

# Abstract Interpretation

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# Abstract Interpretation

- Simulate computation (of the program) on a non-standard domain

# Casting out of nine

- Detect errors in calculation of arithmetic expression (+, -, \*)
  - Calculate the remainder of sum of digits in an operand divided by 9
  - Take module 9 of each intermediate and final results
  - The result obtained as above agree with that of *normal calculation* module 9.

# Casting out of nine

## Concrete semantics

- Domain:  $\mathbb{Z}$
- $n \rightarrow N(n)$
- $+$   $\rightarrow add$
- $-$   $\rightarrow sub$
- $*$   $\rightarrow mult$

## Abstract semantics

- Domain:  $\mathbb{Z}_9 = \{0, \dots, 8\}$
- $n \rightarrow N(n) \bmod 9$
- $+$   $\rightarrow add_9$
- $-$   $\rightarrow sub_9$
- $*$   $\rightarrow mult_9$

# Casting out of nine

$$X \text{ add}_9 Y = (X \text{ add } Y) \bmod 9$$

$$X \text{ sub}_9 Y = (X \text{ sub } Y) \bmod 9$$

$$X \text{ mult}_9 Y = (X \text{ mult } Y) \bmod 9$$

$$\alpha : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_9$$

$$\alpha(0) = 0$$

$$\alpha(8) = 8$$

...

$$\alpha(9) = 0$$

$$\alpha(10a \pm b) = \alpha(a \pm b)$$

# Casting out of nine

Concrete semantics

$$[ ] : \text{Exp} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$[\mathbf{n}] = N(\mathbf{n})$$

$$[e_1 + e_2] = [e_1] \text{ add } [e_2]$$

$$[e_1 - e_2] = [e_1] \text{ sub } [e_2]$$

$$[e_1 * e_2] = [e_1] \text{ mult } [e_2]$$

Abstract semantics

$$[ ]_9 : \text{Exp} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_9$$

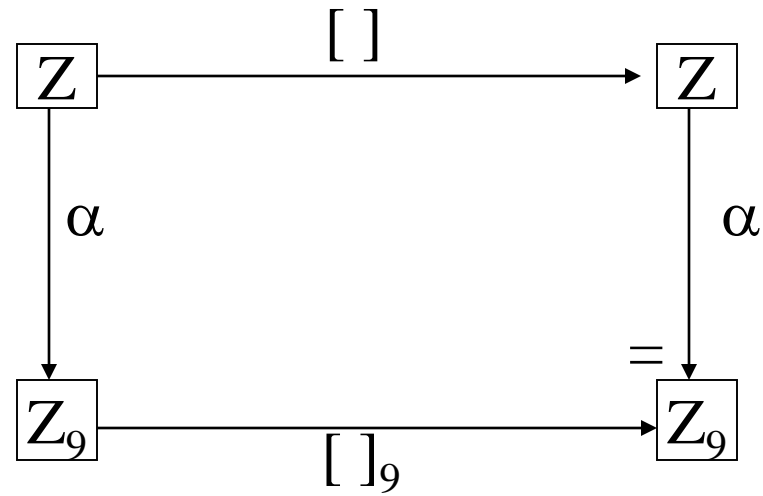
$$[\mathbf{n}]_9 = \alpha(N(\mathbf{n}))$$

$$[e_1 + e_2]_9 = [e_1]_9 \text{ add}_9 [e_2]_9$$

$$[e_1 - e_2]_9 = [e_1]_9 \text{ sub}_9 [e_2]_9$$

$$[e_1 * e_2]_9 = [e_1]_9 \text{ mult}_9 [e_2]_9$$

# Exact Abstraction



# Abstract Interpretation

Key points so far:

- There are two semantics
  - Concrete semantics models normal execution;
  - Abstract semantics gives analysis;
    - Constants in concrete domain is abstracted by constants in abstract domain
    - An n-ary operation on concrete domain is abstracted by an n-ary operation on abstract domain
  - Correctness is established with respect to a relationship between the abstract and the concrete domains.



# Parity Analysis (Jones & Nielson)

A: **while**  $n \neq 1$  **do**

    B: **if**  $n$  is even

**then** (C:  $n := n \div 2$ ; D:)

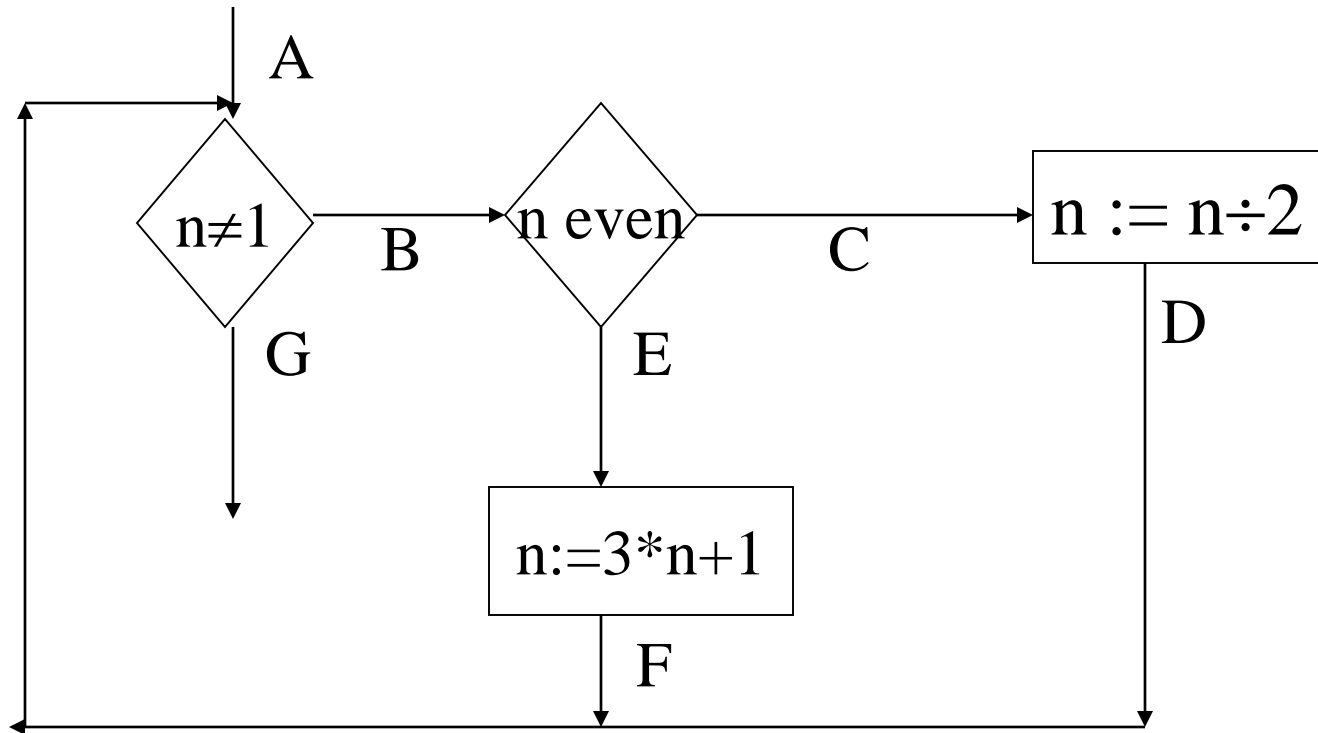
**else** (E:  $n := 3 * n + 1$ ; F:)

**fi**

**od**

G:

# Flowchart



# Operational semantics

- A *state* is a pair of program point and a *store*
- Each elementary block (test, assignment) defines a transition
  - $\text{next}_{n \neq 1}(\langle A, \{n \rightarrow 5\} \rangle) = \langle B, \{n \rightarrow 5\} \rangle$
  - $\text{next}_{n \neq 1}(\langle A, \{n \rightarrow 1\} \rangle) = \langle G, \{n \rightarrow 1\} \rangle$

# Collecting semantics

Each program point is associated with the set of stores that may be obtained during execution of the program

$$\text{acc}_p = \{ s \mid \text{next}^*(\langle p_0, s_0 \rangle) = \langle p, s \rangle \}$$

# Collecting semantics

Domain:  $(2^{\mathbb{N}}, \subseteq, \cup, \cap, \mathbb{N}, \emptyset)$

$$\text{acc}_A = S_0$$

$$\text{acc}_B = (\text{acc}_A \cup \text{acc}_D \cup \text{acc}_F) \cap (\mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\})$$

$$\text{acc}_C = \text{acc}_B \cap \{2m \mid m \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

$$\text{acc}_D = f_{n \div 2}(\text{acc}_C)$$

$$\text{acc}_E = \text{acc}_B \cap \{2m+1 \mid m \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

$$\text{acc}_F = f_{3n+1}(\text{acc}_E)$$

$$\text{acc}_G = (\text{acc}_A \cup \text{acc}_D \cup \text{acc}_F) \cap \{1\}$$

$$f_{n \div 2}(S) = \{n \div 2 \mid n \in S\}$$

$$f_{3n+1}(S) = \{3n+1 \mid n \in S\}$$

# Abstract semantics

Domain:  $\langle P, \leq, \vee, \wedge, \Delta, \nabla \rangle$  where

$$P = \{ \text{odd}, \text{even}, \Delta, \nabla \}$$

$$\Delta \leq \Delta, \Delta \leq \text{odd}, \Delta \leq \text{even}, \Delta \leq \nabla,$$

$$\text{odd} \leq \text{odd}, \text{even} \leq \text{even}$$

$$\text{odd} \leq \nabla, \text{even} \leq \nabla, \nabla \leq \nabla$$

# Abstraction

$$\alpha(S) = \begin{cases} \Delta, & \text{if } S = \{\} \\ \text{odd}, & \text{if } S \subseteq \{1, 3, \dots\} \\ \text{even}, & \text{if } S \subseteq \{0, 2, \dots\} \\ \nabla, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

# Abstract semantics

$$\text{abs}_A = \alpha(S_0)$$

$$\text{abs}_B = (\text{abs}_A \vee \text{abs}_D \vee \text{abs}_F) \wedge \alpha(\mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\})$$

$$\text{abs}_C = \text{abs}_B \wedge \alpha(\{2m \mid m \in \mathbb{N}\})$$

$$\text{abs}_D = \underline{f}_{\underline{n \div 2}}(\text{abs}_C)$$

$$\text{abs}_E = \text{abs}_B \wedge \alpha(\{2m+1 \mid m \in \mathbb{N}\})$$

$$\text{abs}_F = \underline{f}_{\underline{3n+1}}(\text{abs}_E)$$

$$\text{abs}_G = (\text{abs}_A \vee \text{abs}_D \vee \text{abs}_F) \wedge \alpha\{1\}$$



# Abstract operations

$$\underline{f}_{\underline{n \div 2}}(\text{abs}) = \text{if abs}=\Delta \text{ then } \Delta \text{ else } \nabla$$

$$\underline{f}_{\underline{3n+1}}(\text{abs}) = \Delta, \quad \text{if abs} = \Delta$$

$$\nabla, \quad \text{if abs} = \nabla$$

$$\text{even, if abs} = \text{odd}$$

$$\text{odd, if abs} = \text{even}$$

# Abstract semantics

$$\text{abs}_A = \alpha(S_0)$$

$$\text{abs}_B = (\text{abs}_A \vee \text{abs}_D \vee \text{abs}_F) \wedge \nabla$$

$$\text{abs}_C = \text{abs}_B \wedge \text{even}$$

$$\text{abs}_D = \underline{f}_{n \div 2}(\text{abs}_C)$$

$$\text{abs}_E = \text{abs}_B \wedge \text{odd}$$

$$\text{abs}_F = \underline{f}_{3n+1}(\text{abs}_E)$$

$$\text{abs}_G = (\text{abs}_A \vee \text{abs}_D \vee \text{abs}_F) \wedge \text{odd}$$

# Safety

- $\alpha$  is not homomorphic, so we could not have exact abstraction as in casting out of nine!
- Global safety:  $\alpha(\text{lfp } F_{\text{acc}}) \leq \text{lfp } F_{\text{abs}}$
- Local safety: each abstract operation safely abstracts corresponding concrete operation.
  - $\alpha(S_1 \cup S_2) \leq \alpha(S_1) \vee \alpha(S_2)$

# Galois connection

Instead of an abstraction function  $\alpha$ , another way to relate abstract and concrete domains is via a concretization function  $\gamma$  from the abstract domain to the concrete domain.

$$\gamma(\text{abs}) = \begin{cases} \{ \}, & \text{if } \text{abs} = \Delta, \\ \{2m+1 \mid m \in \mathbb{N}\}, & \text{if } \text{abs} = \text{odd}, \\ \{2m \mid m \in \mathbb{N}\}, & \text{if } \text{abs} = \text{even}, \\ \mathbb{N}, & \text{if } \text{abs} = \nabla \end{cases}$$

# Galois connection

Functions  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  satisfy:

$$S \subseteq \gamma(\alpha(S))$$

$$\alpha(\gamma(\text{abs})) \leq \text{abs}$$

This is called a Galois connection

# Galois Connection

Let  $\langle C, \leq_C \rangle$  and  $\langle A, \leq_A \rangle$  be posets. The pair  $\alpha: C \rightarrow A$  and  $\gamma: A \rightarrow C$  is a Galois *connection* iff

$$c \leq_C \gamma(\alpha(c)) \text{ for each } c \text{ in } C$$

$$\alpha(\gamma(a)) \leq_A a \text{ for each } a \text{ in } A$$

If  $\alpha(\gamma(a)) = a$  then  $(\alpha, \gamma)$  is a Galois *insertion*.

# Parity Analysis Revisited

$(\alpha, \gamma)$  is a Galois insertion:

Let  $S$  be a set of natural numbers. Then It can be easily verified that  $S \subseteq \gamma(\alpha(S))$ .

Let  $P$  be any parity. Then  $P = \alpha(\gamma(P))$  follows by simple case analysis.

# Alternative Definition

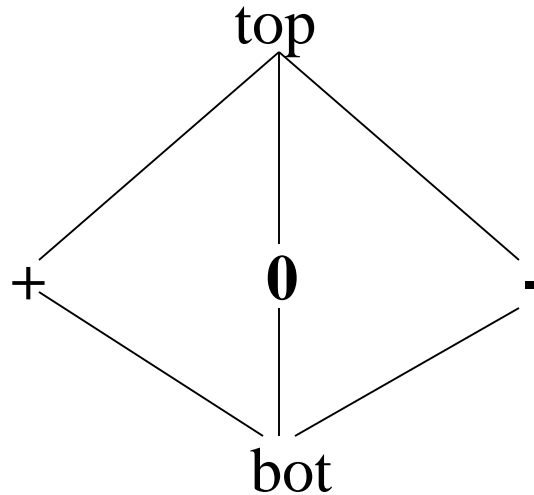
- Let  $\langle C, \leq_C \rangle$  and  $\langle A, \leq_A \rangle$  be posets. The pair  $\alpha: C \rightarrow A$  and  $\gamma: A \rightarrow C$  is a Galois *connection* iff

$$\alpha(c) \leq a \iff c \leq \gamma(a)$$



# Galois Connection for Sign Analysis

- Let  $\text{Sign} = \{ \text{top}, \text{bot}, +, \mathbf{0}, - \}$



$$\text{Values} = (2^{\mathbb{Z}}, \subseteq, \cup, \cap, \mathbb{N}, \emptyset)$$

$$\alpha_{\text{sign}}(X) = \begin{array}{ll} \text{bot}, & \text{if } X = \emptyset \\ +, & \text{if } X \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots\} \\ 0, & \text{if } X = \{0\} \\ -, & \text{if } X \subseteq \{\dots, -2, -1\} \\ \text{top}, & \text{else} \end{array}$$

$$\gamma_{\text{sign}}(S) = \begin{array}{ll} \emptyset, & \text{if } S = \text{bot} \\ \{1, 2, \dots\} & \text{if } S = + \\ \{0\} & \text{if } S = 0 \\ \{\dots, -2, -1\} & \text{if } S = - \\ \mathbb{Z} & \text{else} \end{array}$$

$(\alpha_{\text{sign}}, \gamma_{\text{sign}})$  is a Galois connection (insertion).

# Properties of Galois connections

- $\alpha\gamma\alpha = \alpha$
- $\gamma\alpha\gamma = \gamma$
- $\alpha\gamma$  is a lower closure.
- $\gamma\alpha$  is an upper closure.
- If  $\langle A, \leq_A \rangle$  is a complete lattice then  $\gamma^*(A)$  is a Moore family.
- $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  determines each other:  
$$\gamma(a) = \vee_C \{ c \mid \alpha(c) \leq_A a \}$$
$$\alpha(c) = \wedge_A \{ a \mid c \leq_C \gamma(a) \}$$
- $\alpha$  preserves l.u.b.
- $\gamma$  preserves g.l.b.
- $\alpha$  is onto iff  $\gamma$  is one-to-one (Galois insertion)
- Every Galois connection can be *reduced* into a Galois insertion.
  - Independent attribute sign analysis.

# Operational semantics - revisited

- Each elementary block is a transition function.
  - A state is a pair of a program point and a store.  
 $s = \langle p, m \rangle$  where  $p$  is a point and  $m$  is a memory store.
  - The block maps a state to another state:
    - $[x := e]$                        $\text{next}(\langle p, m \rangle) = \langle q, m[x \rightarrow A[e]m] \rangle$
    - $[\text{skip}]$                          $\text{next}(\langle p, m \rangle) = \langle q, m \rangle$
    - $[b]$                                  $\text{next}(\langle p, m \rangle) = \langle q_{\text{true}}, m \rangle$  if  $\mathbf{B}[b]m = \text{tt}$   
    $\text{next}(\langle p, m \rangle) = \langle q_{\text{false}}, m \rangle$  if  $\mathbf{B}[b]m = \text{ff}$

Note that  $p$  labels the entry of the block while  $q$  with/without subscript labels the entry of the block to be executed next.

# Properties of memory stores

- Many program analyses derive invariants of memory stores for each program point.
- An invariant is
  - a *logic formula* that is satisfied by all memory stores that may be obtained;
  - a set of memory stores that includes all memory stores that may be obtained
- These two views are both useful.

# Collecting semantics

Lifting next relation

- $[x := e]$

$$\text{Next}(\langle p, M \rangle) = \langle q, \{ m[x \rightarrow A[e]m] \mid m \in M \} \rangle$$

- $[\text{skip}]$

$$\text{Next}(\langle p, M \rangle) = \langle q, M \rangle$$

- $[b]$

$$\text{Next}(\langle p, M \rangle) = \langle q_{\text{true}}, M \cap \{ m \mid \mathbf{B}[b]m = \text{tt} \} \rangle$$

$$\text{Next}(\langle p, M \rangle) = \langle q_{\text{false}}, M \cap \{ m \mid \mathbf{B}[b]m = \text{ff} \} \rangle$$

# Collecting semantics

Collecting all states with the same points together:

$$X_q = \cup \{X \mid \text{Next}(p, X_p) = (q, X) \text{ and } p \rightarrow q\}$$

Where  $X_q$  is a set of memory stores associated with  $q$  and  $p \rightarrow q$  indicates that the block labeled  $q$  may be executed immediately after that labeled  $p$ .

# Abstract semantics

## Logical view

- $[x:=e]$

$$\text{next}(\langle p, f \rangle) = \langle q, \text{sp}(x:=e, f) \rangle$$

- $[\text{skip}]$

$$\text{next}(\langle p, f \rangle) = \langle q, f \rangle$$

- $[b]$

$$\text{next}(\langle p, f \rangle) = \langle q_{\text{true}}, f \wedge b \rangle$$

$$\text{next}(\langle p, f \rangle) = \langle q_{\text{false}}, f \wedge \neg b \rangle$$



# Abstract semantics

Group all formulae associated with the same program point:

$$f_q = \vee \{ X \mid \mathbf{next}(p, X_p) = (q, X) \text{ and } p \rightarrow q \}$$

# Abstract semantics

- Logic formulae without restrict are too general. Analysis requires restriction on logic formulae. This restriction in turn requires operations next, sp, logical connectives to be approximated.
- In a sign analysis, formulae are formed of primitive formulae (x is positive), (x is negative) together with logical connectives.
- Logic formulae are then represented in an isomorphic domain (abstract domain).

# Sign analysis

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while ①(x>0)
do
  ② x := x-1;
  ③ z := y*y
od;
  ④ z := -z
  ⑤
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A logic formula might be  
x is positive, y  
negative and z  
positive.

This can be represented  
as an abstract state:

$\{x \rightarrow +, y \rightarrow -, z \rightarrow +\}$

# Global conditions

- Both concrete and abstract semantics are least fixed points.

$$\alpha(\text{lfp } f_C) \leq_A \text{lfp } f_A$$

$$\text{lfp } f_C \leq_C \gamma(\text{lfp } f_A)$$

A sufficient (global) condition is  $f_C \leq \gamma f_A \alpha$  or equivalently  $\gamma f_C \alpha \leq f_A$ .

# Local conditions

- Often  $f_C$  and  $f_A$  are defined in the same way: an operation  $o_C$  is applied whenever  $o_A$  is applied.
- Global safety condition can be reduced into a set of local safety conditions.

# Best abstract operations/analysis

- Global --  $f_A = \gamma f_C \alpha$
- Local --  $o_A = \gamma_0 o_C \langle \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \rangle$
- Best analysis maybe un-computable.

# Independent attribute versus relational analysis

- Independent attribute – relationship between variables are not captured.
- Relational – keep track of relationship between variables using a power domain construction.
- Example  
if rand() then (x:=1;y:=1) else (x:=-1;y:=-1)

# Disjunctive completion

- Analysis precision can be improved by using a more rich domain.
- Disjunctive completion of an abstract domain allows disjunction in the concrete domain to be precisely represented as disjunction in the abstract domain.
- Example - Sign analysis



# Martelli-Montanari unification

Apply following steps until no change

- $X=X::E \rightarrow E$
- $X=t::E \rightarrow$   
if occurs( $X,t$ ) then failure else  $X=t::E[X/t]$
- $f(t_1,\dots,t_n)=X::E \rightarrow X=f(t_1,\dots,t_n)::E$
- $f(t_1,\dots,t_n)=g(s_1,\dots,s_m)::E \rightarrow$   
if  $f/n = g/m$  then  $t_1=s_1,\dots,t_n=s_n::E$  else failure

# Basic operation in LP

- Unifying an atom  $\theta(A)$  with another atom  $H$  where  $H$  and  $\theta(A)$  do not share variable.
- Equivalently, unifying  $A=H::\theta$ . In general, unifying  $E \cup \theta$

# Simple Groundness Analysis

- Derive which program variables are definitely ground. Abstract substitution is
  - a mapping from the set VI of variable of interest to domain  $\{G, \text{top}\}$  with a bot to indicate failure or
  - a subset of VI with a bot to indicate failure
  - What is Galois connection?

# Abstract unification

- Computes an output abstract substitution from a set of equations and an input abstract substitution.
- Abstract terms: terms with  $G$  as a constant

Apply following steps until no change

- $X=X::E \rightarrow E$
- $X=t::E \rightarrow$   
if occurs( $X,t$ ) then failure  
else if  $t$  is ground then  $X=\mathbf{G}::E$   
else  $X=t::E[X/t]$
- $f(t_1,\dots,t_n)=X::E \rightarrow X=f(t_1,\dots,t_n)::E$
- $f(t_1,\dots,t_n)=g(s_1,\dots,s_m)::E \rightarrow$   
if  $f/n = g/m$  then  $t_1=s_1,\dots,t_n=s_n::E$  else failure
- $\mathbf{G}=g(s_1,\dots,s_m)::E \rightarrow s_1=\mathbf{G},\dots,s_n=\mathbf{G}::E$
- $g(s_1,\dots,s_m)=\mathbf{G}::E \rightarrow s_1=\mathbf{G},\dots,s_n=\mathbf{G}::E$

Retain only equations of the form  $Y=\mathbf{G}$ .

# Example

- $X=f(a,U)$
- $Y=f(V,b)$
- $X=Y$
- $g(U,W)=g(V,h(Z))$

# Example

Given the append program

$\text{append}([], X, X).$

$\text{append}([X|U], V, [X|W]) \leftarrow \text{append}(U, V, W).$

Construct an SLD tree for the abstract query  
 $\leftarrow \text{append}(G, G, V)$  using abstract unification  
instead of concrete unification. Which  
abstract answers do you get?

# SOS

$$(\sigma, (A, G)) \xrightarrow{LD} (\theta, (B, mk(A, \sigma, H), G)) \quad \text{if} \quad \begin{array}{l} (H \leftarrow B) \in P \\ \theta = mgu(A \sigma \rho, H) \neq fail \end{array}$$

$$(\mathcal{G}, (mk(A, \sigma, H), G)) \xrightarrow{LD} (\sigma \quad mgu(A \sigma, H \mathcal{G} \rho), G)$$



# Observation

- A goal in the alternative SOS is of the form

$$(\theta_n, B_n(A_{n-1}, \theta_{n-1}, H_n) B_{n-1} (A_{n-2}, \theta_{n-2}, H_{n-1}) B_{n-2} \dots (A_1, \theta_1, H_2) B_1)$$

- The goal can be re-organized as

$$(\theta_n, B_n, H_n)(\theta_{n-1}, A_{n-1}, B_{n-1}, H_{n-1}) \dots (\theta_1, A_1, B_1, \blacklozenge)$$

where each  $B_i$  can be  $\square$  and is a suffix of a clause whose head is  $H_i$ .  $\blacklozenge$  is falsity and is the head of the query.

# SOS

$$(\sigma, (A, B'), H')S \longrightarrow (\theta, B, H)(\sigma, (A, B'), H')S \quad \text{if} \quad \begin{array}{l} (H \leftarrow B) \in P \\ \theta = \text{mgu}(A\sigma\rho, H) \neq \text{fail} \end{array}$$

$$(\mathcal{G}, \langle \rangle, H)(\sigma, (A, B'), H')S \longrightarrow (\sigma \text{ mgu}(A\sigma, H\mathcal{G}\rho), B', H')S$$

# Example

$\text{append}([], X, X).$

$\text{append}([X|U], V, [X|W]) \leftarrow \text{append}(U, V, W).$

$\leftarrow \text{append}([1,2], [a,b,c], L).$

Encapsulating procedure-entry  
and procedure-exit operations

$$\textit{unify}(a, \sigma, b, \theta) = \theta \circ \textit{mgu}(a\sigma\rho, b\theta)$$

# SOS

$$(\sigma, (A, B'), H')S \longrightarrow (\theta, B, H)(\sigma, (A, B'), H')S \quad \text{if} \quad \begin{array}{l} (H \leftarrow B) \in P \\ \theta = \text{unify}(A, \sigma, H, \{\}) \neq \text{fail} \end{array}$$

$$(\mathcal{G}, \langle \rangle, H)(\sigma, (A, B'), H')S \longrightarrow (\text{unify}(H, \mathcal{G}, A, \sigma), B', H')S$$

# Program flow graph

- Nodes are program points;
- Edge  $p \rightarrow q$  indicates that  $q$  will be possibly visited immediately after  $p$  is visited.
- Call edges – models possible procedure-entry operation
- Return edges – models possible procedure-exit operation
- Let  $p$  be a program point in a clause. Then the suffix of the body to the right of  $p$  and the head of the clause are determined.

# SOS

$$(\sigma, p)S \longrightarrow (\theta, q)(\sigma, p)S \quad \text{if} \quad \begin{array}{l} p \xrightarrow{\text{call}} q \\ \theta = \text{unify}(A(p), \sigma, H(q), \varepsilon) \neq \text{fail} \end{array}$$

$$(\sigma, p)(\omega, q-)S \longrightarrow (\theta, q)S \quad \text{if} \quad \begin{array}{l} p \xrightarrow{\text{return}} q \\ \theta = \text{unify}(H(p), \sigma, A(q-), \omega) \neq \text{fail} \end{array}$$

# Accumulating substitutions

$$\text{cunify}(a, \Theta, b, \Omega) = \{\text{unify}(a, \theta, b, \omega) \mid \theta \in \Theta \wedge \omega \in \Omega\} \setminus \{\text{fail}\}$$

$$(\Sigma, p)S \longrightarrow (\Theta, q)(\Sigma, p)S \quad \text{if} \quad \begin{array}{l} p \xrightarrow{\text{call}} q \\ \Theta = \text{cunify}(A(p), \Sigma, H(q), \{\varepsilon\}) \end{array}$$

$$(\Sigma, p)(\Omega, q-)S \longrightarrow (\Theta, q)S \quad \text{if} \quad \begin{array}{l} p \xrightarrow{\text{return}} q \\ \Theta = \text{cunify}(H(p), \Sigma, A(q-), \Omega) \end{array}$$



# Nilsson's Collecting semantics

Initial point:  $X_1 = \Theta_1$

For entry points:

$$X_q = \bigcup \{ \text{cunify}(A(p), X_p, H(q), \{\varepsilon\}) \mid p \xrightarrow{\text{call}} q \}$$

For other points:

$$X_q = \bigcup \{ \text{cunify}(H(p), X_p, A(q-), X_{q-}) \mid p \xrightarrow{\text{return}} q \}$$

# Nilsson's Abstract semantics

- Concrete interpretation:  $\langle 2^{Sub}, \subseteq, \emptyset, \cup, cunify, \{\varepsilon\} \rangle$
- Abstract interpretation:  $\langle ASub, \leq, \perp, \vee, aunify, id \rangle$
- Galois connection:  $\langle 2^{Sub}, \alpha, ASub, \gamma \rangle$

# Nilsson's Abstract semantics

Initial point:  $\mathbf{X}_l = \pi_l$

For entry points:

$$X_q = \bigvee \{ \text{aunify}(A(p), X_p, H(q), id) \mid p \xrightarrow{\text{call}} q \}$$

For other points:

$$X_q = \bigvee \{ \text{aunify}(H(p), X_p, A(q-), X_{q-}) \mid p \xrightarrow{\text{return}} q \}$$

# Local Safety Conditions

- $\varepsilon \in \gamma(\text{id})$
- $\text{cunify}(a_1, \gamma(\pi_1), a_2, \gamma(\pi_2)) \subseteq \gamma(\text{aunify}(a_1, \pi_1, a_2, \pi_2))$   
for any atoms  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  and any abstract  
substitutions  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$

# Groundness Analysis

- A variable  $x$  is ground in a substitution  $\sigma$  iff  $x\sigma$  contains no variable. Let  $\text{vars}(t)$  be the set of variables occurring in  $t$ . Then  $x$  is ground in  $\sigma$  iff  $\text{vars}(x\sigma) = \{ \}$
- Groundness analysis aims to identify which variables are *definitely* ground at a given program point.

# Abstract domain

To describe a set of substitutions by

- a function from variables of interest to  $\{\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{a}\}$  ordered  $\mathbf{g} \leq \mathbf{a}$  augmented with a bottom  $\perp$
- Abstract domain  $\text{ASub} = (\text{VI} \rightarrow \{\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{a}\})_{\perp}$   
 $\perp \leq \pi$  for any  $\pi$  in  $\text{ASub}$   
 $\pi_1 \leq \pi_2$  iff  $\pi_1(x) \leq \pi_2(x)$  for any  $x$  in  $\text{VI}$

$$\gamma(\perp) = \{\}$$

$$\gamma(\pi) = \{\theta \mid \forall x \in \text{VI}. (\pi(x) = \mathbf{g} \Rightarrow \text{vars}(x\theta) = \{\})\}$$

# Abstract domain

To describe a set of substitutions by

- a subset of the set variables of interest augmented with a bottom  $\perp$
- Abstract domain  $\text{ASub} = 2^{\text{VI}}_{\perp}$   
 $\perp \leq \pi$  for any  $\pi$  in  $\text{ASub}$   
 $\pi_1 \leq \pi_2$  iff  $\pi_1 \supseteq \pi_2$

$$\gamma(\perp) = \{\}$$

$$\gamma(\pi) = \{\theta \mid \forall x \in \text{VI}. (x \in \pi \Rightarrow \text{vars}(x\theta) = \{\})\}$$

# Abstract operations

- $\text{id} = \{ \}$
- $\text{aunify}(a, \pi_1, b, \pi_2) =$   
    *let*  $\psi$  be a tagging substitution *in*  
    *let*  $E = \text{mgu}(a\psi, b)$  *in*  
    if  $E = \text{fail}$  then  $\perp$   
    else  $\text{up}(E, \text{down}(E, \pi_1\psi \cup \pi_2)) \cap \text{VI}$   
 $\text{up}(E, \pi) = \pi \cup \{ x \mid ((x \rightarrow t) \in E) \text{ and } (\text{vars}(t) \subseteq \pi) \}$   
 $\text{down}(E, \pi) = \pi \cup \{ y \mid ((x \rightarrow t) \in E) \text{ and } (x \in \pi) \text{ and } (y \in \text{vars}(t)) \}$



append([ ], X, X).

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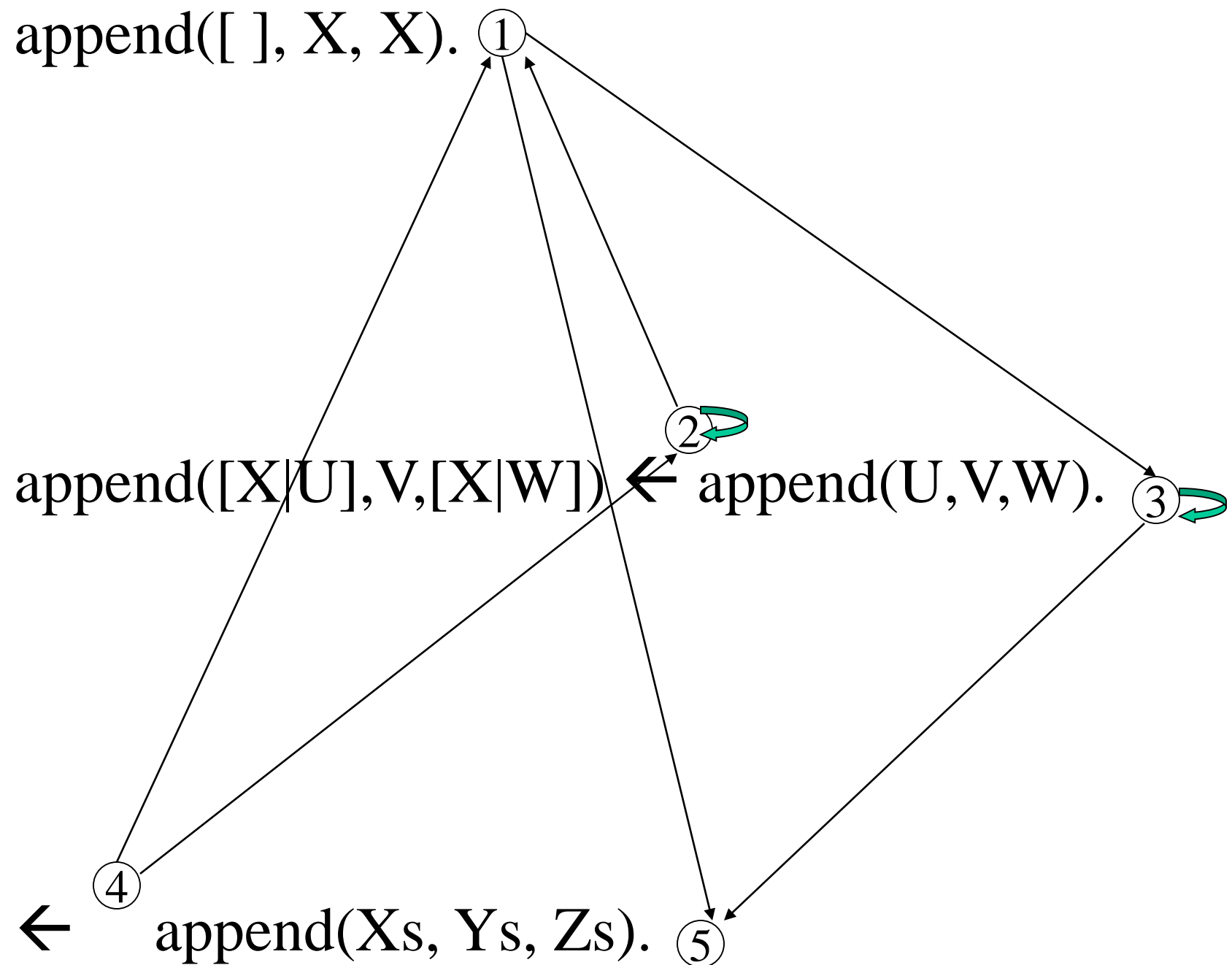
append([X|U], V, [X|W]) ← append(U, V, W).

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← append(Xs, Ys, Zs).

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$a = \text{append}([], X, X)$

$b = \text{append}([X|U], V, X|W]$

$c = \text{append}(U, V, W)$

$d = \text{append}(Xs, Ys, Zs)$

- $X_1 = \text{aunify}(d, X_4, a, \text{id}) \vee \text{aunify}(c, X_2, a, \text{id})$
- $X_2 = \text{aunify}(d, X_4, b, \text{id}) \vee \text{aunify}(c, X_2, b, \text{id})$
- $X_3 = \text{aunify}(a, X_1, c, X_2) \vee \text{aunify}(b, X_2, c, X_2)$
- $X_4 = \pi_4$
- $X_5 = \text{aunify}(a, X_1, d, X_4) \vee \text{aunify}(b, X_2, d, X_4)$
- Compute lfp using  $\pi_4 = \{Xs, Ys\}$

# *Positive* Boolean Formulae

- This domain consists of positive Boolean functions over  $VI$  – that returns true when all arguments are true augmented with *ff*.
- A truth assignment is a model of a Boolean function if the Boolean function is true when arguments are given the true assignment.
- Let  $\text{assign}: \text{Sub} \rightarrow VI \rightarrow \{tt, ff\}$   
assign  $\sigma$   $x = tt$  iff  $\text{vars}(x\sigma) = \{ \}$
- Galois Connection:
  - $\gamma_{\text{Pos}}(f) = \{ \sigma \mid \text{assign } \sigma \models f \text{ for each } \sigma' \leq \sigma \}$
  - $\alpha_{\text{Pos}}$

# Abstract operations

- $\text{id} = \textit{tt}$
- $\text{aunify}(a, \pi_1, b, \pi_2) =$   
    *let*  $\psi$  be a tagging substitution *in*  
    *let*  $E = \text{mgu}(a\psi, b)$  *in*  
    if  $E = \text{fail}$  then *ff*  
    else  $\exists \psi(VI). (\alpha_{\text{Pos}}(\{E\}) \wedge \pi_1\psi \wedge \pi_2)$
- Let  $\pi_4 = \textit{tt}$ . Do the analysis using Pos.

# OLDT

- OLDT is OLD with tabling. OLD is same as SLD except computational rule always select atom among those that are introduced most recently.
- LD is an OLD.
- T means tabling or memoization: remember all computations and complete duplicate computations by look-up.

# Tabling

- Tabling has been known to computer scientists long time ago and has been incorporated into algorithms.
- There are programming language systems that implement tabling – XSB Prolog

# Tabling

```
long fib(long n)
{
    if ( n==0 || n==1 )
        then return 1;
    else return fib(n-1) + fib(n-2);
}
```

Try fib(4)

# OLDT

## An OLDT structure

- Tree
  - Each node is labeled with a pair of a goal and a substitution
  - Each edge is labeled with a substitution.
  - Look-up nodes (processed by table look-up)
  - Solution nodes (processed as in a SLD tree)
  - Failure nodes
- Table
  - An entry has a key (an atom) and a solution list (instances of the atom)
- Association
  - pointers from look-up nodes to solution lists



# Initial OLDT structure

For query  $(G, \sigma)$  and program  $P$ ;

- Tree – single node labeled with  $(G, \sigma)$
- Table – empty
- Association – empty

# OLDT Resolution

Repeat

- Process a leaf node with non-empty goal
- Process a look-up node

Until no change to the OLD T structure

# Process a leaf node $((A,G),\sigma)$

Case --  $A\sigma$  is an variant of a key in the table

- Mark the leaf a look-up node
- Create a child node  $(G, \sigma\theta)$  for  $((A,G),\sigma)$  (no longer a leaf) for each  $A\sigma\theta$  in the solution list for the key and label the edge  $\theta$
- make a pointer from  $((A,G),\sigma)$  to the tail of the solution list

# Process a leaf node $((A,G),\sigma)$

Case --  $A\sigma$  is not an variant of any key in the table

- Mark the leaf a solution node
- Add to the table an entry with key  $A\sigma$  and empty solution list
- For each clause (renamed)  $H \leftarrow B$  such that  $\theta = \text{mgu}(H, A\sigma) \neq \text{fail}$ 
  - Create a child node  $((B,G), \sigma\theta)$  for  $((A,G),\sigma)$  and label the edge  $\theta$
  - If  $B$  is empty then sub-refutations for several atomic calls have been finished, solution lists of these calls must be updated.
- If there is no such clause, create a child node labeled failure for  $((A,G),\sigma)$

# Updating solution lists

- Let  $A\sigma$  be an atom completed by a unit clause and  $\theta_1 \dots \theta_k$  be substitutions that label edges from the node in which  $A\sigma$  is located to the node that is created after the unit clause is applied. Then  $A\sigma\theta_1 \dots \theta_k$  is added to the rear of the solution list for  $A\sigma$ .

# Process a look-up node $((A,G),\sigma)$

If the pointer for the look-up node points to middle of the solution list for a key

- Add a child node  $(G, \sigma\theta)$  for  $((A,G),\sigma)$  for each  $A\sigma\theta$  at or after the pointed position in the solution list for the key and label the edge  $\theta$
- position the pointer to the tail of the solution list

# Example

$\text{arc}(a,b).$

$\text{arc}(b,c).$

$\text{arc}(c,a).$

$\text{path}(X,Y) \leftarrow \text{arc}(X,Y).$

$\text{path}(X,Z) \leftarrow \text{arc}(X,Y), \text{path}(Y,Z).$

# Abstract OLDT

- Substitution  $\rightarrow$  abstract substitution/concrete substitution
- Key  $\rightarrow$  a pair of an atom and an abstract substitution (restricted to variables in the atom)
- Solution  $\rightarrow$  a pair of an atom and an abstract substitution (restricted to variables in the atom)
- Unification  $\rightarrow$  abstract unification
- Composition  $\rightarrow$  abstract composition



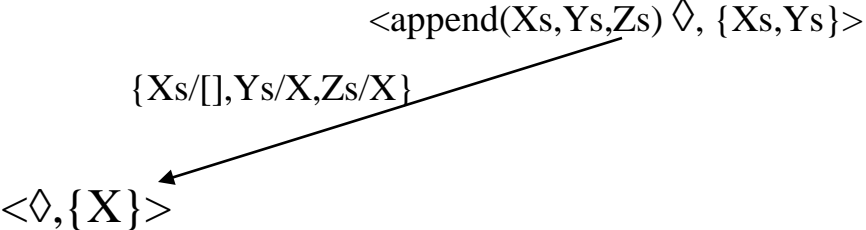
# Example

$\text{append}([], X, X).$

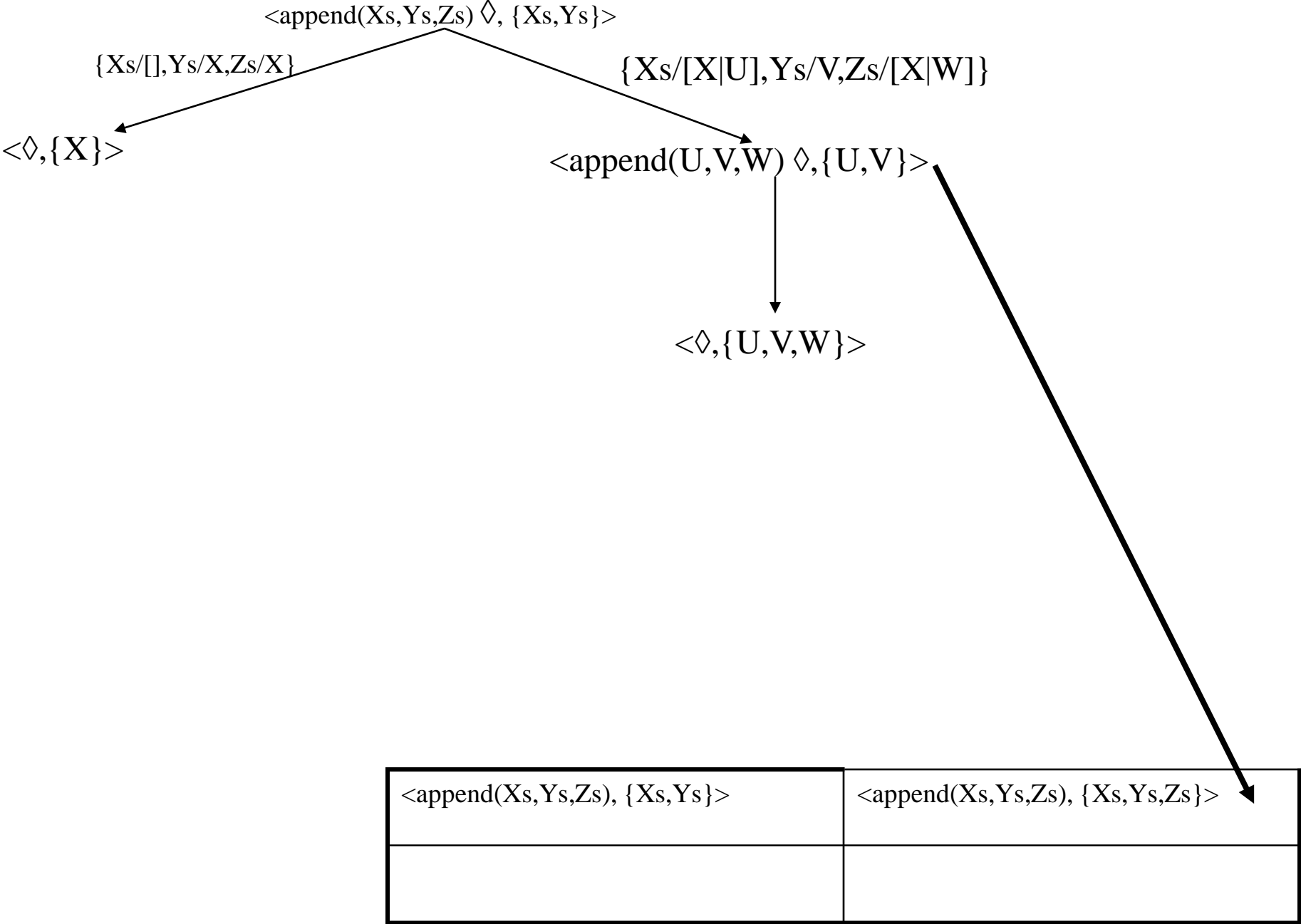
$\text{append}([X|U], V, [X|W]) \leftarrow \text{append}(U, V, W).$

$\leftarrow \text{append}(Xs, Ys, Zs).$

$\langle \text{append}(Xs, Ys, Zs), \{Xs, Ys\} \rangle$

$\langle \text{append}(X_s, Y_s, Z_s), \{X_s, Y_s\} \rangle$	$\langle \text{append}(X_s, Y_s, Z_s), \{X_s, Y_s, Z_s\} \rangle$



# Top-down/bottom-up analysis

- Top-down analysis emulates a top-down execution mechanism, like OLDT or SLD.
- Bottom-up analysis emulates a bottom-up execution mechanism such as  $T_p$ .

# Abstract Compilation

- Apply abstraction to clauses to obtain an abstract program
- Apply  $T_P$  to compute success set of the abstract program

# Normalized programs

$\text{append}([], Ys, Ys).$

$\text{append}([X|Us], Vs, [X|Ws]) \leftarrow$   
 $\text{append}(Us, Vs, Ws).$

$\text{append}(Xs, Ys, Zs) \leftarrow Xs = [], Ys = Zs.$

$\text{append}(Xs, Ys, Zs) \leftarrow$   
 $Xs = [X|Us], Zs = [X|Ws],$   
 $\text{append}(Us, Ys, Ws).$

# Abstraction $\alpha_{\text{Pos}}$

$\text{append}(X_s, Y_s, Z_s) \leftarrow$

$X_s = [ ],$

$Y_s = Z_s.$

$\text{append}(X_s, Y_s, Z_s) \leftarrow$

$X_s = [X|U_s],$

$Z_s = [X|W_s],$

$\text{append}(U_s, Y_s, W_s).$

$\text{append}(X_s, Y_s, Z_s) \leftarrow$

$X_s \wedge (Y_s \leftrightarrow Z_s).$

$\text{append}(X_s, Y_s, Z_s) \leftarrow$

$\exists \{X, U_s, W_s\}.$

$X_s \leftrightarrow X \wedge U_s \wedge$

$Z_s \leftrightarrow X \wedge W_s \wedge$

$\text{append}(U_s, Y_s, W_s).$



# Abstract atoms

An abstract atom has the following form:

$$p(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \leftarrow f(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$$

where  $p$  is a predicate of arity  $n$ .

# Success set

$$\mathit{append}(Xs, Ys, Zs) \leftarrow Xs \wedge (Ys \leftrightarrow Zs)$$

$$\mathit{append}(Xs, Ys, Zs) \leftarrow$$

$$\exists \{X, Us, Ws\}.$$

$$Xs \leftrightarrow X \wedge Us \wedge$$

$$Zs \leftrightarrow X \wedge Ws \wedge$$

$$Us \wedge (Ys \leftrightarrow Ws)$$

$$\mathit{append}(Xs, Ys, Zs) \leftarrow (Xs \wedge Ys \leftrightarrow Zs)$$

# Quicksort

$qs(Xs, Ys) \leftarrow$

$Xs=[], Ys=[].$

$qs(Xs, Ys) \leftarrow$

$Xs=[X|Xs1],$

$pt(X, Xs1, Ls, Bs),$

$qs(Ls, Ls1),$

$qs(Bs, Bs1),$

$Bs2=[X|Bs1],$

$append(Ls1, Bs2, Ys).$

$pt(X, Xs, Ls, Bs) \leftarrow$

$Xs=[], Ls=[], Bs=[].$

$pt(X, Xs, Ls, Bs) \leftarrow$

$Xs=[X1|Xs1],$

$X < X1,$

$pt(X, Xs1, Ls, Bs1),$

$Bs = [X1|Bs1].$

$pt(X, Xs, Ls, Bs) \leftarrow$

$Xs=[X1|Xs1],$

$X \geq X1,$

$pt(X, Xs1, Ls1, Bs),$

$Ls = [X1|Ls1].$

# Abstraction of Quicksort

$qs(Xs, Ys) \leftarrow$

$Xs \wedge Ys$

$qs(Xs, Ys) \leftarrow$

$\exists \{X, Xs1, Ls, Bs, Ls1, Bs1, Bs2\}.$

$Xs \leftrightarrow X \wedge Xs1 \wedge$

$pt(X, Xs1, Ls, Bs) \wedge$

$qs(Ls, Ls1) \wedge$

$qs(Bs, Bs1) \wedge$

$Bs2 \leftrightarrow X \wedge Bs1 \wedge$

$append(Ls1, Bs2, Ys)$

$pt(X, Xs, Ls, Bs) \leftarrow$

$Xs \wedge Ls \wedge Bs$

$pt(X, Xs, Ls, Bs) \leftarrow$

$\exists \{X1, Xs1, Ls, Bs1\}.$

$(Xs \leftrightarrow X1 \wedge Xs1) \wedge$

$X \wedge X1 \wedge$

$pt(X, Xs1, Ls, Bs1) \wedge$

$Bs \leftrightarrow X \wedge Bs1$

$pt(X, Xs, Ls, Bs) \leftarrow$

$\exists \{X1, Xs1, Ls1\}.$

$(Xs \leftrightarrow X1 \wedge Xs1) \wedge$

$X \wedge X1 \wedge$

$pt(X, Xs1, Ls1, Bs),$

$Ls \leftrightarrow X1 \wedge Ls1$

# Simplifying Abstract Quicksort

$qs(Xs, Ys) \leftarrow$

$Xs \wedge Ys$

$qs(Xs, Ys) \leftarrow$

$\exists \{X, Xs1, Ls, Bs, Ls1, Bs1, Bs2\}.$

$Xs \leftrightarrow X \wedge Xs1 \wedge$

$pt(X, Xs1, Ls, Bs) \wedge$

$qs(Ls, Ls1) \wedge$

$qs(Bs, Bs1) \wedge$

$Bs2 \leftrightarrow X \wedge Bs1 \wedge$

$append(Ls1, Bs2, Ys)$

$pt(X, Xs, Ls, Bs) \leftarrow$

$Xs \wedge Ls \wedge Bs$

$pt(X, Xs, Ls, Bs) \leftarrow$

$\exists \{Xs1, Ls, Bs1\}.$

$(Xs \leftrightarrow Xs1) \wedge$

$X \wedge$

$pt(X, Xs1, Ls, Bs1) \wedge$

$Bs \leftrightarrow Bs1$

$pt(X, Xs, Ls, Bs) \leftarrow$

$\exists \{Xs1, Ls, Ls1\}.$

$(Xs \leftrightarrow Xs1) \wedge$

$X \wedge$

$pt(X, Xs1, Ls1, Bs),$

$Ls \leftrightarrow Ls1$