



INTER-PROCEDURAL DATA FLOW ANALYSIS IN LLVM USING VALUE CONTEXTS



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What has been implemented

- ❖ A general forward intra/interprocedural framework
- ❖ Currently available analyses:
 - Sign Analysis
 - Copy Constant Propagation
 - Problems with pass execution
- ❖ Can be extended to other analyses:
 - Heap reference analysis
 - Points-to analysis
 - ...and much more

What have you implemented?



Flow of Control

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Algorithm

Sign Analysis: An example

Files in our Framework

Workflow

Demo

Test Results for Sign Analysis

Future Work

Don't bore us with
a lot of theory
though!





Introduction - What is IPA?

- ❖ Interprocedural analysis spans across procedures and incorporates the effects of procedure calls in the caller procedures and calling contexts in the callee procedures.
- ❖ Two approaches
 - **Functional** - Construct summary flow functions for each procedure.
 - Graph Reachability : special case
 - **Call-Strings** - Remember unfinished calls as strings of procedure names.



How Precise?



Only valid paths should be covered.

01 Flow sensitivity

- Whether or not an analysis takes order of code into account.
- Considers **intraprocedurally** valid paths

Context sensitivity

02

- Considers the calling context when analyzing the target of a function call.
- Considers **interprocedurally** valid paths

For maximum statically attainable precision , analysis must be both flow and context sensitive.



Project Objective

Implement a framework in LLVM to perform a fully context-sensitive forward IPA that uses value context, context <methodName, entryValue> for analysis.

What's a value
context?



Value Context

Use data flow values as context of analysis (to avoid reanalysis of procedure bodies). *entryValue* is the dataflow value at entry of procedure.



Value Context

- $X = \langle \text{method}, \text{entryValue} \rangle$
- $\text{exitValue}(X)$
- Data Flow Analysis is performed using traditional work-list method
- Work-list contains $\langle \text{context}, \text{node} \rangle$ pairs
- Call-sites: Find value context $X = \langle \text{method}, \text{entryValue} \rangle$
 - Found: Re-use $\text{exitValue}(X)$
 - Not found: Create new X and add all nodes to work-list
 - Record transition from this call-site to X
- Exit-sites: Set $\text{exitValue}(X)$ and add callers to work-list



Value Context (continued)

Context<M,N,A>: A value-based context for a context-sensitive inter-procedural data flow analysis.

Type Parameters:

M - the type of a method

N - the type of a node in the CFG

A - the type of a data flow value



Assumptions

- Lattice should be finite.
 - Flow functions are monotonic.
 - Lattice may or may not be distributive.
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The Approach

So your
framework
utilizes best of
both worlds?
Nice!



- Tabulation method of **functional approach**- Enumeration of functions as $\langle \text{input}, \text{output} \rangle$ pairs.
- Value based termination of **call-strings approach** - Use data flow values to restrict the explosion of call strings.
- If two or more calls to a procedure P have same dataflow value at entry of P , then all calls will have same value at exit of P .

Implementation

Finally!





Global Data Structures

- ❖ map <M, List<Context>> contexts: set of all created contexts for a method M.
- ❖ Map <CallSite, map <M, Context>> transitions: map from call-sites to contexts, parameterised by the called method M.
- ❖ list <pair<Context, list<<N>>> worklist: CFG nodes parameterized with contexts that still need to be processed.



Algorithm

-procedure **INITCONTEXT(X)**:

-ADD(contexts,X)

- Set ExitValue(X) <- T

- for all nodes n in the body of METHOD(X) do:

- ADD(worklist, <X, n>)

- Set IN(X, n) <- T and OUT(X, n) <- T

- Set IN(X, ENTRYNODE(m)) <- ENTRYVALUE(X)

-procedure **DOANALYSIS**:

- INITCONTEXT(<main,BI>)

- while ! worklist. empty() do:

- <X, n> <- REMOVENEXT(worklist)



Algorithm (Contd.)

- if n is not the entry node then:

 - $IN(n) \leftarrow \sqcap_{p \in pred(n)} OUT(p)$

 - $a \leftarrow IN(X, n)$

 - **if** n contains a method call then:

 - $m \leftarrow TARGETMETHOD(n)$

 - $x \leftarrow CALLENTRYFLOWFUNCTION(X, m, n, a)$

 - $X' \leftarrow \langle m, x \rangle$

 - Add transition $(X' \leftarrow \langle X, n \rangle)$

 - if** $X' \in contexts$:

 - $y \leftarrow EXITVALUE(X')$

 - $b1 \leftarrow CALLEXITFLOWFUNCTION(X, m, n, y)$



Algorithm (Contd.)

- $b2 \leftarrow \text{CALLLOCALFLOWFUNCTION}(X, n, a)$

- $\text{OUT}(X, n) \leftarrow b1 \sqcap b2$

- else:**

- $\text{INITCONTEXT}(X')$

- else:**

- $\text{OUT}(X, n) \leftarrow \text{NORMALFLOWFUNCTION}(X, n, a)$

- if $\text{OUT}(X, n)$ has changed :

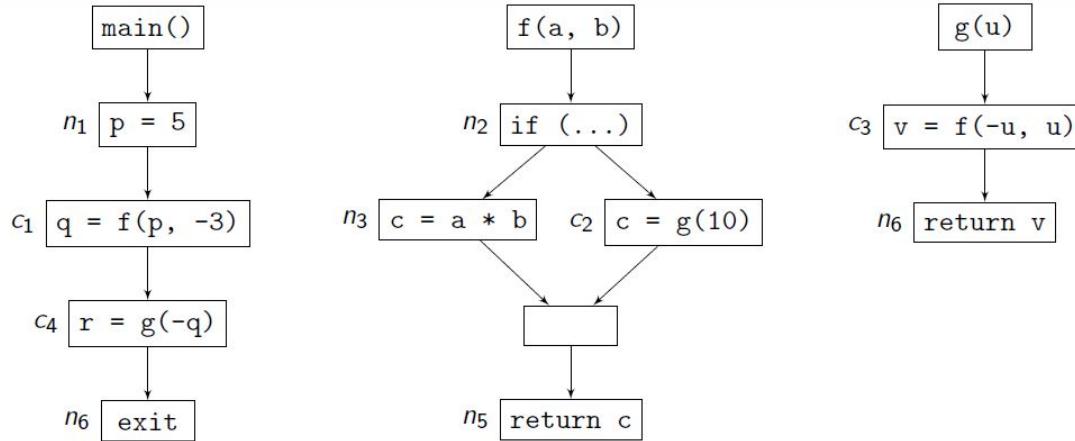
- add $\text{succ}(n)$ to $\text{worklist}[X]$

- if n is the exit node then:

- $\text{EXITVALUE}(X) \leftarrow \text{OUT}(X, n)$

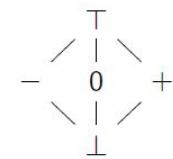
- $\text{ADD}(\text{worklist}, \langle X', c \rangle) \quad \forall \langle X', c \rangle \in \text{transition}[X]$

Sign analysis : An example

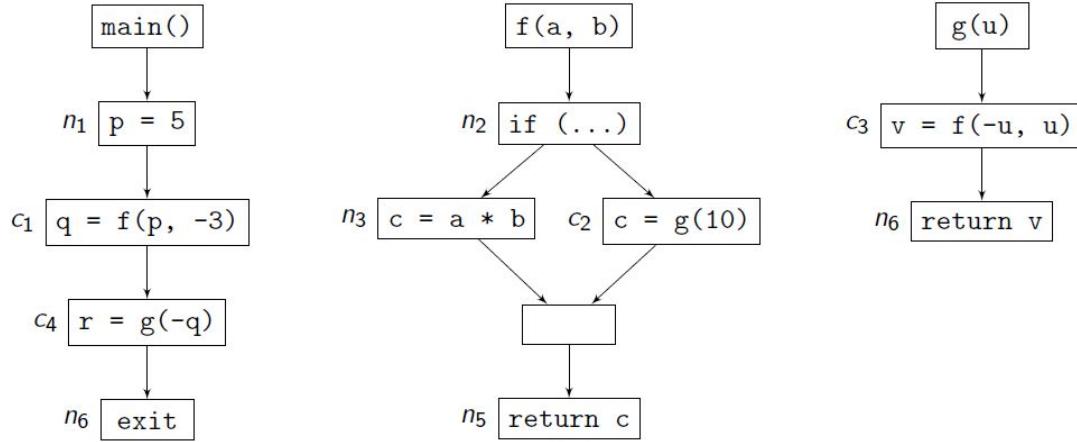


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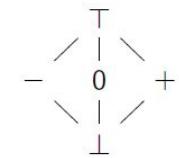


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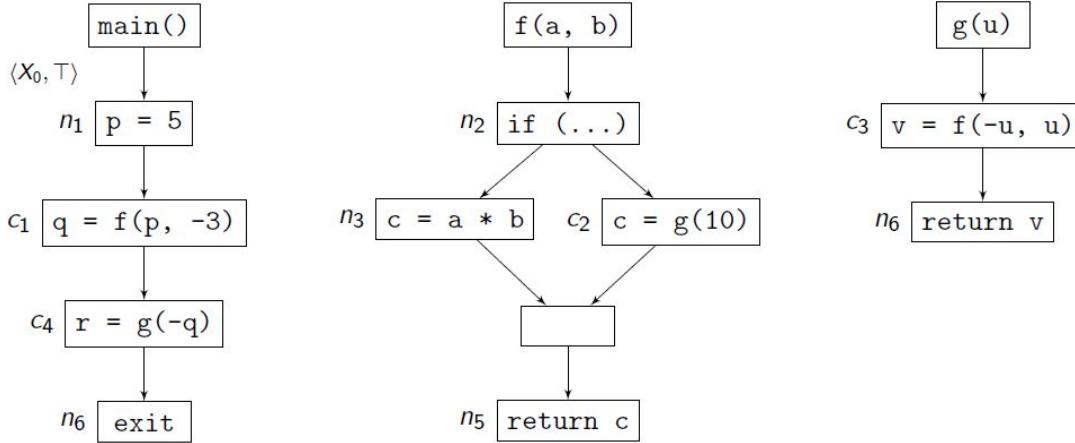


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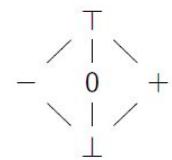


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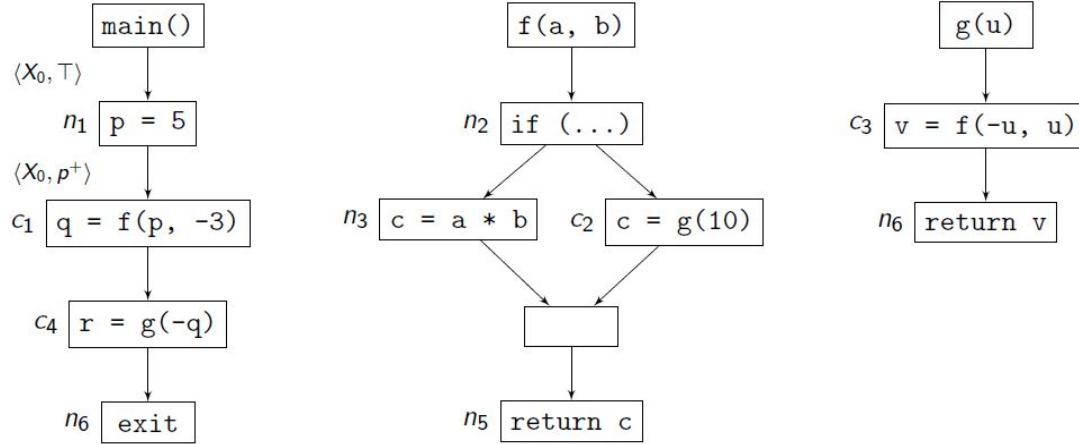


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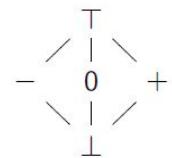


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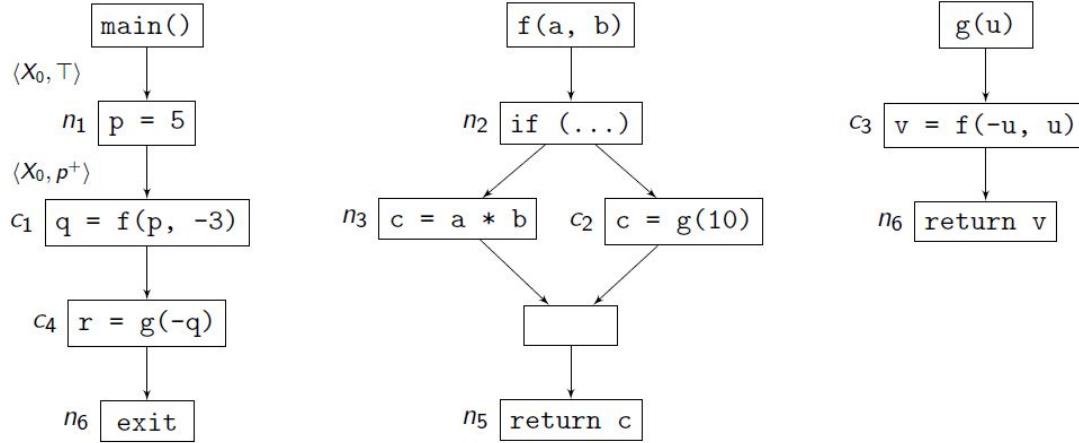


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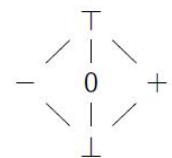


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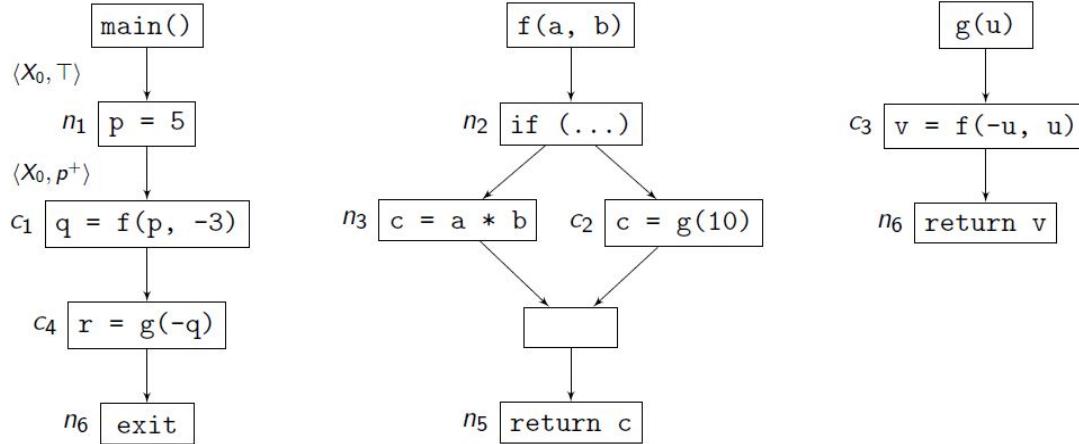


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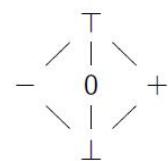


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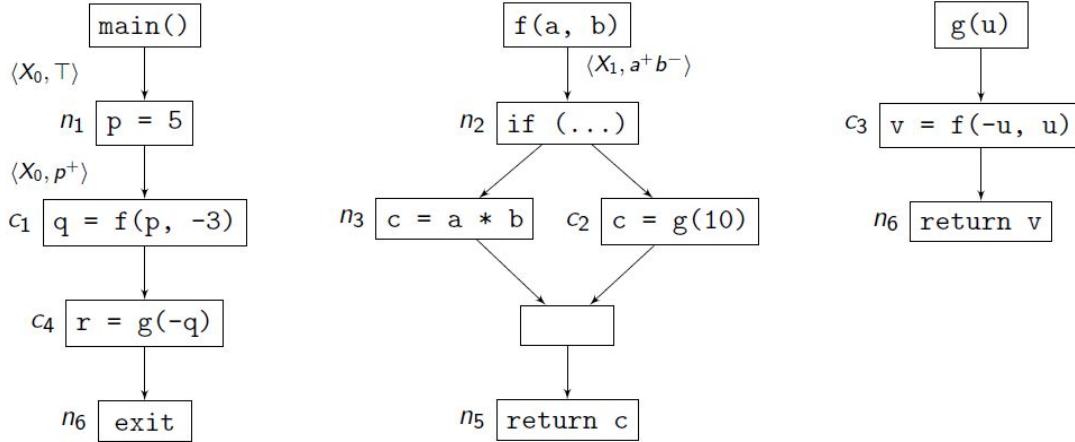
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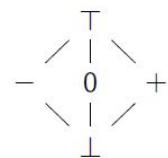


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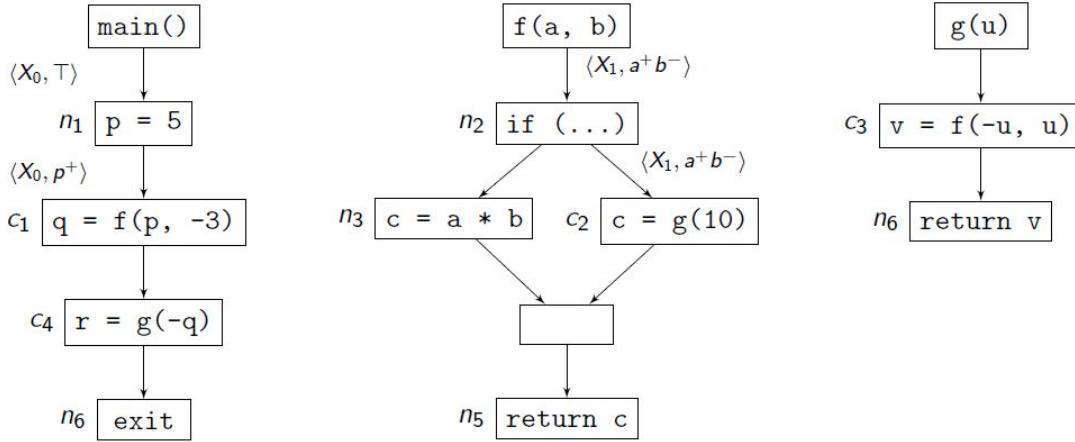
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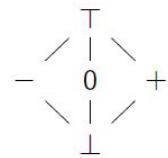


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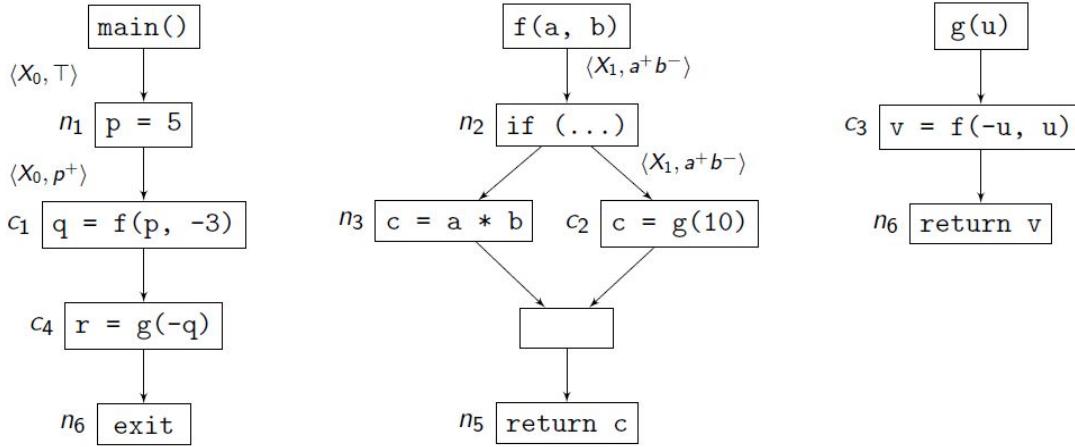
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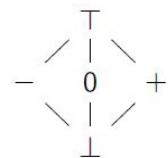


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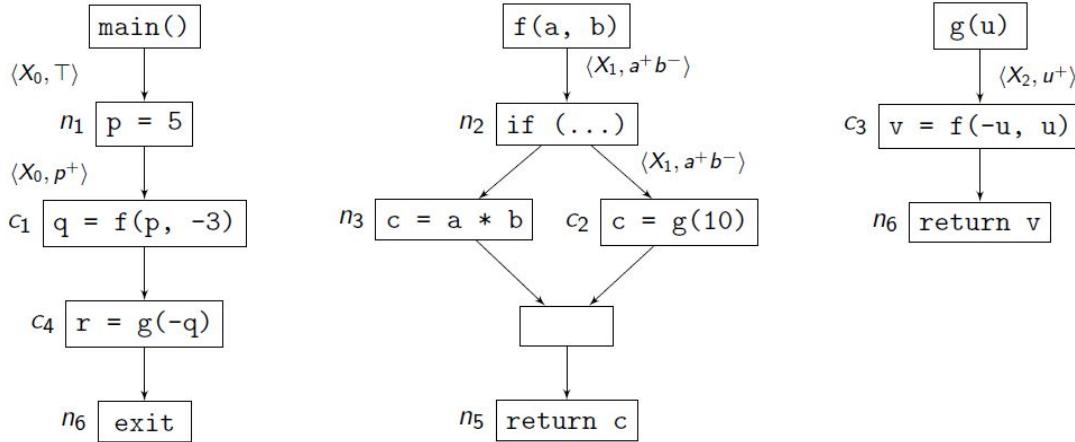
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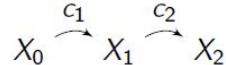


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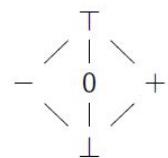


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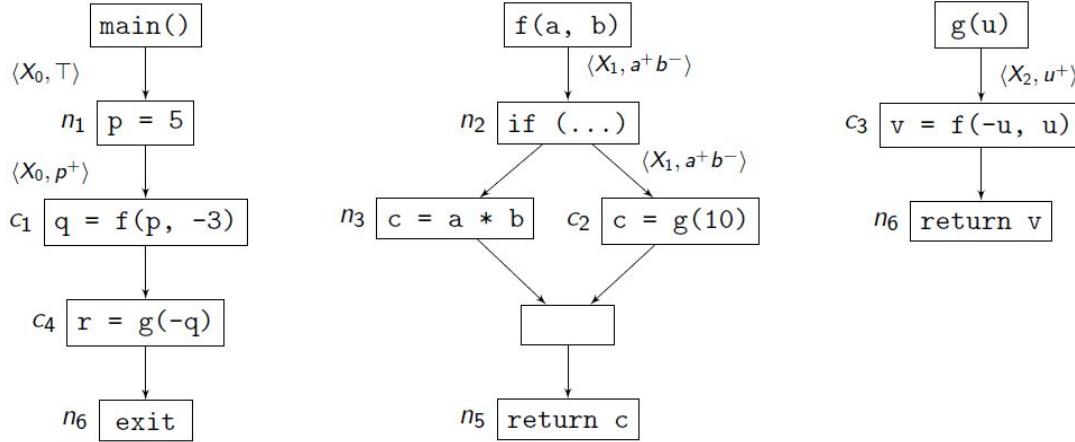
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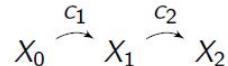


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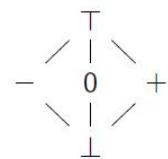


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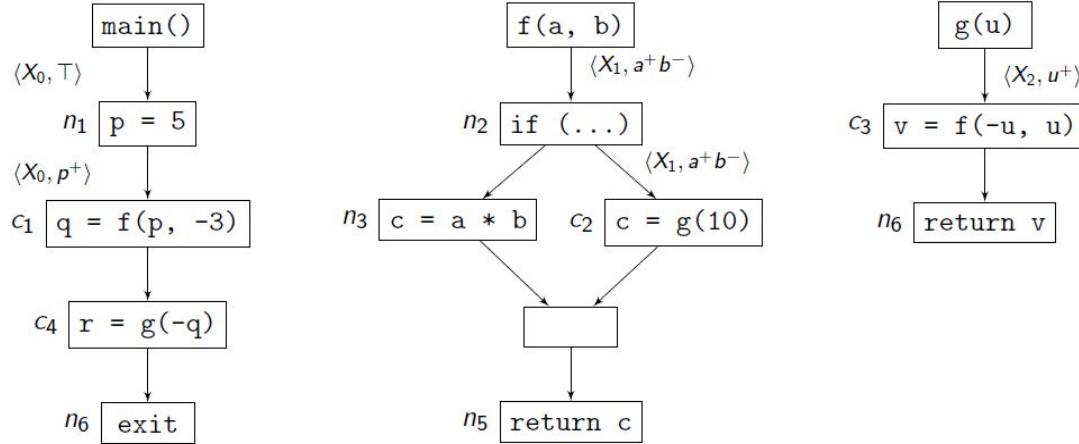
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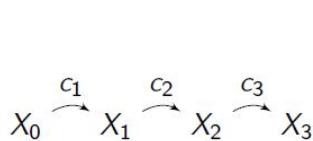


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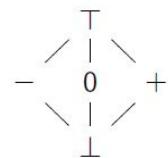


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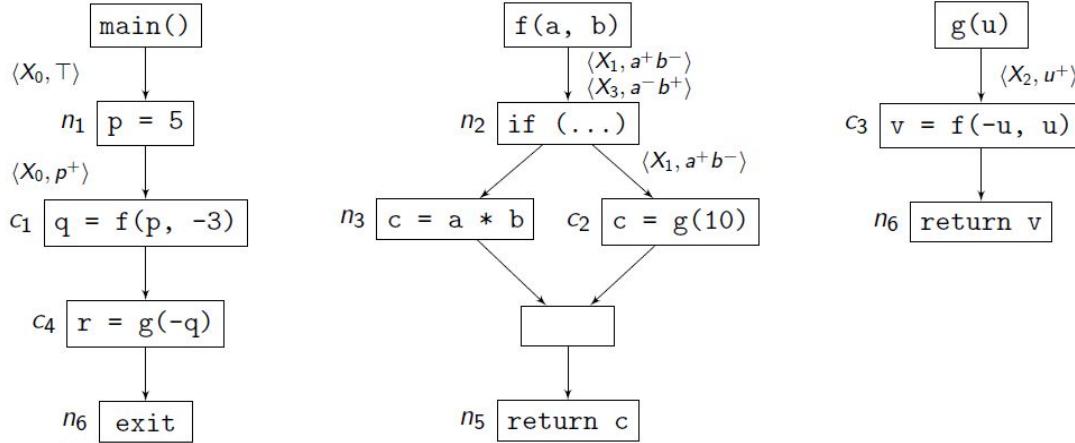
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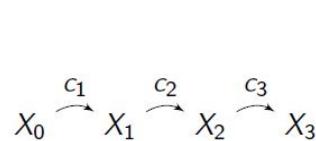


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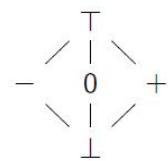


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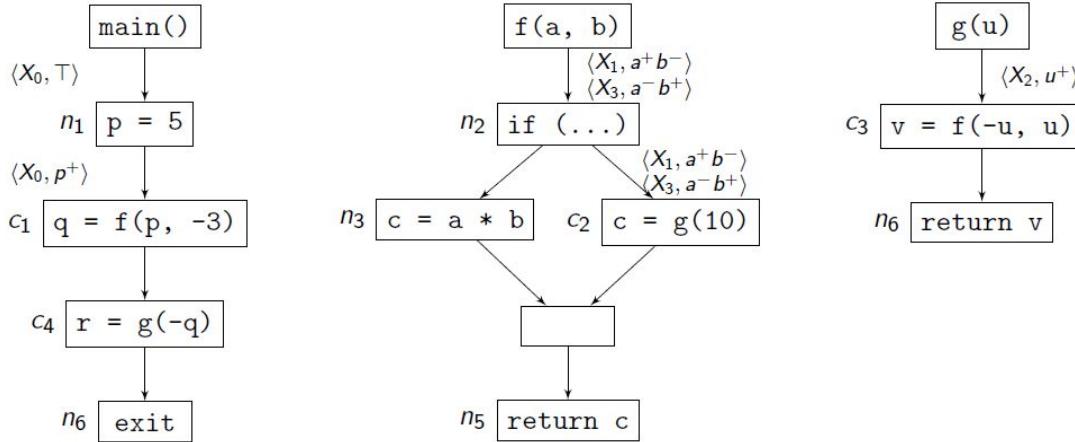
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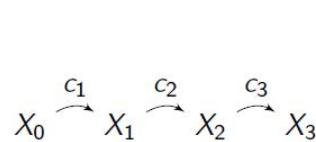


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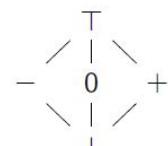


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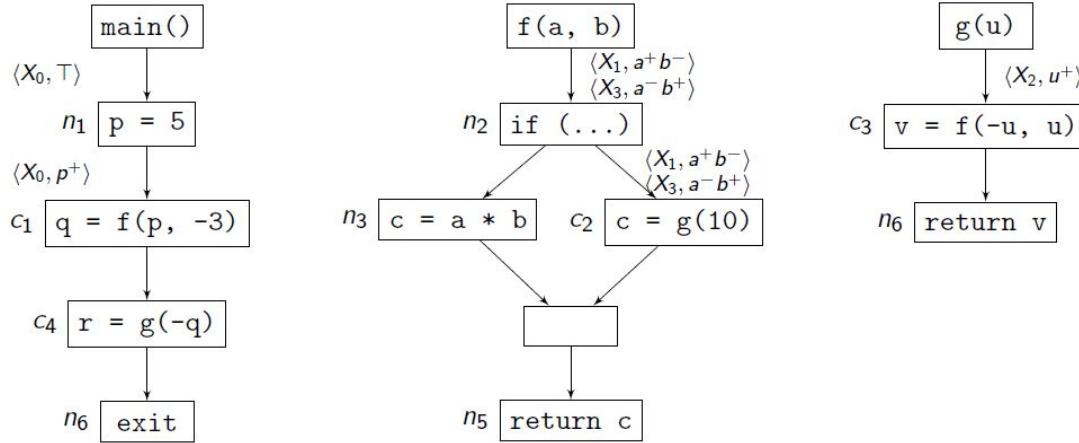
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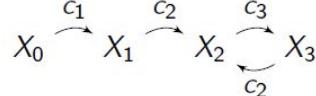


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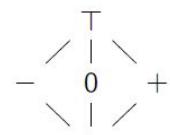


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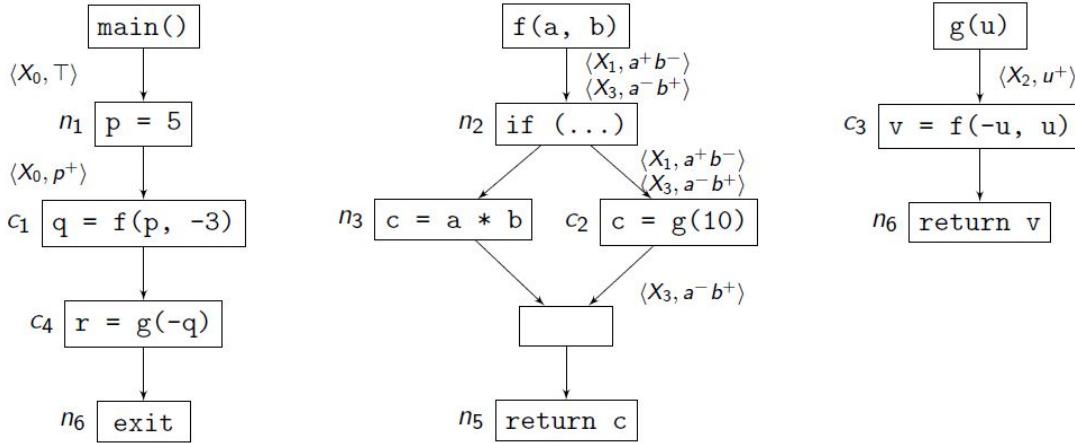
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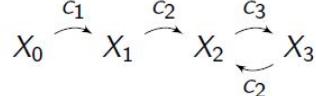


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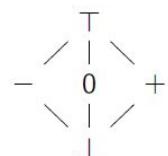


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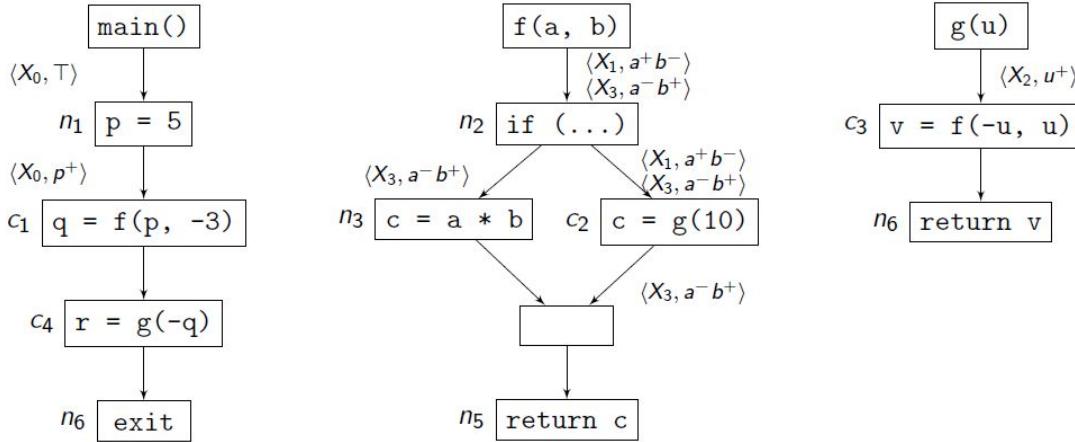
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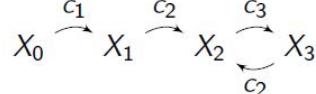


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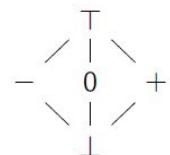


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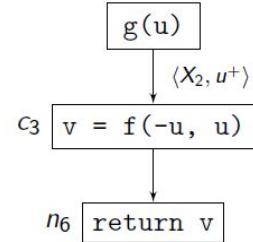
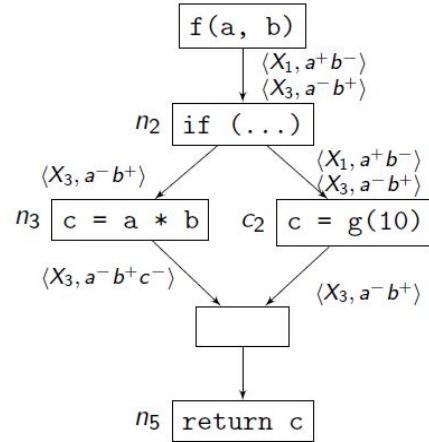
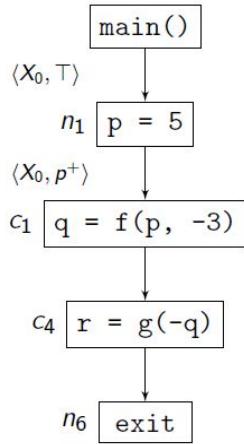
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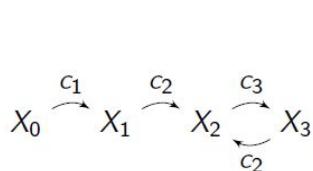


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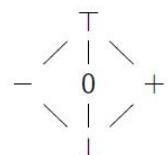


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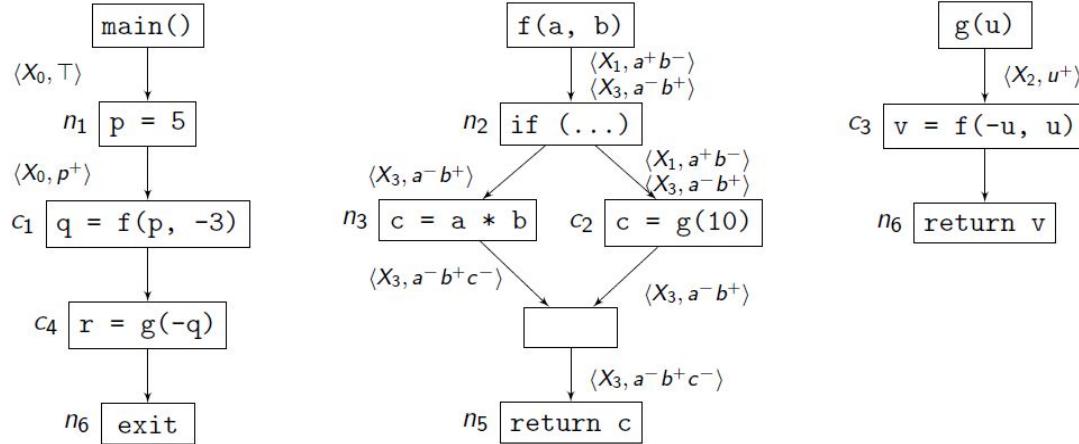
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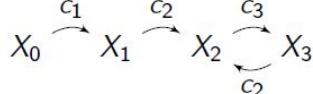


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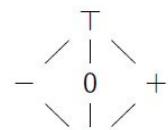


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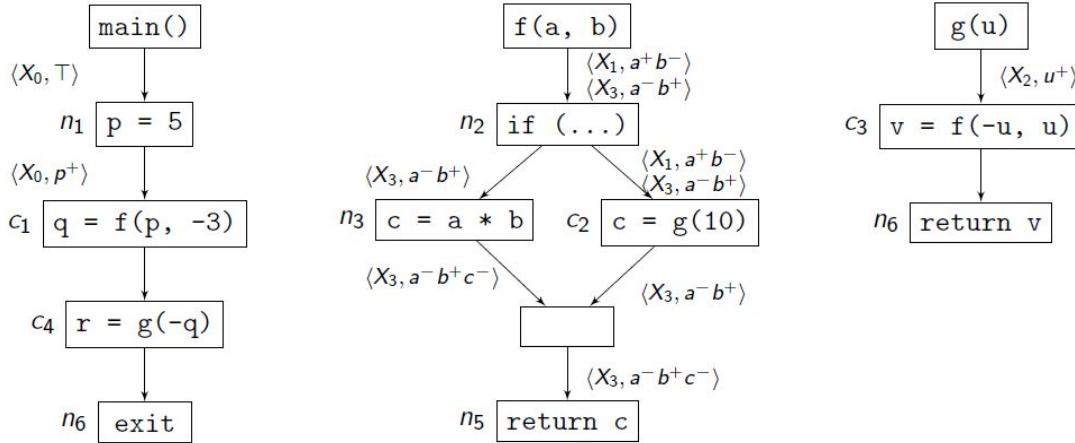
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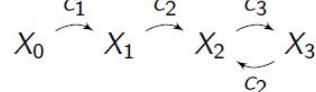


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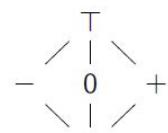


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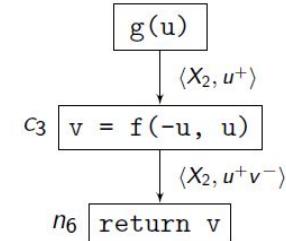
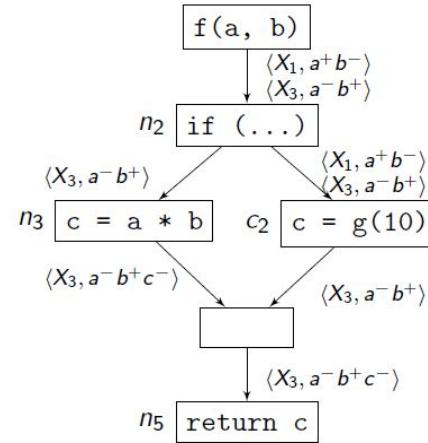
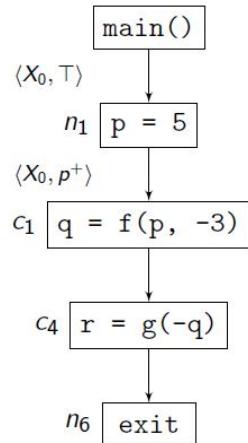
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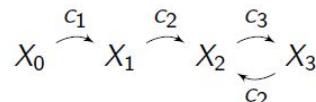


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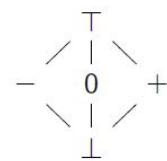


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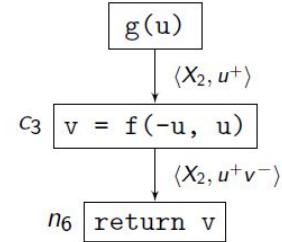
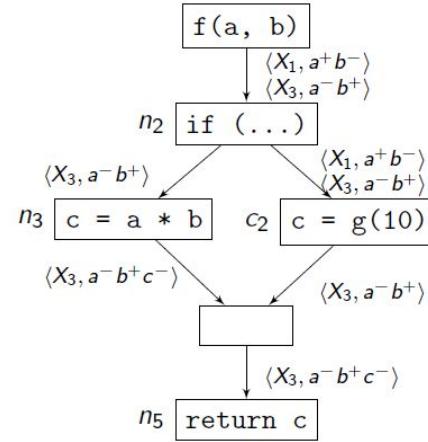
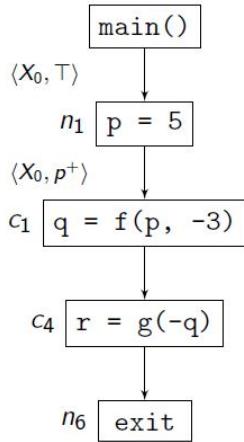
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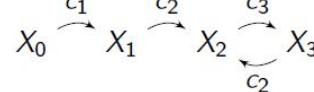


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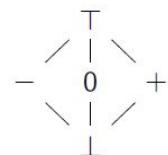


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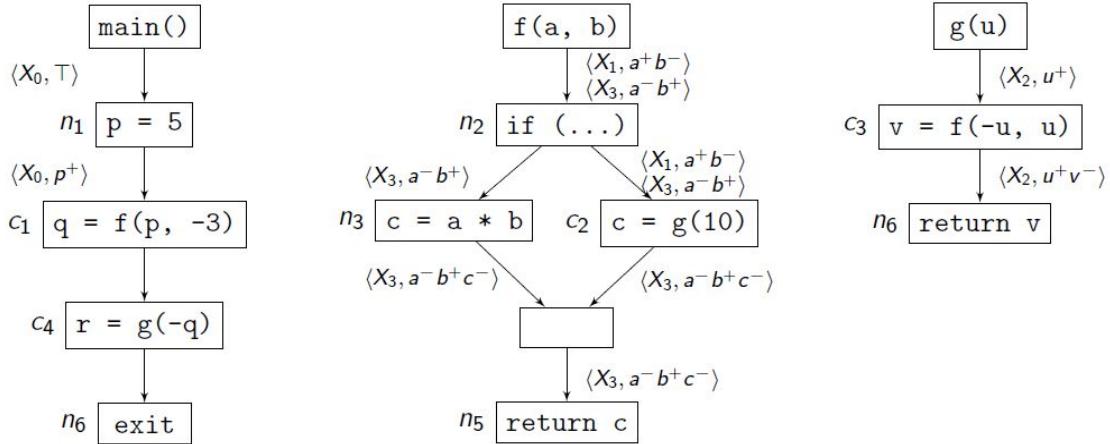
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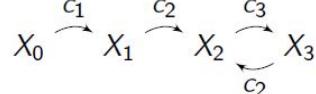


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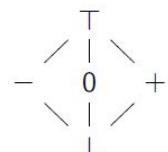


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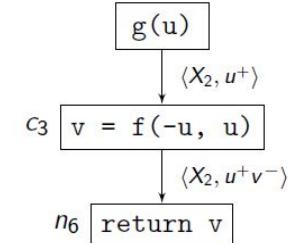
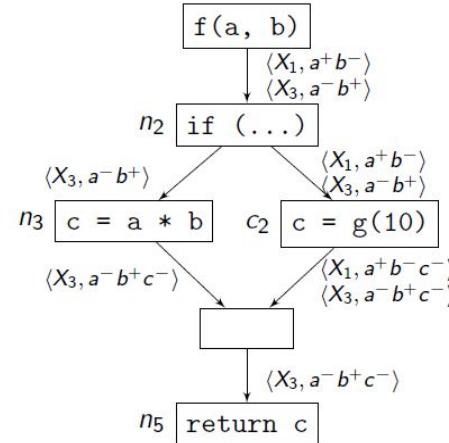
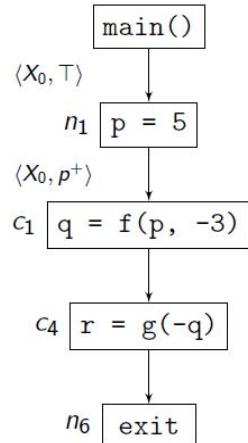
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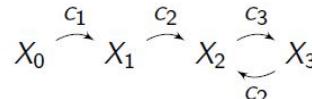


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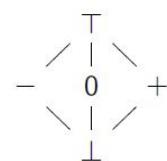


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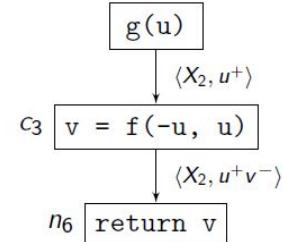
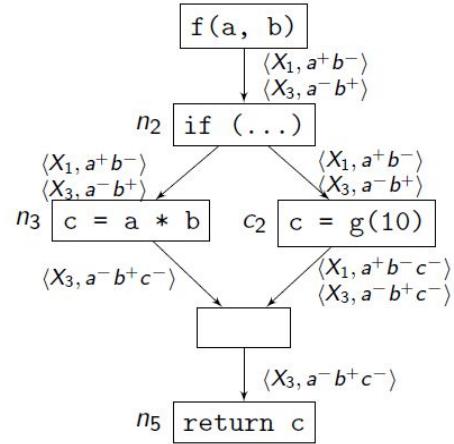
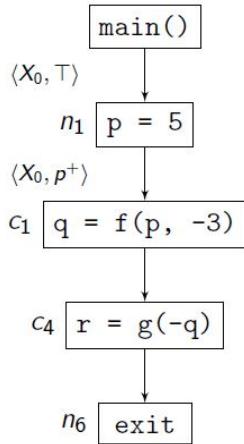
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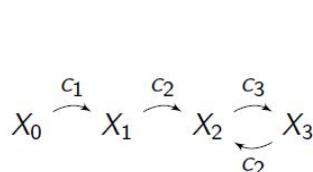


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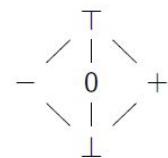


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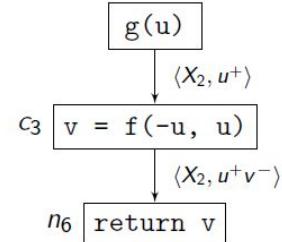
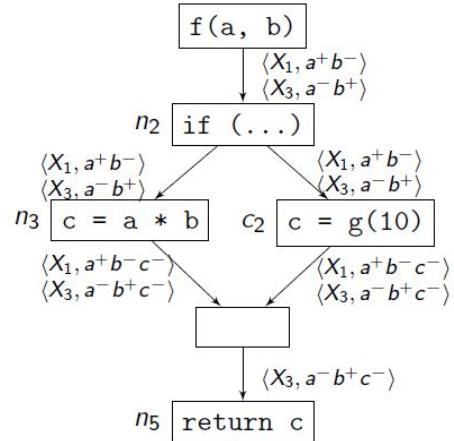
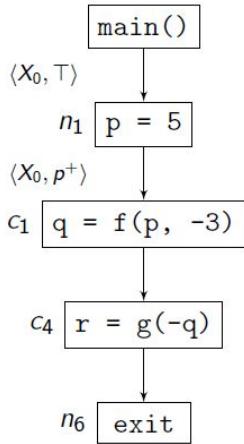
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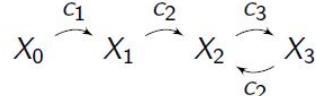


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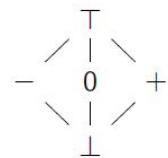


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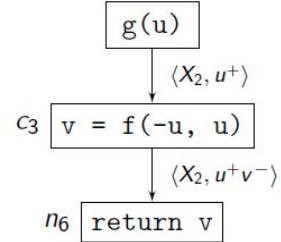
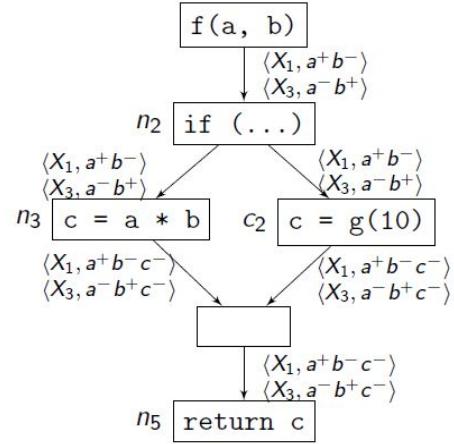
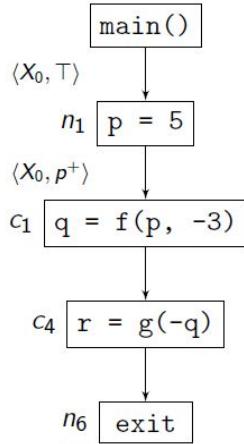
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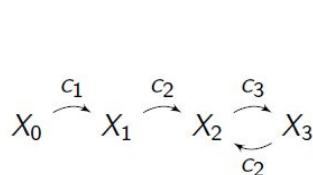


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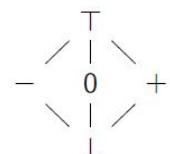


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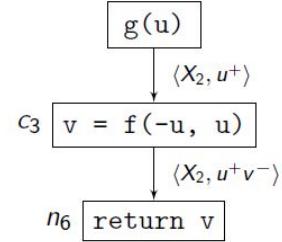
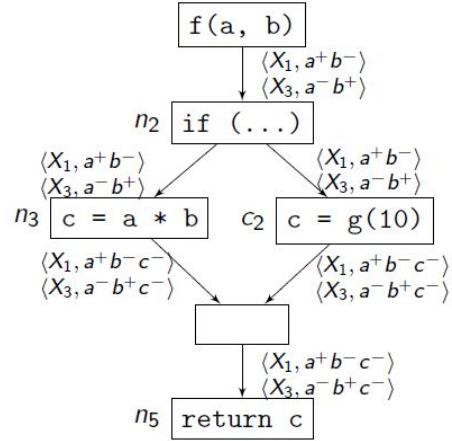
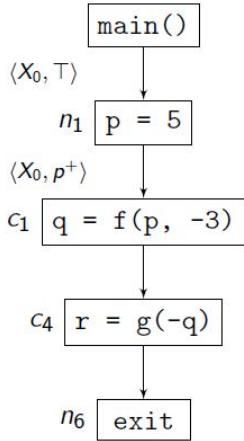
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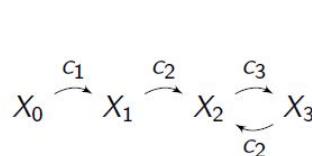


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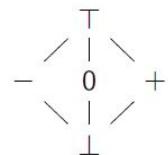


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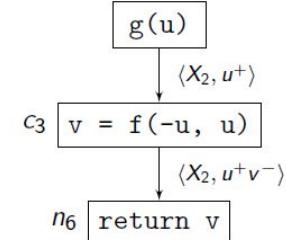
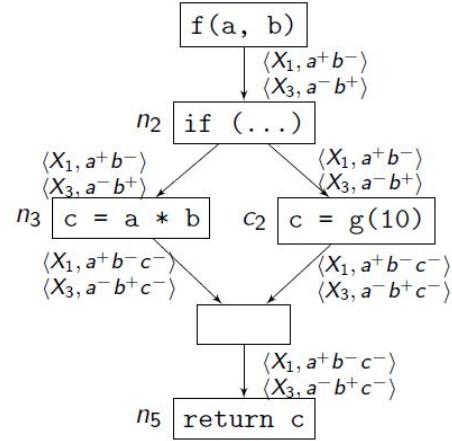
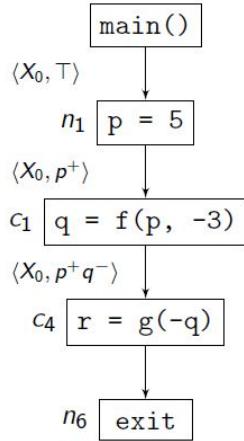
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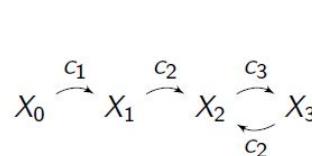


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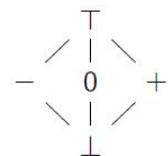


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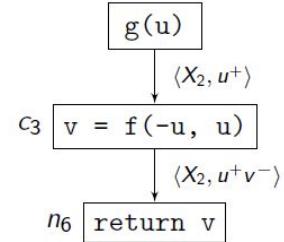
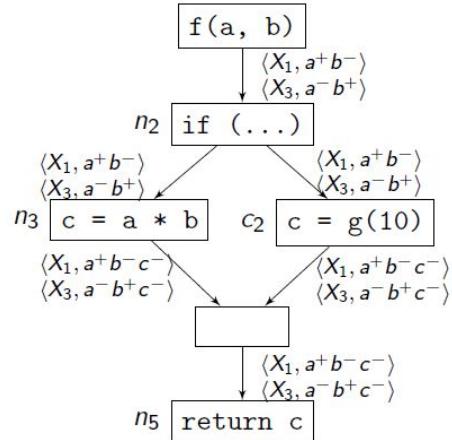
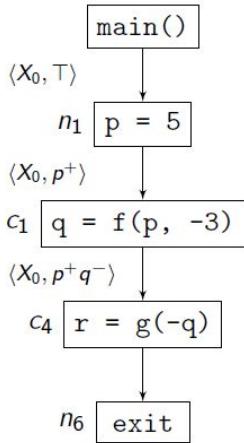
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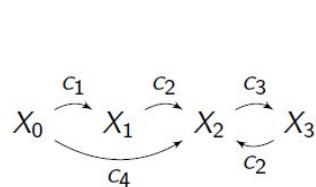


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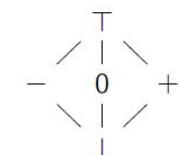


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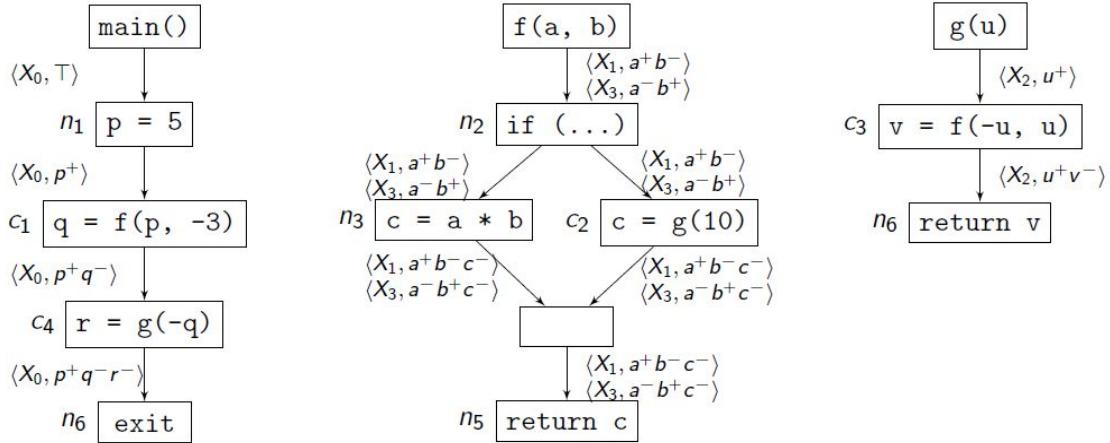
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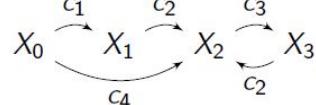


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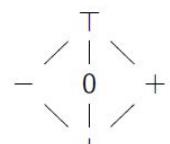


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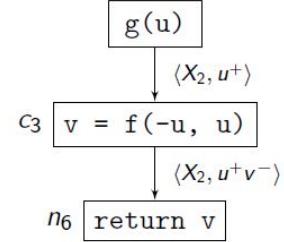
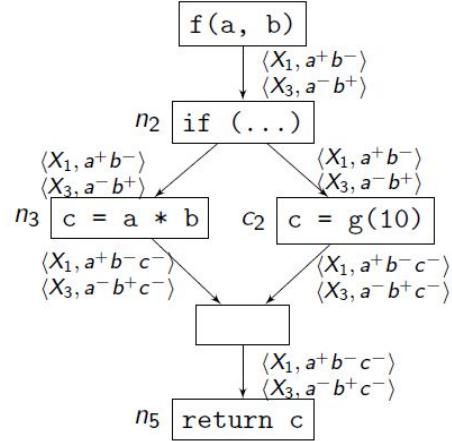
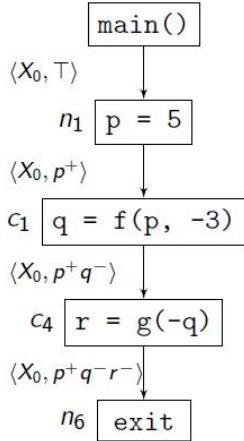
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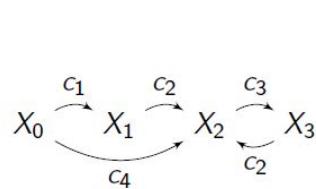


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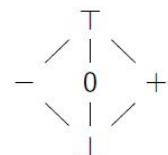


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Files in our framework (and what they do)

- Context.cpp
- ContextTransitionTable.cpp
- SignAnalysis.Sign.cpp
- SignAnalysis.cpp
- InterproceduralAnalysis.cpp
- ForwardInterproceduralAnalysis.cpp
- main.cpp



Context.cpp

- Defines a value based context Context <M,N,A>
 - M - the type of a method
 - N - the type of a node in the CFG
 - A - the type of a data flow value
- Each value context has its own work-list of CFG nodes to analyse, and the results of analysis are stored in a map from nodes to the data flow values before/after the node.



ContextTransitionTable.cpp

- Keeps a record of transitions between contexts at call-sites.
- The context transition table records a bidirectional one-to-many mapping of call-sites to called contexts parameterised by their methods. Defines a map from call-sites to contexts, parameterised by the called method.

```
std::unordered_map<CallSite<M, N, A>, std::unordered_map<M, Context<M, N, A>>>
transitions
```

and a map of contexts to call-sites present within their method bodies is maintained.

```
std::unordered_map<Context<M, N, A>, std::vector<CallSite<M, N, A>>>
call_sites_of_contexts
```
- If a call-site transition is not traversed in an analysis (e.g. a call to a native method) then it is listed as a "default site" which this table also records.



InterProceduralAnalysis.cpp

- A generic inter-procedural analysis which is fully context-sensitive.
- Fully context sensitive even in the presence of recursion and uses data flow values reaching a method to distinguish contexts.
- Base file for forward_interprocedural_analysis.cpp



ForwardInterProceduralAnalysis.cpp

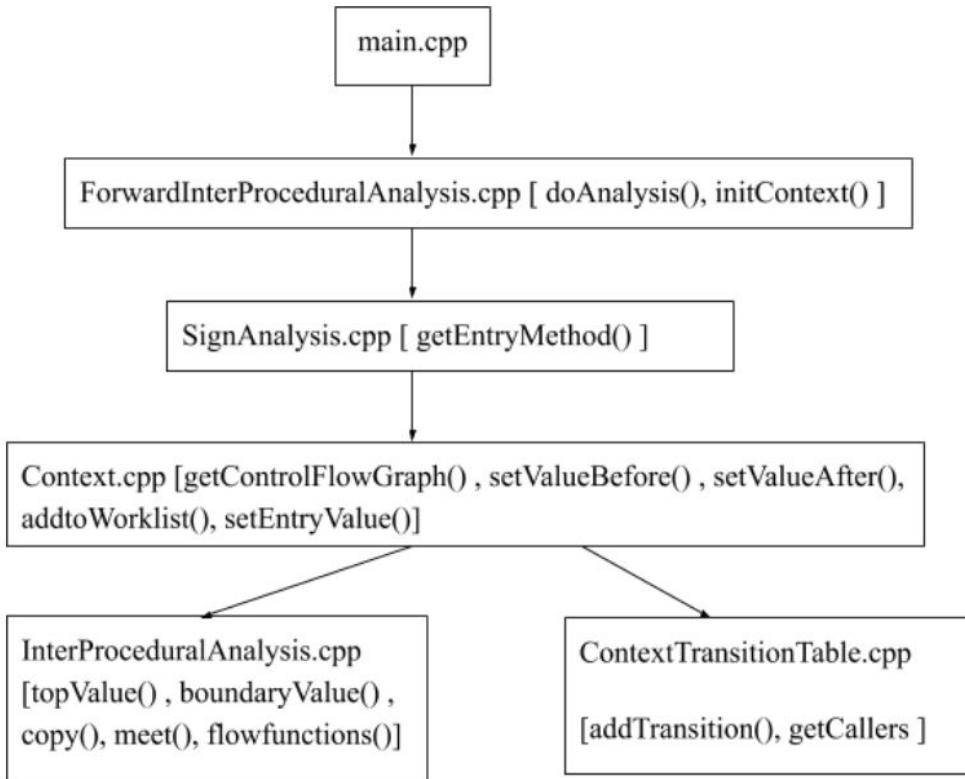
- This file essentially captures a forward data flow problem which can be solved using the context-sensitive inter-procedural analysis framework as described in Inter_procedural_analysis.cpp
- Client analyses will extend this file in order to perform forward-flow inter-procedural analysis.



SignAnalysis.cpp

- An inter-procedural simplified sign analysis.
- Maps numeric variables to a sign (negative, positive or zero), if it is statically determined to be singular, or else bottom.
- Flow functions are non-distributive for statements involving sums or products of two variables.

Workflow



Demo

Enough said!
Let's see some
action!



Test Results for Sign Analysis

```
=====  
... Pass execution timing report ...  
=====
```

```
Total Execution Time: 0.0116 seconds (0.0153 wall clock)  
=====
```

--User Time--	--System Time--	--User+System--	--Wall Time--	--- Name ---
0.0092 (96.7%)	0.0016 (75.2%)	0.0108 (92.8%)	0.0121 (79.1%)	Sign Analysis Pass
0.0003 (3.0%)	0.0005 (22.4%)	0.0008 (6.5%)	0.0031 (20.4%)	Bitcode Writer
0.0000 (0.2%)	0.0000 (1.8%)	0.0001 (0.5%)	0.0001 (0.4%)	Module Verifier
0.0000 (0.1%)	0.0000 (0.7%)	0.0000 (0.2%)	0.0000 (0.1%)	Assign names to anonymous instructions
0.0095 (100.0%)	0.0021 (100.0%)	0.0116 (100.0%)	0.0153 (100.0%)	Total

```
=====
```

```
LLVM IR Parsing  
=====
```

```
Total Execution Time: 0.0012 seconds (0.0059 wall clock)  
=====
```

--User Time--	--System Time--	--User+System--	--Wall Time--	--- Name ---
0.0003 (100.0%)	0.0009 (100.0%)	0.0012 (100.0%)	0.0059 (100.0%)	Parse IR
0.0003 (100.0%)	0.0009 (100.0%)	0.0012 (100.0%)	0.0059 (100.0%)	Total

Future work

- ❖ Backward interprocedural analysis
- ❖ Fully context-sensitive points-to analysis
- ❖ Interprocedural heap analysis

Sounds like a descent idea for thesis work!





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Thank You

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