

Monotone Data Flow Analysis Frameworks

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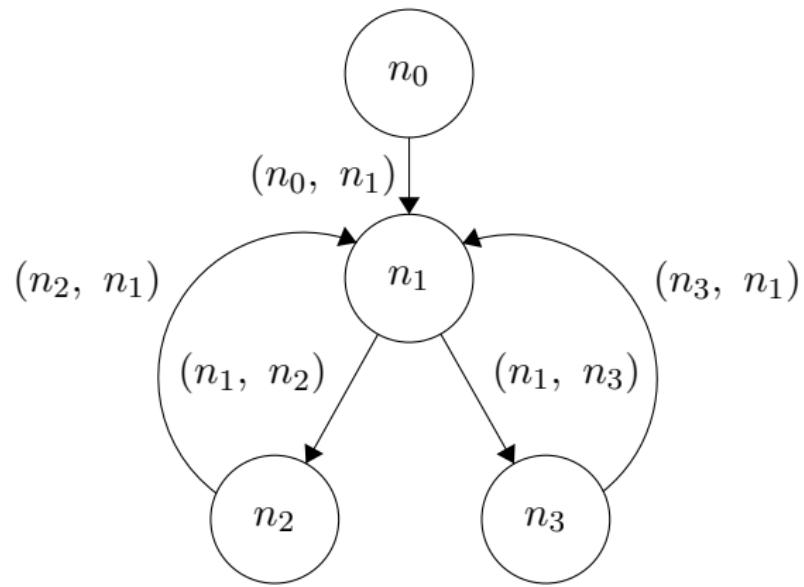
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A flow graph is a triple $G = (N, E, n_0)$.

Example:

$$N = \{n_0, n_1, n_2, n_3\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}E = & \{(n_0, n_1), \\& (n_1, n_2), (n_1, n_3), \\& (n_2, n_1), (n_3, n_1)\}\end{aligned}$$



Semilattice

Definition

A **semilattice** is a set L with *meet* operation \wedge where the meet operation satisfies the following properties:

$$a \wedge a = a \quad (\text{idempotent})$$

$$a \wedge b = b \wedge a \quad (\text{commutative})$$

$$a \wedge (b \wedge c) = (a \wedge b) \wedge c \quad (\text{associative})$$

Semilattice: ordering

Definition

The meet \wedge defines a **partial order** on L

$$a \geq b$$

iff $a \wedge b = b$

$$a > b = b \wedge a$$

iff $a \wedge b = b$ and $a \neq b$

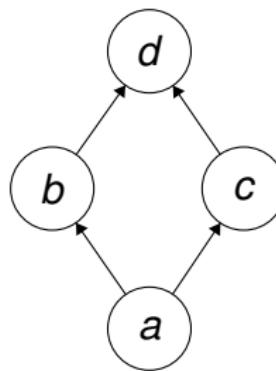


Figure: $d > b, c > a$. However, $b \not> c$ and $c \not> b$.

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Monotone function space

Definition

Given a bounded semilattice L , a set of functions F on L is said to be a *monotone function space* associated with L if the following conditions are satisfied:

M1 Each $f \in F$ satisfies the **monotonicity condition** if for all $x, y \in L$,

$$f(x \wedge y) \leq f(x) \wedge f(y)$$

M2 There exists an **identity function** i in F .

M3 F is **closed** under composition.

M4 L is equal to the closure of $\{0\}$ under the meet operation and application of functions in F (more on next slide).

Monotone function space (M4)

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M4 L is equal to the closure of $\{0\}$ under the meet operation and application of functions in F .

- Read: given F , $\{0\}$ and the meet operation, we can generate all elements of L .
- Alternatively: Any element in L can be expressed as a sequence of applications of functions in F and the meet operation with $\{0\}$.

Monotone data flow analysis framework

Definition

A Monotone data flow analysis framework (from here on *framework*) is a triple $D = (L, \wedge, F)$, where

- (1) L is a bounded semilattice with meet \wedge
- (2) F is a monotone function space associated with L

Framework instance

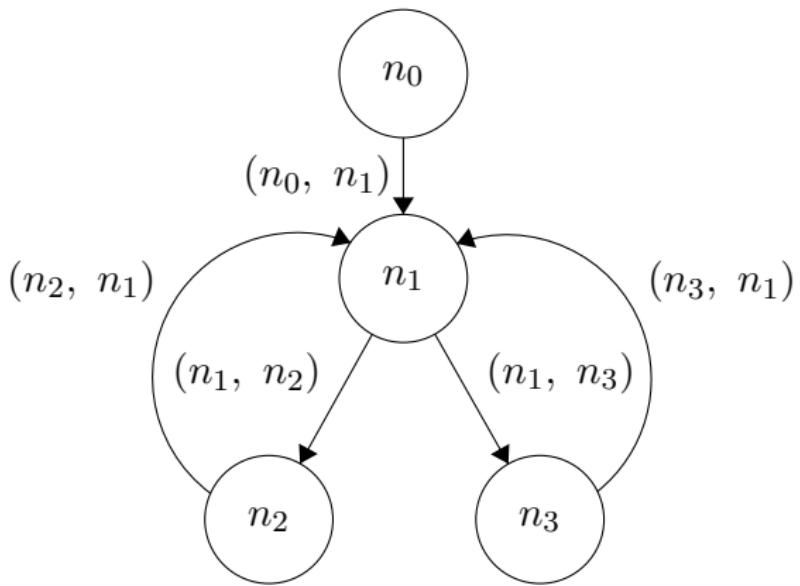
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A particular instance of a framework is a pair $I = (G, M)$, where

- (1) $G = (N, E, n_0)$ is a flow graph.
- (2) $M : N \rightarrow F$ is a function which maps each node in N to a function in F .

Putting it together

- Instance $I = (G, M)$
- Framework
 $D = (L, \wedge, F)$
- $M : N \rightarrow F$
- $\forall f \in F, f : L \rightarrow L$
- $\wedge : L \times L \rightarrow L$



Constant propagation

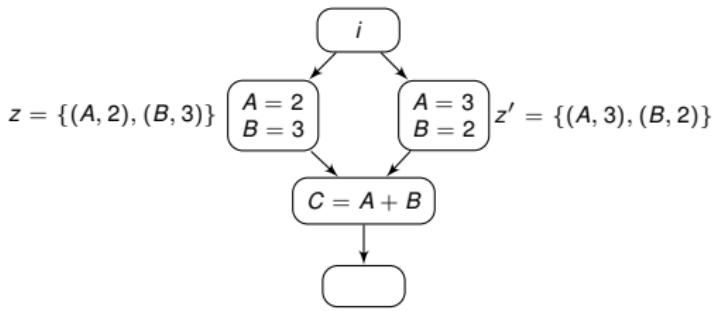
Constant propagation can be formalized as a monotone data flow analysis framework where

$$CONST = (L, \wedge, F) \quad \text{framework}$$

$$V = \{A_1, A_2, \dots\} \quad \text{infinite set of variables}$$

$$L \subset 2^{V \times \mathbb{R}} \quad \text{possible variable assignments}$$

$$\wedge = \text{set intersection}$$



Constant propagation is not distributive

Definition

For all $x, y \in L$ and $f \in F$, **distributivity** is satisfied when

$$f(x \wedge y) = f(x) \wedge f(y)$$

- $f(x \wedge y) =$
 $\{(A, 2), (B, 3)\} \cap$
 $\{(A, 3), (B, 2)\} = \emptyset$
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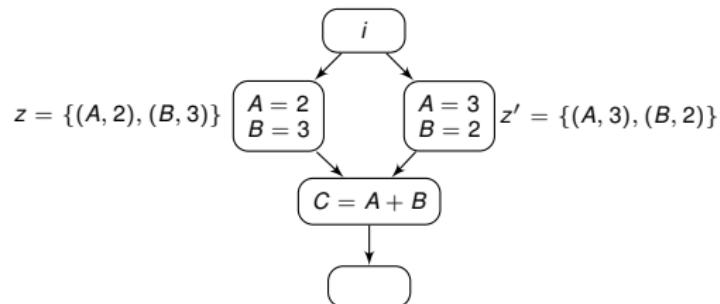


Figure: Counter example to distributivity of CONST

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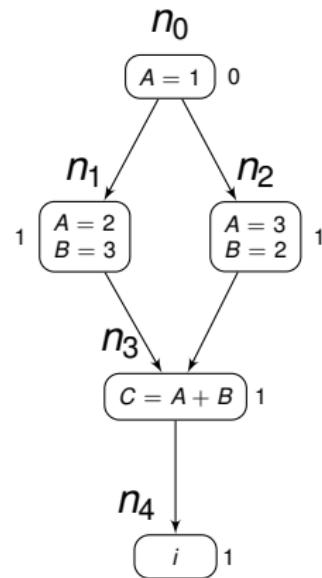
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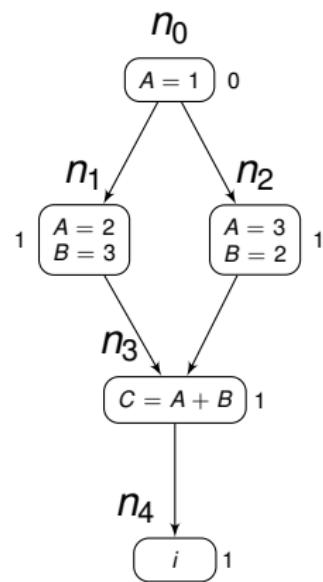
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Conditions of the sequence(v_1, v_2, \dots):

- If a node doesn't satisfy the equation above, it should be visited again.
- If all nodes satisfy the equation, the sequence eventually end.

Example: n_2, n_1, n_3, n_2, n_3



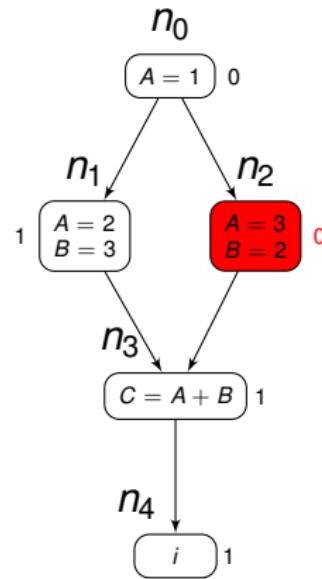
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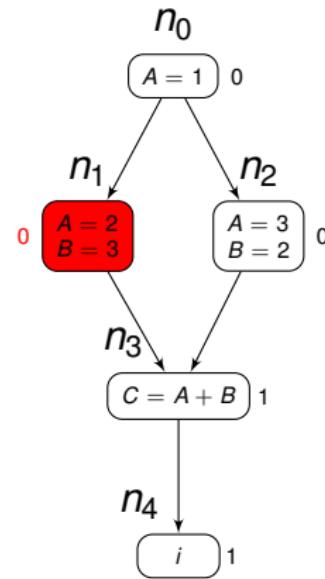
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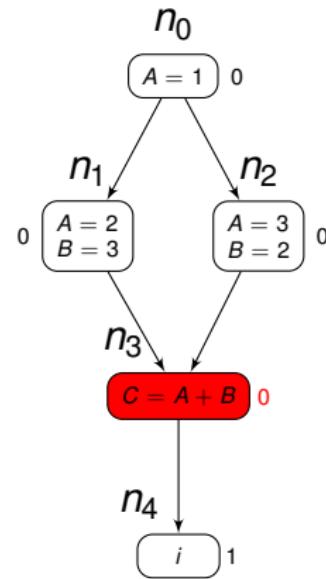
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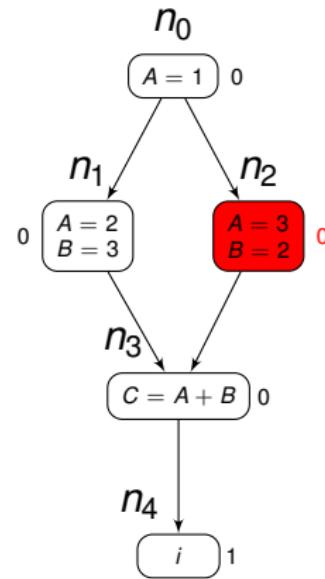
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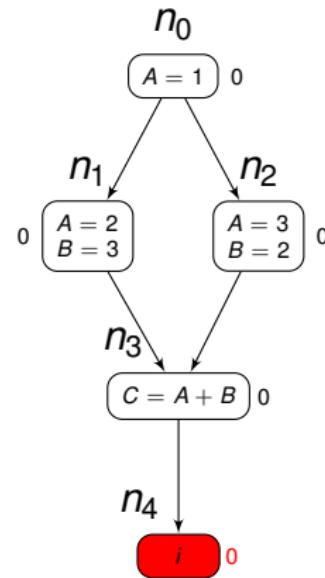
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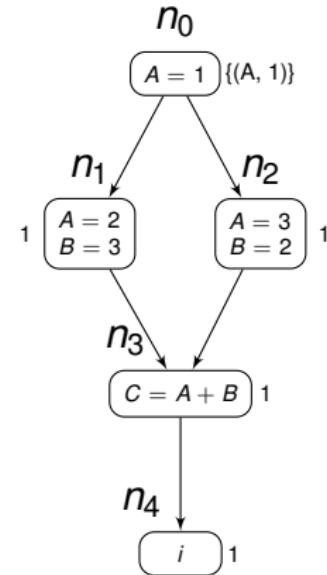
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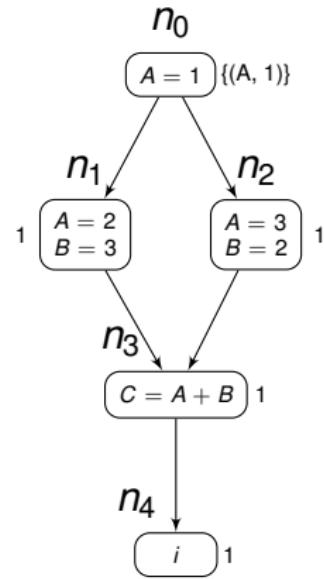


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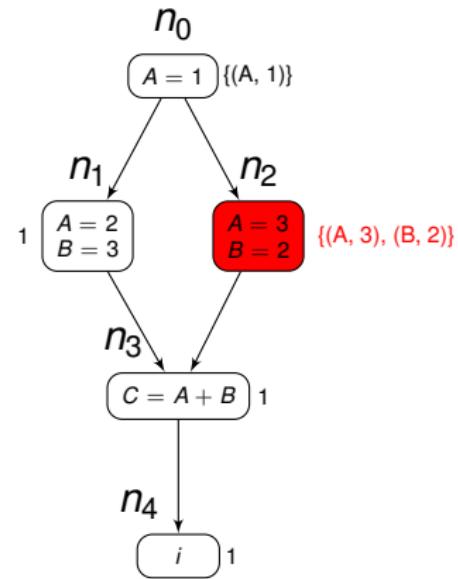


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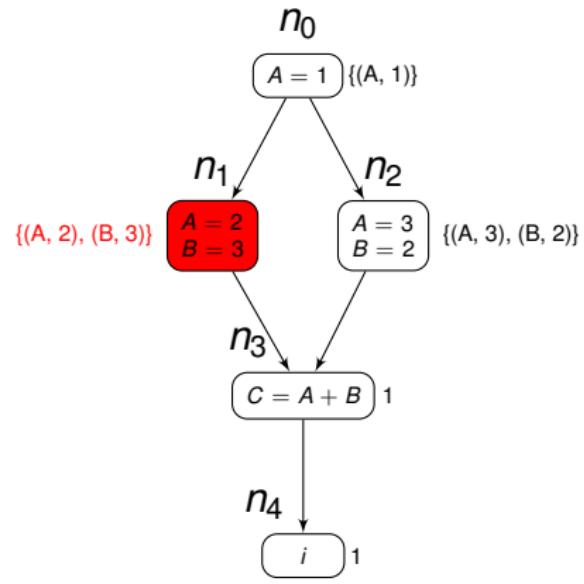
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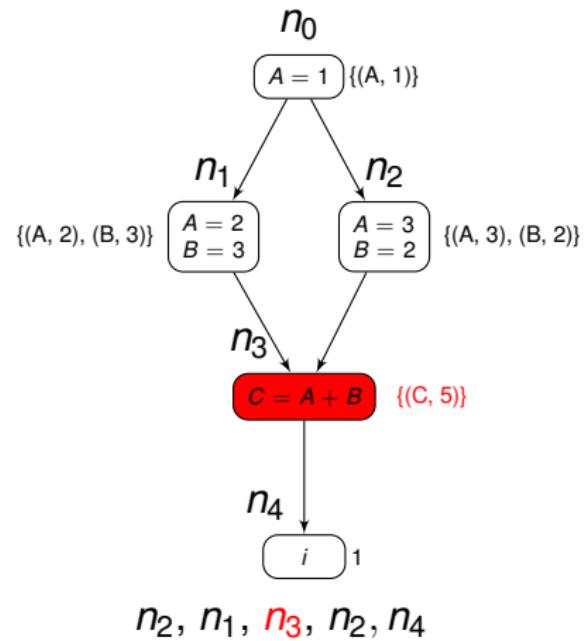
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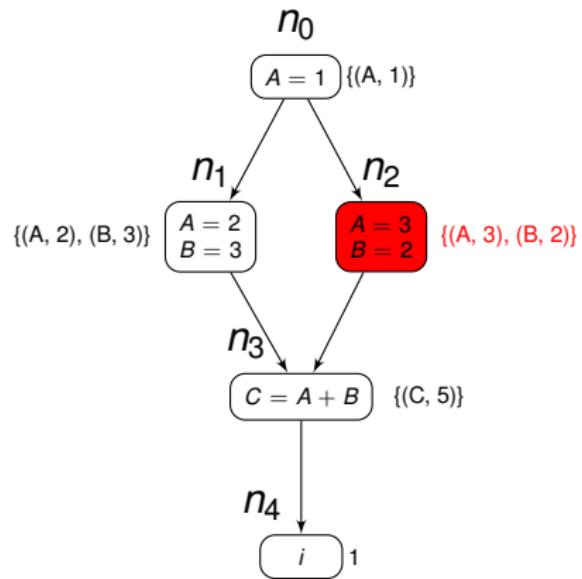


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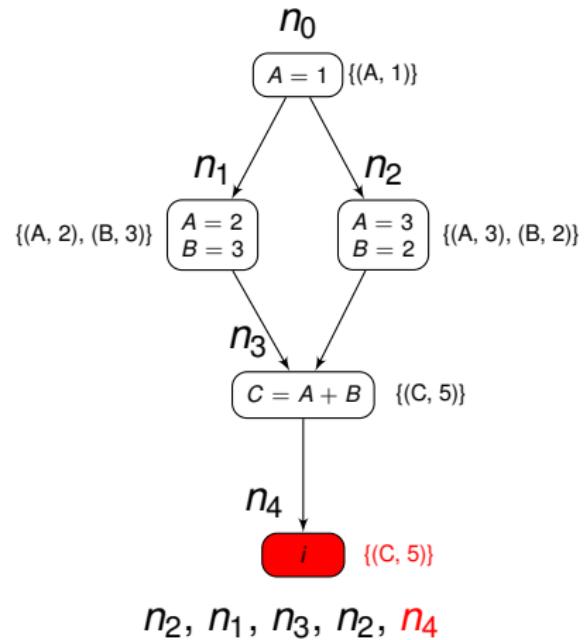
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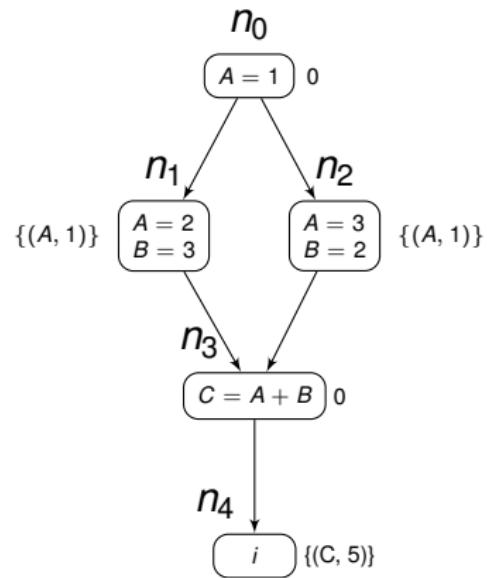


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For each node, set

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Property (iv) of Algorithm 2 - Proof

Proposition (iv)

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Proof by induction on steps of algorithm 2

For node n_0 , the property trivially holds because $A[n_0] = H[n_0] = 0$.

For all other node $n \in N$, $A[n] \leq H[n]$ is equivalent to: $f_n(A[n]) \leq B[n]$ because

$$A[n] = \bigwedge_{p \in \text{PRED}(n)} f_p(A[p])$$

$$H[n] = \bigwedge_{p \in \text{PRED}(n)} B[p]$$

Base step ($m = 0$). $B^0[n] = 1$ and by definition $f_n(A[n]) \leq 1$

Proof by induction on steps of algorithm 2 (cont.)

Induction step ($m > 0$). Our induction hypothesis (IH) is:

$$B^{m-1}[n] \geqq f_n(A[n])$$

Then

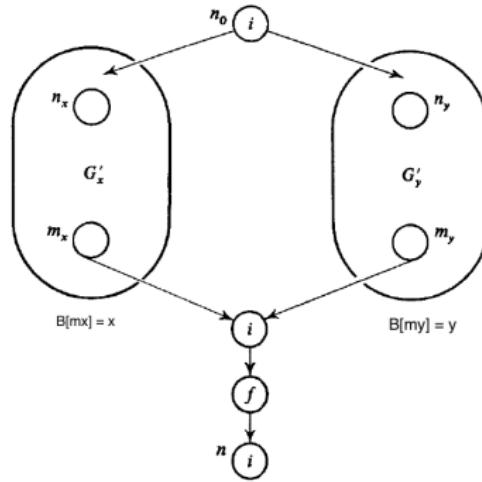
$$\begin{aligned} B^m[n] &= \bigwedge_{p \in \text{PRED}(n)} f_n(B^{m-1}[p]) \\ &\geqq \bigwedge_{p \in \text{PRED}(n)} f_n(f_p(A[p])) \tag{IH} \\ &\geqq f_n\left(\bigwedge_{p \in \text{PRED}(n)} f_p(A[p])\right) \tag{monotonicity} \\ &= f_n(A[n]) \end{aligned}$$



Algorithm 2 is not Universal

An infinite number of counterexamples exist. Consider the following constructed instance of a **non-distributive** monotone framework:

$$MOP(n) = \bigwedge_{P \in PATH(n)} f_P(0) \geq f(x) \wedge f(y) > f(x \wedge y) = H[n].$$



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Previous result

Computing the MOP solution for a monotone framework is NP-hard.

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¹Missing reference

Strengthened result

Theorem

Given arbitrary instance $I = (G, M)$ of an arbitrary monotone framework $D = (L, \wedge, F)$, there does not exist an algorithm which computes $\bigwedge_{P \in PATH(n)} f_P(0)$ for all nodes $n \in G$.

Intuition

The *Modified Post Correspondence Problem* (MPCP), which is well known to be **undecidable**, can be reduced to the *MOP problem*. This is accomplished by modeling the MPCP problem as a monotone data flow framework.

MPCP example

Definition (Modified Post Correspondence Problem)

Given arbitrary lists A and B, of k strings each in $\{0, 1\}^+$, say

$$A = w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k \quad B = z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k$$

does there exist a sequence of integers i_1, i_2, \dots, i_r such at

$$w_1 w_{i_1} w_{i_2} \dots w_{i_r} = z_1 z_{i_1} z_{i_2} \dots z_{i_r}$$

This example has a solution: 3, 2, 2, 4.

$$w_1 w_3 w_2 w_2 w_4 = 11, 0111, 1, 1, 10 = 1101111110$$

$$x_1 x_3 x_2 x_2 x_4 = 1, 10, 111, 111, 0 = 1101111110$$

i	w_i	x_i
1	11	1
2	1	111
3	0111	10
4	10	0

Reducing MPCP to MOP

Define

- $L = 0, \$$, and all strings of integers beginning with 1
- $x \wedge y = 0$ if $x \neq y$
- $h(x) = "1"$
- $f_i(0) = 0, f_i(\$) = \$$,
- $f_i(x) = concat(x, i)$
- $g(0) = 0, g(\$) = \$$
- $g(x) = 0$ if x is a solution
- $g(x) = \$$ otherwise

We have $MOP(*) = 0$ if there's a solution, otherwise $MOP(*) = \$$.

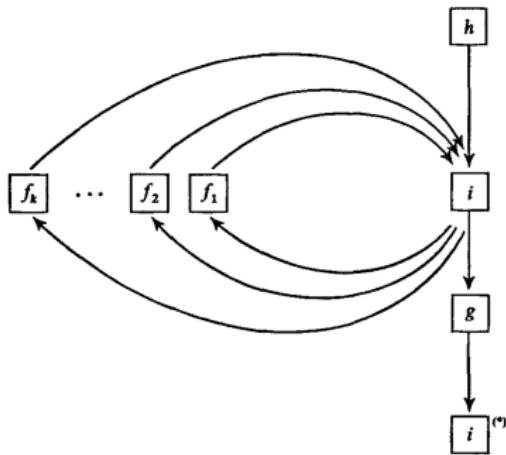


Figure: The solution to a MPCP would be one path from n_0 to n