

Constraint-Based Analysis

CS 6340

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along any path in the program.

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Many design choices:

- forward vs. backward traversal
- symbolic vs. explicit representation
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Nontrivial!

Consider null pointer
dereference analysis:

- No null pointer assignments
($v = \text{null}$): forward is best
- No pointer dereferences
($v \rightarrow \text{next}$): backward is best

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What Is Constraint-Based Analysis?

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“What”

Defined by the user in the
constraint **language**.

“How”

Automated by the
constraint **solver**.

Benefits of Constraint-Based Analysis

- Separates analysis specification from implementation
 - Analysis writer can focus on “what” rather than “how”
- Yields natural program specifications
 - Constraints are usually local, whose conjunctions capture global properties
- Enables sophisticated analysis implementations
 - Leverage powerful, off-the-shelf solvers

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Outline of this Lesson

➡ A constraint language: Datalog

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- Intra-procedural analysis: computing reaching definitions
- Inter-procedural analysis: computing points-to information

A Constraint Language: Datalog

- A declarative logic programming language
- **Not Turing-complete**: subset of Prolog, or SQL with recursion
=> Efficient algorithms to evaluate Datalog programs
- Originated as query language for deductive databases
- Later applied in many other domains: **software analysis**, data mining, networking, security, knowledge representation, cloud-computing, ...
- Many implementations: Logicblox, bddbddb, IRIS, Paddle, ...

Syntax of Datalog: Example

Input Relations:

`edge(n:N, m:N)`

Output Relations:

`path(n:N, m:N)`

Rules:

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`path(x, z) :- path(x, y), edge(y, z).`


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A relation is similar to a table in a database. A tuple in a relation is similar to a row in a table.

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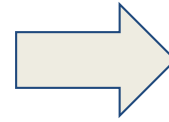
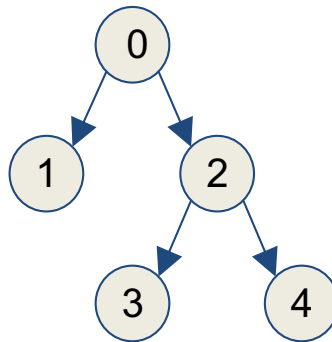
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edge	
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2	3
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Deductive rules that hold universally (i.e., variables like `x`, `y`, `z` can be replaced by any constant). Specify “if ... then ...” logic.

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(If TRUE,) there is a path
from each node to itself.

If there is path from node x to y,
and there is an edge from y to z,
then there is path from x to z.

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path := $\{ (x, x) \mid x \in N \}$

do

path := **path** $\cup \{ (x, z) \mid \exists y \in N:$
 $(x, y) \in \text{path} \text{ and } (y, z) \in \text{edge} \}$

until **path** relation stops changing

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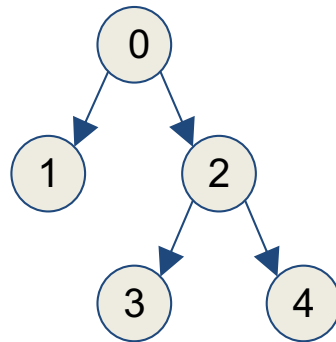
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Input Tuples:

$\text{edge}(0, 1), \text{edge}(0, 2), \text{edge}(2, 3),$
 $\text{edge}(2, 4)$

Output Tuples:

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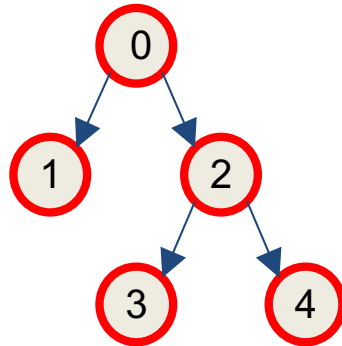
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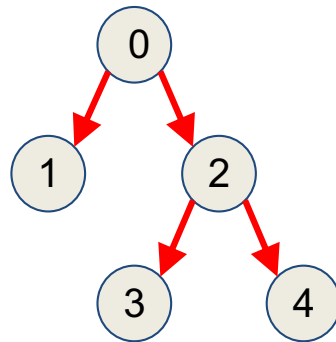
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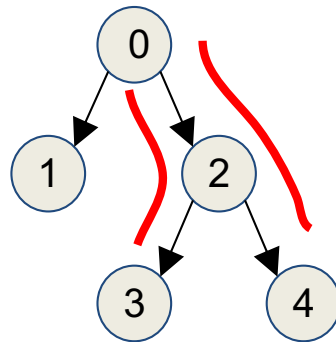
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QUIZ: Computation Using Datalog

Check each of the below Datalog programs that computes in relation **scc** exactly those pairs of nodes (n1, n2) such that n2 is reachable from n1 AND n1 is reachable from n2.

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Dataflow Analysis in Datalog

- Recall the specification of [reaching definitions analysis](#):

$$\text{OUT}[n] = (\text{IN}[n] - \text{KILL}[n]) \cup \text{GEN}[n]$$

$$\text{IN}[n] = \bigcup_{\substack{n' \in \\ \text{predecessors}(n)}} \text{OUT}[n']$$

Reaching Definitions Analysis in Datalog

Input Relations:

kill(n:N, d:D)

Definition **d** is killed by
statement **n**.

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Input Relations:

kill($n:N$, $d:D$)

gen ($n:N$, $d:D$)

Definition d is generated
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Statement m is an immediate successor of statement n .

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$n' \in$

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in (n:N, d:D)

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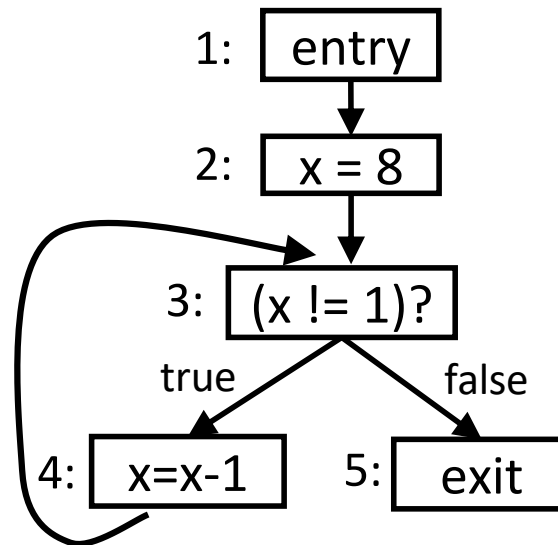
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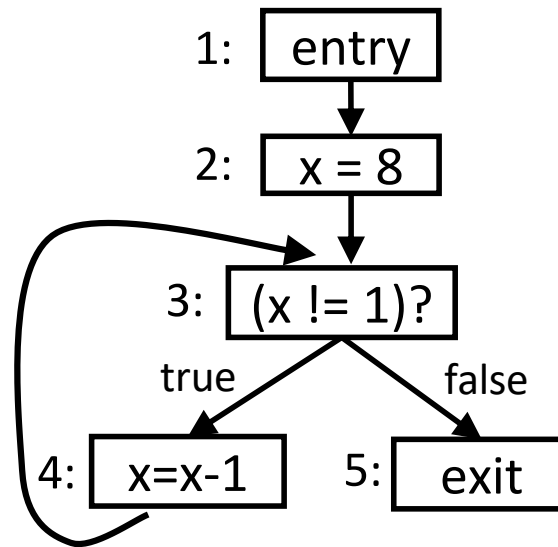
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Input Tuples:

kill(4, 2),
gen (2, 2), gen (4, 4),
next(1, 2), next(2, 3),
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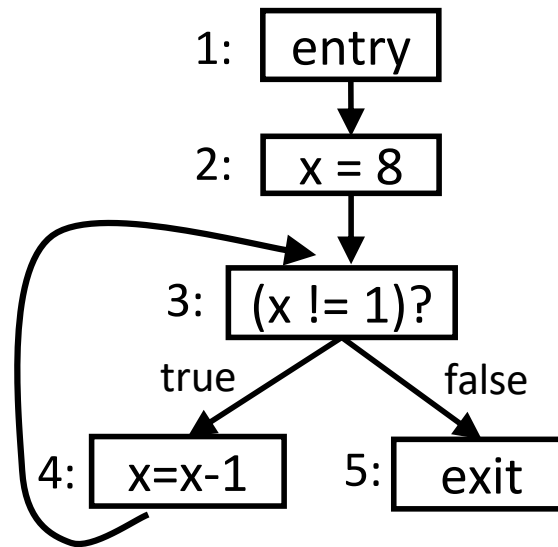
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in (3, 2), in (3, 4), in (4, 2),
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out(2, 2), out(3, 2), out(3, 4),
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QUIZ: Live Variables Analysis

Complete the Datalog program below by filling in the rules for **live variables analysis**.

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kill(n:N, v:V)
gen (n:N, v:V)
next(n:N, m:N)

Output Relations:

in (n:N, v:V)
out(n:N, v:V)

Rules:

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Rules:

in(n, v) :- gen(n, v) .

in(n, v) :- out(n, v) , ! kill(n, v) .

out(n, v) :- in(m, v) , next(n, m) .

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Pointer Analysis in Datalog

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(function body) $f(v) \{ s_1, \dots, s_n \}$

(statement) $s ::= v = \text{new } h \mid v = u$
 $\mid \text{return } u \mid v = f(u)$

(pointer variable) u, v

(allocation site) h

(function name) f

Pointer Analysis in Datalog: **Intra**-procedural

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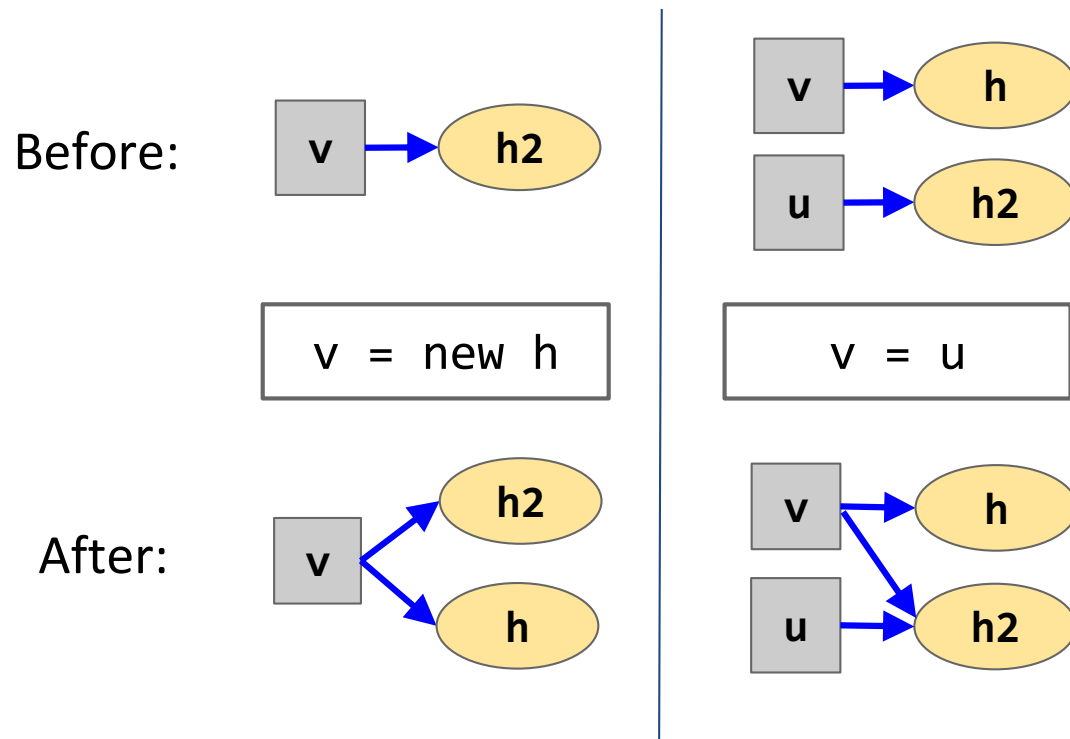
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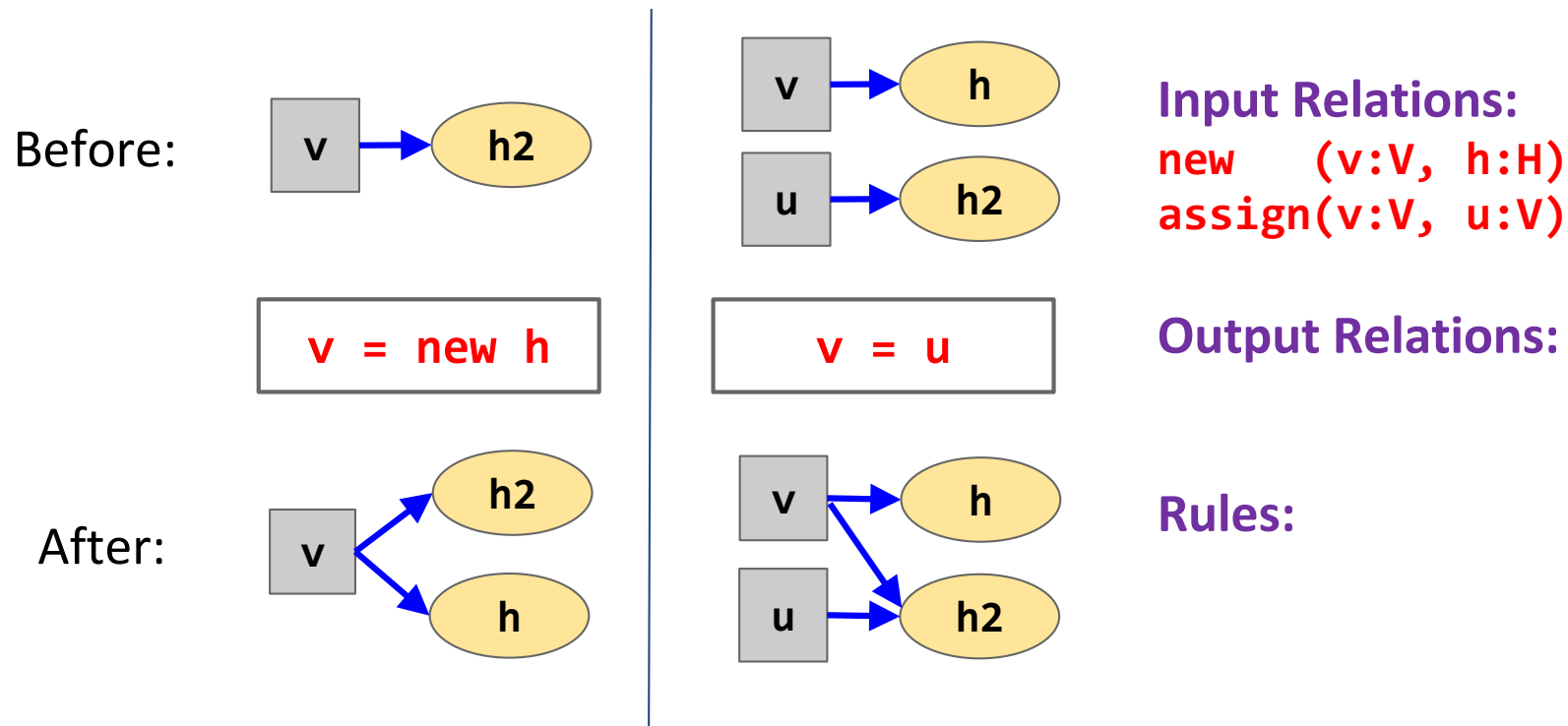
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Pointer Analysis in Datalog: Intra-procedural

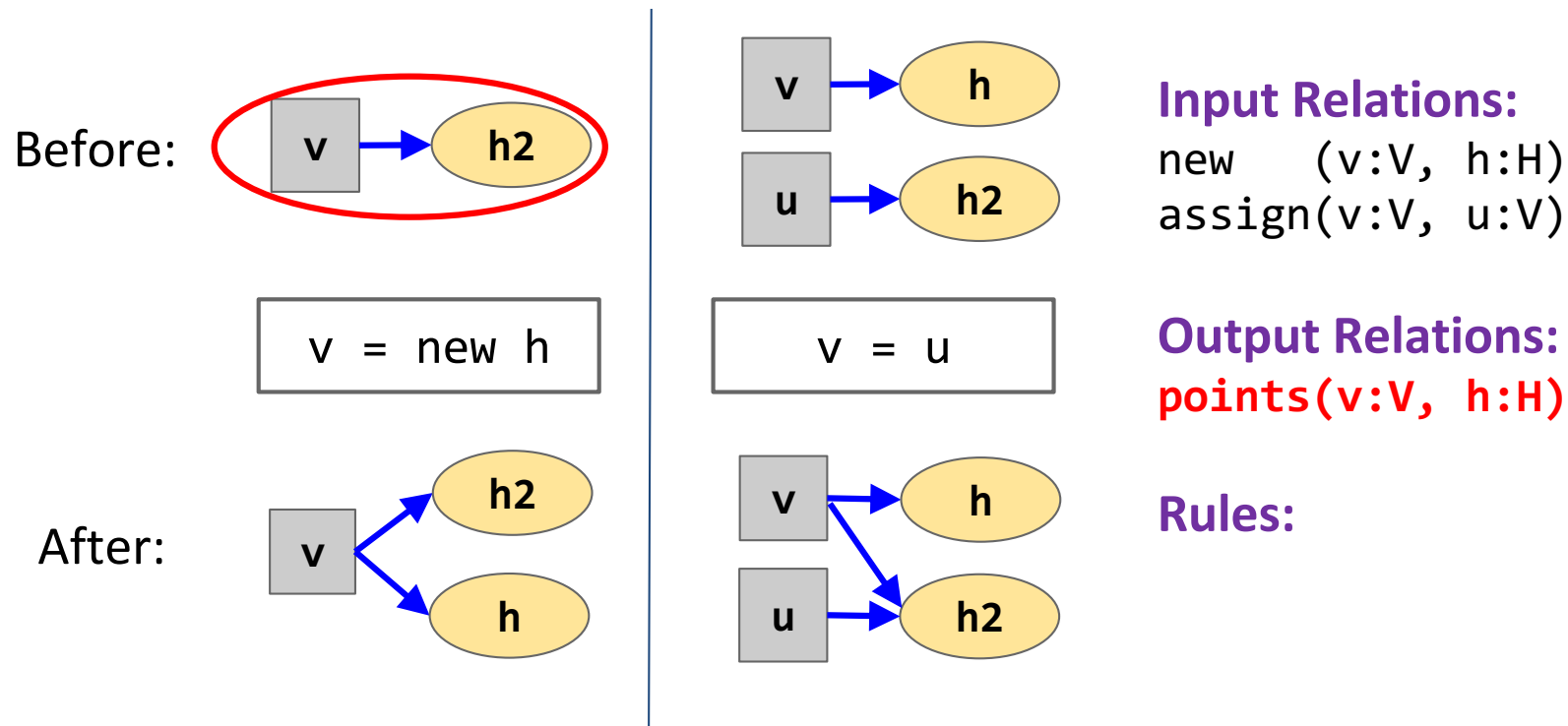
Recall the specification:



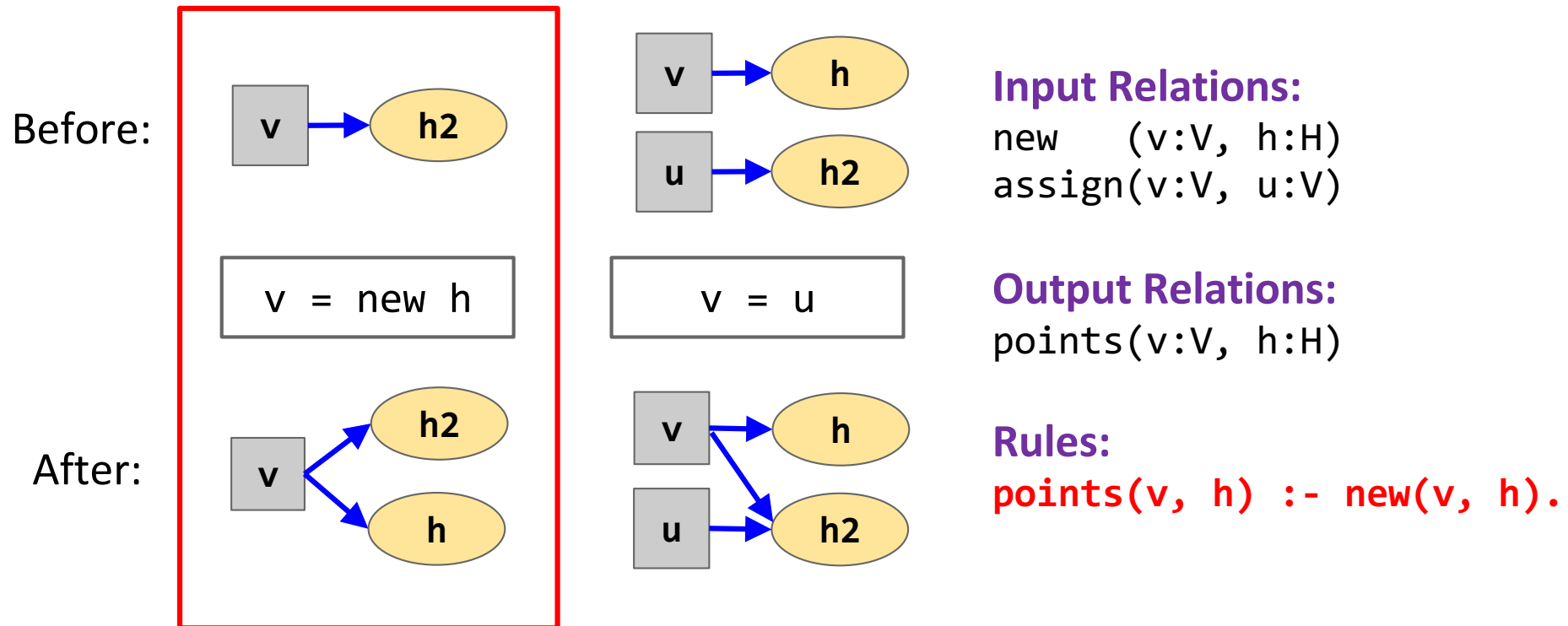
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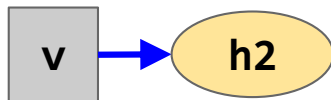


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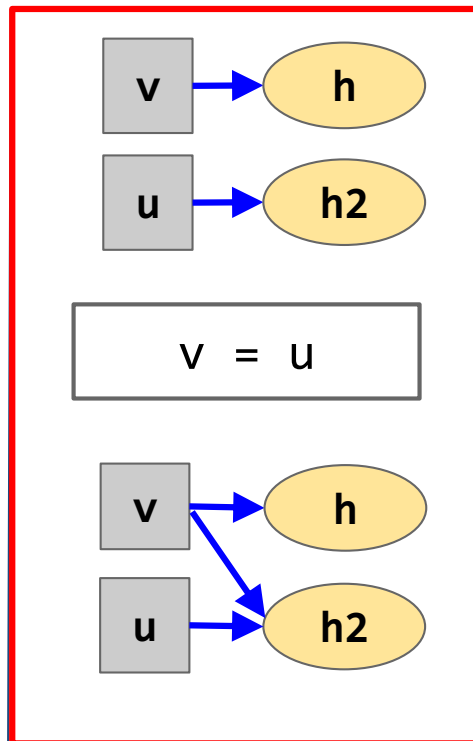
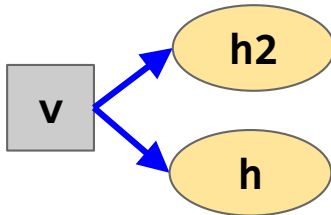
Pointer Analysis in Datalog: Intra-procedural

Before:



`v = new h`

After:



Input Relations:

`new (v:V, h:H)`
`assign(v:V, u:V)`

Output Relations:

`points(v:V, h:H)`

Rules:

`points(v, h) :- new(v, h).`
`points(v, h) :- assign(v, u),`
`points(u, h).`

Pointer Analysis in Datalog: **Inter**-procedural

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(statement)	s	::=	v = new h		v = u
			return u		v = f(u)

(pointer variable) u, v

(allocation site) h

(function name) f

Pointer Analysis in Datalog: Inter-procedural

```
x = new h1;
```

```
y = f(x);
```

```
f(v) {  
    u = v;  
    return u;  
}
```



?

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Parameter passing
and return can be
treated as
assignments!

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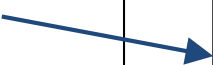
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points(v, h) :- new(v, h).
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```
points(v, h) :- assign(v, u),  
                 points(u, h).
```

Pointer Analysis in Datalog: Inter-procedural

```
x = new h1;  
  
y = f(x);  
  
f(v) {  
    u = v;  
    return u;  
}
```



A blue arrow points from the call `y = f(x);` in the main code block to a small box containing the mapping:

```
v = x  
u = v  
y = u
```

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Input Relations:

```
new(v:V, h:H) arg(f:F, v:V) ret(f:F, u:V)  
assign(v:V, u:V) call(y:V, f:F, x:V)
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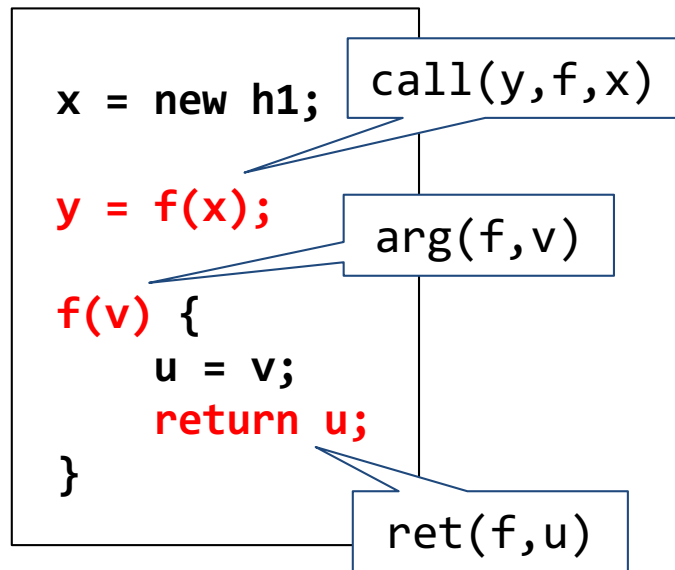
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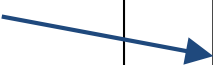
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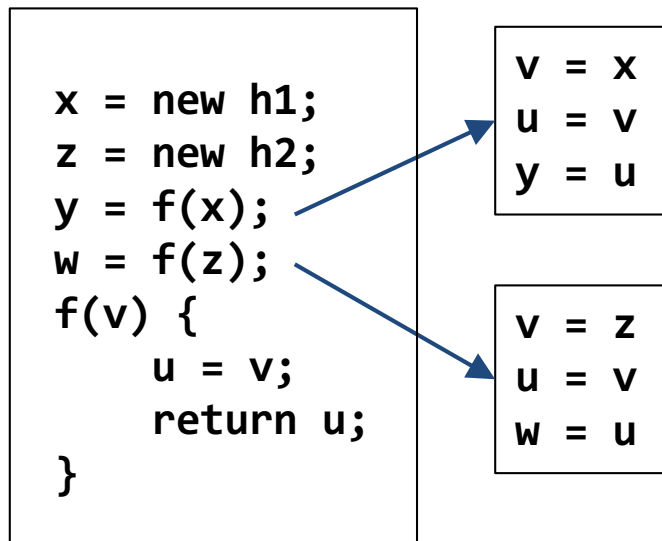
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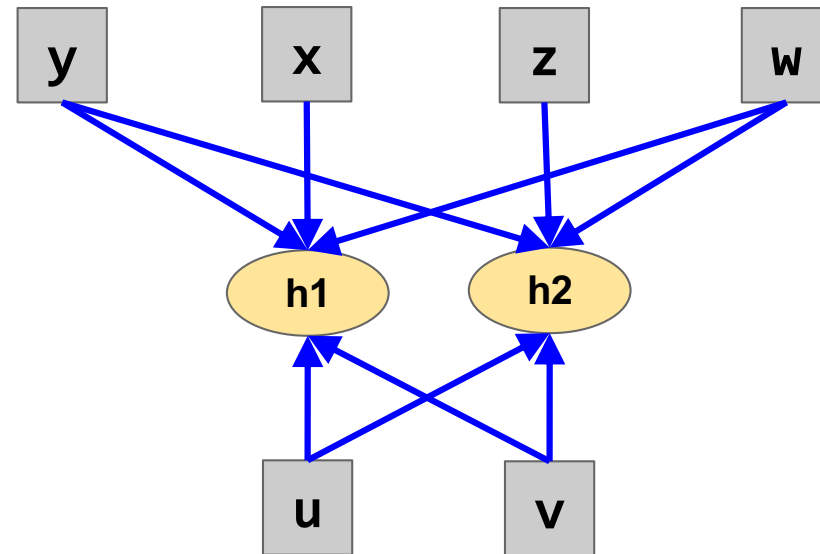
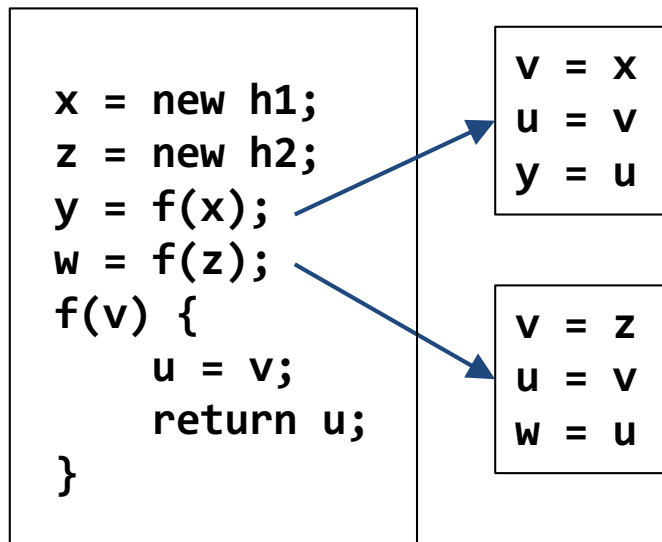
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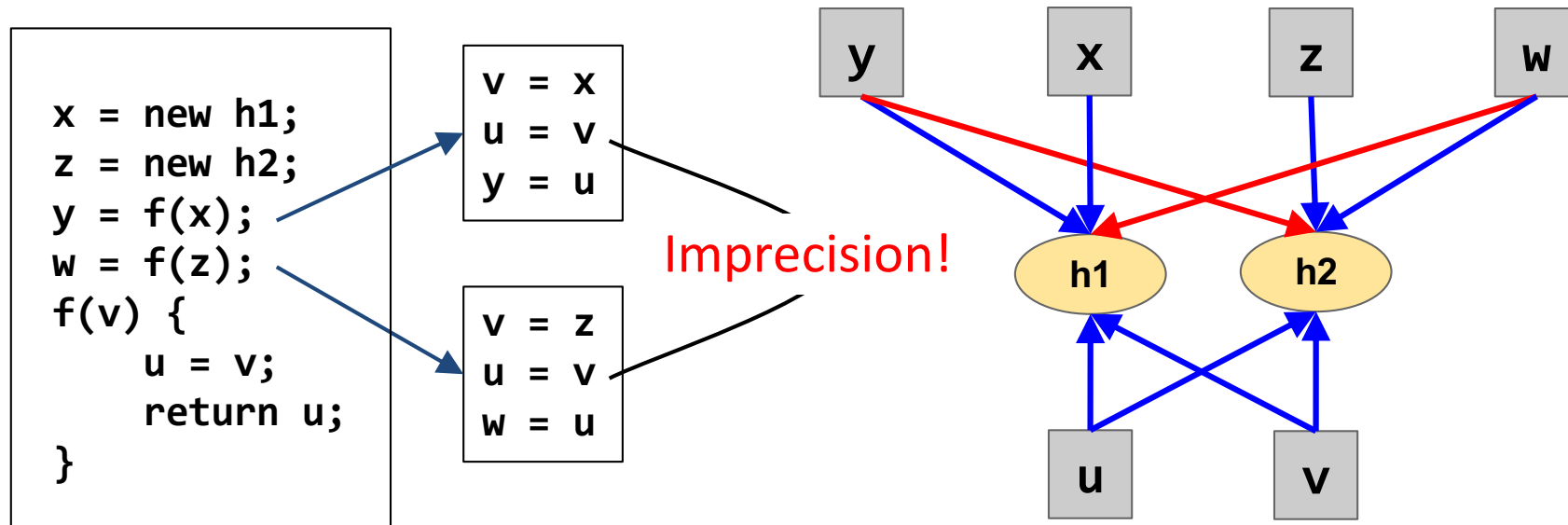
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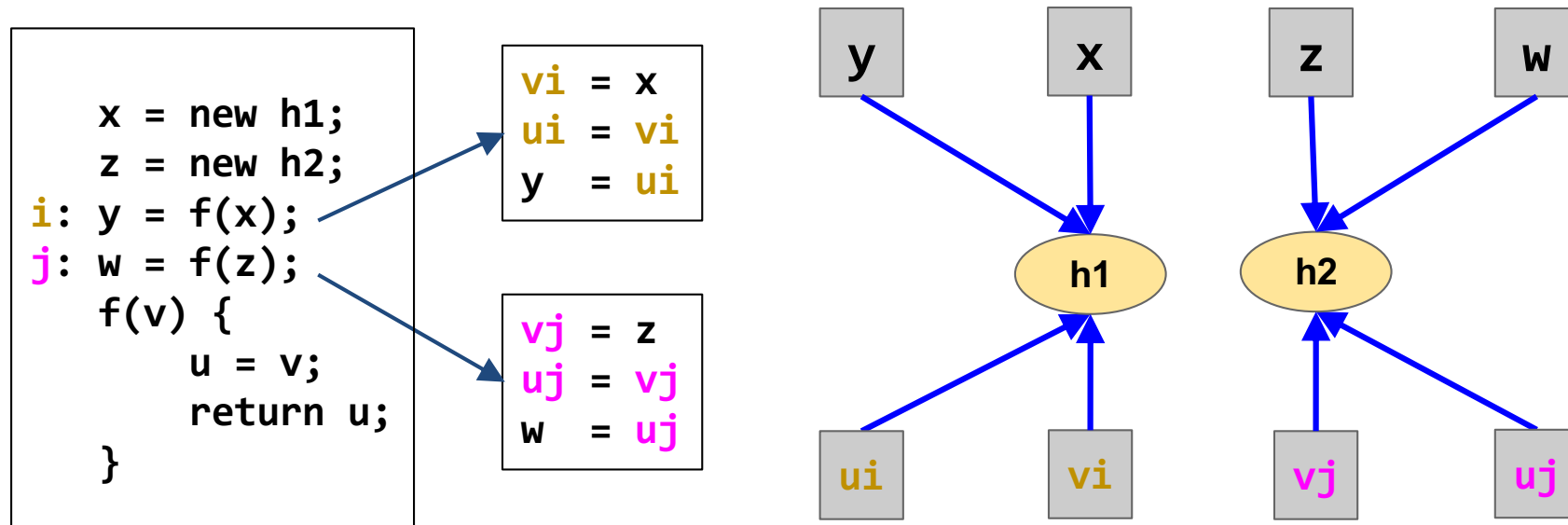
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Cloning-Based Inter-procedural Analysis



Achieves context sensitivity by **inlining** procedure calls

Cloning depth \uparrow : precision \uparrow vs. scalability \downarrow

What about Recursion?

```
x = new h1;  
z = new h2;  
y = f(x);  
w = f(z);  
  
f(v) {  
    if (*)  
        v = f(v);  
    return v;  
}
```

Need **infinite** cloning depth to differentiate the points-to sets of x, y and w, z!

Summary-Based Inter-procedural Analysis

- Use the incoming program states to differentiate calls to the same procedure
 - Same **incoming** program states yield same **outgoing** program states for a given procedure
- As precise as cloning-based analysis with infinite cloning depth

Other Constraint Languages

Constraint Language	Problem Expressed	Example Solvers
Datalog	Least solution of deductive inference rules	LogixBlox, bddbddb
SAT	Boolean satisfiability problem	MiniSat, Glucose
MaxSAT	Boolean satisfiability problem extended with optimization	open-wbo, SAT4j
SMT	Satisfiability modulo theories problem	Z3, Yices
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What Have We Learned?

- Constraint-based analysis and its benefits
- The Datalog constraint language
- How to express static analyses in Datalog
 - Analysis logic == constraints in Datalog
 - Analysis inputs and outputs == relations of tuples
- Context-insensitive and context-sensitive inter-procedural analysis