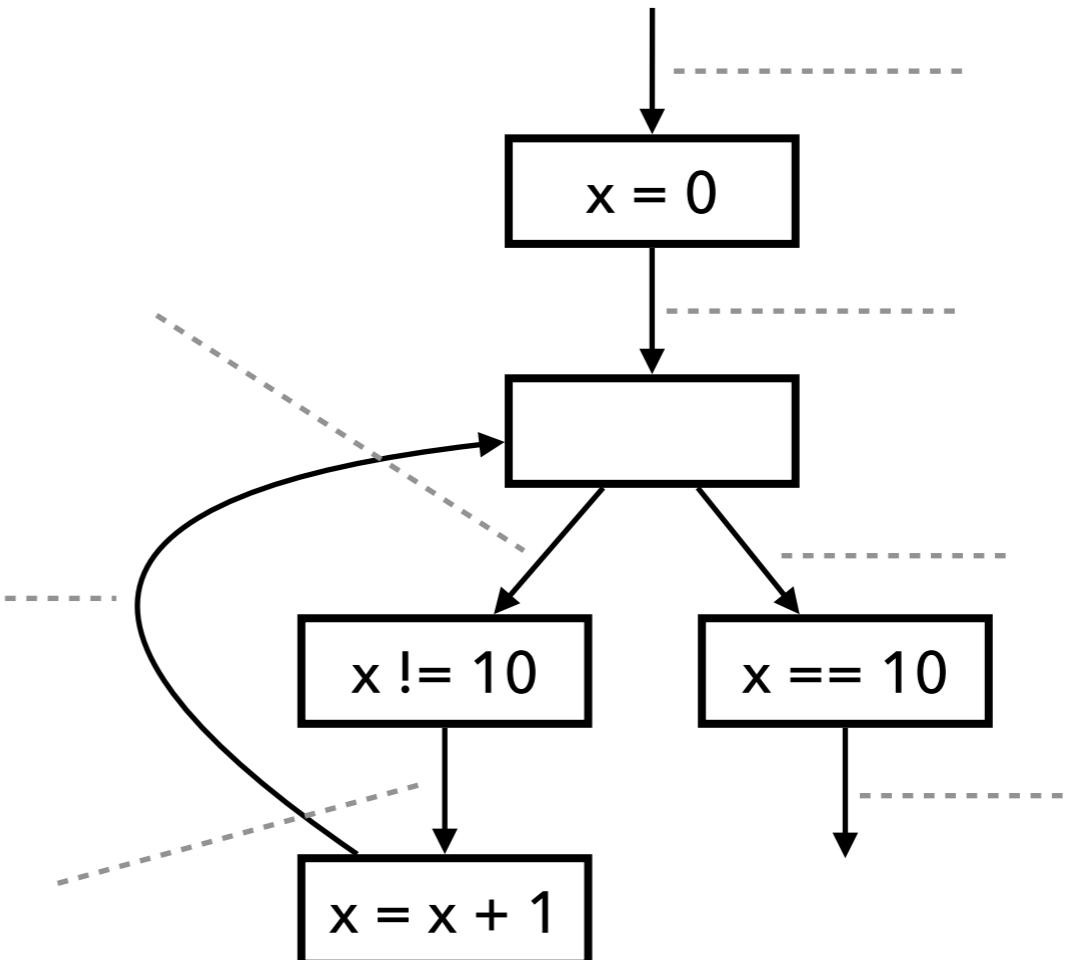
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W := Node
while  $W \neq \emptyset$ 
   $n := choose(W)$ 
   $W := W \setminus \{n\}$ 
   $in := inputof(n, T)$ 
   $out := analyze(n, in)$ 
  if  $T(n) \not\subseteq out$ 
     $T(n) := T(n) \triangle out$ 
   $W := W \cup succ(n)$ 
```

Exercise (2)

Describe the result of the interval analysis:

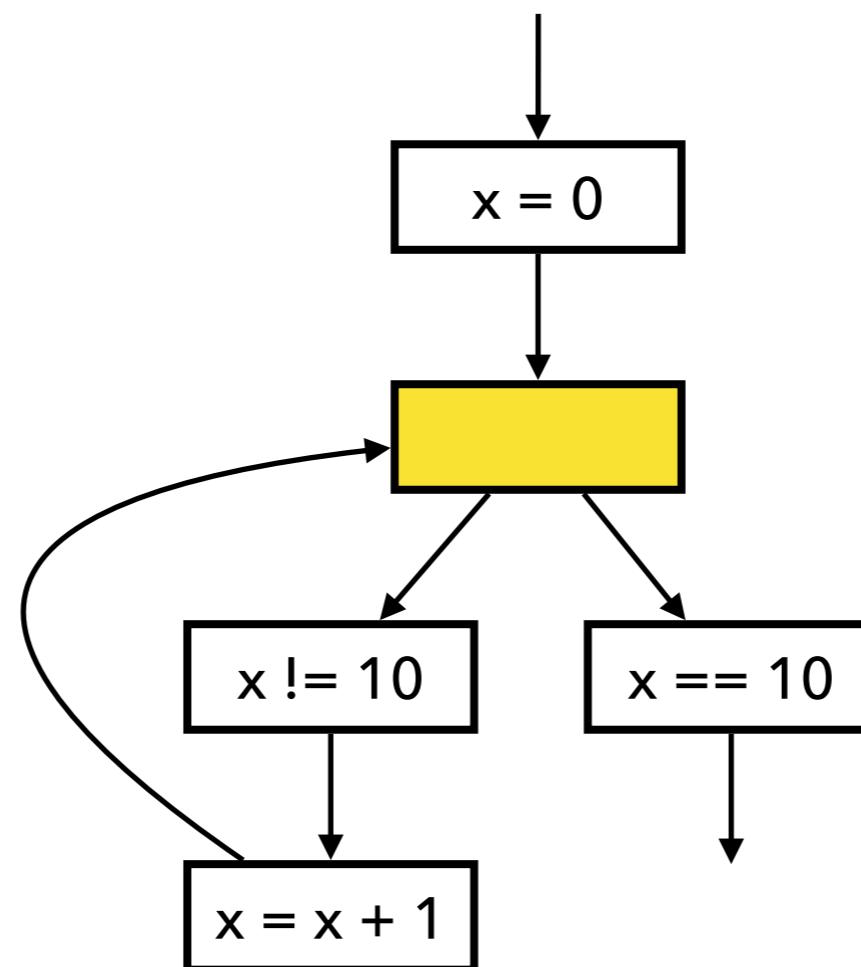
- (1) without widening
- (2) with widening/narrowing

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



Widening with Thresholds

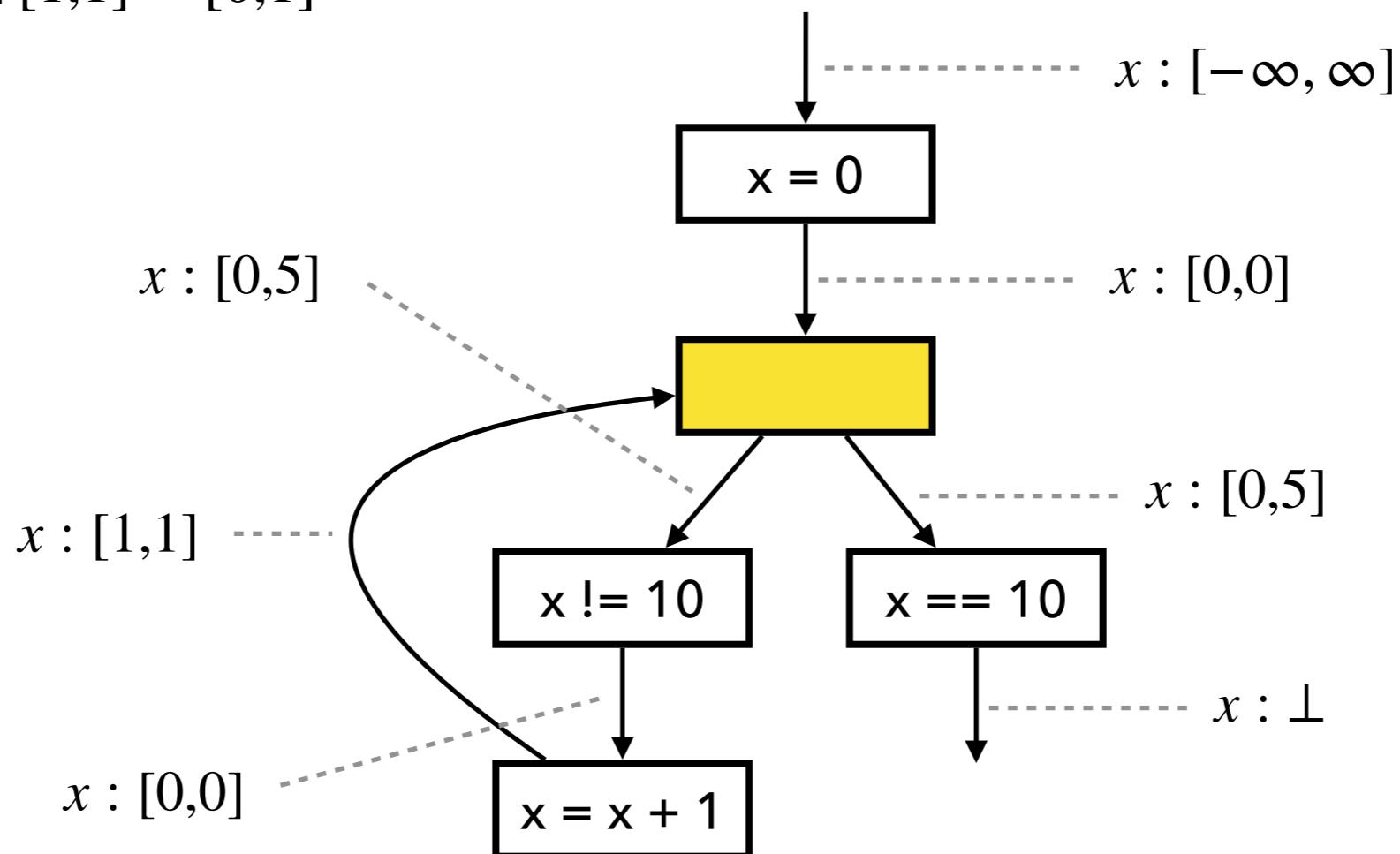
Assume a set T of thresholds is given beforehand: e.g., $T = \{5,10\}$



Widening with Thresholds

1. Compute output by joining inputs:

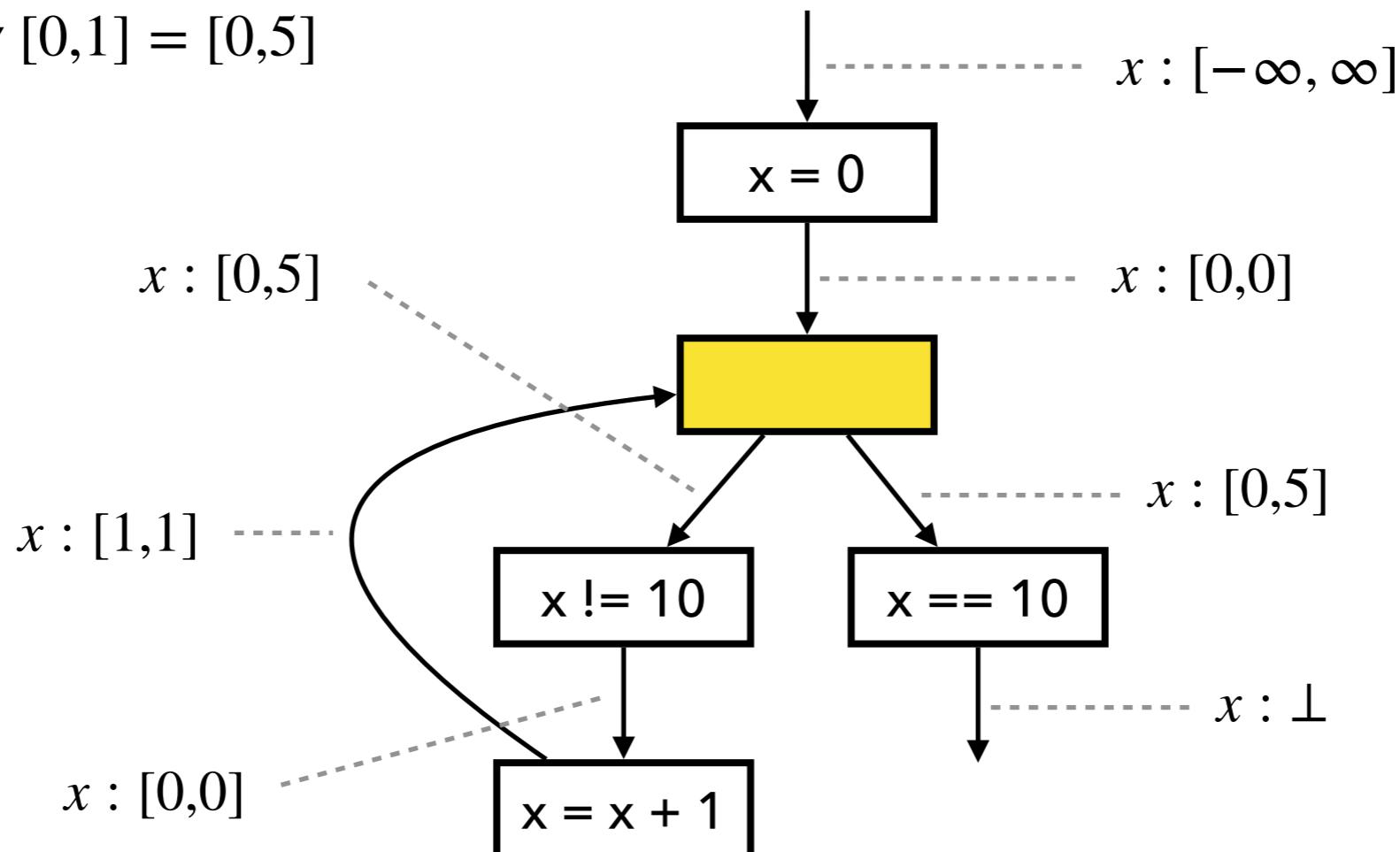
$$[0,0] \sqcup [1,1] = [0,1]$$



Widening with Thresholds

2. Given $T = \{5,10\}$, use 5 as threshold
when applying widening:

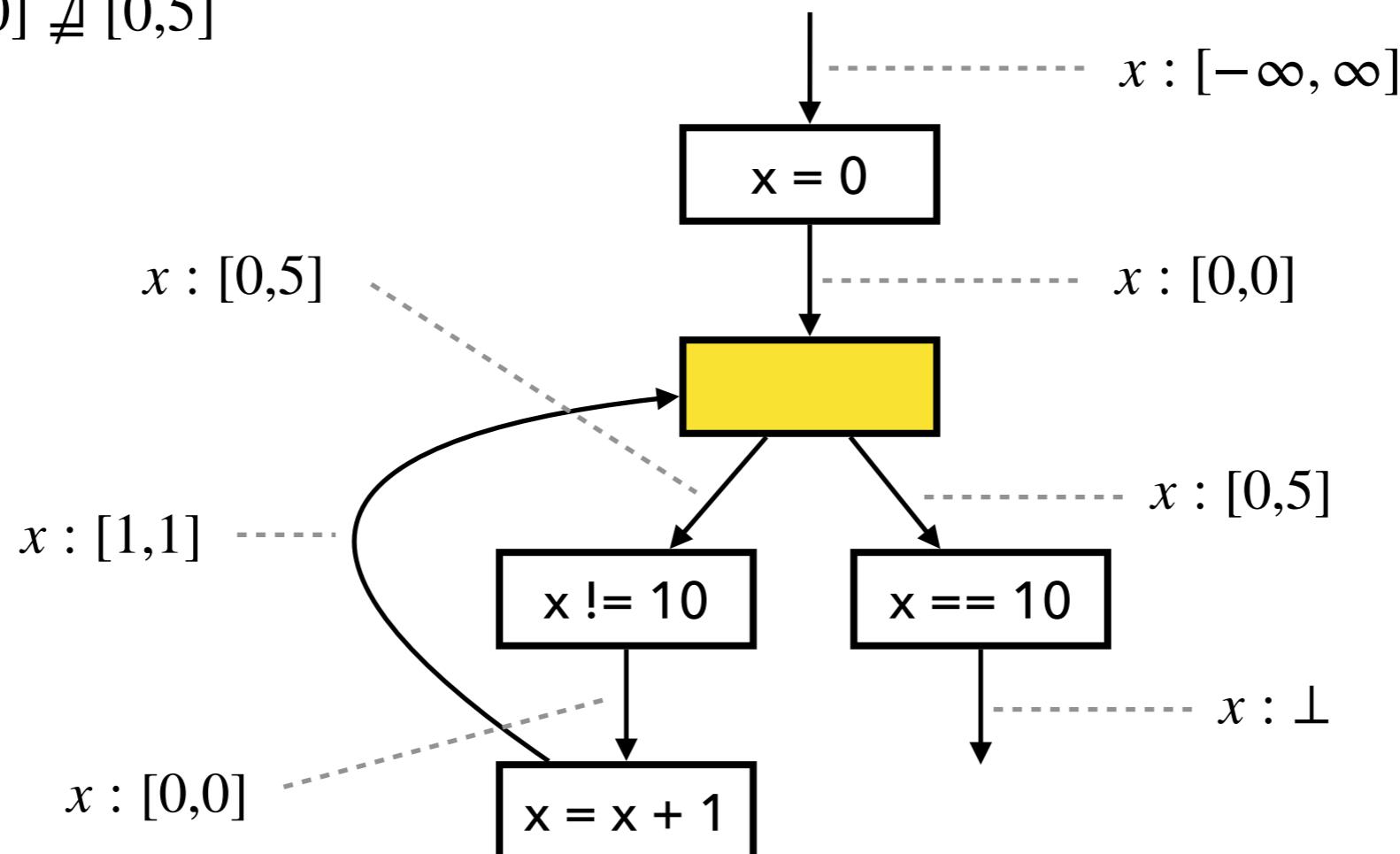
$$[0,0] \nabla [0,1] = [0,5]$$



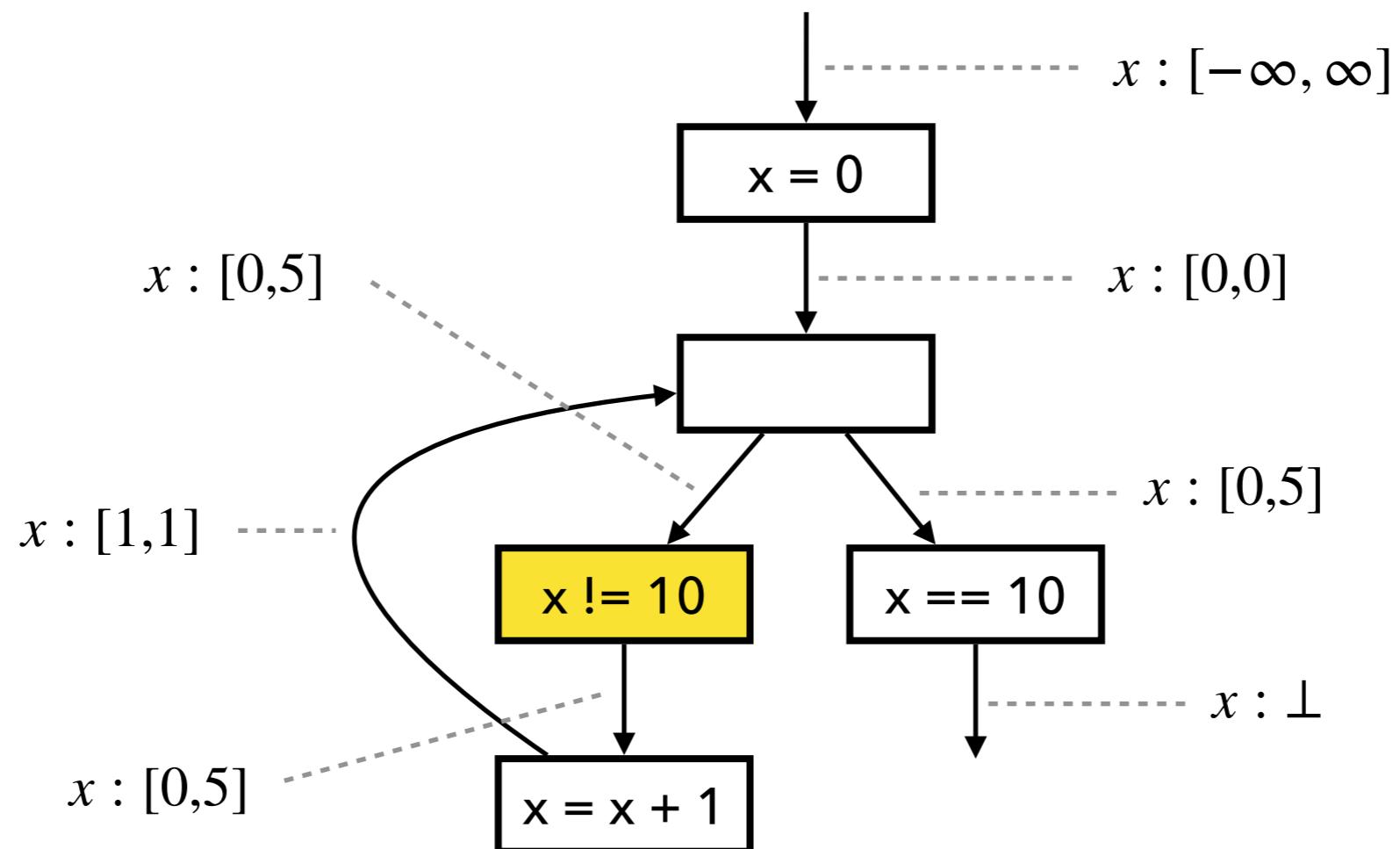
Widening with Thresholds

3. Check if fixed point is reached:

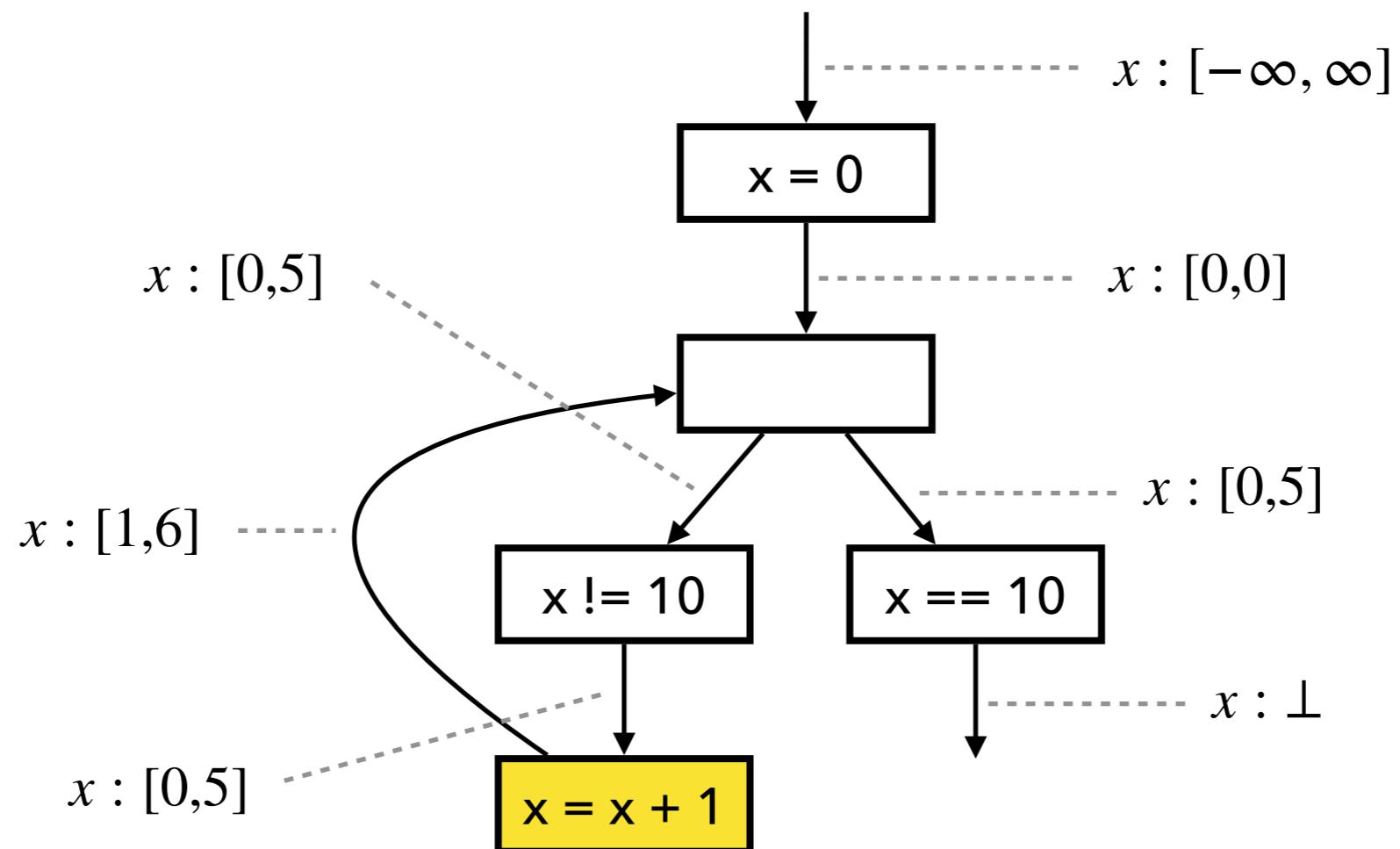
$$[0,0] \not\supseteq [0,5]$$



Widening with Thresholds



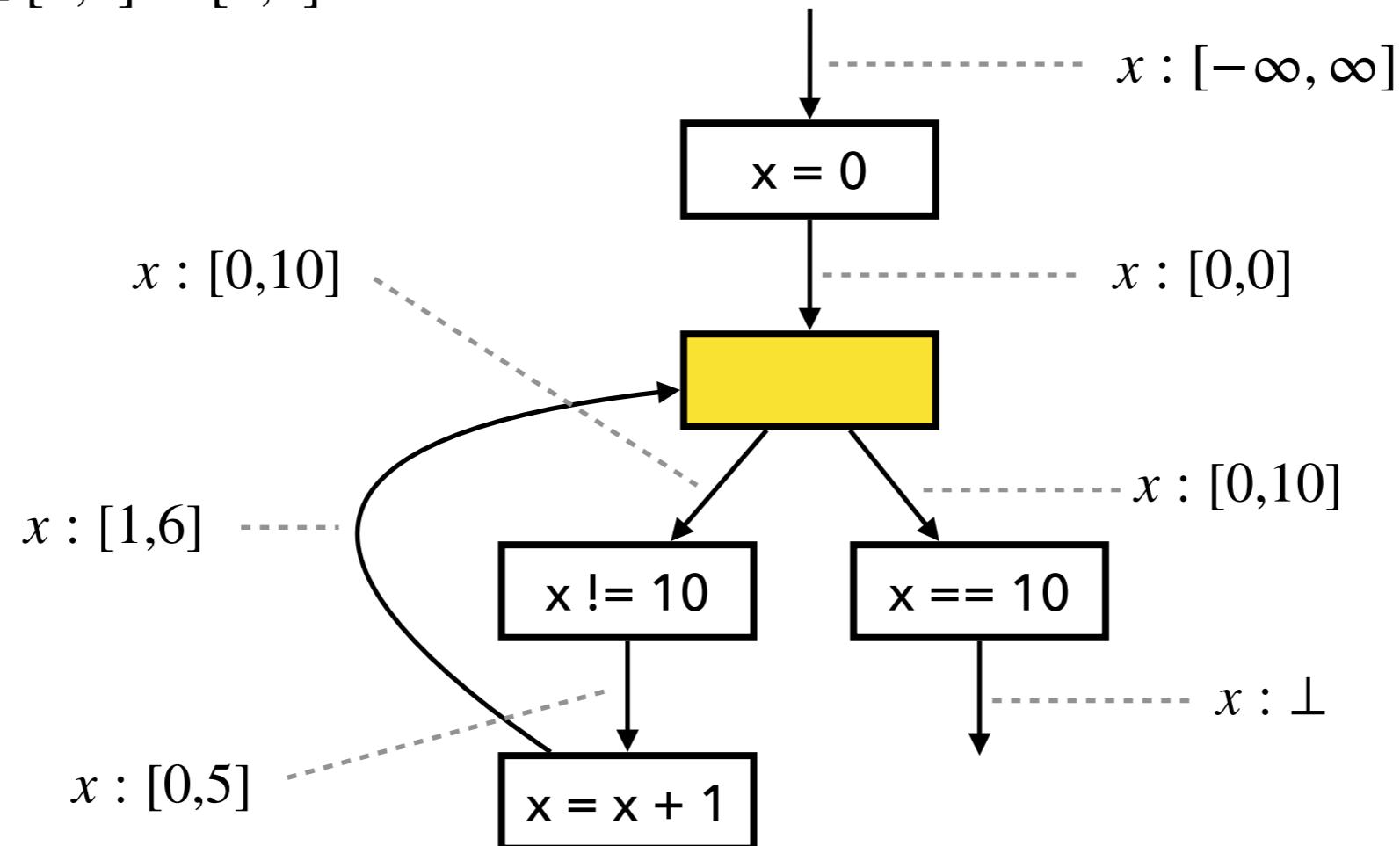
Widening with Thresholds



Widening with Thresholds

1. Compute output by joining inputs:

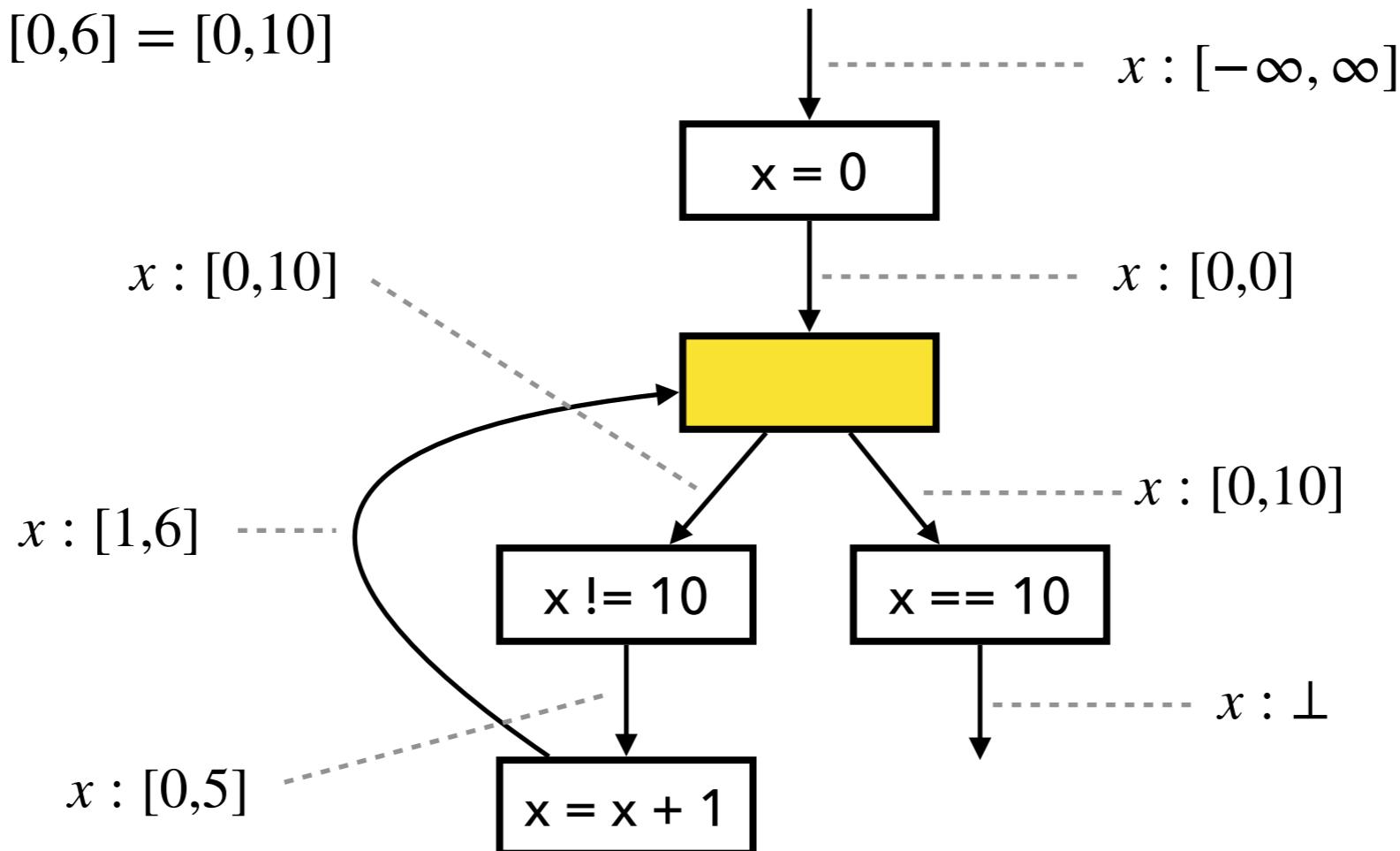
$$[0,0] \sqcup [1,6] = [0,6]$$



Widening with Thresholds

2. Given $T = \{5,10\}$, use 10 as threshold
when applying widening:

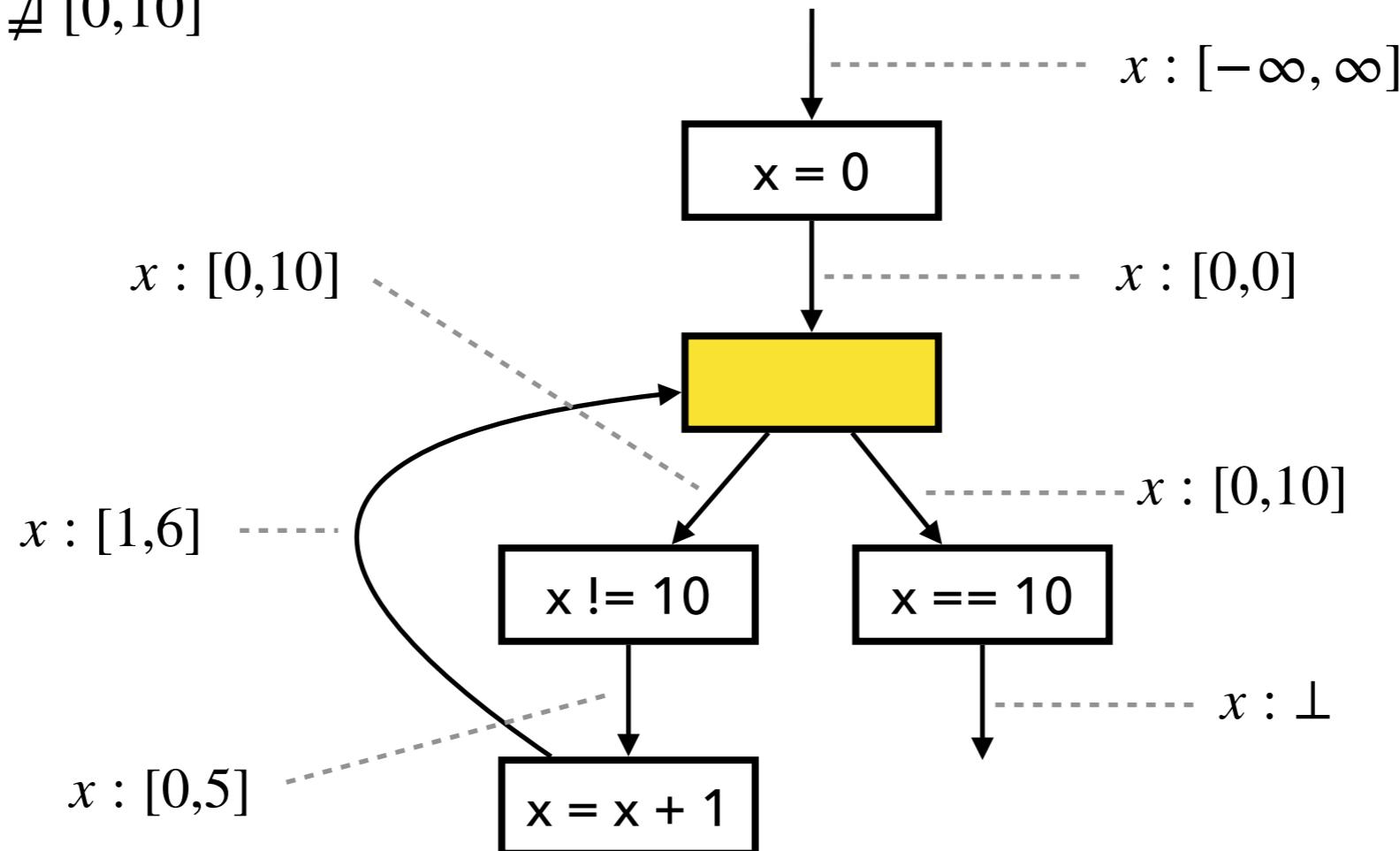
$$[0,5] \diamond [0,6] = [0,10]$$



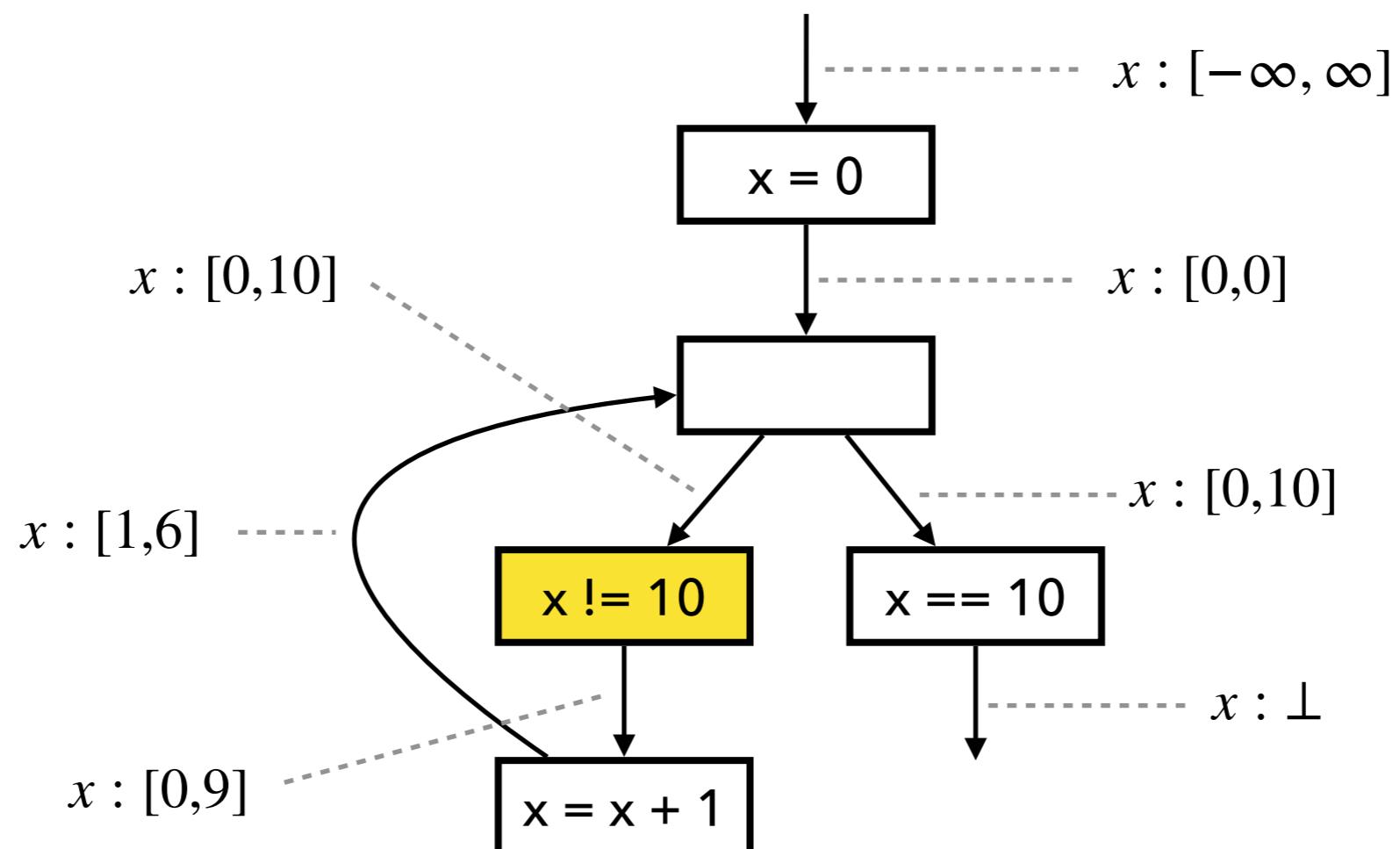
Widening with Thresholds

3. Check if fixed point is reached:

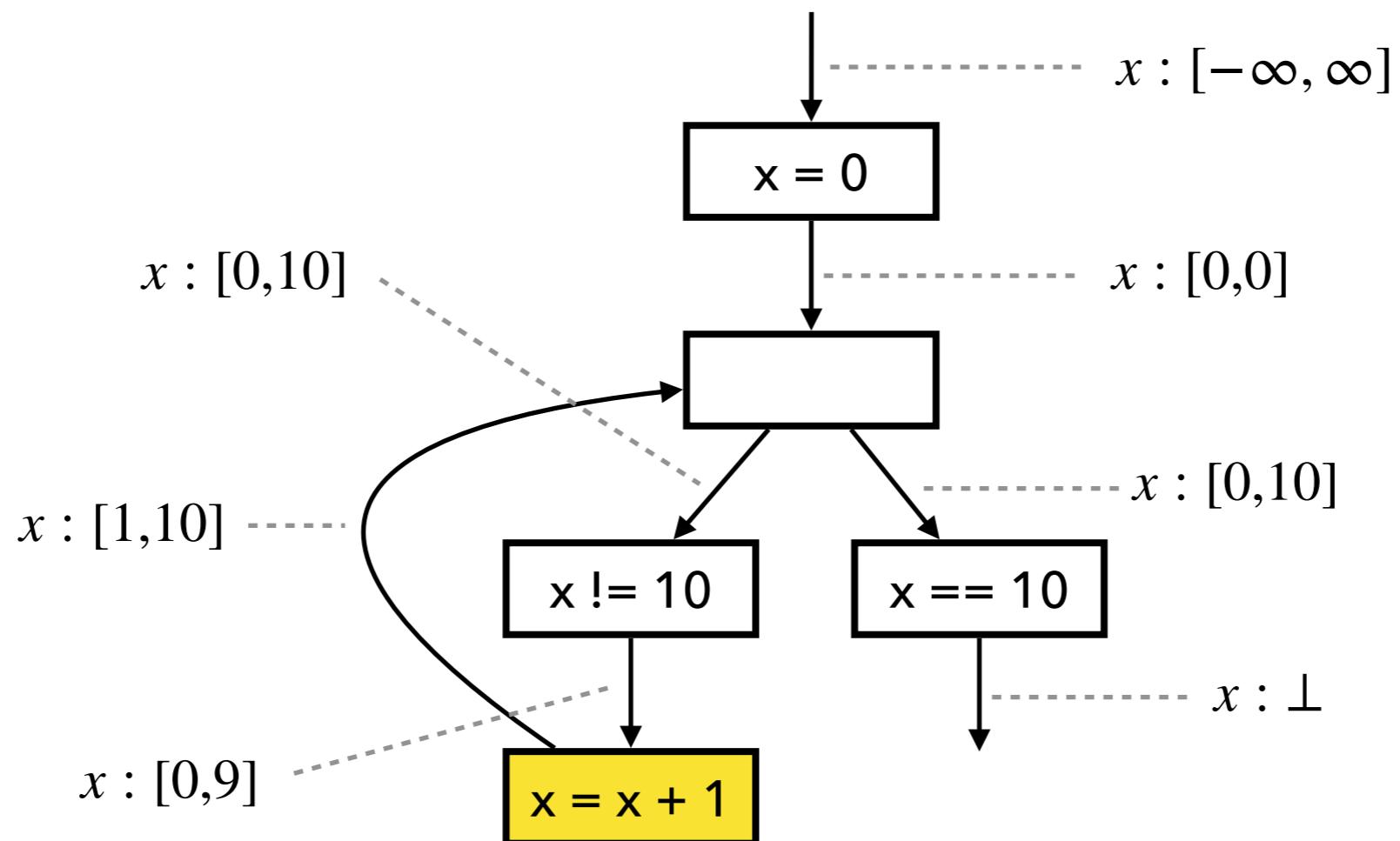
$$[0,5] \not\sqsupseteq [0,10]$$



Widening with Thresholds



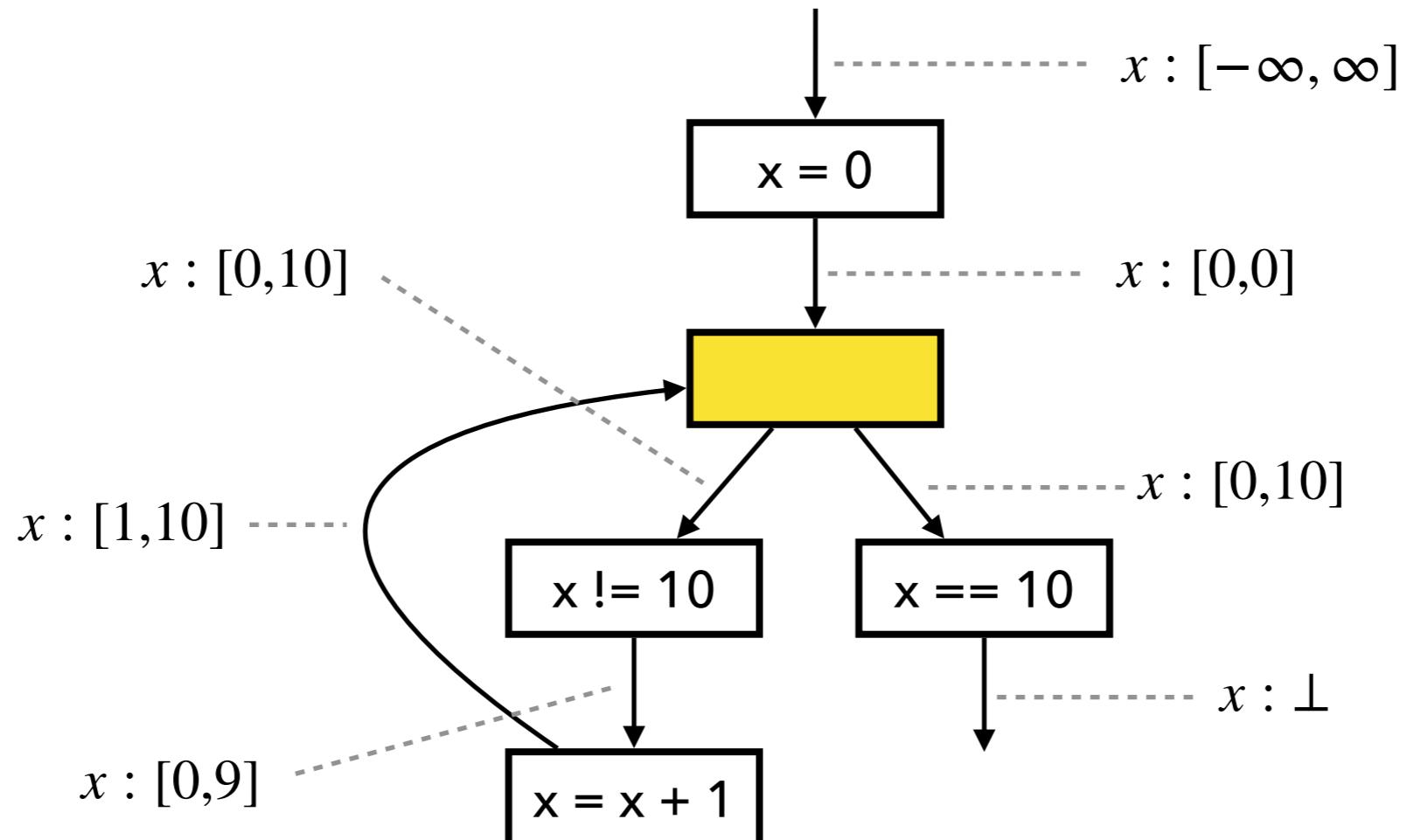
Widening with Thresholds



Widening with Thresholds

1. Compute output by joining inputs:

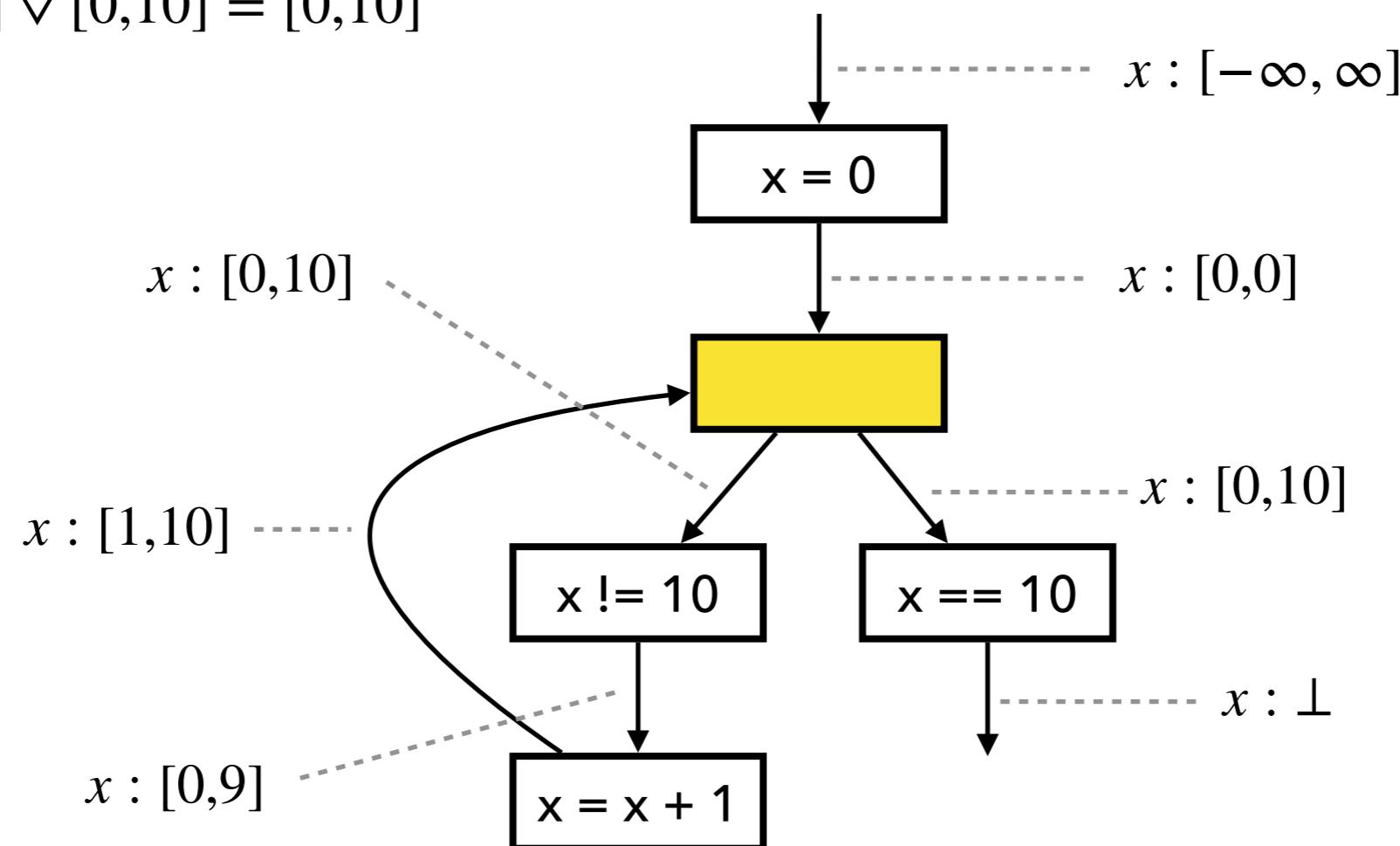
$$[0,0] \sqcup [1,10] = [0,10]$$



Widening with Thresholds

2. Apply widening:

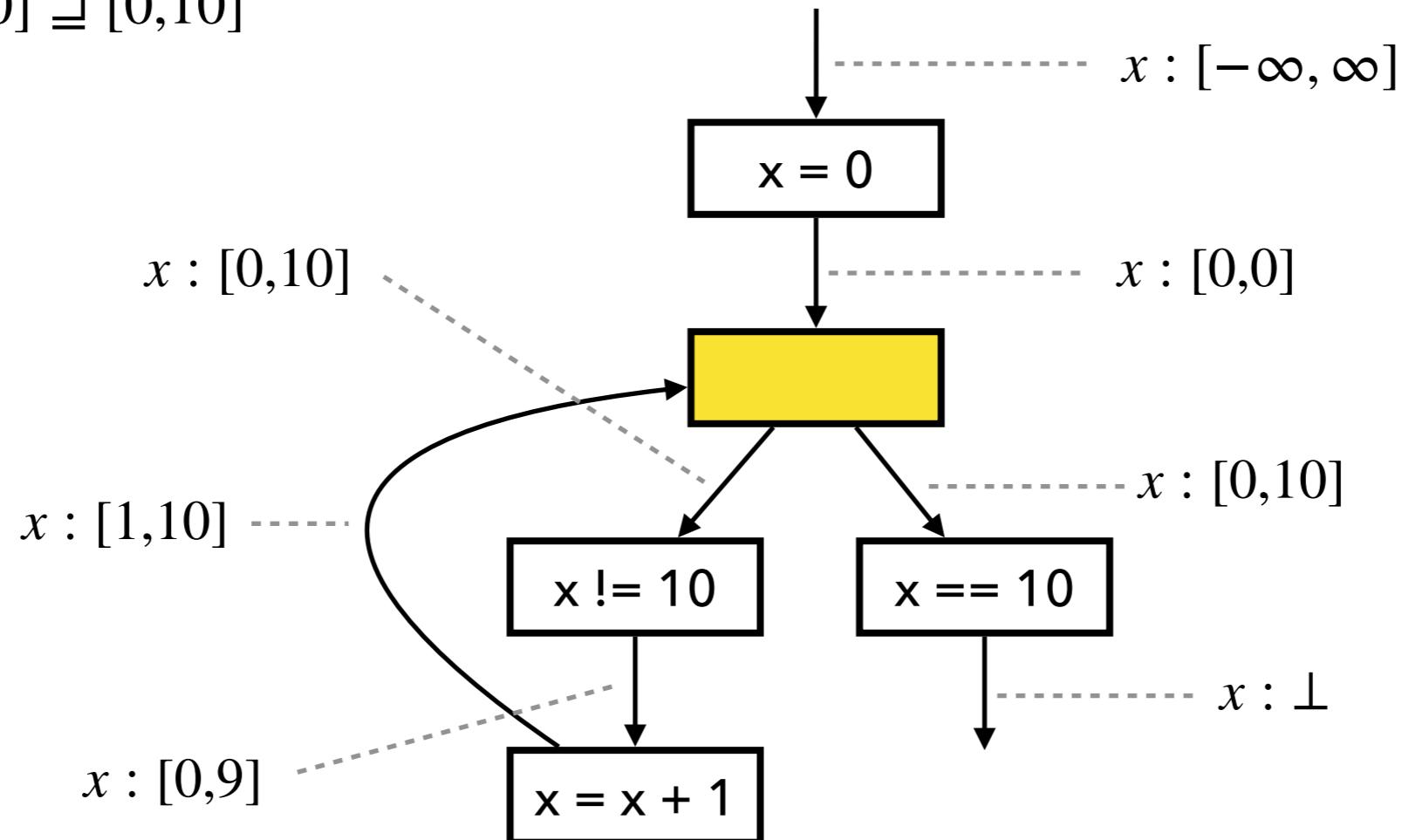
$$[0,10] \diamond [0,10] = [0,10]$$



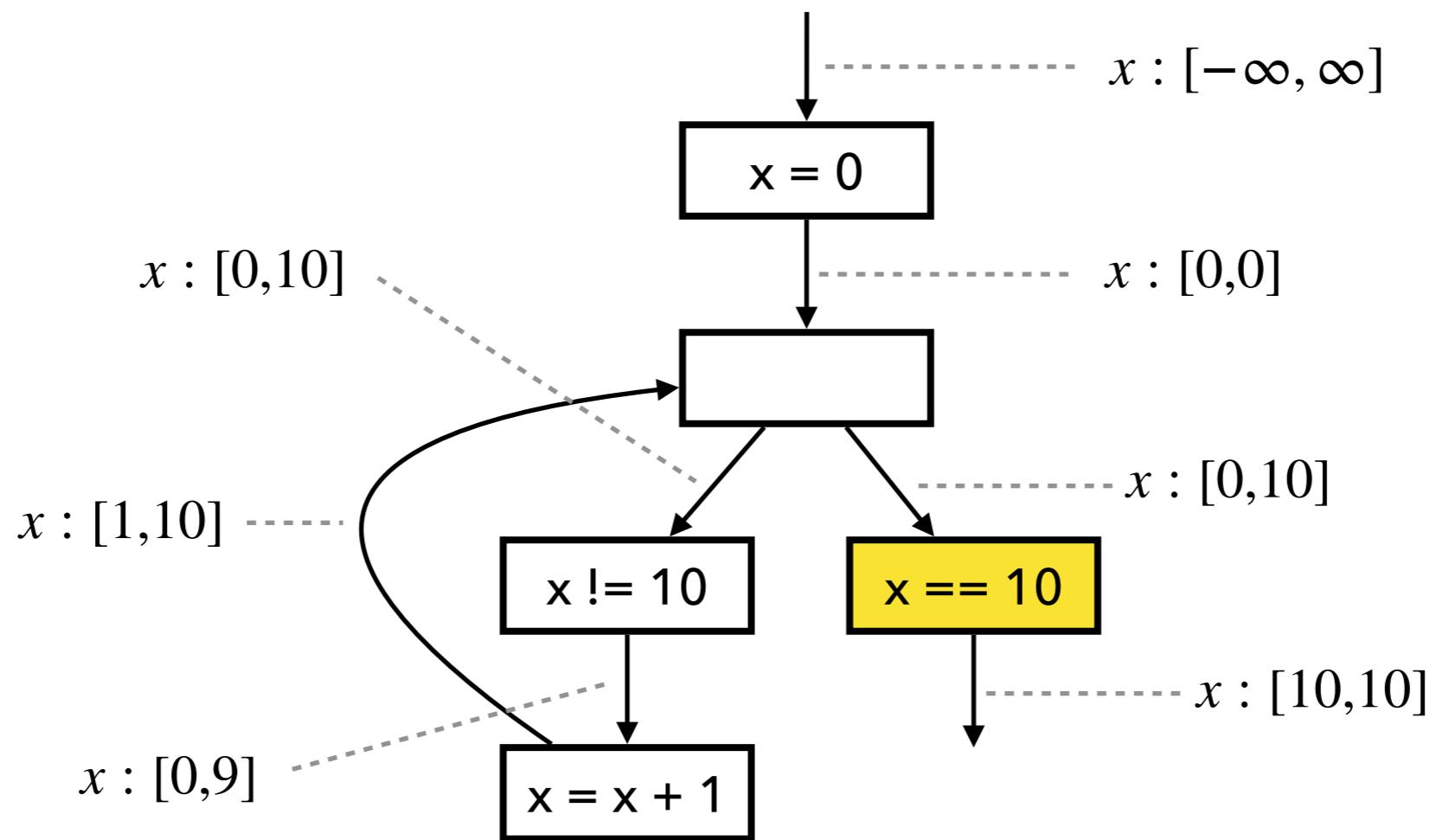
Widening with Thresholds

3. Check if fixed point is reached:

$$[0,10] \sqsupseteq [0,10]$$



Widening with Thresholds



Widening with Thresholds

- A threshold set $T \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ is given.

$$\perp \nabla_T \hat{z} = \hat{z}$$

$$\hat{z} \nabla_T \perp = \hat{z}$$

$$[l_1, u_1] \nabla_T [l_2, u_2] = [l_1 > l_2 ? glb(T, l_2) : l_1, u_1 < u_2 ? lub(T, u_2) : u_1]$$

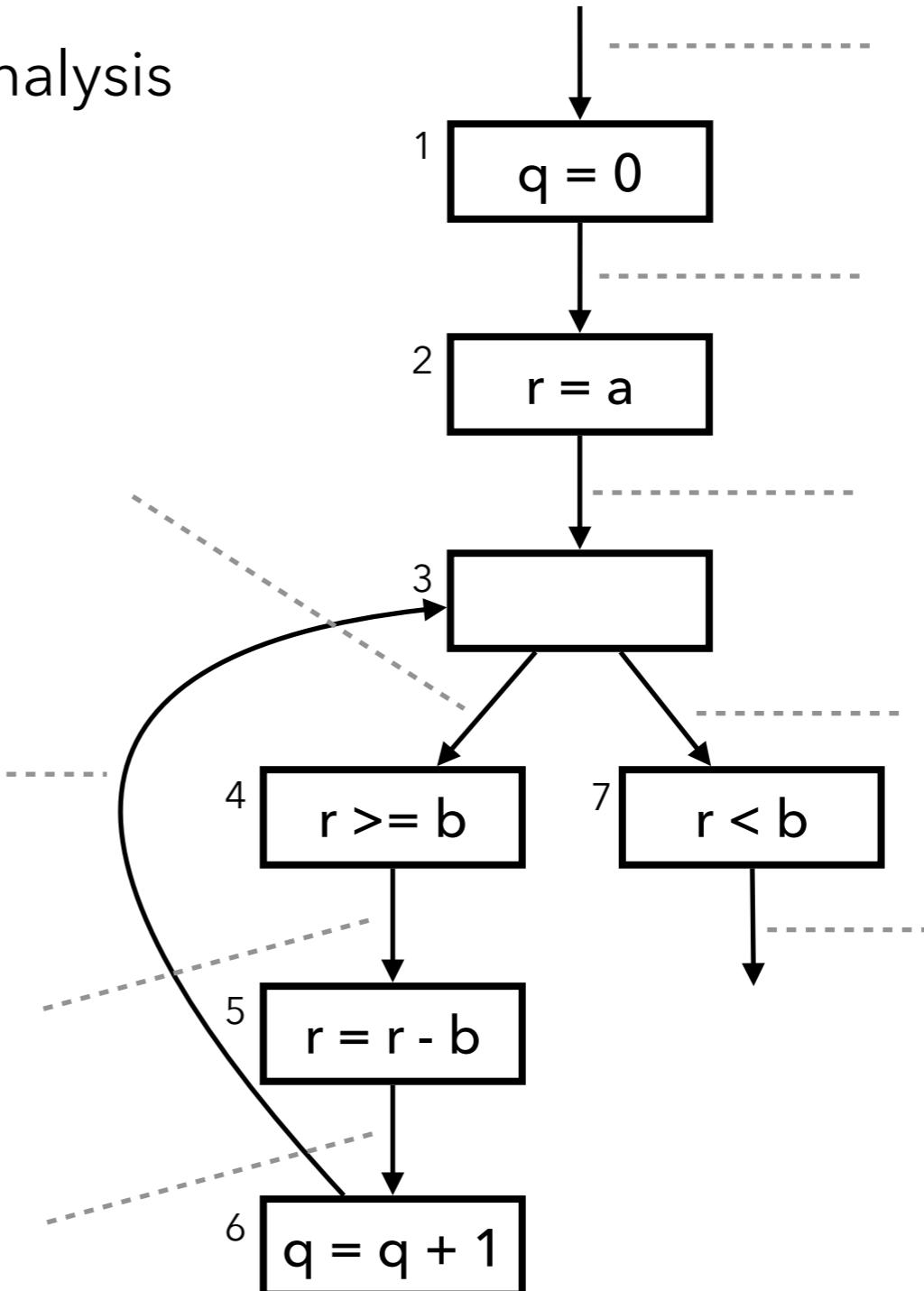
$$glb(T, n) = \max\{t \in T \mid t \leq n\}$$

$$lub(T, n) = \min\{t \in T \mid t \geq n\}$$

Exercise (3)

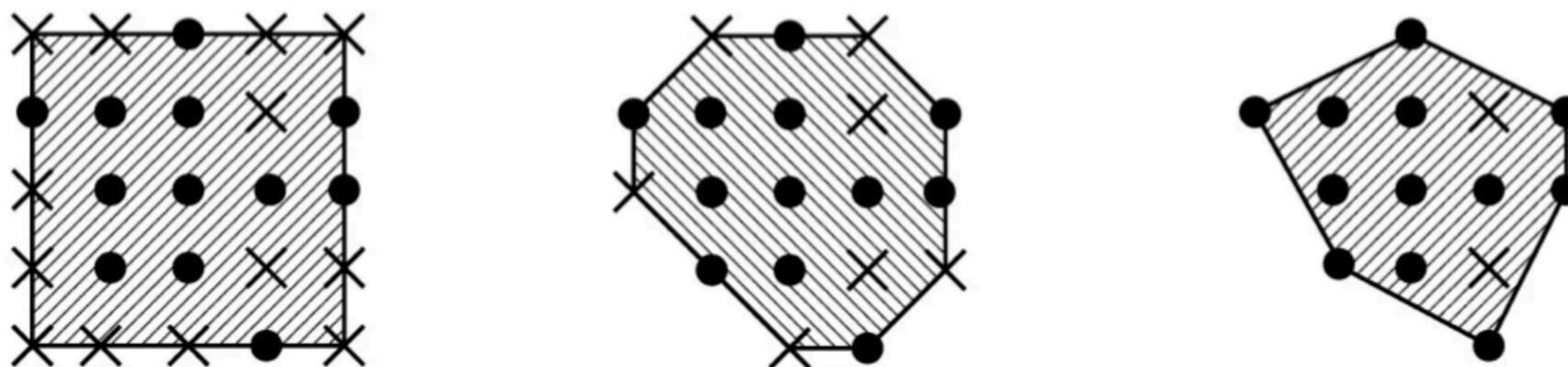
Describe the result of the interval analysis
with widening and narrowing

```
// a >= 0, b >= 0
q = 0;
r = a;
while (r >= b) {
    r = r - b;
    q = q + 1;
}
assert(q >= 0);
assert(r >= 0);
```



Relational Abstract Domains

- Intervals vs. Octagons vs. Polyhedra



- Focus: Core idea of the Octagon domain*

```
int a[10];
x = 0; y = 0;
while (x < 9) {
    x++; y++;
}
a[y] = 0;
```

Octagon analysis

$$\begin{aligned}x &: [9,9] \\y &: [9,9] \\x - y &: [0,0] \\x + y &: [18,18]\end{aligned}$$

Interval analysis

$$\begin{aligned}x &: [9,9] \\y &: [0,\infty]\end{aligned}$$

Difference Bound Matrix (DBM)

- $(N+1) \times (N+1)$ matrix (N : the number of variables): e.g.,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & 0 & x & y \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ x \\ y \end{matrix} & \left[\begin{matrix} 0 - 0 & x - 0 & y - 0 \\ 0 - x & x - x & y - x \\ 0 - y & x - y & y - y \end{matrix} \right] \end{array}$$

- Example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \iff \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq x \leq 10 \\ 0 \leq y \leq 10 \\ y - x \leq 0 \\ x - y \leq 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & +\infty \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \iff \begin{array}{l} 1 \leq x \leq 10 \\ 0 \leq y \\ y - x \leq -1 \\ x - y \leq 1 \end{array}$$

Difference Bound Matrix (DBM)

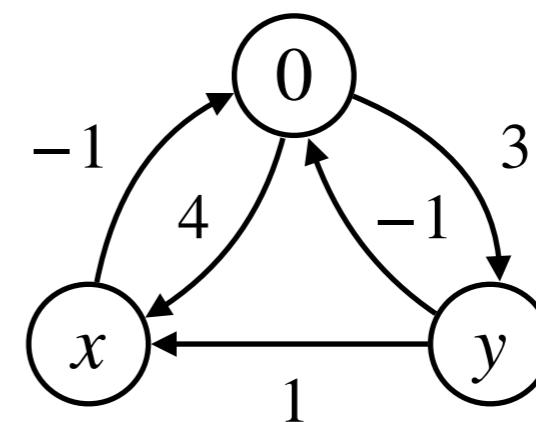
- A DBM represents a set of program states (N-dim points)

$$\gamma \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 10 & +\infty \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \{(x, y) \mid 1 \leq x \leq 10, 0 \leq y, y - x \leq -1, x - y \leq 1\}$$

- A DBM can also be represented by a directed graph

$$\begin{matrix} & 0 & x & y \\ 0 & \left[\begin{matrix} +\infty & 4 & 3 \\ -1 & +\infty & +\infty \end{matrix} \right] \\ x & \left[\begin{matrix} -1 & 1 & +\infty \end{matrix} \right] \\ y & \left[\begin{matrix} -1 & 1 & +\infty \end{matrix} \right] \end{matrix}$$

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Difference Bound Matrix (DBM)

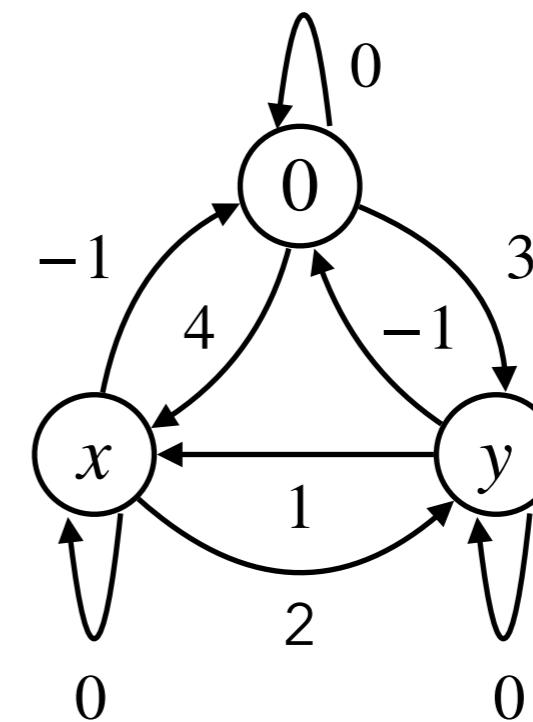
- Two different DBMs can represent the same set of points

$$\gamma \begin{pmatrix} +\infty & 4 & 3 \\ -1 & +\infty & +\infty \\ -1 & 1 & +\infty \end{pmatrix} = \gamma \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 5 & 3 \\ -1 & +\infty & +\infty \\ -1 & 1 & +\infty \end{pmatrix}$$

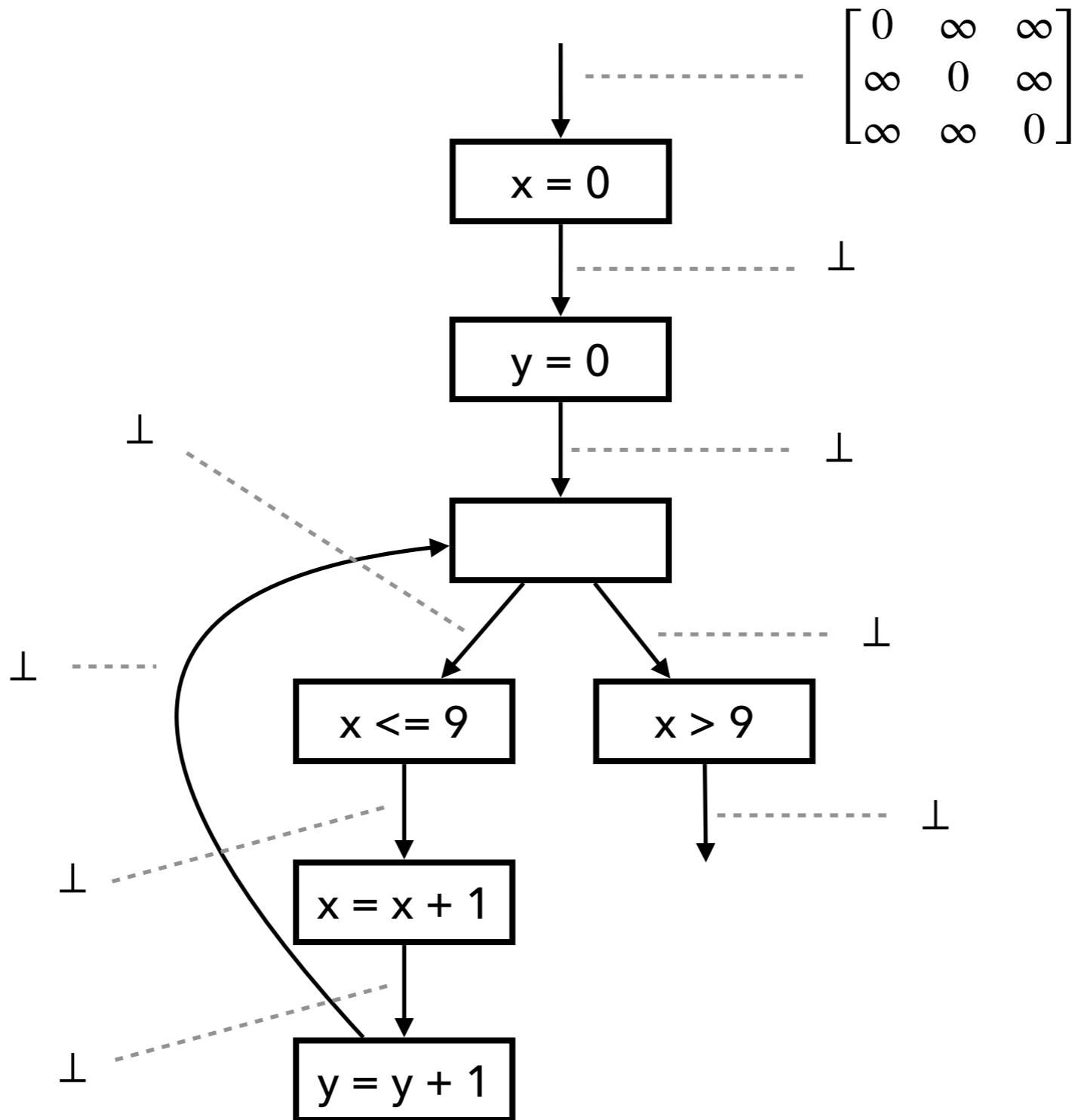
- Closure (normalization) via the Floyd-Warshall algorithm

$$\begin{bmatrix} +\infty & 4 & 3 \\ -1 & +\infty & +\infty \\ -1 & 1 & +\infty \end{bmatrix}^* = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5 & 3 \\ -1 & +\infty & +\infty \\ -1 & 1 & +\infty \end{bmatrix}^* = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



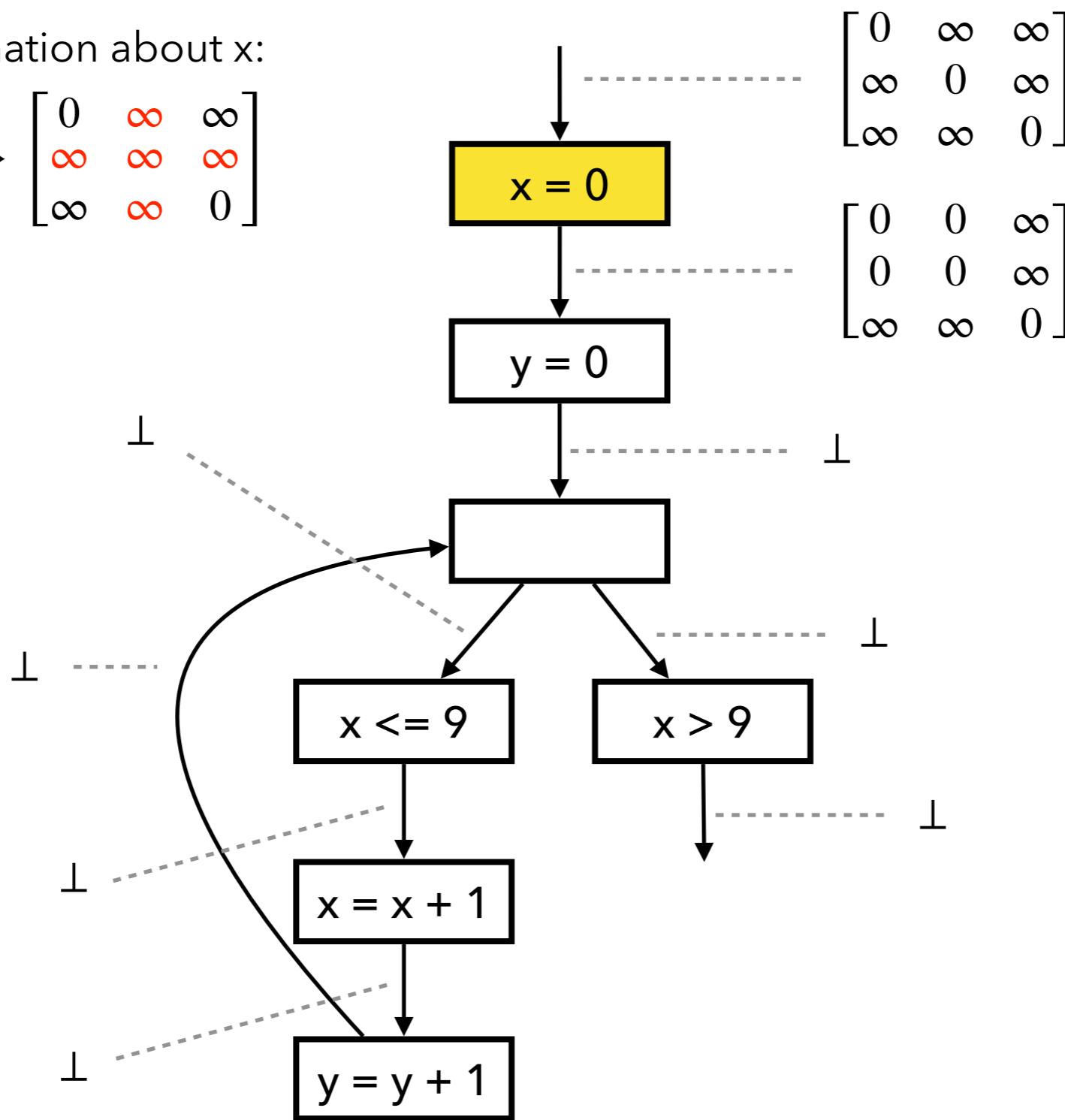
Fixed Point Comp. with Widening



Fixed Point Comp. with Widening

1. Remove information about x:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \infty & \infty \\ \infty & 0 & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cancel{\infty} & \cancel{\infty} \\ \cancel{\infty} & \cancel{\infty} & \cancel{\infty} \\ \infty & \infty & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \infty & \infty \\ \infty & 0 & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \infty \\ 0 & 0 & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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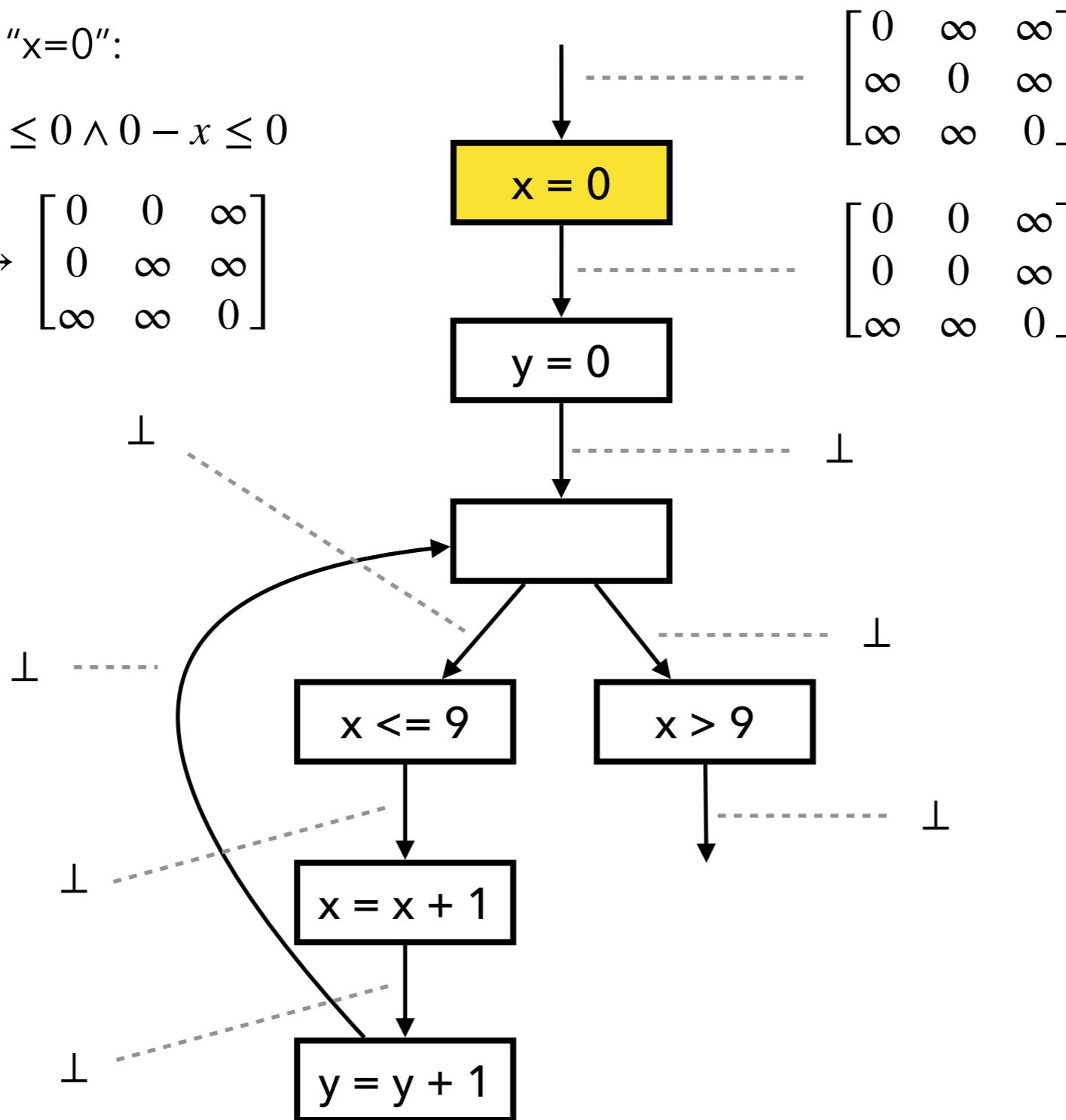
$$\begin{bmatrix} \perp & & \\ & \perp & \\ & & \perp \end{bmatrix}$$

Fixed Point Comp. with Widening

2. Add constraint "x=0":

$$x = 0 \iff x - 0 \leq 0 \wedge 0 - x \leq 0$$

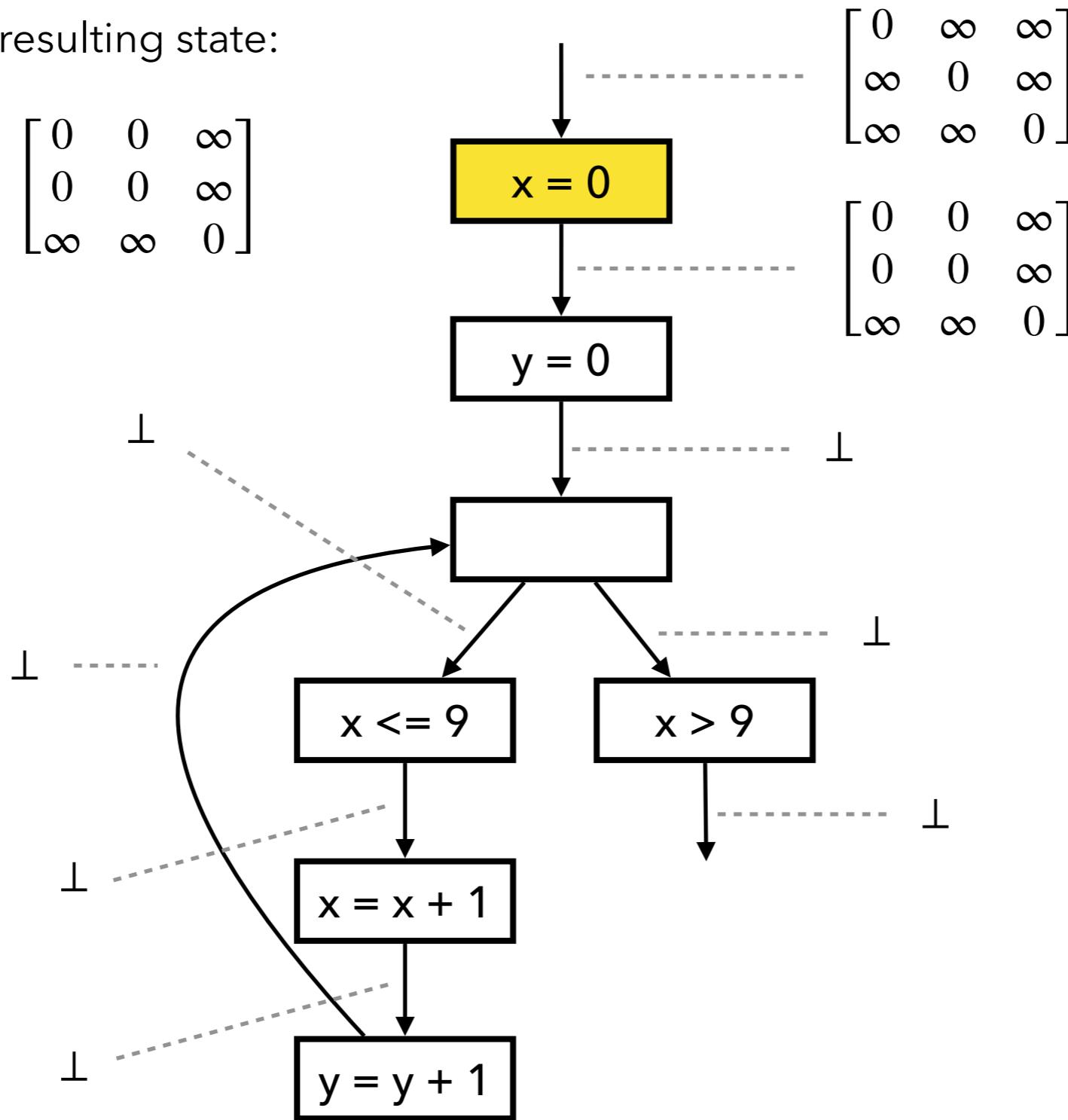
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \infty & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \infty \\ 0 & \infty & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Fixed Point Comp. with Widening

3. Normalize the resulting state:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \infty \\ 0 & \infty & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & 0 \end{bmatrix}^* = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \infty \\ 0 & 0 & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



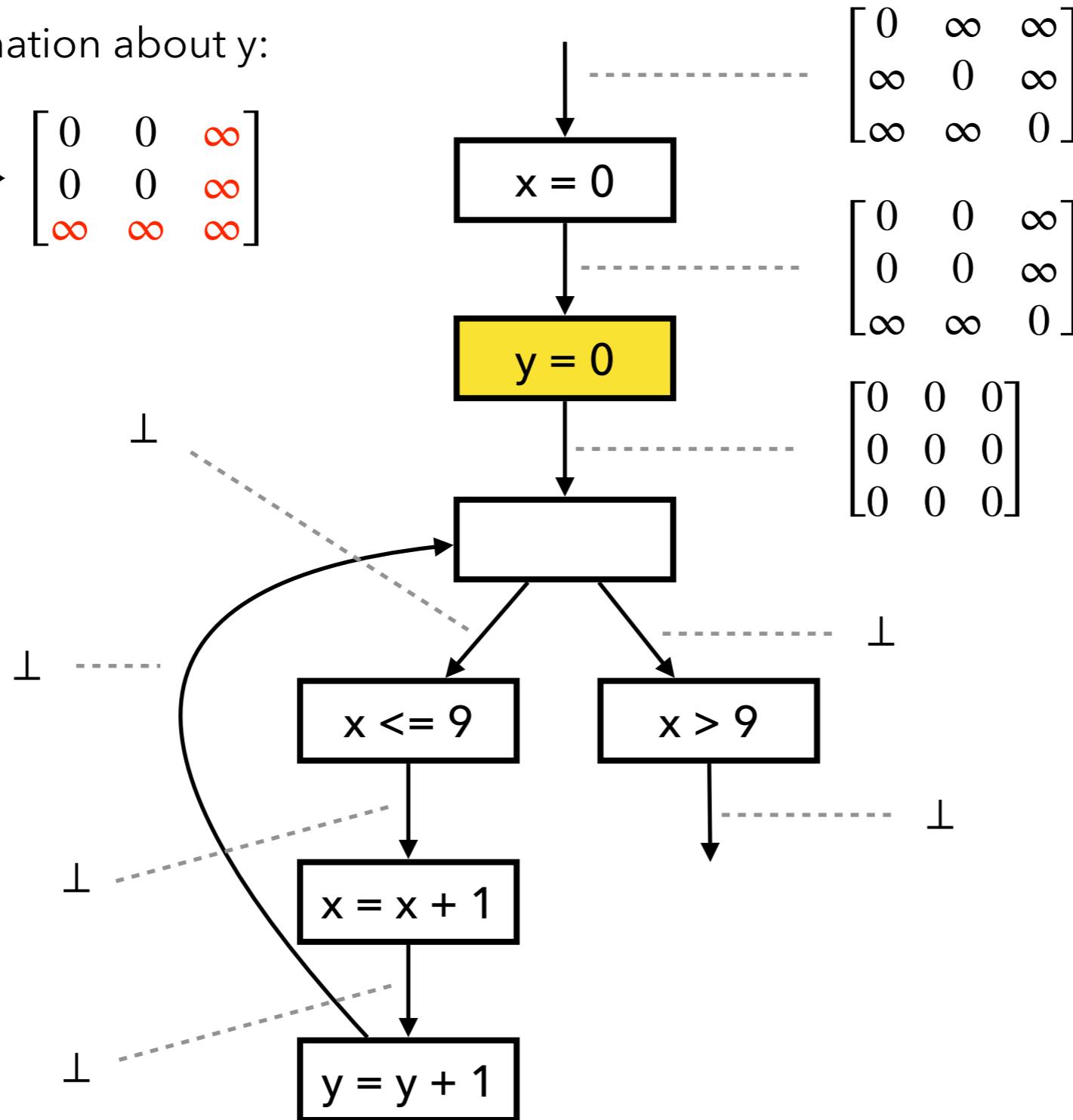
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Fixed Point Comp. with Widening

1. Remove information about y :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \infty \\ 0 & 0 & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \infty \\ 0 & 0 & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & \infty \end{bmatrix}$$



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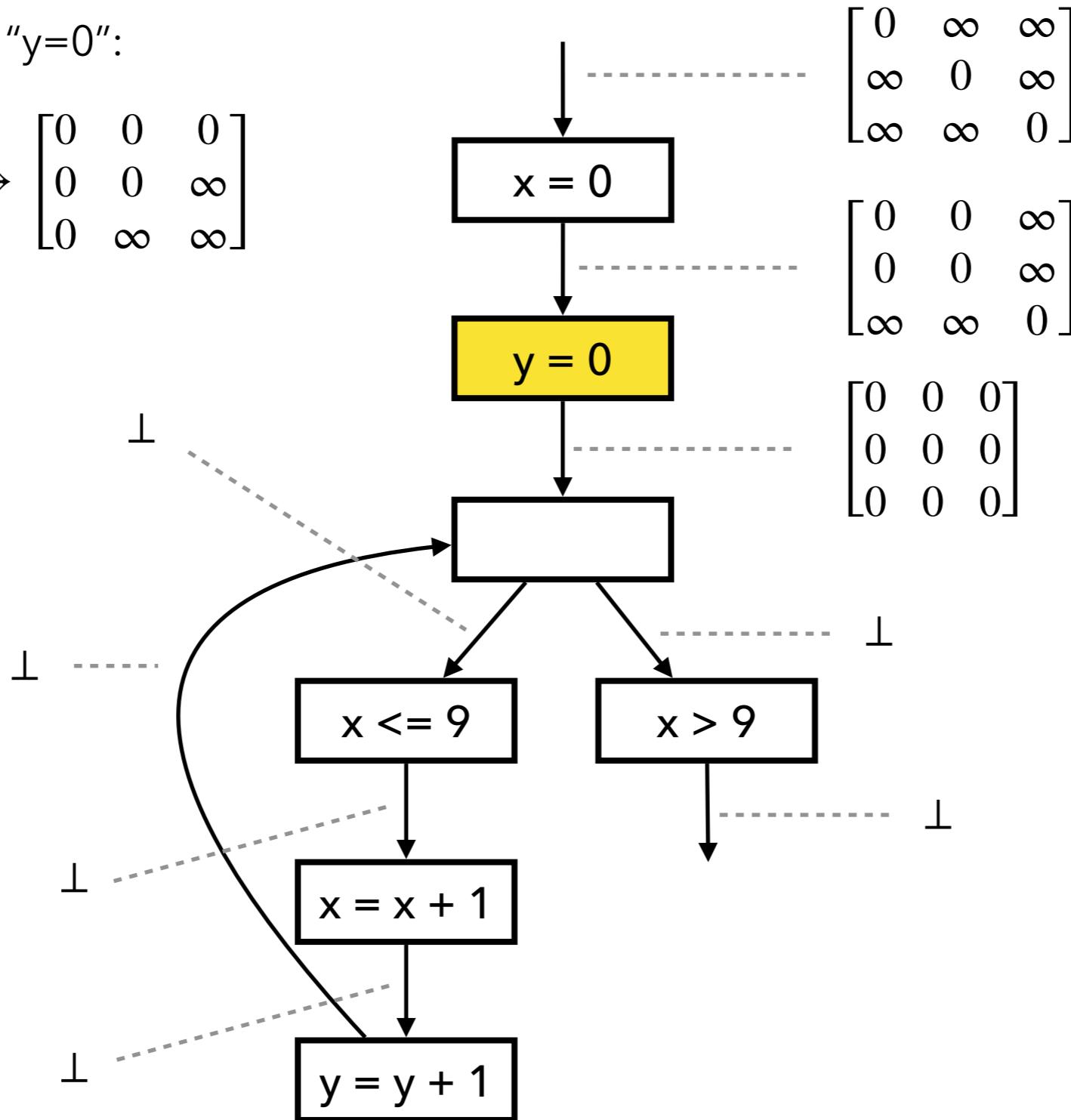
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Fixed Point Comp. with Widening

2. Add constraint "y=0":

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \infty \\ 0 & 0 & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & \infty \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \infty \\ 0 & \infty & \infty \end{bmatrix}$$



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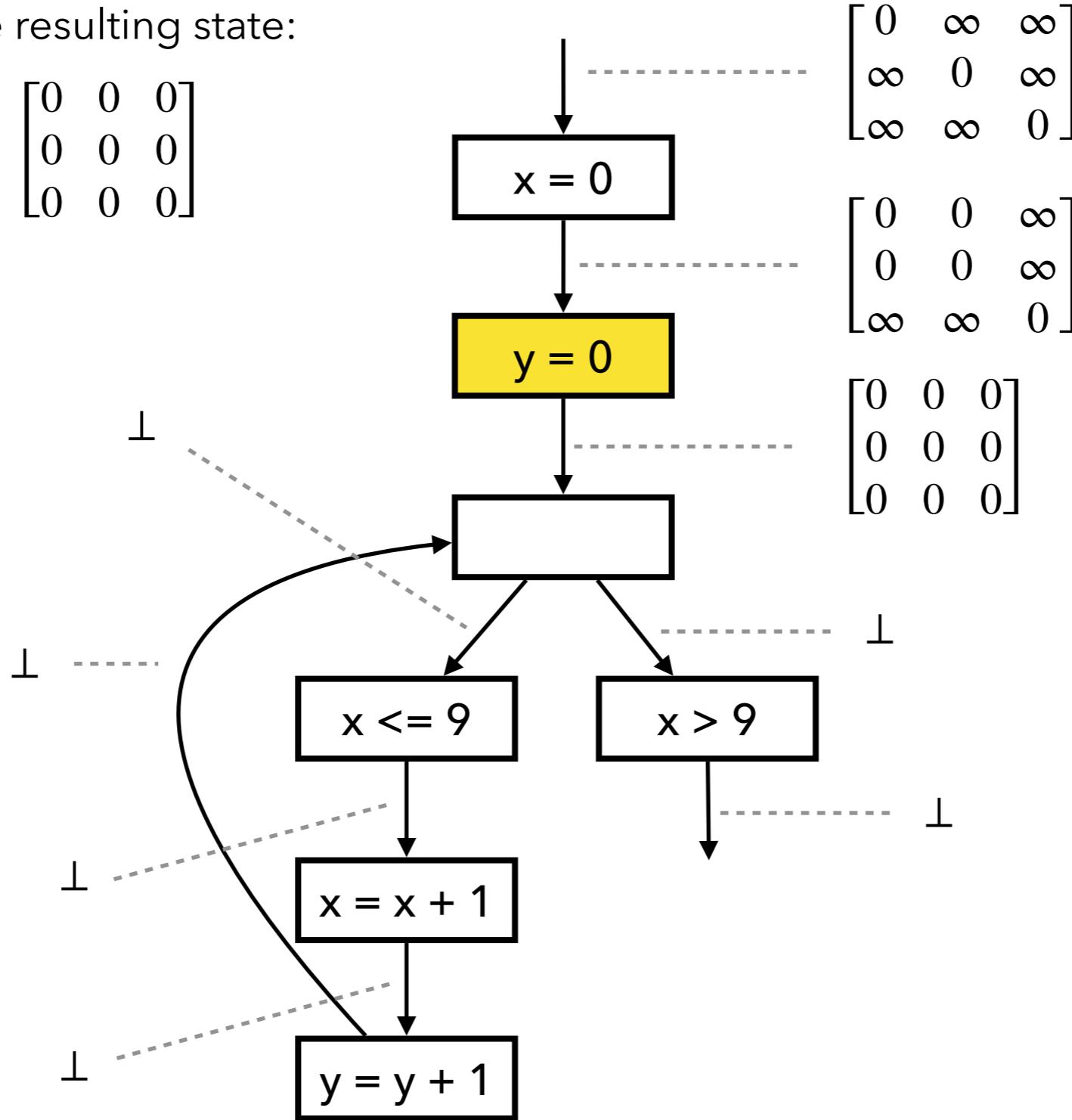
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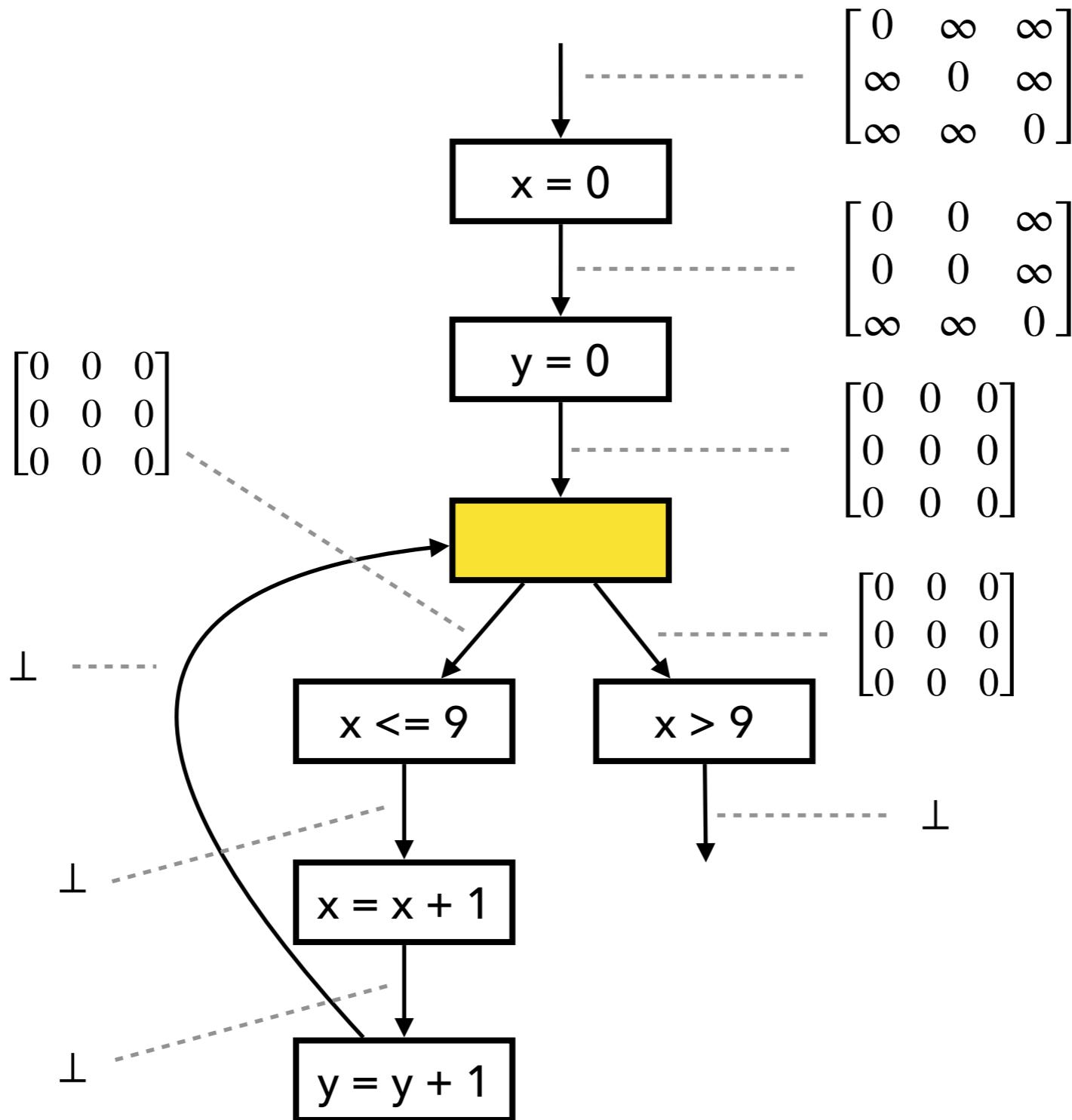
Fixed Point Comp. with Widening

3. Normalize the resulting state:

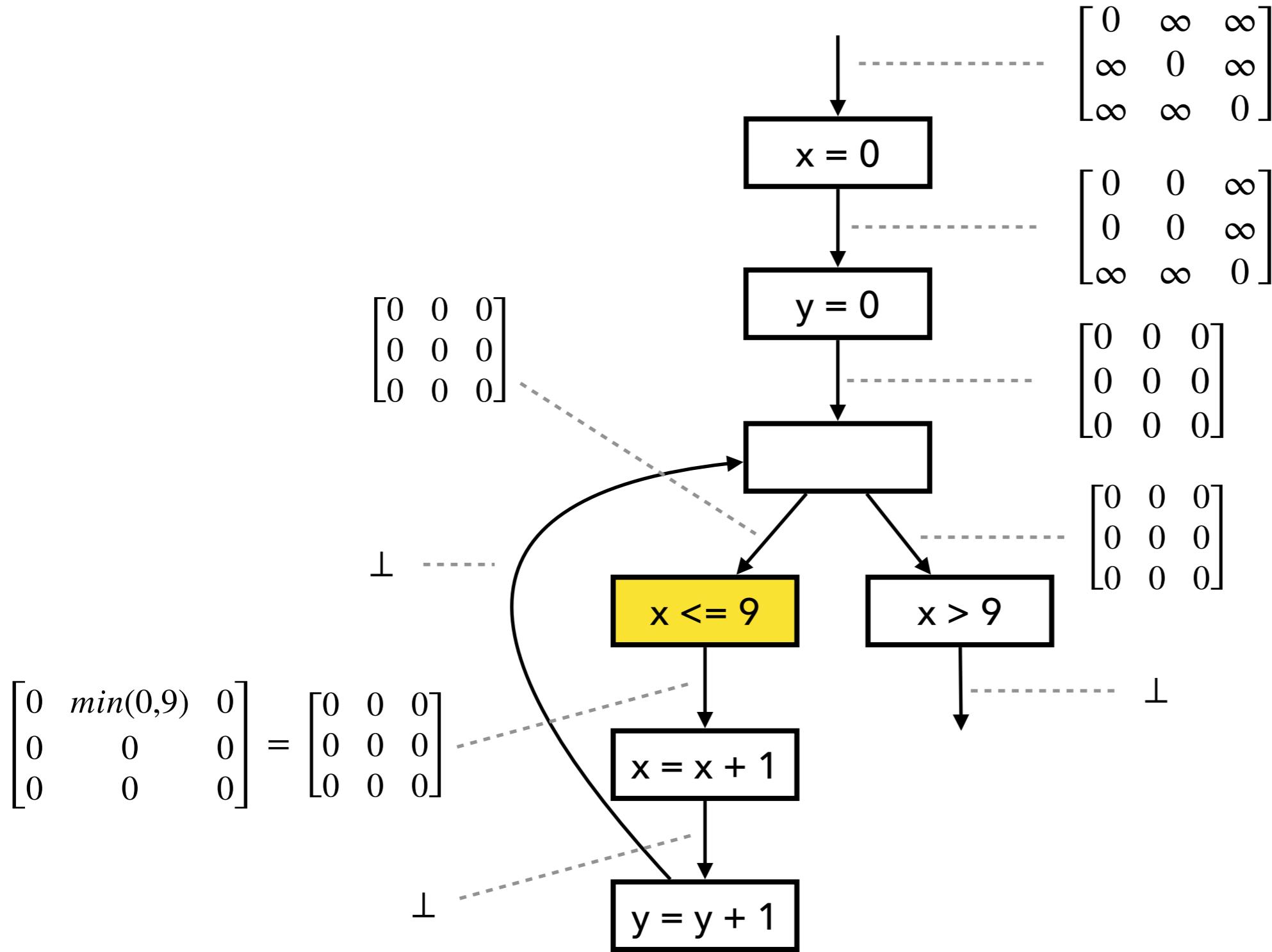
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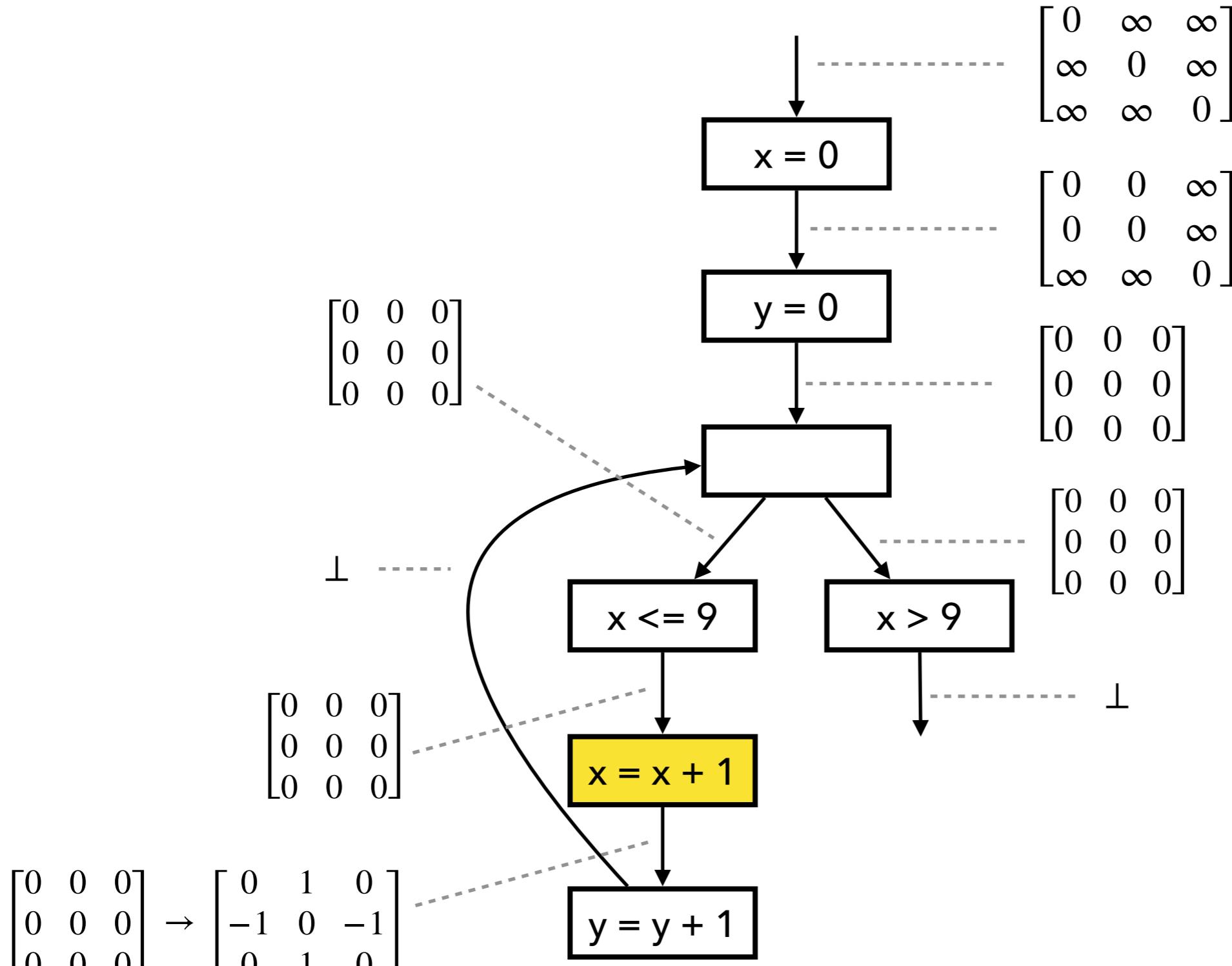
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Fixed Point Comp. with Widening



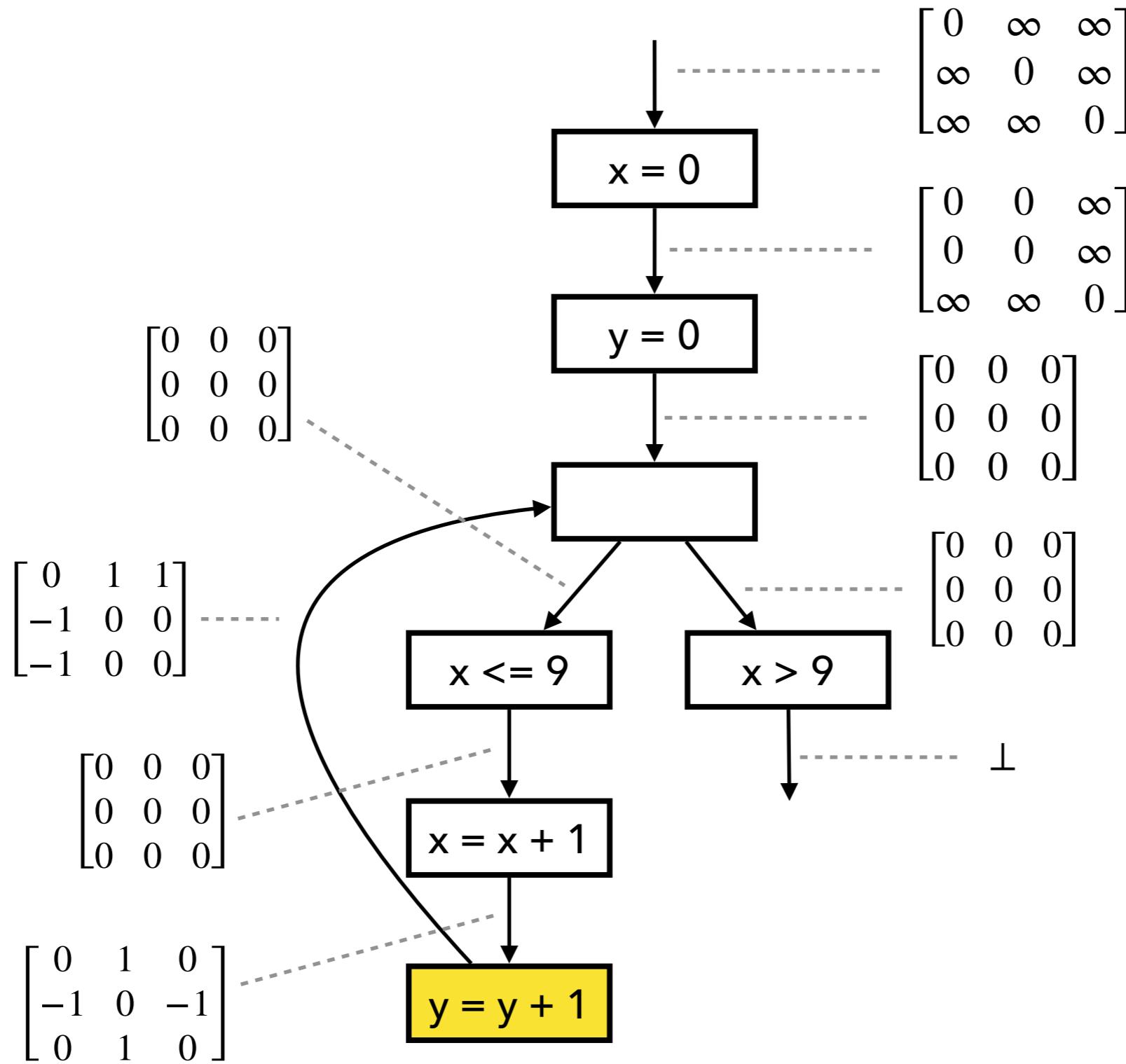
Fixed Point Comp. with Widening



$$x - x' \leq c \rightarrow x - x' \leq c + 1$$

$$x' - x \leq c \rightarrow x' - x \leq c - 1$$

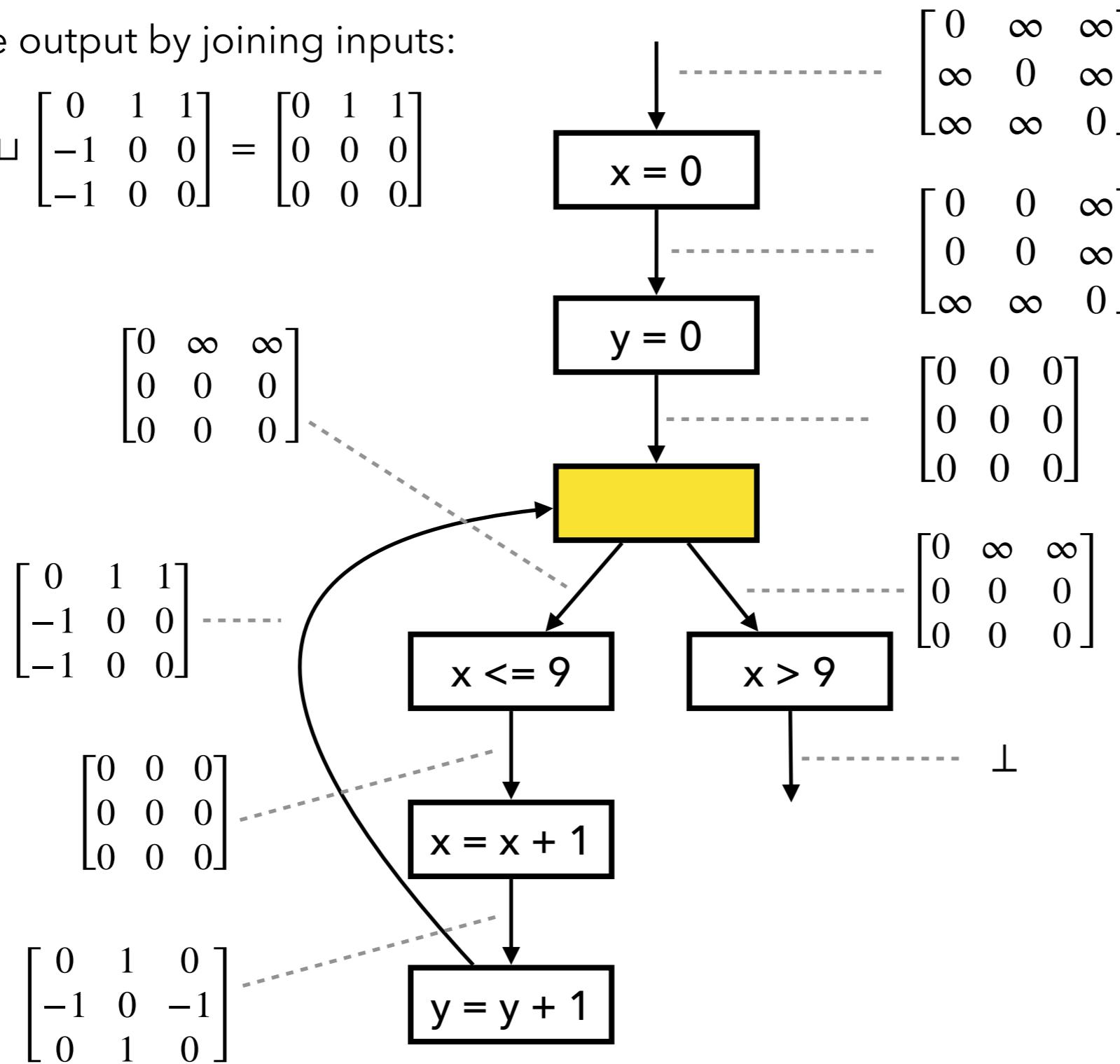
Fixed Point Comp. with Widening



Fixed Point Comp. with Widening

1. Compute output by joining inputs:

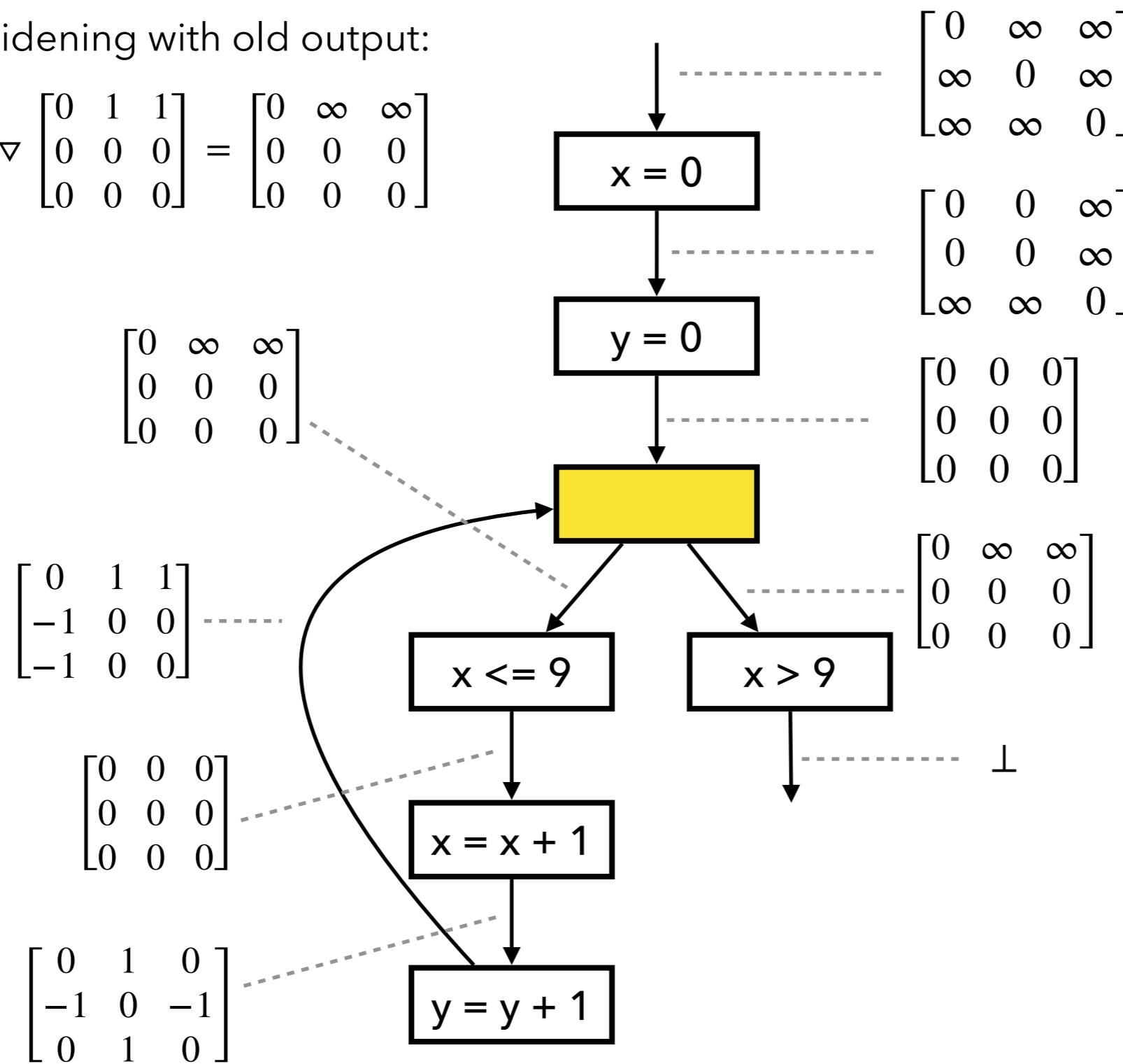
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sqcup \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Fixed Point Comp. with Widening

2. Apply widening with old output:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \nabla \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Fixed Point Comp. with Widening

3. Check if fixed point is reached:

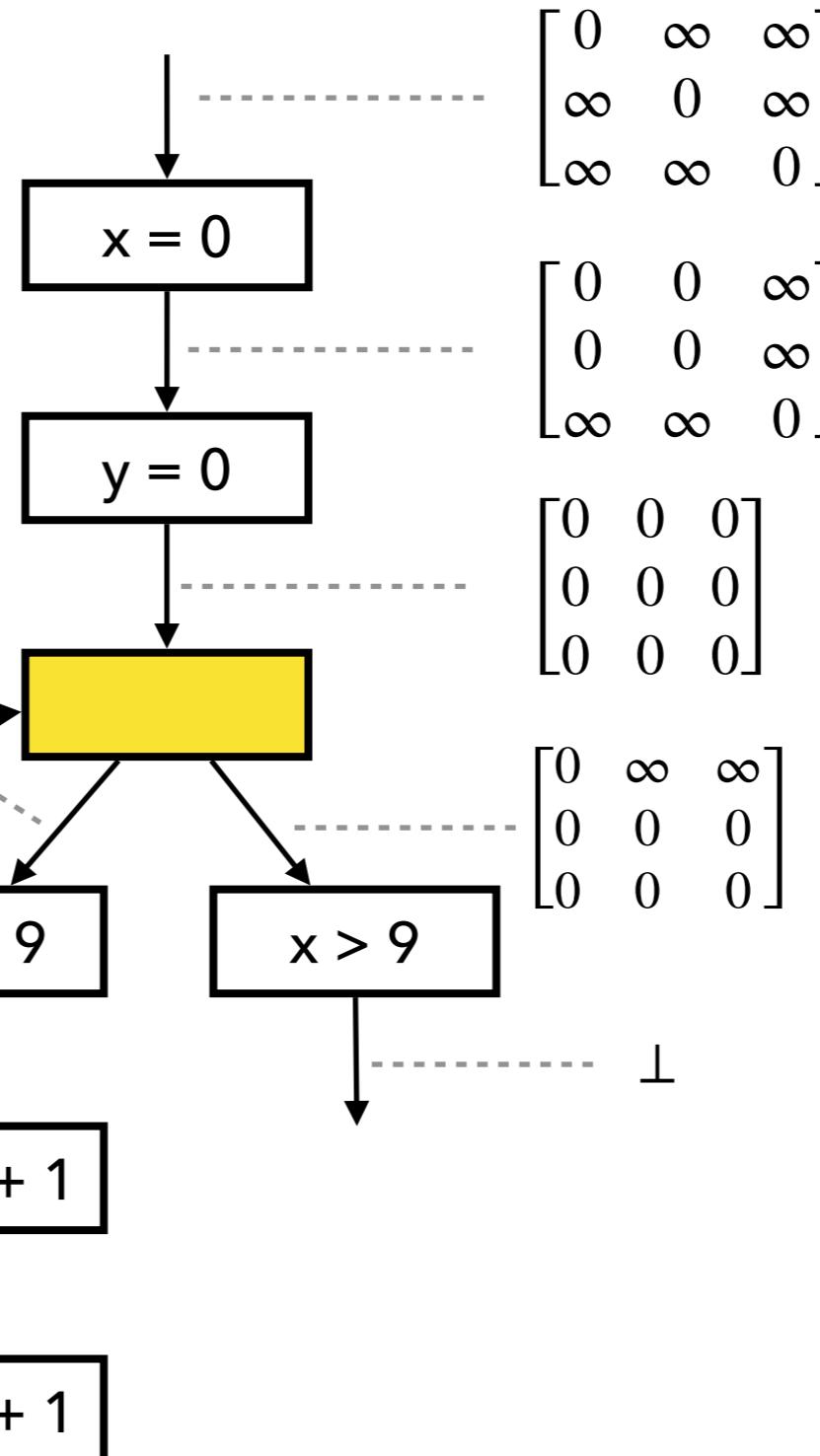
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Fixed Point Comp. with Widening

1. Add constraint "x <= 9":

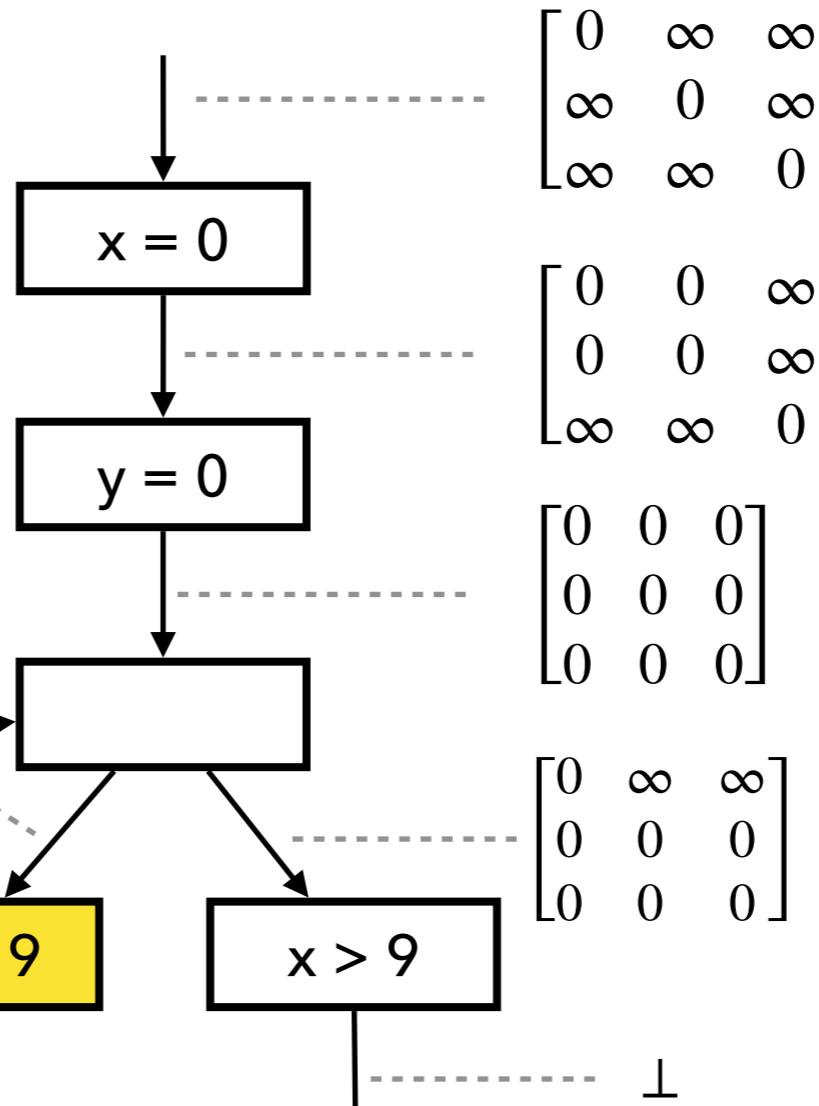
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 9 & \infty \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 9 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Fixed Point Comp. with Widening

2. Normalize the resulting state:

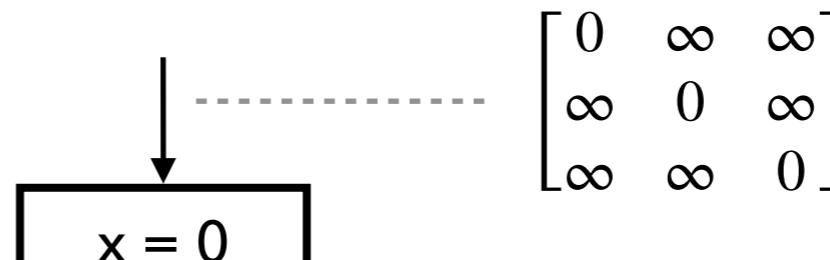
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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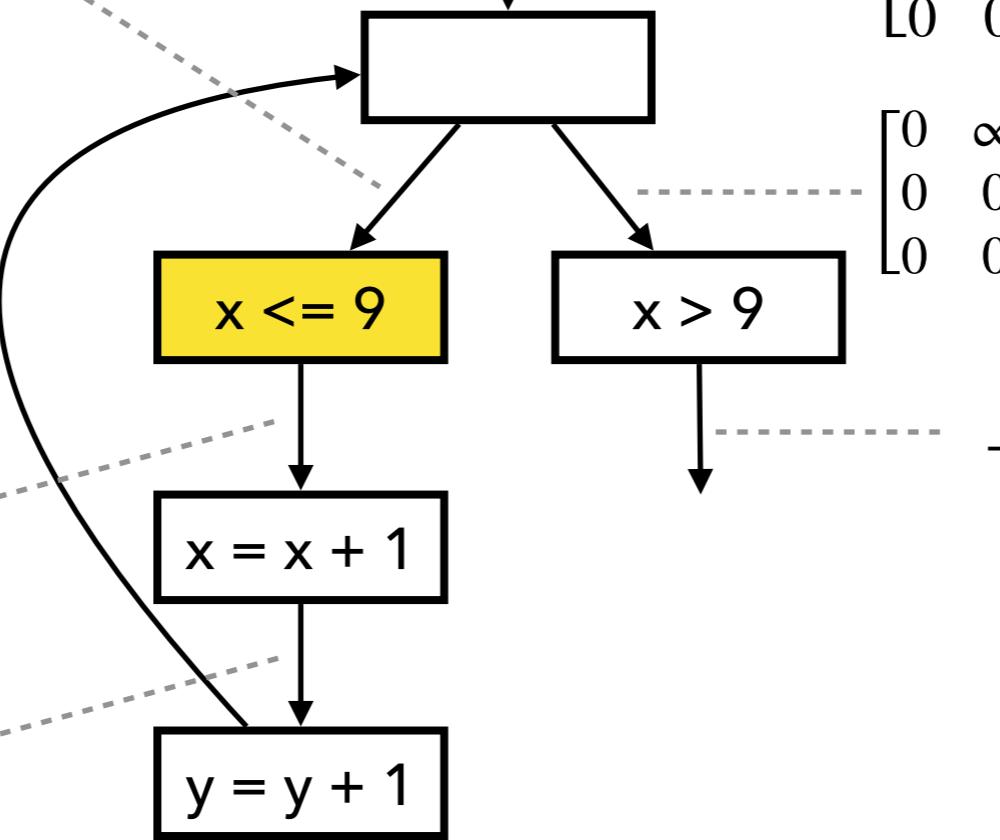
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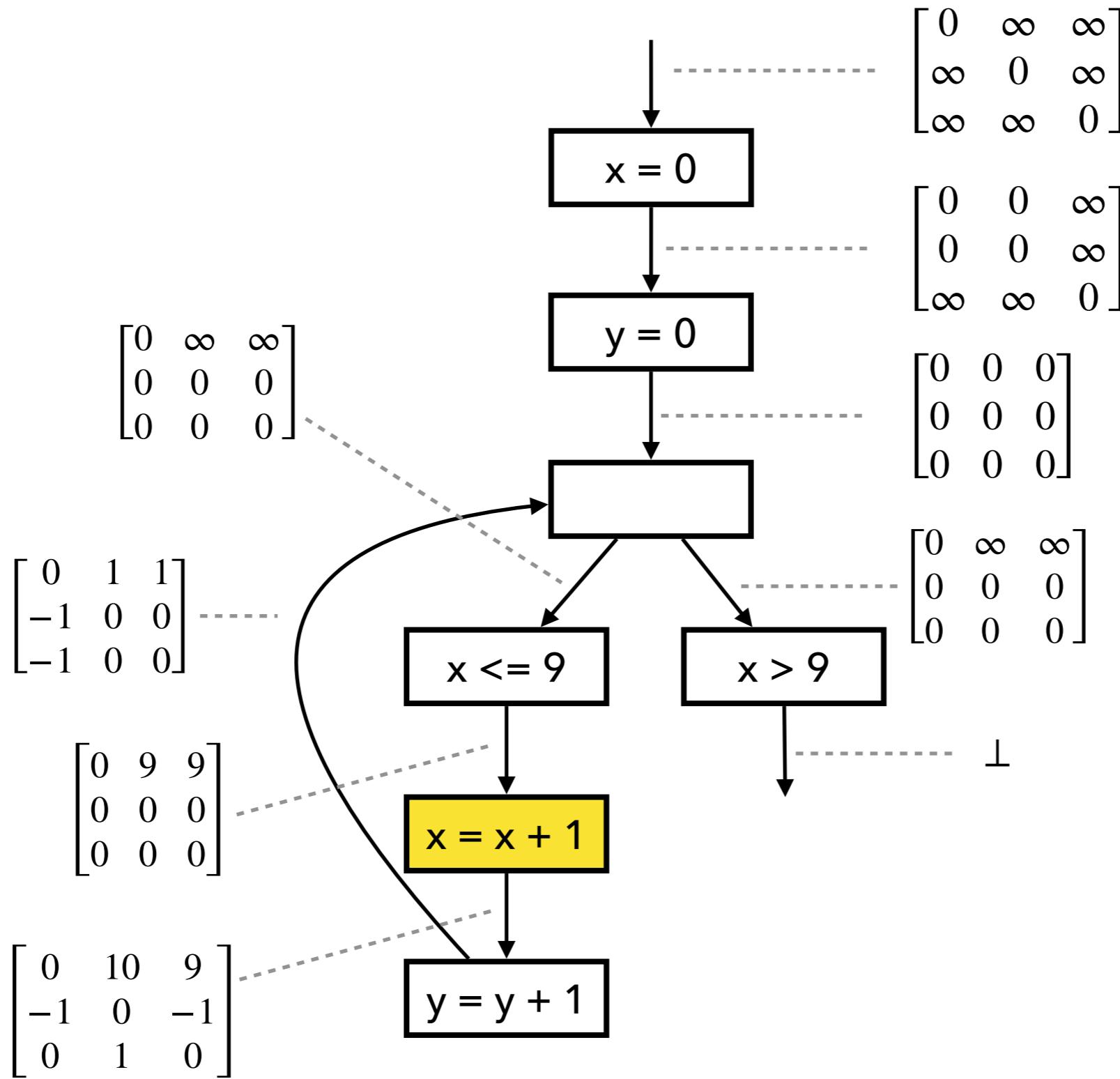
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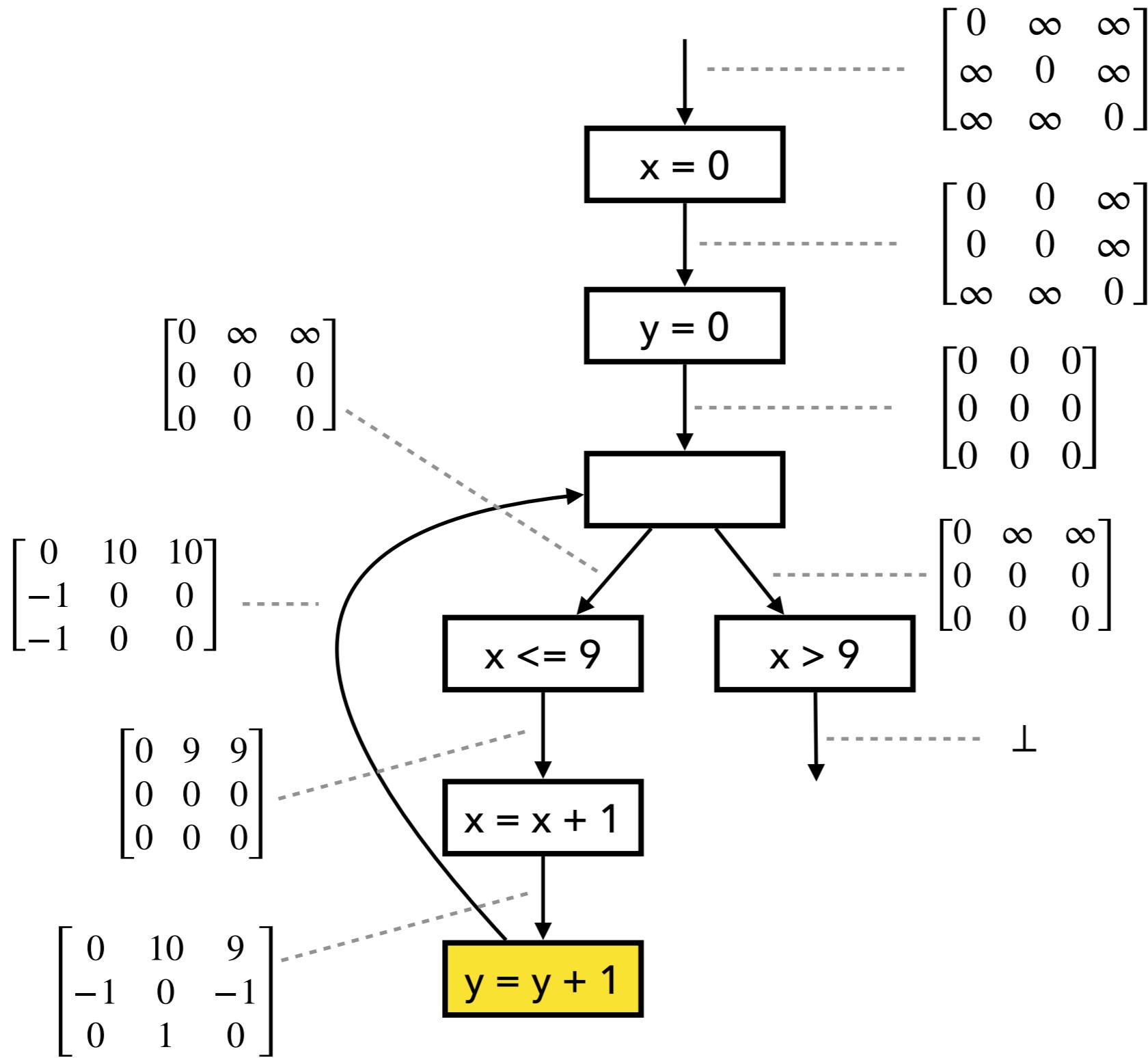
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Fixed Point Comp. with Widening



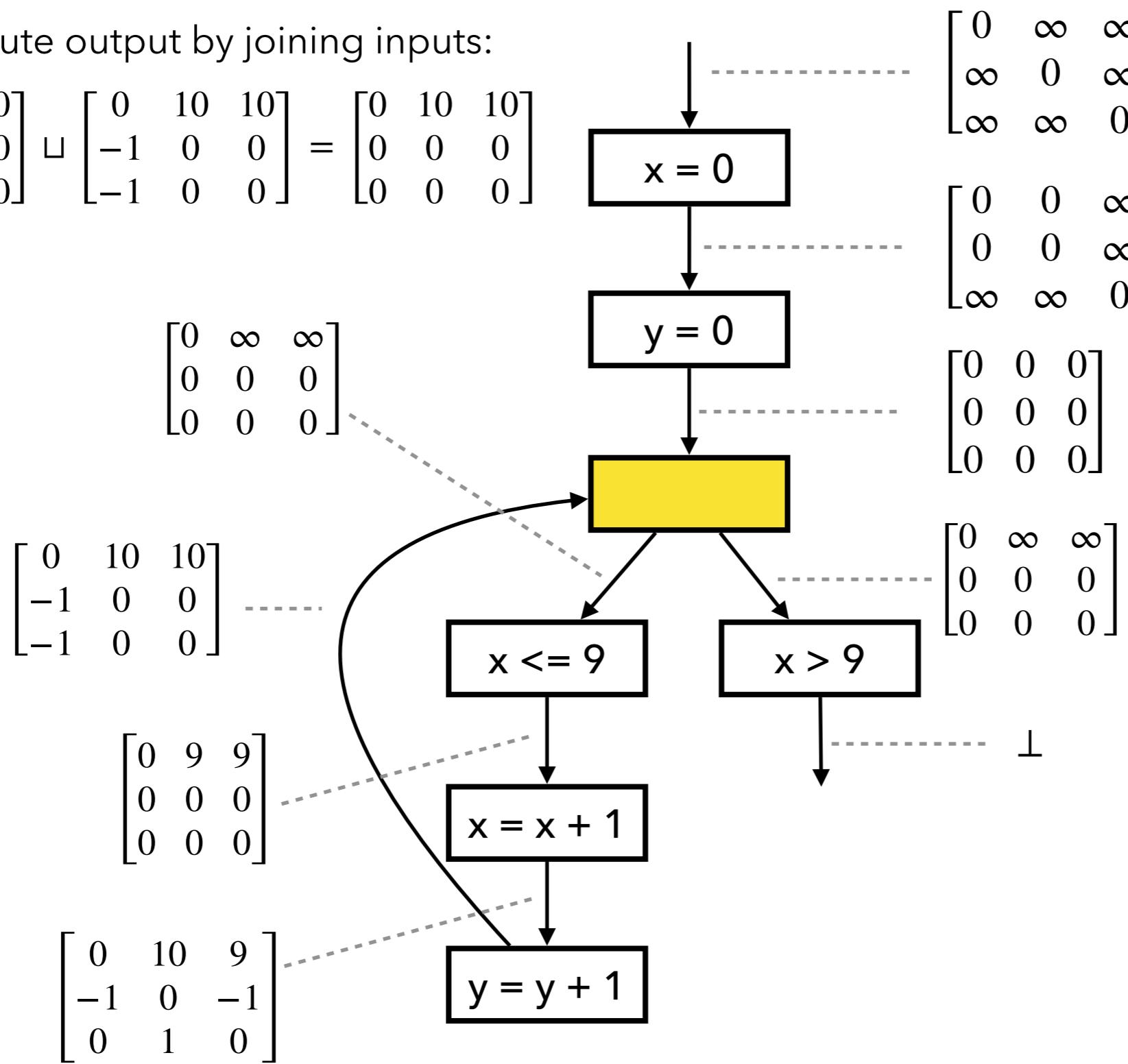
Fixed Point Comp. with Widening



Fixed Point Comp. with Widening

1. Compute output by joining inputs:

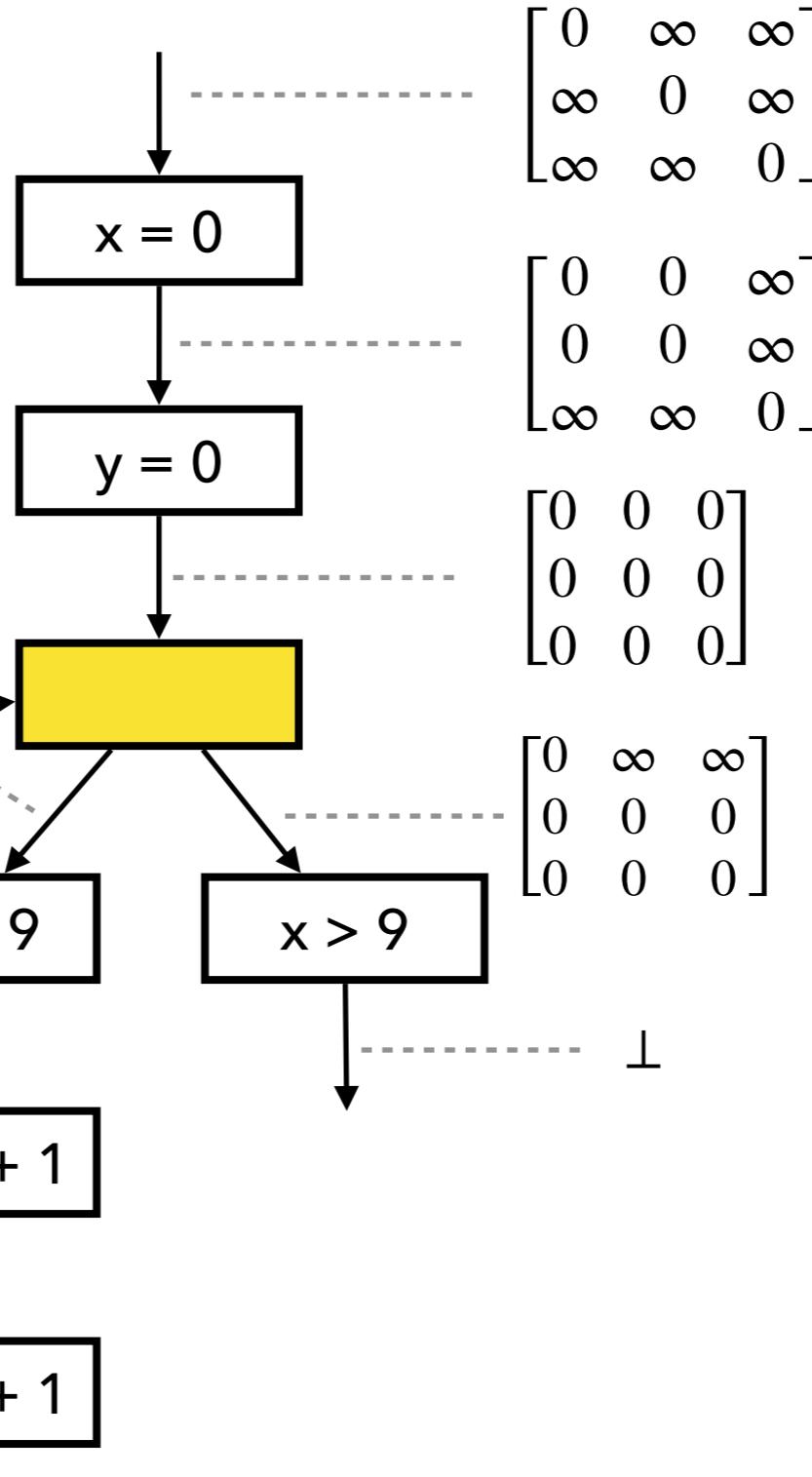
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sqcup \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & 10 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Fixed Point Comp. with Widening

2. Apply widening with old output:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \nabla \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Fixed Point Comp. with Widening

3. Check if fixed point is reached

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sqsupseteq \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & 10 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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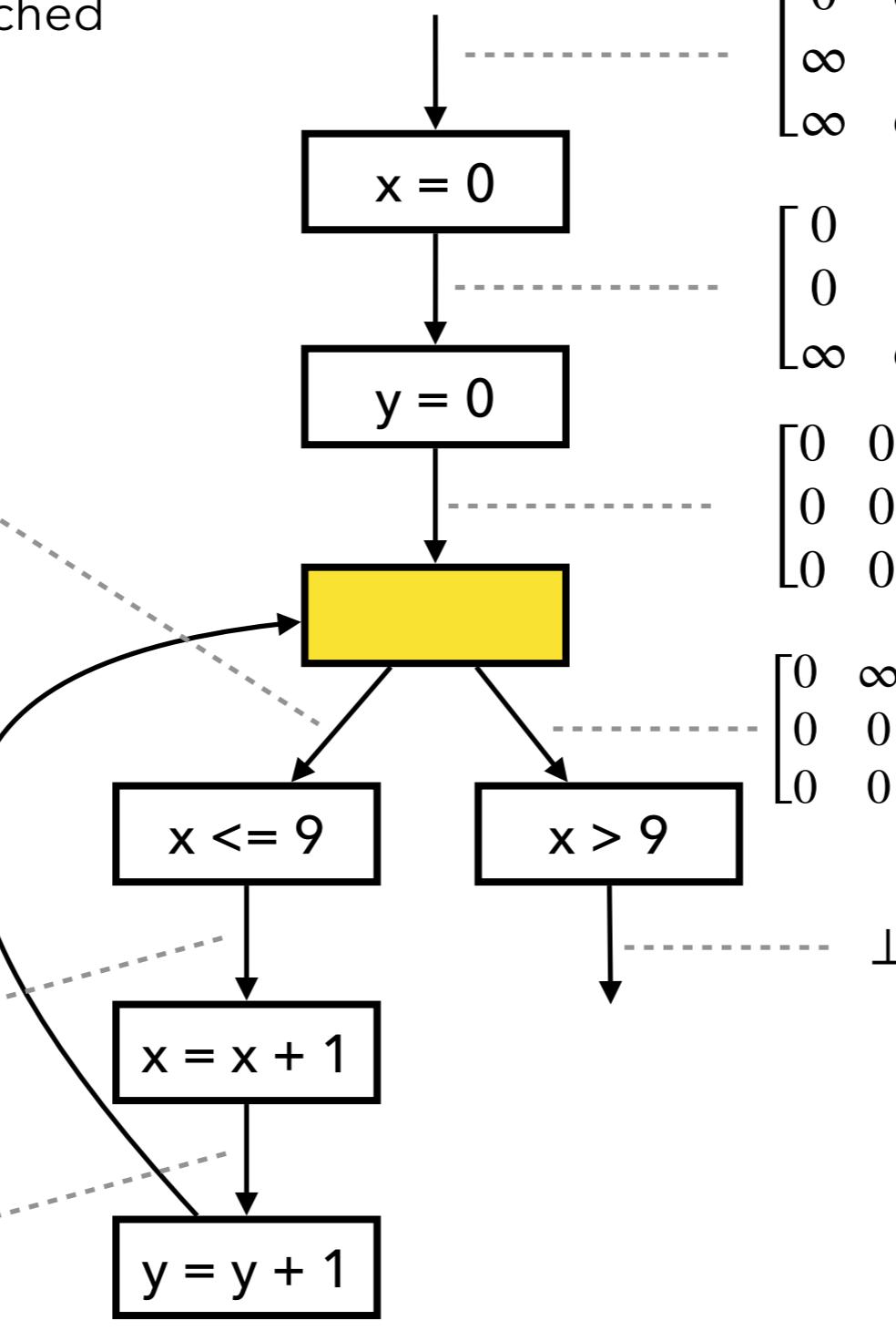
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Fixed Point Comp. with Widening

1. Add constraint " $x > 9$ "

$$x > 9 \iff 0 - x \leq -10$$

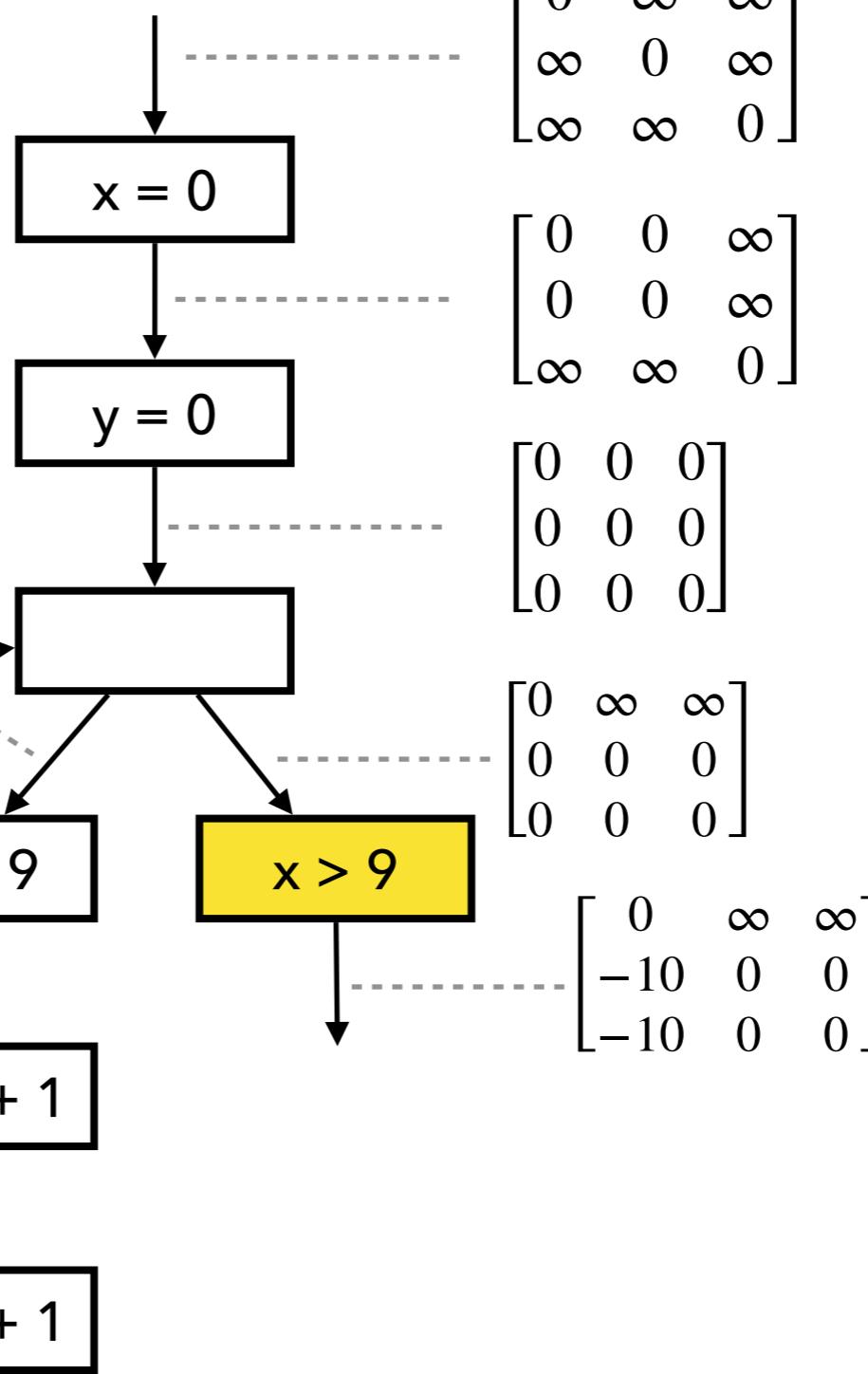
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & 10 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 9 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & 9 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Fixed Point Comp. with Widening

2. Normalize the resulting state:

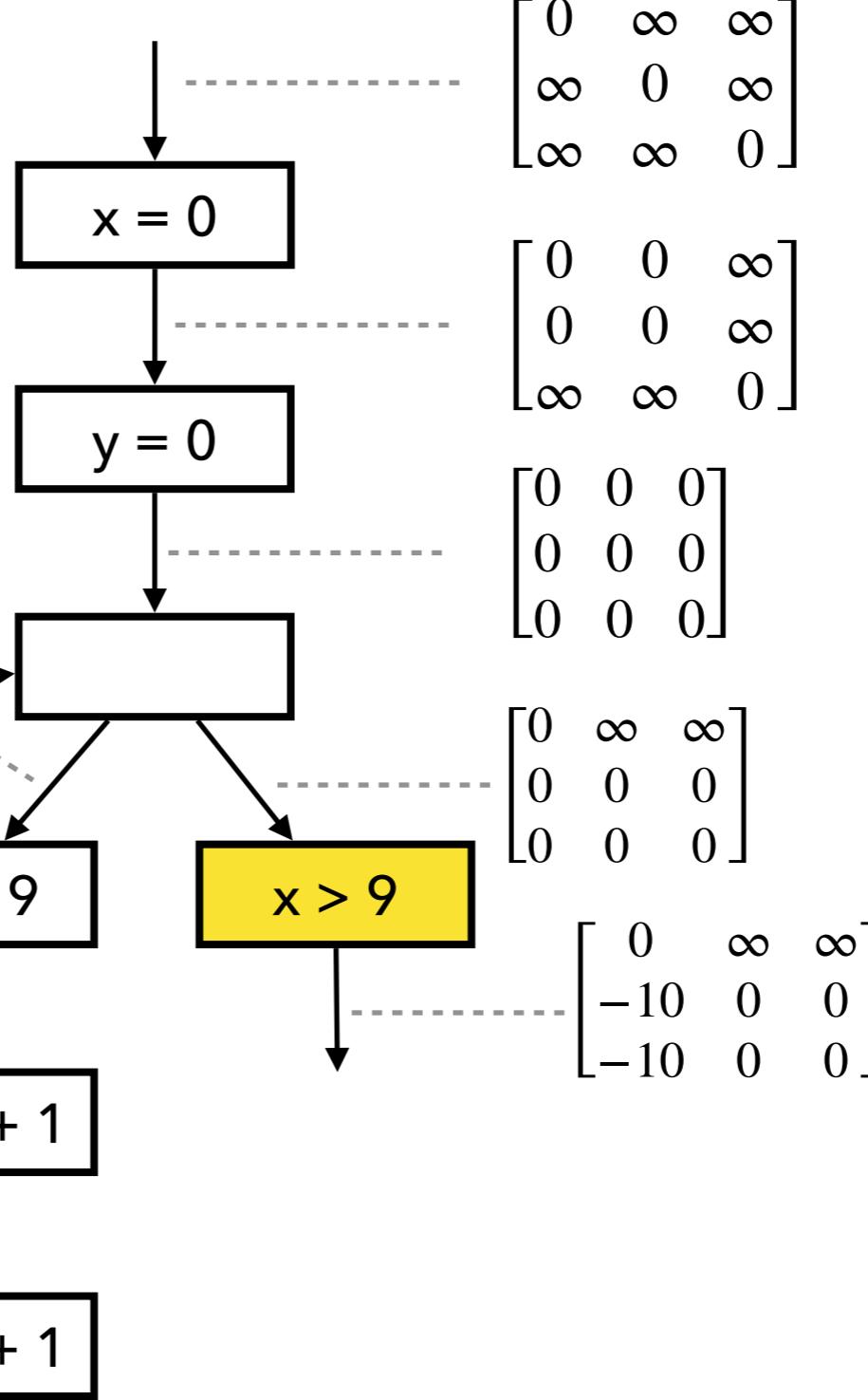
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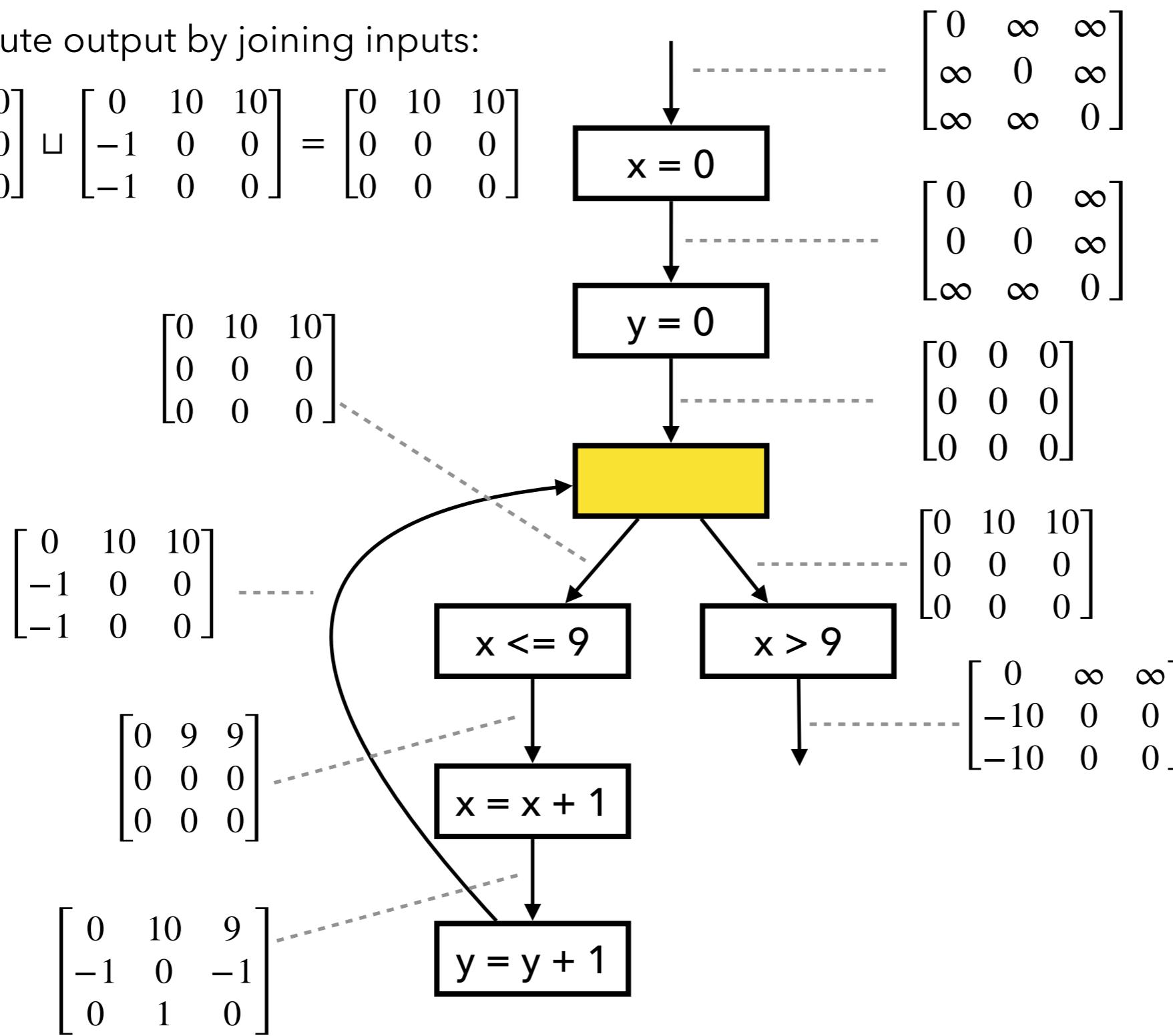
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Fixed Point Comp. with Narrowing

1. Compute output by joining inputs:

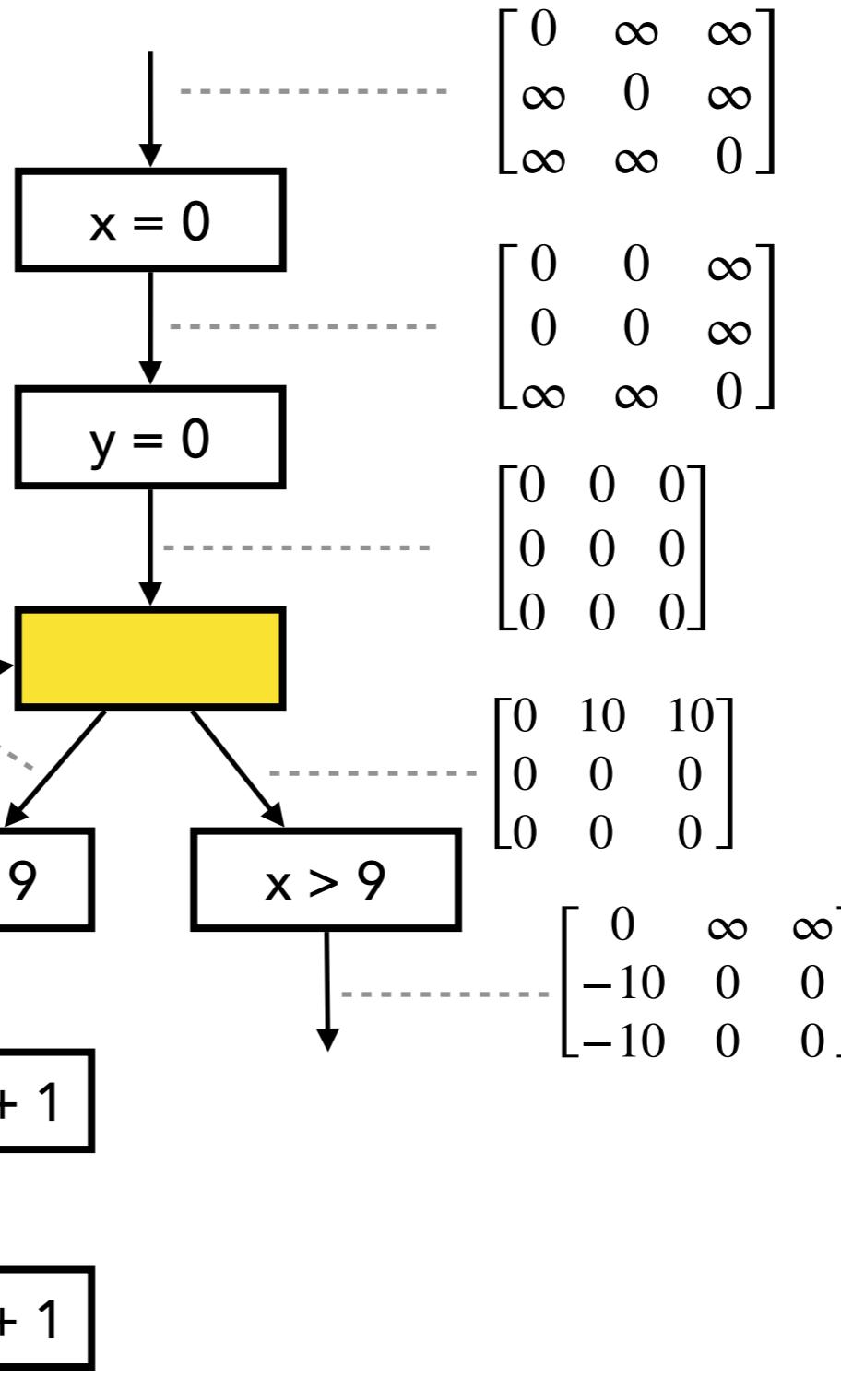
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sqcup \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & 10 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Fixed Point Comp. with Narrowing

2. Apply narrowing with old output:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Delta \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Fixed Point Comp. with Narrowing

3. Check if fixed point is reached:

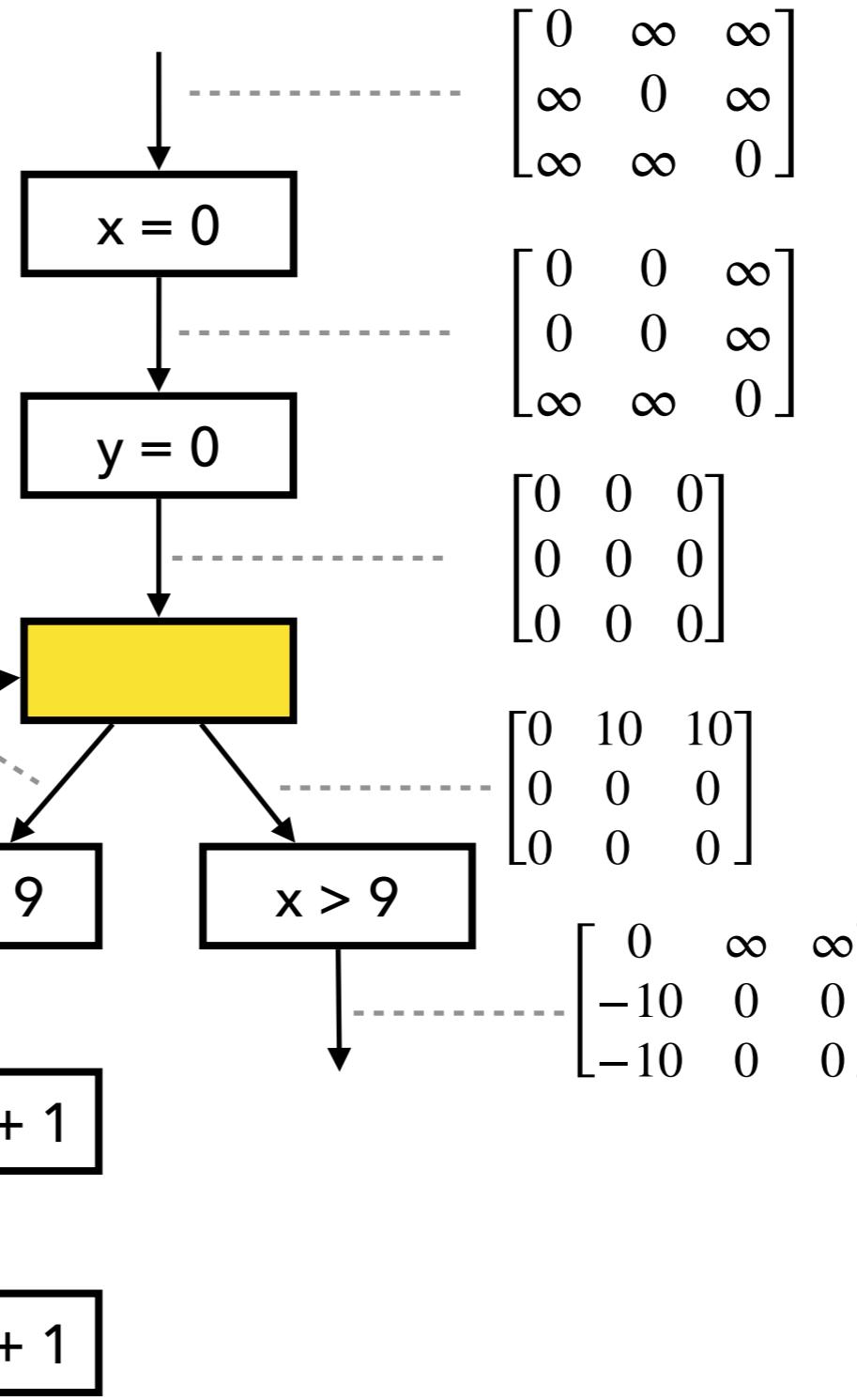
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \not\subseteq \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

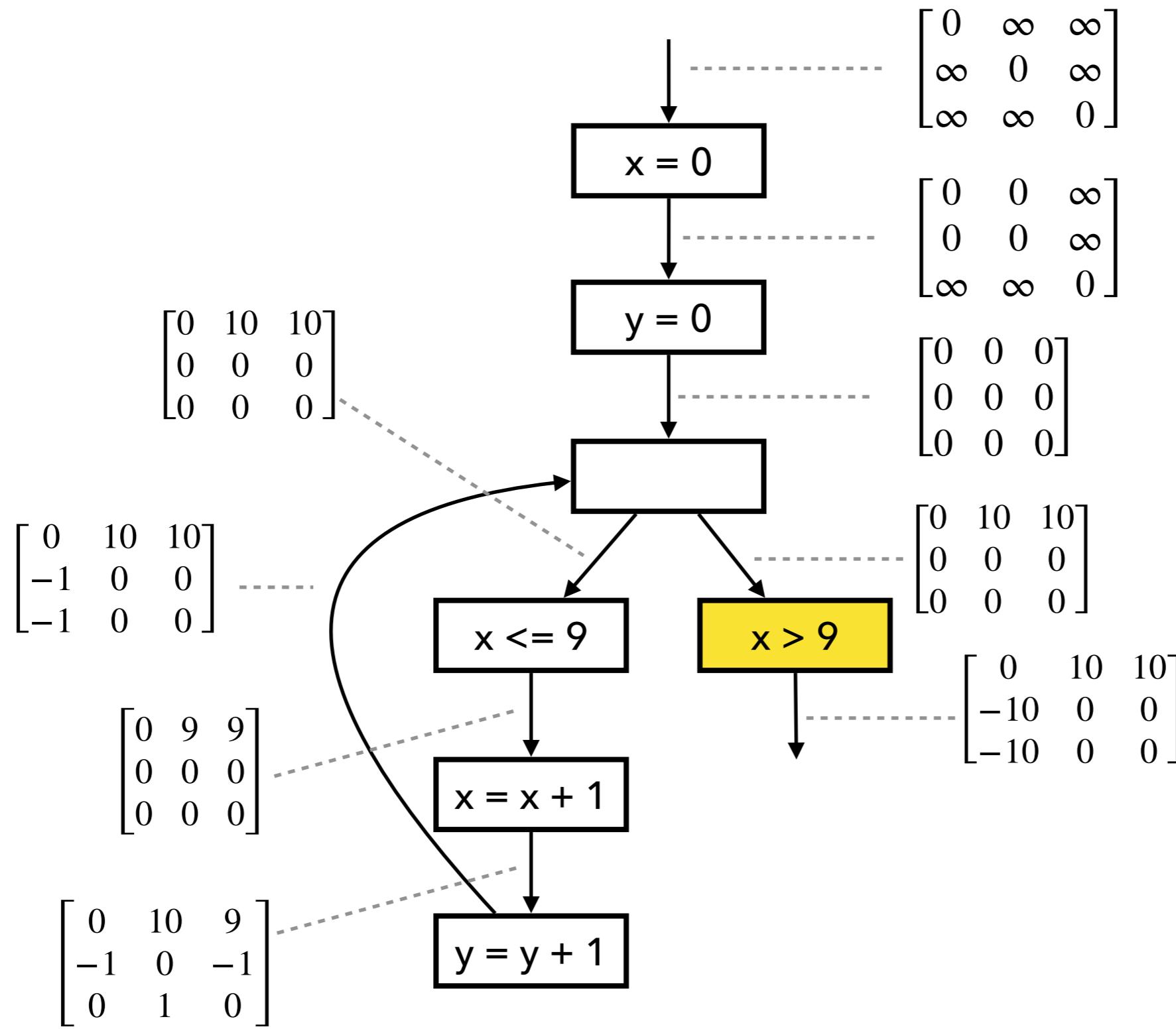
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 9 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Fixed Point Comp. with Narrowing



Motivating Example

Describe how the zone analysis works for the following example.

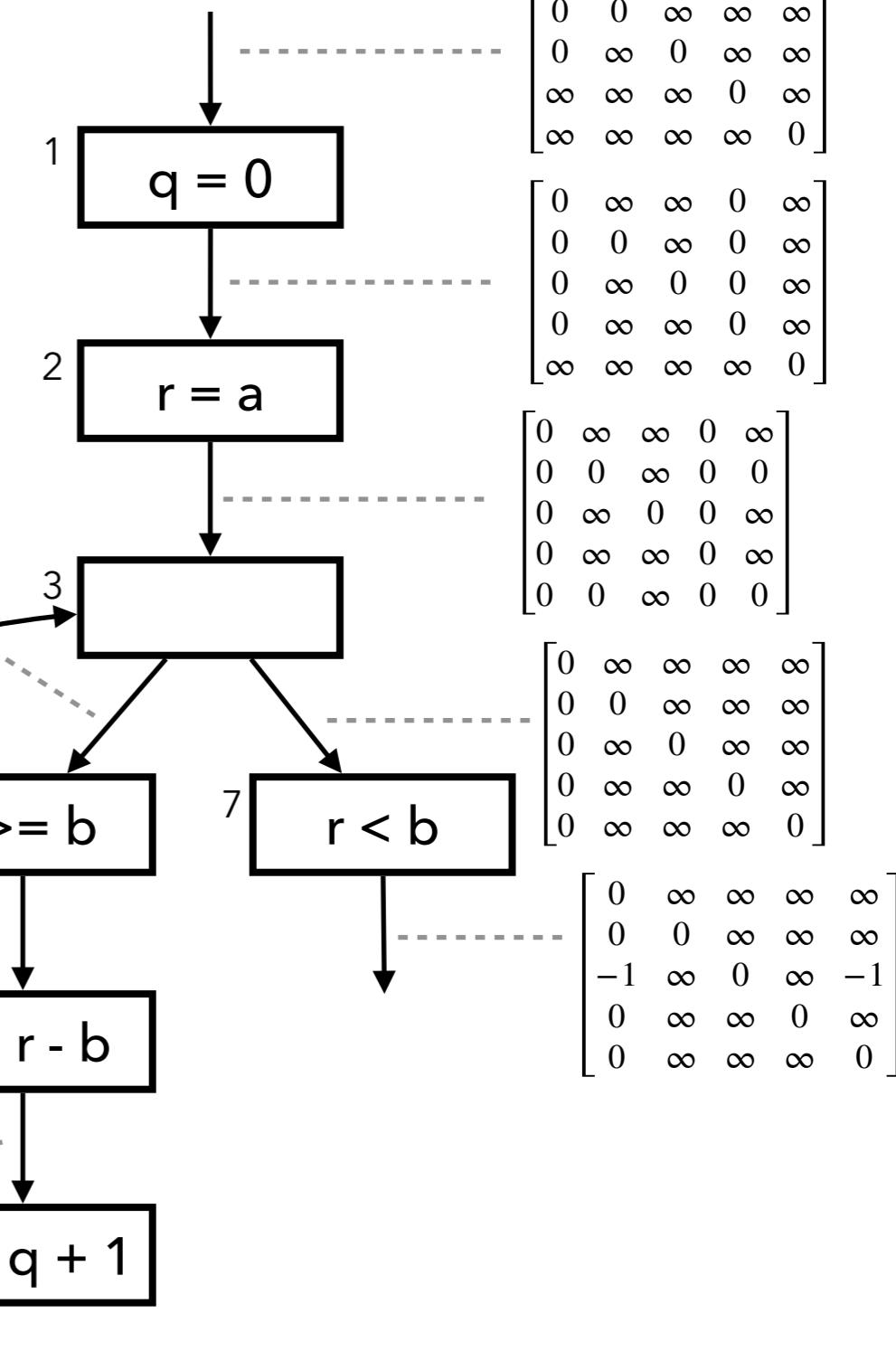
```
// a >= 0, b >= 0
q = 0;
r = a;
while (r >= b) {
    r = r - b;
    q = q + 1;
}
assert(q >= 0);
assert(r >= 0);
```

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \infty & \infty & \infty & \infty \\ 0 & 0 & \infty & \infty & \infty \\ 0 & \infty & 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 0 & \infty & \infty & 0 & \infty \\ 0 & \infty & \infty & \infty & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \infty & \infty & \infty & \infty \\ 0 & 0 & \infty & \infty & \infty \\ 0 & \infty & 0 & \infty & \infty \\ -1 & \infty & \infty & 0 & \infty \\ 0 & \infty & \infty & \infty & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Static Analysis Use Cases: Infer

- **Install (<https://github.com/facebook/infer/>)**

```
# Checkout Infer
git clone https://github.com/facebook/infer.git
cd infer
# Compile Infer
./build-infer.sh java
# install Infer system-wide...
sudo make install
# ...or, alternatively, install Infer into your PATH
export PATH=`pwd`/infer/bin:$PATH
```

- **Running Infer: e.g.,**

- infer capture -- make
- infer analyze

Infer's Intermediate Language

<https://github.com/facebook/infer/blob/main/infer/src/IR/Sil.mli>

```
47  type instr =
48    | Load of {id: Ident.t; e: Exp.t; typ: Typ.t; loc: Location.t}
49      (** Load a value from the heap into an identifier.
50
51      [id = *e:typ] where
52
53      - [e] is an expression denoting a heap address
54      - [typ] is the type of [*e] and [id]. *)
55    | Store of {e1: Exp.t; typ: Typ.t; e2: Exp.t; loc: Location.t}
56      (** Store the value of an expression into the heap.
57
58      [*e1:typ = e2] where
59
60      - [e1] is an expression denoting a heap address
61      - [typ] is the type of [*e1] and [e2]. *)
62    | Prune of Exp.t * Location.t * bool * if_kind
63      (** The semantics of [Prune (exp, loc, is_then_branch, if_kind)] is that it prunes the state
64          (blocks, or diverges) if [exp] evaluates to [1]; the boolean [is_then_branch] is [true] if
65          this is the [then] branch of an [if] condition, [false] otherwise (it is meaningless if
66          [if_kind] is not [Ik_if], [Ik_bexp], or other [if]-like cases
67
68          This instruction, together with the CFG structure, is used to encode control-flow with
69          tests in the source program such as [if] branches and [while] loops. *)
70    | Call of (Ident.t * Typ.t) * Exp.t * (Exp.t * Typ.t) list * Location.t * CallFlags.t
71      (** [Call ((ret_id, ret_typ), e_fun, arg_ts, loc, call_flags)] represents an instruction
72          [ret_id = e_fun(arg_ts)] *)
```

Example: Buffer Overflow Detection

```
16     static char *curfinal = "HDACB  FE";
17
18     keysym = read_from_input();
19
20     if (((KeySym)(keysym) >= 0xFF91) && ((KeySym)(keysym) <= 0xFF94))
21     {
22         unparseputc((char)(keysym-0xFF91 + 'P'), pty);
23         key = 1;
24     }
25     else if (keysym >= 0)
26     {
27         if (keysym < 16)
28         {
29             if (read_from_input())
30             {
31                 if (keysym >= 10) return;
32                 curfinal[keysym] = 1;
33             }
34             else
35             {
36                 curfinal[keysym] = 2;
37             }
38         }
39         if (keysym < 10)
40         {
41             unparseputc(curfinal[keysym], pty);
42         }
43     }
```

curfinal:[10,10]
keysym: [10,15]

⊤ Infer

Example: Memory Leak Detection

```
1 int swTableColumn_add(swTable *table, ...) {
2     col = sw_malloc(sizeof(swTableColumn));
3     if (type == SW_TABLE_INT)
4         col->size = 1;
5     col->index = table->size;
6     return swHashMap_add(table->columns, ..., col);
7 }
8
9 int swHashMap_add(swHashMap *hmap, ..., void *data) {
10    node = sw_malloc(sizeof(swHashMap_node));
11    if (node == NULL)
12        return SW_ERR;
13    node->data = data;
14    swHashMap_node_add(hmap, ... node);
15    return SW_OK;
16 }
```

The diagram illustrates the flow of memory allocation and deallocation. An orange arrow points from the allocation of 'col' at line 2 to its return at line 6. Another orange arrow points from the allocation of 'node' at line 10 back to the return statement at line 12, with the text 'Memory leak' written next to it.



Memory Leak:
An object allocated at line 2
becomes unreachable after line 7

Example: Double Free Detection

```
in = malloc(1);
out = malloc(1);
... // use in, out
free(out);
free(in);

in = malloc(2);
if (in == NULL) {

    goto err;
}

out = malloc(2);
if (out == NULL) {
    free(in);

    goto err;
}
... // use in, out
err:
    free(in);
    free(out);
return;
```

메모리 할당

메모리 해제

메모리 중복 해제
(double-free)

⊤ Infer

USB: fix double frees in error code paths of ipaq driver

the error code paths can be enter with buffers to freed buffers.
Serial core would do a kfree() on memory already freed.

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```
in = malloc(1);
out = malloc(1);
... // use in, out
free(out);
free(in);

in = malloc(2);
if (in == NULL) {
    out = NULL;
    goto err;
}

out = malloc(2);
if (out == NULL) {
    free(in);
    in = NULL;
    goto err;
}
... // use in, out
err:
    free(in);
    free(out);
    return;
```

memory leak

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in = malloc(1);
out = malloc(1);
... // use in, out
free(out);
free(in);

in = malloc(2);
if (in == NULL) {
    out = NULL;
    goto err;
}
free(out);
out = malloc(2);
if (out == NULL) {
    free(in);
    in = NULL;
    goto err;
}
... // use in, out
err:
    free(in);
    free(out);
    return;
```

USB: fix double kfree in ipaq in error case

in the error case the ipaq driver leaves a dangling pointer to already freed memory that will be freed again.

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```
in = malloc(1);
out = malloc(1);
... // use in, out
free(out);
free(in);
out = NULL;
in = malloc(2);
if (in == NULL) {
    out = NULL;
    goto err;
}
free(out);
out = malloc(2);
if (out == NULL) {
    free(in);
    in = NULL;
    goto err;
}
... // use in, out
err:
    free(in);
    free(out);
    return;
```

fix for a memory leak in an error case introduced by fix for double free

The fix NULled a pointer without freeing it.

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Static Analysis-based SW Repair

```
in = malloc(1);
out = malloc(1);
... // use in, out
free(out);
free(in);
```

```
in = malloc(2);
if (in == NULL) {
    goto err;
}
```

```
out = malloc(2);
if (out == NULL) {
    free(in);
    goto err;
}
... // use in, out
```

```
err:
    free(in); // double-free
    free(out); // double-free
    return;
```



- ✓ Productivity↑
- ✓ Quality↑
- ✓ Safety guarantee

```
in = malloc(1);
out = malloc(1);
... // use in, out
free(out);
free(in);
```

```
in = malloc(2);
if (in == NULL) {
```

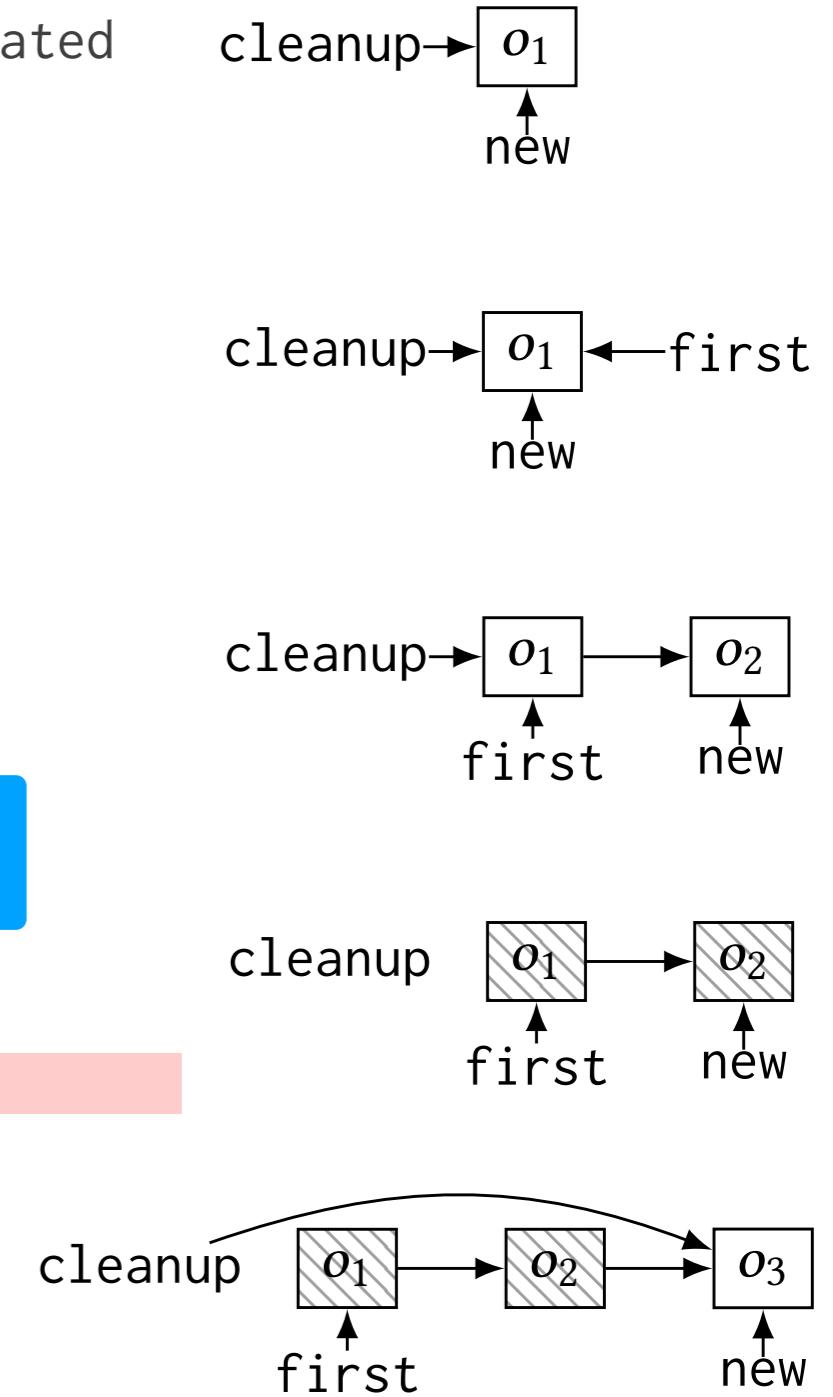
```
    goto err;
}
free(out);
out = malloc(2);
if (out == NULL) {
    free(in);
    goto err;
}
... // use in, out
```

```
err:
    free(in);
    free(out);
    return;
```

Example: Use-After-Free Detection

```
1 struct node *cleanup; // list of objects to be deallocated
2 struct node *first = NULL;
3 for (...) {
4     struct node *new = xmalloc(sizeof(*new));
5     make_cleanup(new); // add new to the cleanup list
6     new->name = ...;
7     ...
8     if (...) {
9         first = new;
10        continue;
11    }
12    /* potential use-after-free: `first->name` */
13    (-) if (first == NULL || new->name != first->name)
14        continue;
15    do_cleanups(); // deallocate all objects in cleanup
16 }
17
18 }
```

use-after-free



Example: Use-After-Free Detection

```
1  struct node *cleanup; // list of objects to be deallocated
2  struct node *first = NULL;
3  for (...) {
4      struct node *new = xmalloc(sizeof(*new));
5      make_cleanup(new); // add new to the cleanup list
6      new->name = ...;
7      ...
8      if (...) {
9          first = new;
10     (+) tmp = first->name;
11     continue;
12 }
13 /* potential use-after-free: `first->name` */
14 (-) if (first == NULL || new->name != first->name)
15 (+) if (first == NULL || new->name != tmp)
16     continue;
17 do_cleanups(); // deallocate all objects in cleanup
18 }
```

Pointer Analysis

- Pointer analysis computes the set of memory locations (objects) that a pointer variable may point to at runtime.
- One of the most important static analyses: all interesting questions about program properties need pointer analysis.
 - E.g., control-flows, data-flows, types, numeric values, etc

Need for Pointer Analysis

- Example 1: Detecting memory errors in C programs
- Example 2: Callgraph construction

Abstraction of Memory Objects

- Memory locations are unbounded:

```
def id (p): return p

def f():
    x = A()      // 11
    y = id(x)

def g():
    a = B()      // 12
    b = id(a)

while True: {f(); g()}
```

- In a typical pointer analysis, objects are abstracted into their **allocation-sites**. Pointer analysis result:

$$x \mapsto \{l_1\}, y \mapsto \{l_1\}, a \mapsto \{l_2\}, b \mapsto \{l_2\}, p \mapsto \{l_1, l_2\}$$

cf) Flow Sensitivity

- A flow-sensitive analysis maintains abstract states separately for each program point: e.g.,

```
x = A()
y = id(x)
x = B()
y = id(x)
```

- Pointer analysis is often defined flow-insensitively

Constraint-based Analysis

- Pointer analysis is expressed as subset constraints. The analysis is to compute the smallest solution of the constraints. E.g.,

$$\begin{array}{lcl} x = A() \quad // \quad l_1 \\ y = x \end{array} \implies \begin{array}{l} \{l_1\} \subseteq pts(x) \\ pts(x) \subseteq pts(y) \end{array}$$

- We use the Datalog language to express such constraints

Input and Output Relations

- A program is represented by a set of “facts” (relations):

$\text{Alloc}(var : V, heap : H)$

$\text{Move}(to : V, from : V)$

$\text{Load}(to : V, base : V, fld : F)$

$\text{Store}(base : V, fld : F, from : V)$

V : the set of program variables

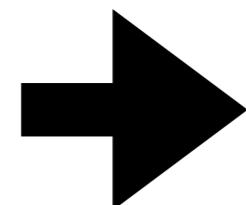
H : the set of allocation sites

F : the set of field names

- Output relations: $\text{VarPointsTo}(var : V, heap : H)$

$\text{FldPointsTo}(baseH : H, fld : F, heap : H)$

```
a = A() // 11
b = B() // 12
c = a
a.f = b
d = c.f
```



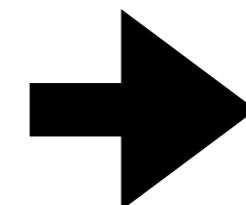
$\text{Alloc}(a, l_1)$

$\text{Alloc}(b, l_2)$

$\text{Move}(c, a)$

$\text{Store}(a, f, b)$

$\text{Load}(d, c, f)$



$\text{VarPointsTo}(a, l_1)$

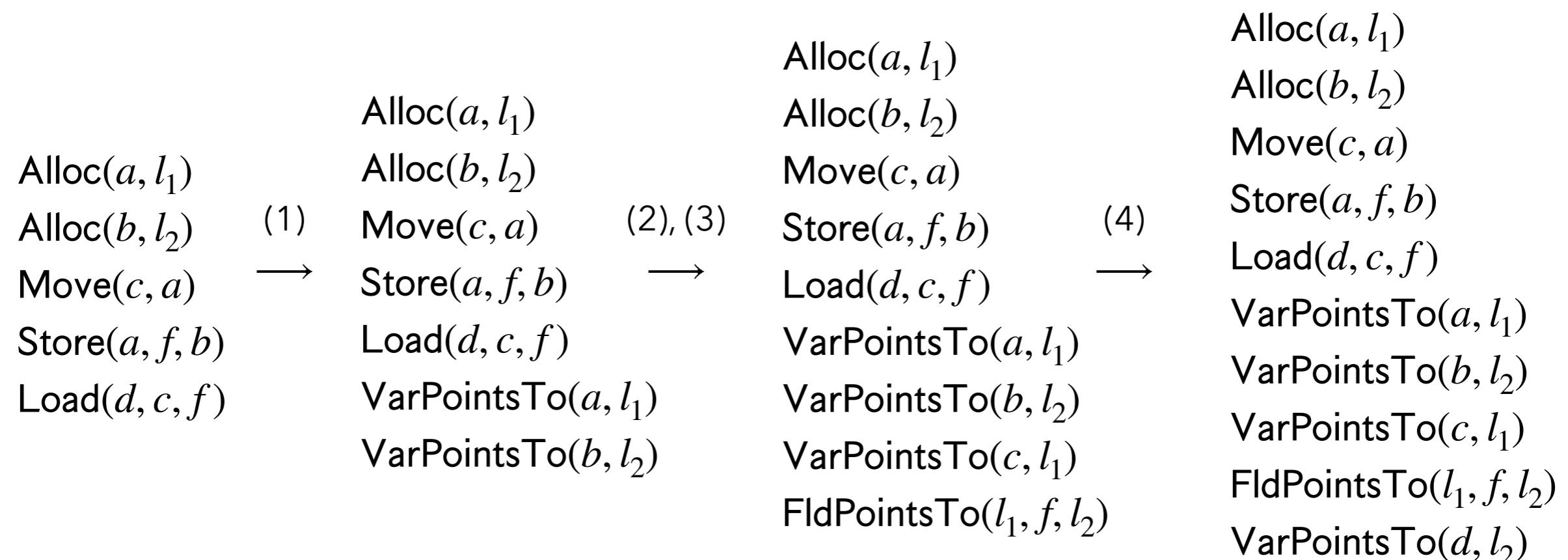
$\text{VarPointsTo}(b, l_2)$

$\text{VarPointsTo}(c, l_1)$

$\text{FldPointsTo}(l_1, f, l_2)$

$\text{VarPointsTo}(d, l_2)$

Fixed Point Computation

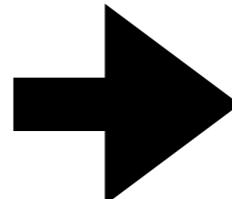


Pointer Analysis Rules

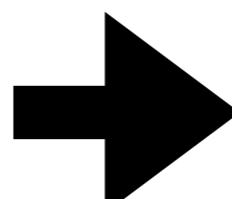
- (1) $\text{VarPointsTo}(var, heap) \leftarrow \text{Alloc}(var, heap)$
- (2) $\text{VarPointsTo}(to, heap) \leftarrow$
 $\quad \text{Move}(to, from), \text{VarPointsTo}(from, heap)$
- (3) $\text{FldPointsTo}(baseH, fld, heap) \leftarrow$
 $\quad \text{Store}(base, fld, from), \text{VarPointsTo}(from, heap),$
 $\quad \text{VarPointsTo}(base, baseH)$
- (4) $\text{VarPointsTo}(to, heap) \leftarrow$
 $\quad \text{Load}(to, base, fld), \text{VarPointsTo}(base, baseH),$
 $\quad \text{FldPointsTo}(baseH, fld, heap)$

Interprocedural Analysis (First-Order)

```
def f(p) : // m1
    return p
a = A()      // l1
b = f(a)     // l2
```



FormalArg($m_1, 0, p$)
FormalReturn(m_1, p)
Alloc(a, l_1, global)
CallGraph(l_2, m_1)
Reachable(global)
Reachable(m_1)
ActualArg($l_2, 0, a$)
ActualReturn(l_2, b)



InterProcAssign(p, a)
InterProcAssign(b, p)
VarPointsTo(a, l_1)
VarPointsTo(p, l_1)
VarPointsTo(b, l_1)

Input and Output Relations

- Input relations (program representation)

$\text{Alloc}(var : V, heap : H, inMeth : M)$

$\text{Move}(to : V, from : V)$

$\text{Load}(to : V, base : V, fld : F)$

$\text{Store}(base : V, fld : F, from : V)$

$\text{CallGraph}(invo : I, meth : M)$

$\text{Reachable}(meth : M)$

$\text{FormalArg}(meth : M, i : \mathbb{N}, arg : V)$

$\text{ActualArg}(invo : I, i : \mathbb{N}, arg : V)$

$\text{FormalReturn}(meth : M, ret : V)$

$\text{ActualReturn}(invo : I, var : V)$

V : the set of program variables

H : the set of allocation sites

F : the set of field names

M : the set of method identifiers

S : the set of method signatures

I : the set of instructions

T : the set of class types

\mathbb{N} : the set of natural numbers

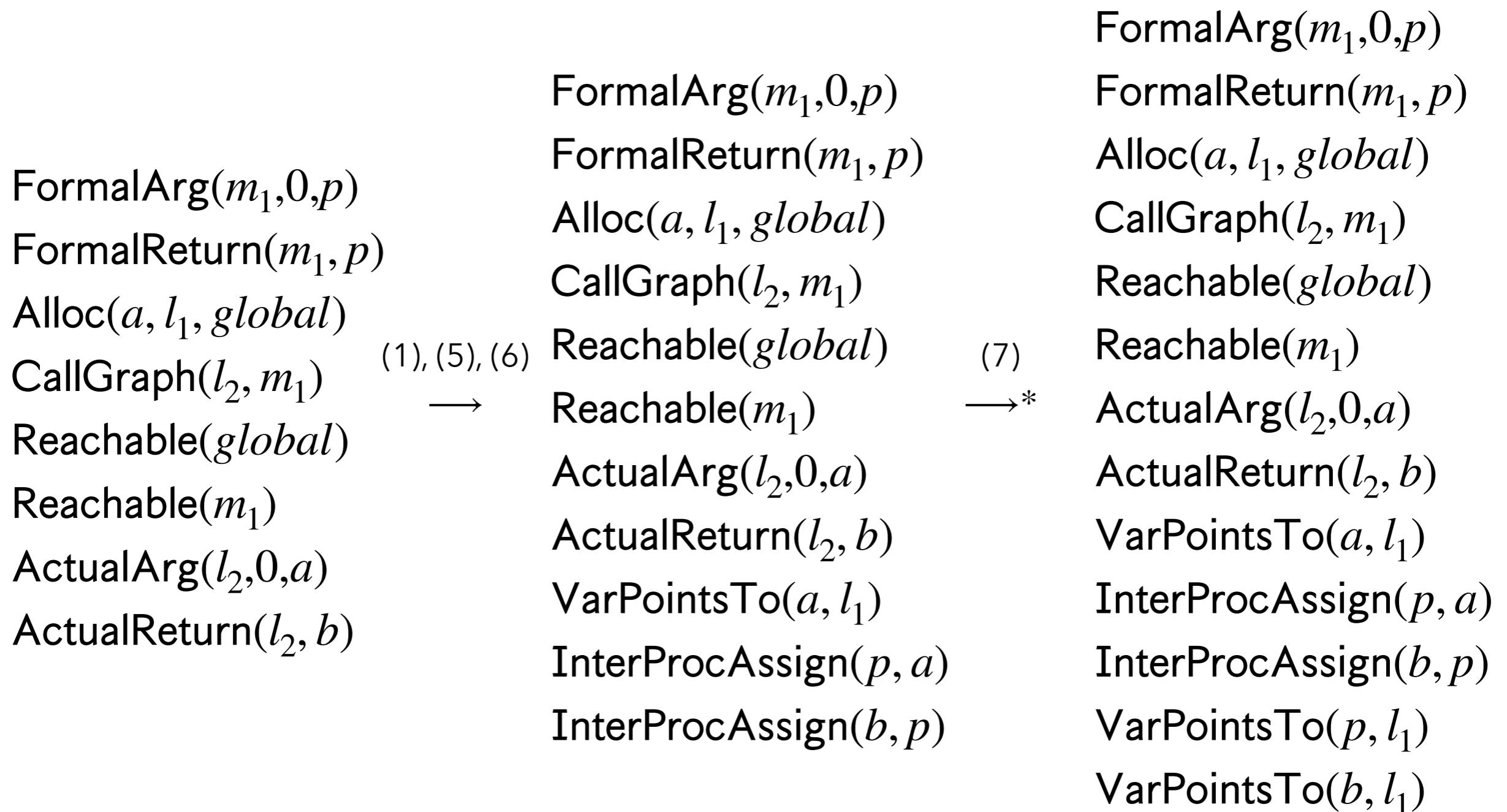
- Output relations

$\text{VarPointsTo}(var : V, heap : H)$

$\text{FldPointsTo}(baseH : H, fld : F, heap : H)$

$\text{InterProcAssign}(to : V, from : V)$

Fixed Point Computation

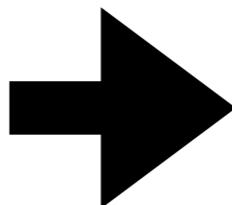


Analysis Rules

- (1) $\text{VarPointsTo}(var, heap) \leftarrow \text{Reachable}(meth), \text{Alloc}(var, heap, meth)$
- (2) $\text{VarPointsTo}(to, heap) \leftarrow$
 $\text{Move}(to, from), \text{VarPointsTo}(from, heap)$
- (3) $\text{FldPointsTo}(baseH, fld, heap) \leftarrow$
 $\text{Store}(base, fld, from), \text{VarPointsTo}(from, heap), \text{VarPointsTo}(base, baseH)$
- (4) $\text{VarPointsTo}(to, heap) \leftarrow$
 $\text{Load}(to, base, fld), \text{VarPointsTo}(base, baseH), \text{FldPointsTo}(baseH, fld, heap)$
- (5) $\text{InterProcAssign}(to, from) \leftarrow$
 $\text{CallGraph}(invo, meth), \text{FormalArg}(meth, n, to), \text{ActualArg}(invo, n, from)$
- (6) $\text{InterProcAssign}(to, from) \leftarrow$
 $\text{CallGraph}(invo, meth), \text{FormalReturn}(meth, from), \text{ActualReturn}(invo, to)$
- (7) $\text{VarPointsTo}(to, heap) \leftarrow$
 $\text{InterProcAssign}(to, from), \text{VarPointsTo}(from, heap)$

Interprocedural Analysis (Higher-Order)

```
class C:
    def id(self, v): // m1
        return v
```



FormalArg($m_1, 0, v$)
 FormalReturn(m_1, v)
 ThisVar($m_1, self$)
 LookUp(C, id, m_1)

ThisVar($m_2, self$)
 LookUp(B, g, m_2)
 Alloc(c, l_1, m_2)
 Alloc(s, l_2, m_2)
 Alloc(t, l_3, m_2)
 HeapType(l_1, C)
 HeapType(l_2, D)
 HeapType(l_3, E)

VarPointsTo(b, l_6)
 Reachable(m_2)

VarPointsTo($self, l_6$)
 CallGraph(l_7, m_2)

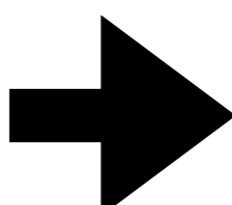
CallGraph(l_8, m_2)
 VarPointsTo(c, l_1)

VarPointsTo(s, l_2)
 VarPointsTo(t, l_3)

Reachable(m_1)
 VarPointsTo($self, l_1$)

CallGraph(l_4, m_1)
 CallGraph(l_5, m_1)

```
class B:
    def g(self): // m2
        c = C() // l1
        s = D() // l2
        t = E() // l3
        d = c.id(s) // l4
        e = c.id(t) // l5
```



VarPointsTo(b, l_6)
 Reachable(m_2)

VarPointsTo($self, l_6$)
 CallGraph(l_7, m_2)

CallGraph(l_8, m_2)
 VarPointsTo(c, l_1)

VarPointsTo(s, l_2)
 VarPointsTo(t, l_3)

Reachable(m_1)
 VarPointsTo($self, l_1$)

CallGraph(l_4, m_1)
 CallGraph(l_5, m_1)

```
class A:
    def f(self): // m3
        b = B() // l6
        b.g() // l7
        b.g() // l8
```

VCall(c, id, l_4, m_2)
 VCall(c, id, l_5, m_2)
 ActualArg($l_4, 0, s$)
 ActualArg($l_5, 0, t$)
 ActualReturn(l_4, d)
 ActualReturn(l_5, e)
 ThisVar($m_3, self$)
 LookUp(A, f, m_3)
 Alloc(b, l_6, m_3)
 HeapType(l_6, B)
 VCall(b, g, l_7, m_3)
 VCall(b, g, l_8, m_3)
 Reachable(m_3)

InterProcAssign(v, s)
 InterProcAssign(v, t)
 InterProcAssign(d, v)
 InterProcAssign(e, v)
 VarPointsTo(v, l_2)
 VarPointsTo(v, l_3)
 VarPointsTo(d, l_2)
 VarPointsTo(d, l_3)
 VarPointsTo(e, l_2)
 VarPointsTo(e, l_3)

Input and Output Relations

- Input relations

$\text{Alloc}(var : V, heap : H, inMeth : M)$

$\text{Move}(to : V, from : V)$

$\text{Load}(to : V, base : V, fld : F)$

$\text{Store}(base : V, fld : F, from : V)$

$\text{VCall}(base : V, sig : S, invo : I, inMeth : M)$

$\text{FormalArg}(meth : M, i : \mathbb{N}, arg : V)$

$\text{ActualArg}(invo : I, i : \mathbb{N}, arg : V)$

$\text{FormalReturn}(meth : M, ret : V)$

$\text{ActualReturn}(invo : I, var : V)$

$\text{ThisVar}(meth : M, this : V)$

$\text{HeapType}(heap : H, type : T)$

$\text{LookUp}(type : T, sig : S, meth : M)$

- Output relations

$\text{VarPointsTo}(var : V, heap : H)$

$\text{FldPointsTo}(baseH : H, fld : F, heap : H)$

$\text{InterProcAssign}(to : V, from : V)$

$\text{CallGraph}(invo : I, meth : M)$

$\text{Reachable}(meth : M)$

Analysis Rules

- (1) $\text{VarPointsTo}(var, heap) \leftarrow \text{Reachable}(meth), \text{Alloc}(var, heap, meth)$
- (2) $\text{VarPointsTo}(to, heap) \leftarrow$
 $\text{Move}(to, from), \text{VarPointsTo}(from, heap)$
- (3) $\text{FldPointsTo}(baseH, fld, heap) \leftarrow$
 $\text{Store}(base, fld, from), \text{VarPointsTo}(from, heap), \text{VarPointsTo}(base, baseH)$
- (4) $\text{VarPointsTo}(to, heap) \leftarrow$
 $\text{Load}(to, base, fld), \text{VarPointsTo}(base, baseH), \text{FldPointsTo}(baseH, fld, heap)$
- (5) $\text{InterProcAssign}(to, from) \leftarrow$
 $\text{CallGraph}(invo, meth), \text{FormalArg}(meth, n, to), \text{ActualArg}(invo, n, from)$
- (6) $\text{InterProcAssign}(to, from) \leftarrow$
 $\text{CallGraph}(invo, meth), \text{FormalReturn}(meth, from), \text{ActualReturn}(invo, to)$
- (7) $\text{VarPointsTo}(to, heap) \leftarrow$
 $\text{InterProcAssign}(to, from), \text{VarPointsTo}(from, heap)$

Analysis Rules

(8) $\text{Reachable}(toMeth),$

$\text{VarPointsTo}(this, heap),$

$\text{CallGraph}(invo, toMeth) \leftarrow$

$\forall \text{Call}(base, sig, invo, inMeth), \text{Reachable}(inMeth),$

$\text{VarPointsTo}(base, heap),$

$\text{HeapType}(heap, heapT), \text{LookUp}(heapT, sig, toMeth),$

$\text{ThisVar}(toMeth, this)$

- This analysis performs **on-the-fly call-graph construction.** Pointer analysis and call-graph construction are closely inter-connected in object-oriented and higher-order languages. For example, to resolve call `obj.fun()`, we need pointer analysis. To compute points-to set of `a` in `f(Object a) { ... }`, we need call-graph.

Context Sensitivity

class C:		VarPointsTo(b, \star, l_6, \star)
def id(self, v): // m1		VarPointsTo($self, l_7, l_6, \star$)
return v		VarPointsTo($self, l_8, l_6, \star$)
class B:		VarPointsTo(c, l_7, l_1, \star)
def g(self): // m2		VarPointsTo(s, l_7, l_2, \star)
c = C() // 11		VarPointsTo(t, l_7, l_3, \star)
s = D() // 12		VarPointsTo(c, l_8, l_1, \star)
t = E() // 13		VarPointsTo(s, l_8, l_2, \star)
d = c.id(s) // 14		VarPointsTo(t, l_8, l_3, \star)
e = c.id(t) // 15		VarPointsTo($self, l_4, l_1, \star$)
class A:		VarPointsTo($self, l_5, l_1, \star$)
def f(self): // m3		VarPointsTo(v, l_4, l_2, \star)
b = B() // 16		VarPointsTo(v, l_5, l_3, \star)
b.g() // 17		VarPointsTo(d, l_7, l_2, \star)
b.g() // 18		VarPointsTo(d, l_8, l_2, \star)
		VarPointsTo(e, l_7, l_3, \star)
		VarPointsTo(e, l_8, l_3, \star)
	context-insensitive	context-sensitive

Domains

- V : the set of program variables
- H : the set of allocation sites
- F : the set of field names
- M : the set of method identifiers
- S : the set of method signatures
- I : the set of instructions
- T : the set of class types
- \mathbb{N} : the set of natural numbers
- C : a set of calling contexts
- HC : a set of heap contexts

Output Relations

- The output relations are modified to add contexts:

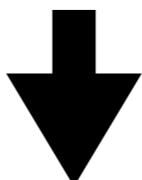
$\text{VarPointsTo}(var : V, heap : H)$

$\text{FldPointsTo}(baseH : H, fld : F, heap : H)$

$\text{InterProcAssign}(to : V, from : V)$

$\text{CallGraph}(invo : I, meth : M)$

$\text{Reachable}(meth : M)$



$\text{VarPointsTo}(var : V, ctx : C, heap : H, hctx : HC)$

$\text{FldPointsTo}(baseH : H, baseHCtx : HC, fld : F, heap : H, hctx : HC)$

$\text{InterProcAssign}(to : V, toCtx : C, from : V, fromCtx : C)$

$\text{CallGraph}(invo : I, callerCtx : C, meth : M, calleeCtx : C)$

$\text{Reachable}(meth : M, ctx : C)$

Context Constructors

- Different choices of constructors yield different context-sensitivity flavors

Record($heap : H, ctx : C$) = $newHCtx : HC$

Merge($heap : H, hctx : HC, invo : I, ctx : C$) = $newCtx : C$

- **Record** generates heap contexts
- **Merge** generates calling contexts

Analysis Rules

Record($heap, ctx$) = $hctx$,

VarPointsTo($var, ctx, heap, hctx$) \leftarrow

Reachable($meth, ctx$), Alloc($var, heap, meth$)

VarPointsTo($to, ctx, heap, hctx$) \leftarrow

Move($to, from$), **VarPointsTo**($from, ctx, heap, hctx$)

FldPointsTo($baseH, baseHCtx, fld, heap, hctx$) \leftarrow

Store($base, fld, from$), **VarPointsTo**($from, ctx, heap, hctx$),

VarPointsTo($base, ctx, baseH, baseHCtx$)

VarPointsTo($to, ctx, heap, hctx$) \leftarrow

Load($to, base, fld$), **VarPointsTo**($base, ctx, baseH, baseHCtx$),

FldPointsTo($baseH, baseHCtx, fld, heap, hctx$)

Analysis Rules

Merge($heap, hctx, invo, callerCtx$) = $calleeCtx$,
Reachable($toMeth, calleeCtx$),
VarPointsTo($this, calleeCtx, heap, hctx$),
CallGraph($invo, callerCtx, toMeth, calleeCtx$) \leftarrow
 VCall($base, sig, invo, inMeth$), **Reachable**($inMeth, callerCtx$),
 VarPointsTo($base, callerCtx, heap, hctx$),
 HeapType($heap, heapT$), **LookUp**($heapT, sig, toMeth$),
 ThisVar($toMeth, this$)

Analysis Rules

$\text{InterProcAssign}(to, calleeCtx, from, callerCtx) \leftarrow$
 $\text{CallGraph}(invo, callerCtx, meth, calleeCtx),$
 $\text{FormalArg}(meth, n, to), \text{ActualArg}(invo, n, from)$

$\text{InterProcAssign}(to, callerCtx, from, calleeCtx) \leftarrow$
 $\text{CallGraph}(invo, callerCtx, meth, calleeCtx),$
 $\text{FormalReturn}(meth, from), \text{ActualReturn}(invo, to)$

$\text{VarPointsTo}(to, toCtx, heap, hctx) \leftarrow$
 $\text{InterProcAssign}(to, toCtx, from, fromCtx),$
 $\text{VarPointsTo}(from, fromCtx, heap, hctx)$

Call-Site Sensitivity

- The best-known flavor of context sensitivity, which uses call-sites as contexts.
- A method is analyzed under the context that is a sequence of the last k call-sites
 - The current call-site of the method, the call-site of the caller method, the call-site of the caller method's caller, ..., up to a pre-defined depth (k)

Call-Site Sensitivity

- 1-call-site sensitivity with context-insensitive heap:

$$C = I, \quad HC = \{ \star \}$$

Record(*heap, ctx*) = \star

Merge(*heap, hctx, invo, ctx*) = *invo*

- 1-call-site sensitivity with context-sensitive heap:

$$C = I, \quad HC = I$$

Record(*heap, ctx*) = *ctx*

Merge(*heap, hctx, invo, ctx*) = *invo*

- 2-call-site sensitivity with 1-call-site sensitive heap:

$$C = I \times I, \quad HC = I$$

Record(*heap, ctx*) = *first(ctx)*

Merge(*heap, hctx, invo, ctx*) = *pair(invo, first(ctx))*

Object Sensitivity

- The dominant flavor of context sensitivity for object-oriented languages
- Object abstractions (i.e., allocation sites) are used as contexts, qualifying a method's local variables with the allocation site of the receiver object of the method call.

```
class A:  
    def m(self):  
        return  
  
a = A() // 11  
a.m() // 12
```

Object Sensitivity

- 1-object sensitivity with context-insensitive heap:

$$C = H, \quad HC = \{ \star \}$$

Record(*heap, ctx*) = \star

Merge(*heap, hctx, invo, ctx*) = *heap*

- 2-object sensitivity with 1-call-site sensitive heap:

$$C = H \times H, \quad HC = H$$

Record(*heap, ctx*) = *first(ctx)*

Merge(*heap, hctx, invo, ctx*) = *pair(heap, hctx)*

Example

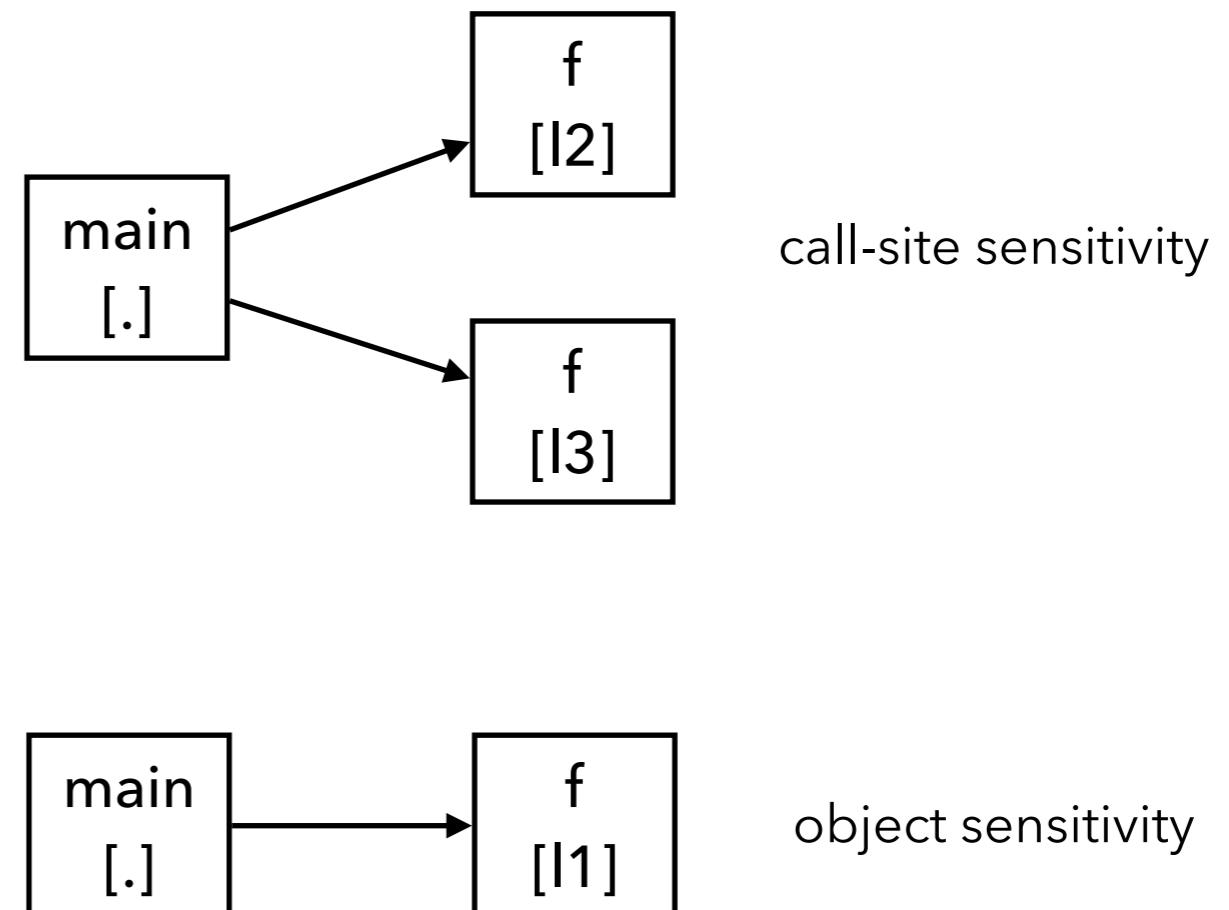
- 2-object sensitivity with 1-call-site sensitive heap:

```
class C:  
    def h(self):  
        return  
  
class B:  
    def g(self):  
        c = C()          // 13, heap objects: (13, [11]), (13, [12])  
        c.h()           // contexts: (13, 11), (13, 12)  
  
class A:  
    def f(self):  
        b1 = B()        // 11  
        b2 = B()        // 12  
        b1.g()          // context: 11  
        b2.g()          // context: 12
```

Call-site vs. Object Sensitivity

- Typical example that benefits from call-site sensitivity:

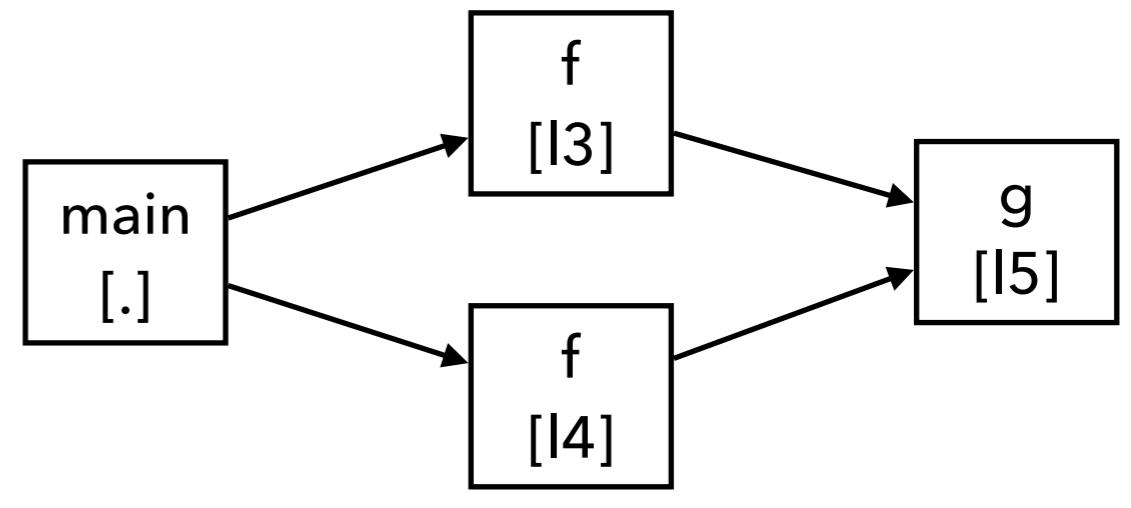
```
class A:  
    def f(self): return  
  
def main():  
    a = A()    // 11  
    a.f()      // 12  
    a.f()      // 13
```



Call-site vs. Object Sensitivity

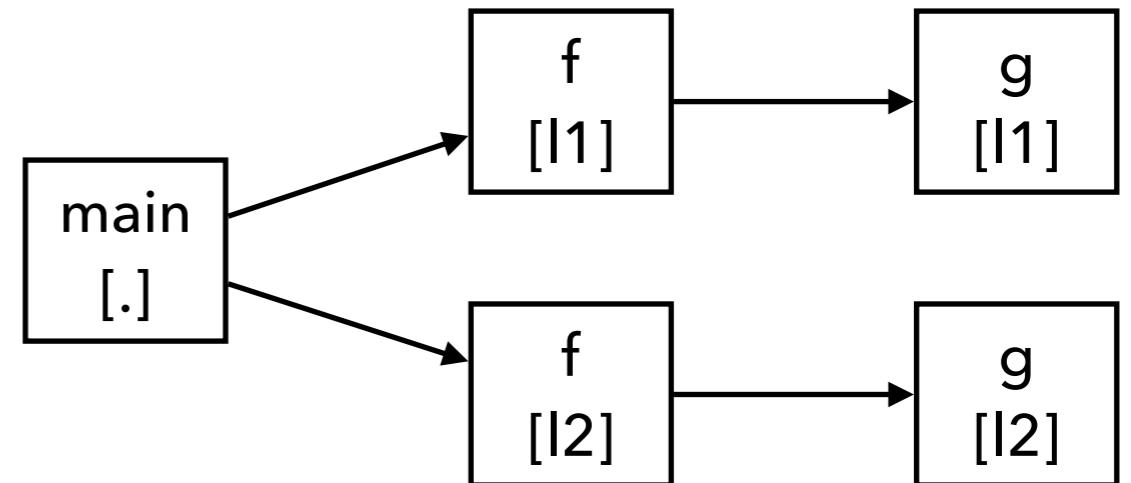
- Typical example that benefits from object sensitivity:

```
class A:  
    def g(self):  
        return  
    def f(self):  
        return self.g() // 15
```



1-call-site sensitivity

```
def main():  
    a = A() // 11  
    b = A() // 12  
    a.f() // 13  
    b.f() // 14
```



1-object sensitivity

Summary

- Static analysis examples
 - Numerical analysis: Sign, Interval, Octagon domains
 - Pointer analysis: First/Higher-order, Context sensitive
- Concepts covered
 - Abstract domain and semantics
 - Fixed point computation, acceleration, refinement
 - Analysis sensitivities: flow sensitivity, context sensitivity