

# Constant Propagation

Domain:  $V \times D$  where  $V = \text{"set of all variables"}$   
 and  $D = \text{"set of all possible values"}$  (e.g.  $\mathbb{Z}$  if variables are all of integer type)

Direction: Forward  
 Meet Operator:  $\cap$   

$$\begin{cases} out[b] = f_b(in[b]) \\ in[b] = \bigcap_{p \in pred(b)} out[p] \end{cases}$$

Transfer Function:  $f_b(x) = Gen[b] \cup (x \setminus Kill[b])$   
 Boundary Condition:  $out[entry] = \emptyset$   
 Initial interior points:  $out[b] = U$

For each instruction  $i$  of the form

$lhs \leftarrow g(op_1, op_2, \dots, op_n)$  where  $g: (V \cup D)^n \rightarrow D, n \in \mathbb{N}$

we have

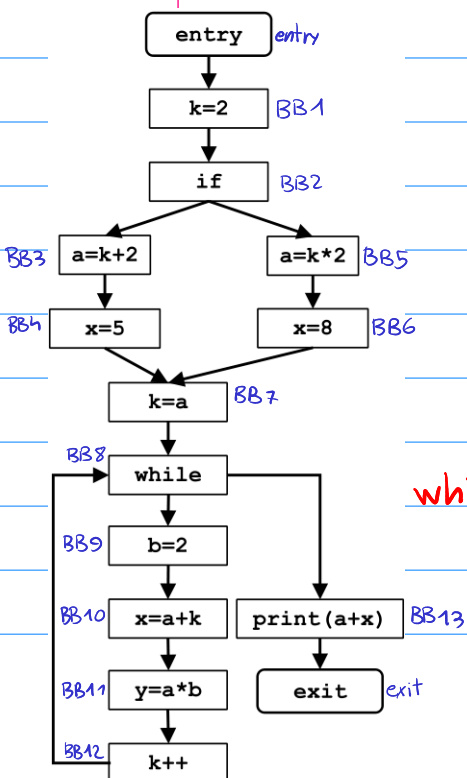
$Kill[i] = \{(var, val) \in in[i] \mid var = lhs\}$

"any known value for variable lhs"

and

$Gen[i] = \begin{cases} \{(lhs, f(op_1, op_2, \dots, op_n))\} & \text{if } \forall j=1..n, \text{ either } op_j \in D \\ & \text{or } \exists (var, val) \in in[i] \mid op_j = var \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

"every operand is either a literal or a variable with known constant value"



while

b	Iteration 1		Iteration 2		Iteration 3
	IN[b]	OUT[b]	IN[b]	OUT[b]	
entry		$\emptyset$		$\emptyset$	Unchanged
1	$\emptyset$	k=2	$\emptyset$	k=2	
2	k=2	k=2	k=2	k=2	
3	k=2	a=4, k=2	k=2	a=4, k=2	
4	a=4, k=2	a=4, k=2, x=5	a=4, k=2	a=4, k=2, x=5	
5	k=2	a=4, k=2	k=2	a=4, k=2	
6	a=4, k=2	a=4, k=2, x=8	a=4, k=2	a=4, k=2, x=8	
7	a=4, k=2	a=4, k=4	a=4, k=4	a=4, k=4	
8	a=4, k=4	a=4, k=4	a=4	a=4	
9	a=4, k=4	a=4, k=4, b=2	a=4	a=4, b=2	
10	a=4, k=4, b=2	a=4, k=4, b=2, x=8	a=4, b=2	a=4, b=2	
11	a=4, k=4, b=2, x=8	a=4, k=4, b=2, x=8, y=8	a=4, b=2	a=4, b=2, y=8	
12	a=4, k=4, b=2, x=8, y=8	a=4, k=5, b=2, x=8, y=8	a=4, b=2, y=8	a=4, b=2, y=8	
13	a=4, k=4	a=4, k=4	a=4	a=4	
exit	a=4, k=4		a=4		