

# Language Based Security

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# Planned contents

- Buffer overflow attacks
  - Prevention using program analysis
- Security issues in Java
- Type systems for safety
- Bytecode verification and proof carrying code
- Techniques for access control and information flow analysis

# Computer Security

## Some goals

- Confidentiality of information
- Authenticity
- Preventing other improper behavior like not paying for services
- Ensuring availability of services
- Preventing damage of information

## Challenges

- Increasing complexity of software; frequent updates
- Untrusted programs
- Computer systems are not isolated
- Numerous possibilities for attacks: webpages with executables, emails, cookies, ...
- Financial cost of an insecurity could be huge

## The Morris Worm, 1988

- One of the first known internet worms.
- Among others it exploited a **buffer overflow** vulnerability in fingerd.
- A worm at an infected host copied itself to other hosts by exploiting vulnerabilities. The number of copies running at a host slowed it down to the point of being unusable.
- An estimated 6000 machines (10 % of hosts at that time) were infected.
- Huge financial losses were incurred because infected hosts were unable to continue functioning.

New buffer overflow vulnerabilities still continue to be found.

## **The MS-SQL Slammer worm, 2003**

- Exploited a buffer overflow vulnerability in Microsoft SQL server announced in 2002.
- Affected more than 75000 hosts, most of them within the first 10 minutes.

## **The Code Red worm, 2001**

- Exploited a buffer overflow vulnerability in Microsoft's IIS web server.

# Buffer overflows

- The C language allows access to arbitrary memory locations through improper use of pointers.
- This leads to a typical programming error of accessing a buffer (array) beyond the space allocated for it.
- Typically exploited by **stack smashing** attacks involving overflowing buffers on the stack to overwrite the return address.
- Data extracted from CERT advisories show that buffer overflows are responsible for nearly half of today's vulnerabilities.



## Pointers and arrays in C

For any variable we can obtain the corresponding memory location using the `&` operator. The `*` operator gives the value stored at a memory location.

```
main() {  
    int x = 10;  
    int *p;  
    printf("x = %d\n",x);  
    p = &x;  
    *p = 20;  
    printf("x = %d\n", x);  
}
```

Output:

```
x = 10  
x = 20
```

This leads to **pointer arithmetic**:

```
main() {  
    int x, y;  
    x = 10;  
    printf("x = %d\n",x);  
    *((&y)+1) = 20;  
    printf("x = %d\n",x);  
}
```

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```

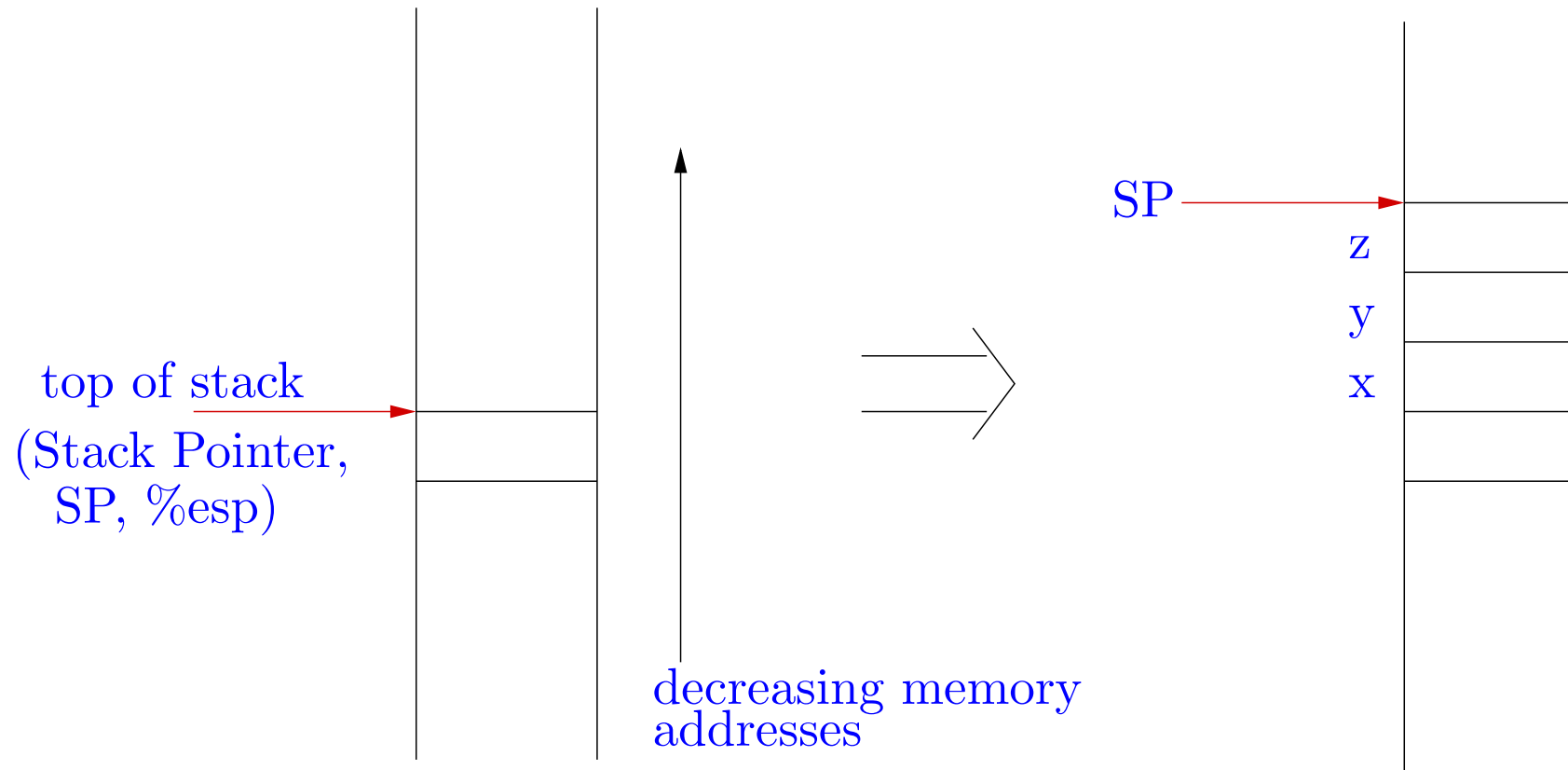
C allows access to arbitrary memory locations through pointers.

Here we need to know that `x` and `y` are allocated space on consecutive locations.

The declaration

```
int x,y,z;
```

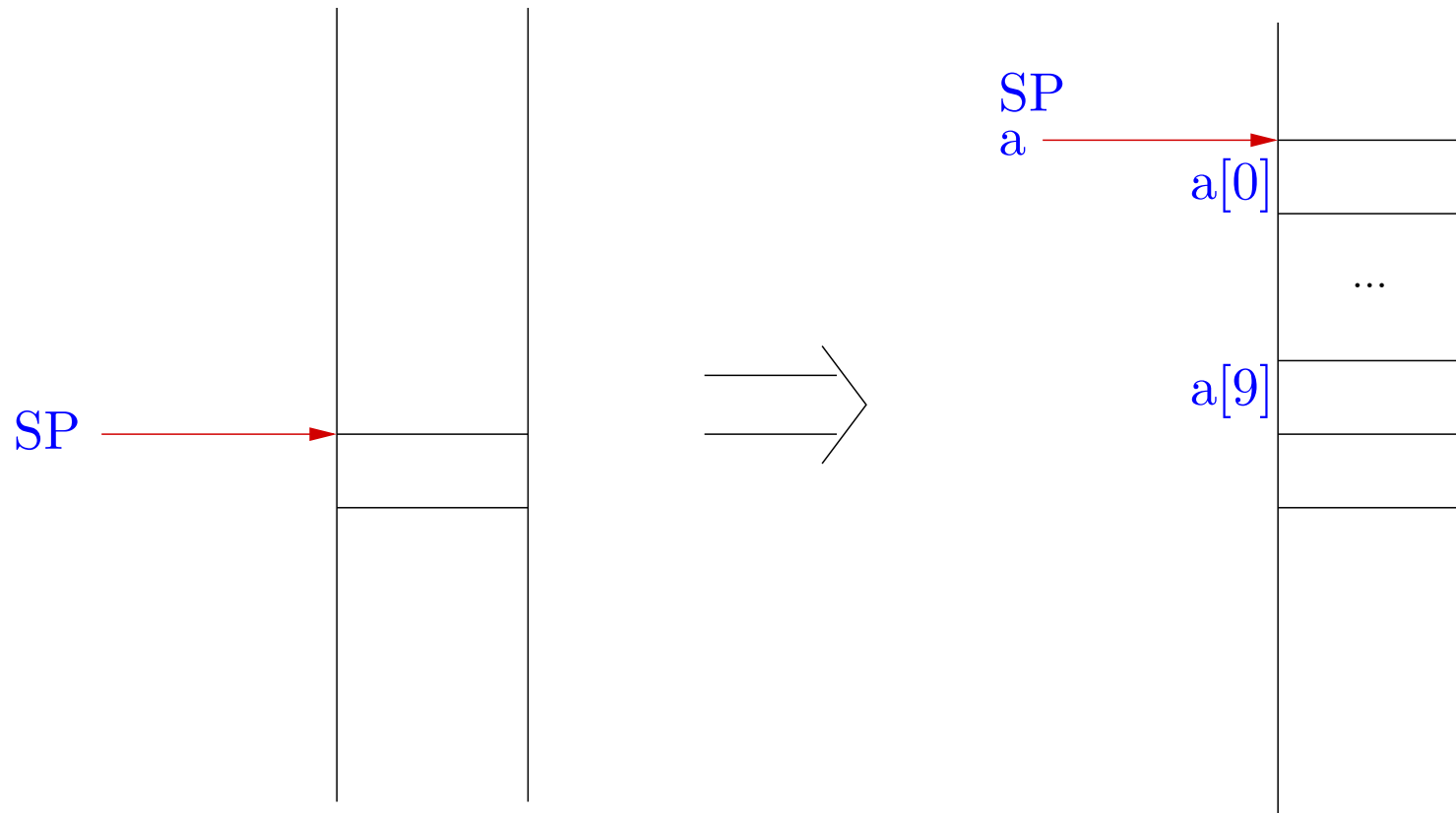
leads to allocation of space on the **stack** as follows.



Allocating space for **arrays** on the stack:

```
int a[10];
```

`a` is also the address where `a[0]` is stored. `a[5]=10` is same as `*(a+5)=10`.



Enough ingredients for errors introduced by careless programmers!

```
main() {  
    int x,a [10], i;  
  
    x = 10;  
    printf("x = %d\n",x);  
    for (i=0; i<=15; i++) a[i]=20;  
    printf("x = %d\n", x);  
  
    /* Code may require adjustment to  
       machine and compiler */  
}
```

```
x = 10  
x = 20
```

**Out of bound** access in array **a**, leading to modification of value of **x**.

No checks enforced by the C language!

Compare with Java → a strongly typed language

```
public class Array1 {  
    public static void main (String args []) {  
        int x, a [] = new int[10], i;  
  
        x = 10;  
        System.out.println ("x=" + x);  
        for (i=0; i<=15; i++) a[i]=20;  
        System.out.println ("x=" + x);  
    }  
}
```

*x=10*

*Exception in thread "main" java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: 10  
at Array1.main(Array1.java:7)*

Exceptions may then be caught and some other action taken.

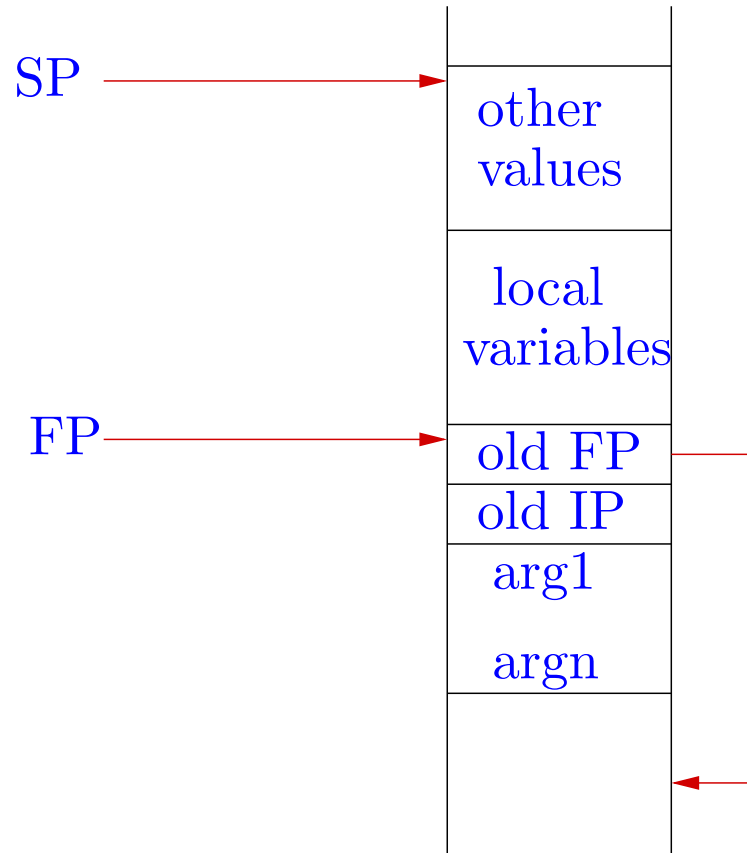
```
public class Array2 {  
    public static void main (String args []) {  
        int x, a [] = new int[10], i;  
  
        x = 10;  
        System.out.println ("x=" + x);  
        for (i=0; i<=15; i++)  
            try { a[i]=20; } catch (Exception e) { }  
        System.out.println ("x=" + x);  
    }  
}  
  
x=10  
x=10
```

## Function calls and stack frames

- Each time a function is called, space must be allocated for the local variables of the function. This region of the stack is called the **stack frame** for this function call.  
  
⇒ Use a **Frame Pointer (FP, %ebp)** to indicate the location of the current frame. This allows easy access to the local variables at runtime.
- On return from a function call, execution must continue from the next instruction after the function call.  
  
⇒ Store the old **instruction pointer (PC)** in the stack frame.



- On return from a function, the current stack frame is popped out and execution continues with the previous stack frame.  
⇒ Store the old FP on the stack.



A simple example of function call.

```
/* function.c */
void f (int x, int y) {
    int a,b,c;
}

int main () {
    f (10, 20);
}
```

Let's see the compiled code produced.

```
$ gdb function
```

```
...
```

The caller:

```
(gdb) disassemble main
...
0x804832f <main+19>: push   $0x14
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0x8048333 <main+23>: call  0x8048314 <f>
...
```

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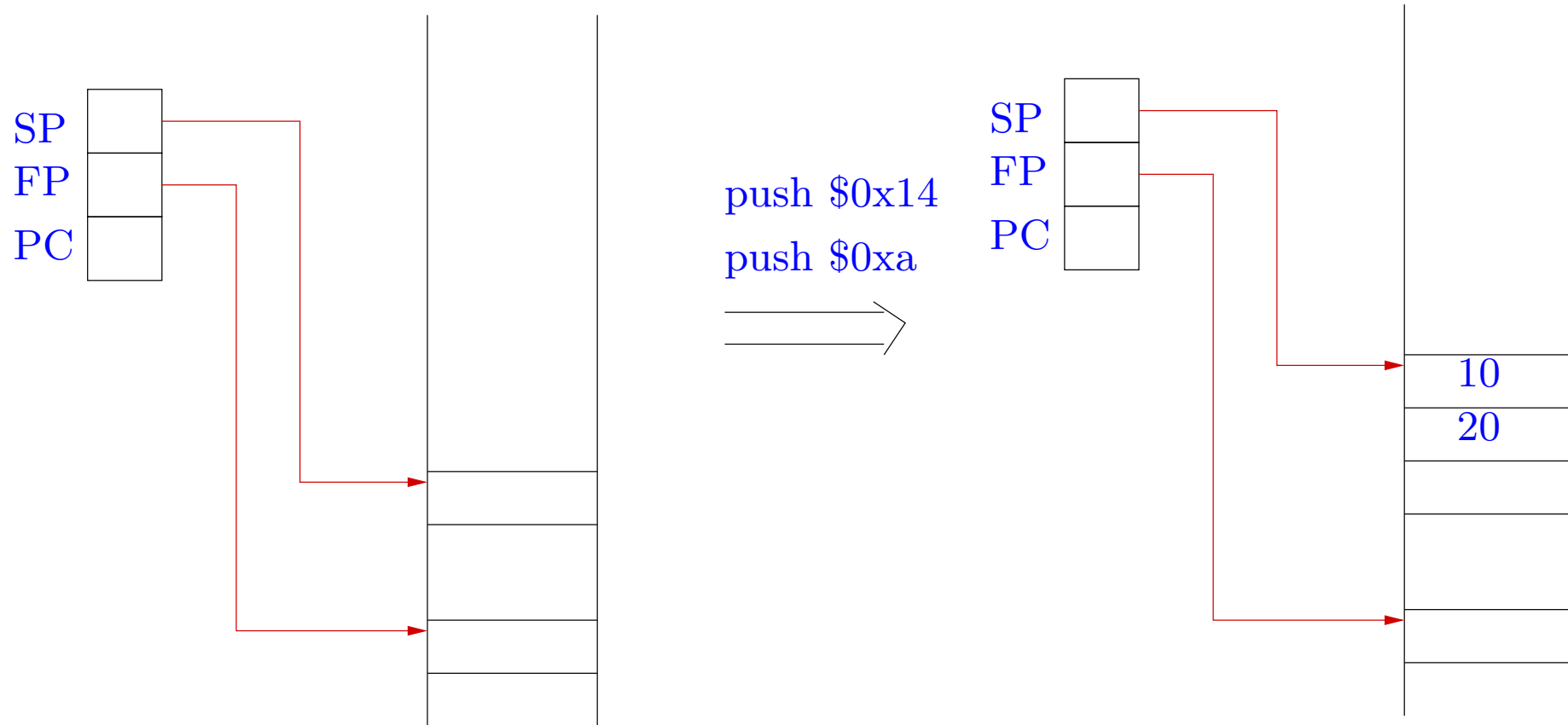
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And the callee...

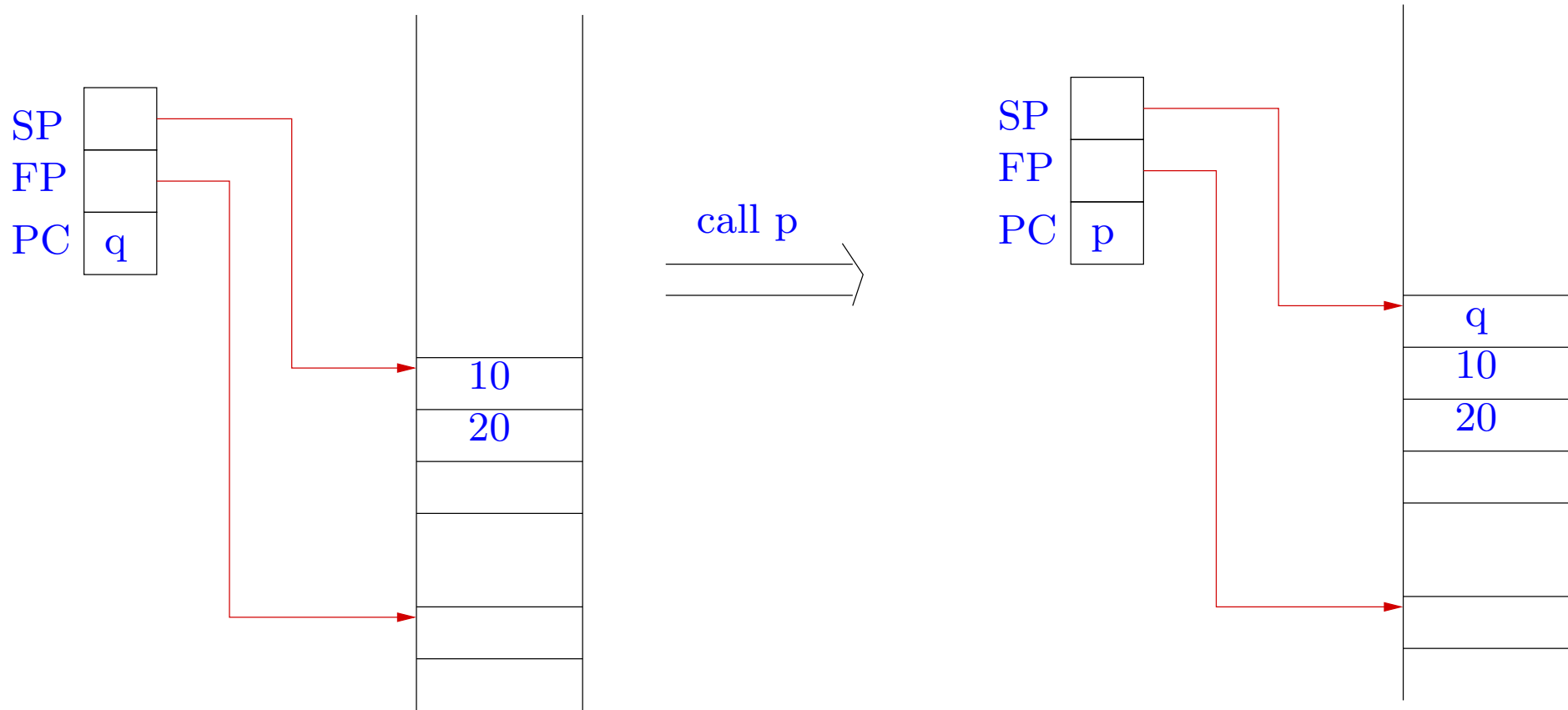
```
0x8048314 <f>:      push  %ebp
0x8048315 <f+1>:    mov   %esp,%ebp
0x8048317 <f+3>:    sub   $0xc,%esp
0x804831a <f+6>:    leave
0x804831b <f+7>:    ret
```

- Save old FP, update FP
- Allocate space for local variables, do computations
- Restore FP, pop saved FP from stack
- Return (restore PC, pop saved PC from stack)

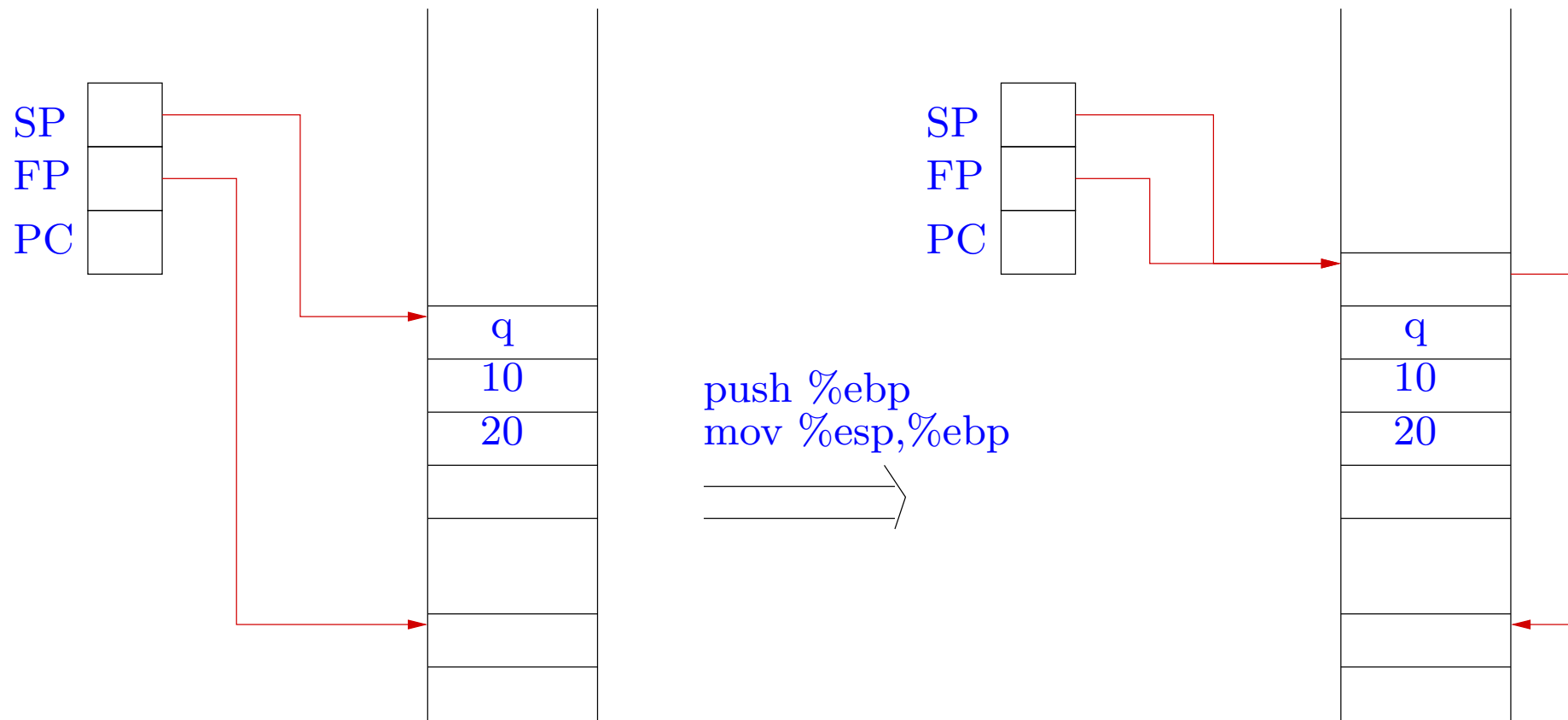
At run time: pushing arguments



# Calling function: saving PC and updating PC

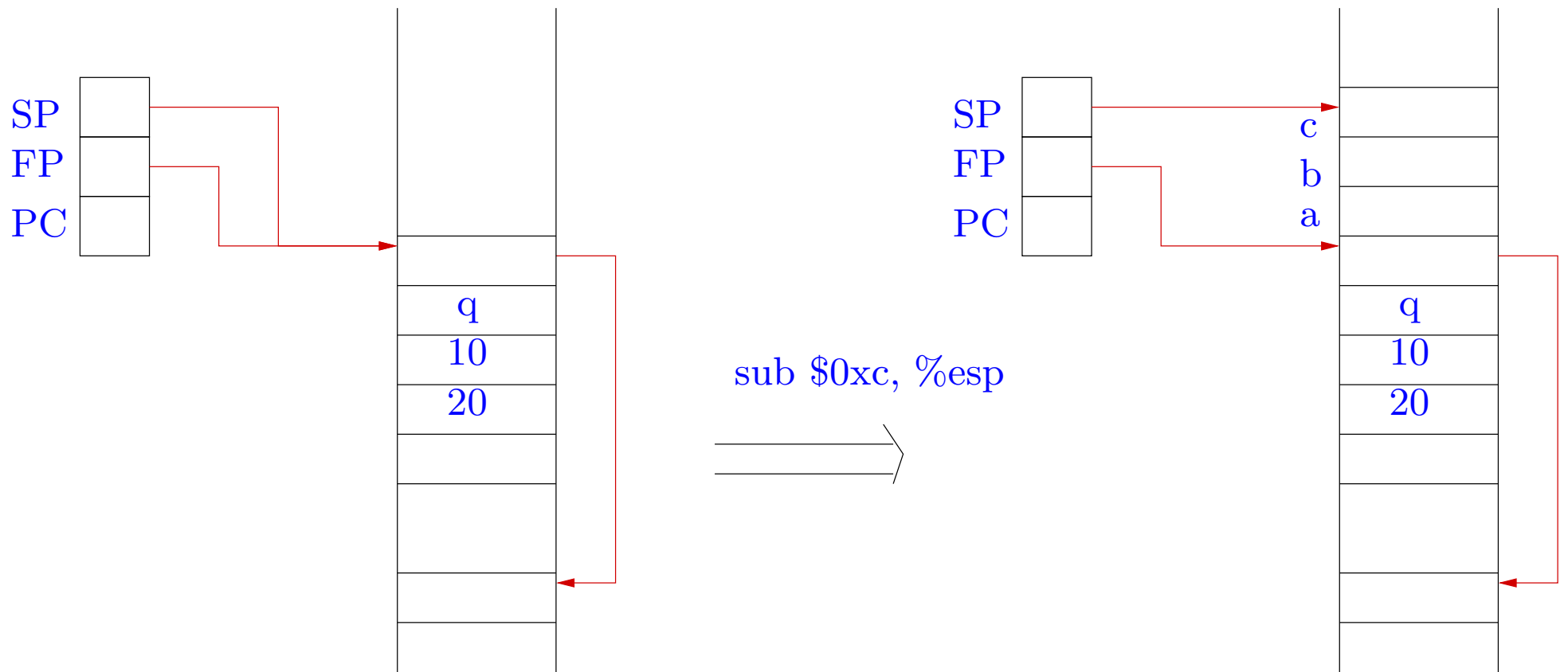


# Inside callee: saving FP and updating FP

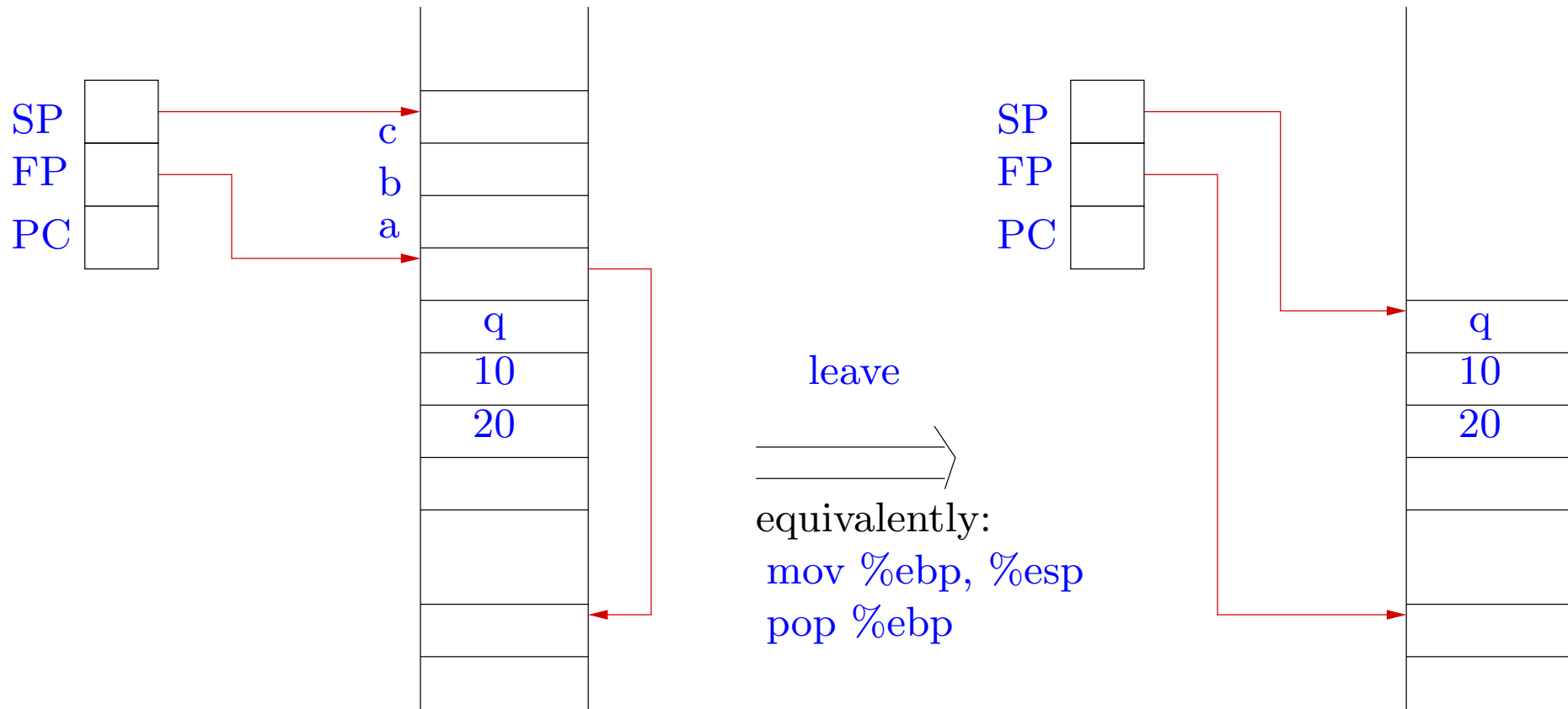




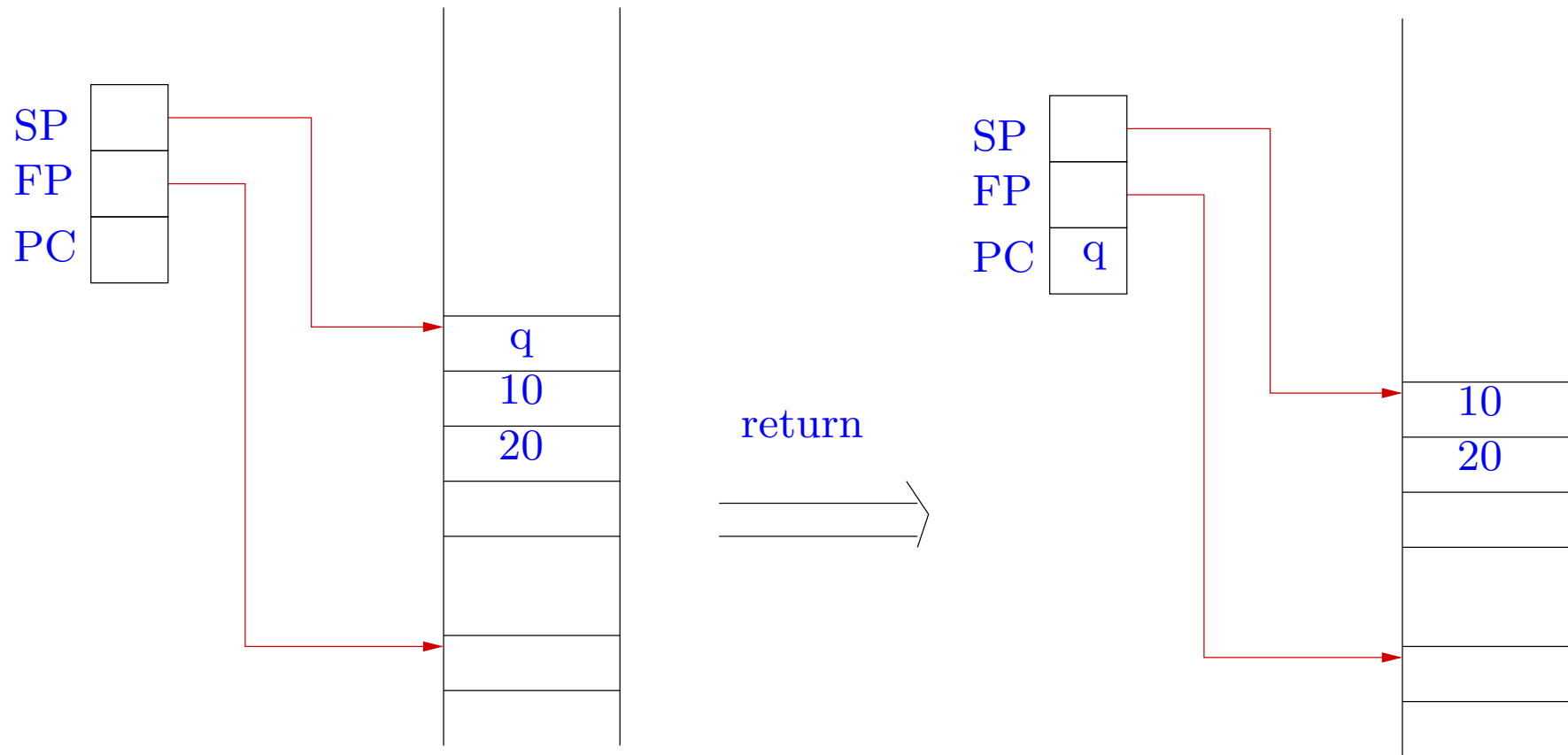
# Allocating space for local variables



# End of callee: restoring FP and popping saved FP



# Returning: restoring PC and popping saved PC



The return address is stored on the stack.

⇒ it can also be overwritten to point to arbitrary code!!!

```
void f () {  
int a[10];  
a[15] += 7;  
}
```

```
main () {  
int x = 10;  
f ();  
x = 20;  
printf ("x=%d!\n",x);  
}
```

Output:  
x=10!

We have skipped the instruction `x = 20;` !

- Where is the return address stored (a[15])?
- What should be the new return address (increment by 7)?

Organization of the stack:  $a[0], \dots, a[9]$ , old FP, old PC

Hence the return address is at the location  $a[11]$ .

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0x8048344 <f>:      push  %ebp
0x8048345 <f+1>:    mov   %esp,%ebp
0x8048347 <f+3>:    sub   $0x38,%esp
...
```

Space allocated after old FP is  $0x38 = 56 = 4 * 14$  bytes.

Hence return address is at address  $a[15]$

```
...  
0x8048369 <main+23>: call    0x8048344 <f>  
0x804836e <main+28>: movl   $0x14,0 xfffffff (%ebp)  
0x8048375 <main+35>: sub    $0x8,%esp  
...
```

Instruction `x = 20;` requires  $35 - 28 = 7$  bytes.

Hence we put `a[15] += 7` in the function `f` in order to skip execution of this instruction.

⇒ Besides modifying data, we may cause arbitrary code to be executed!



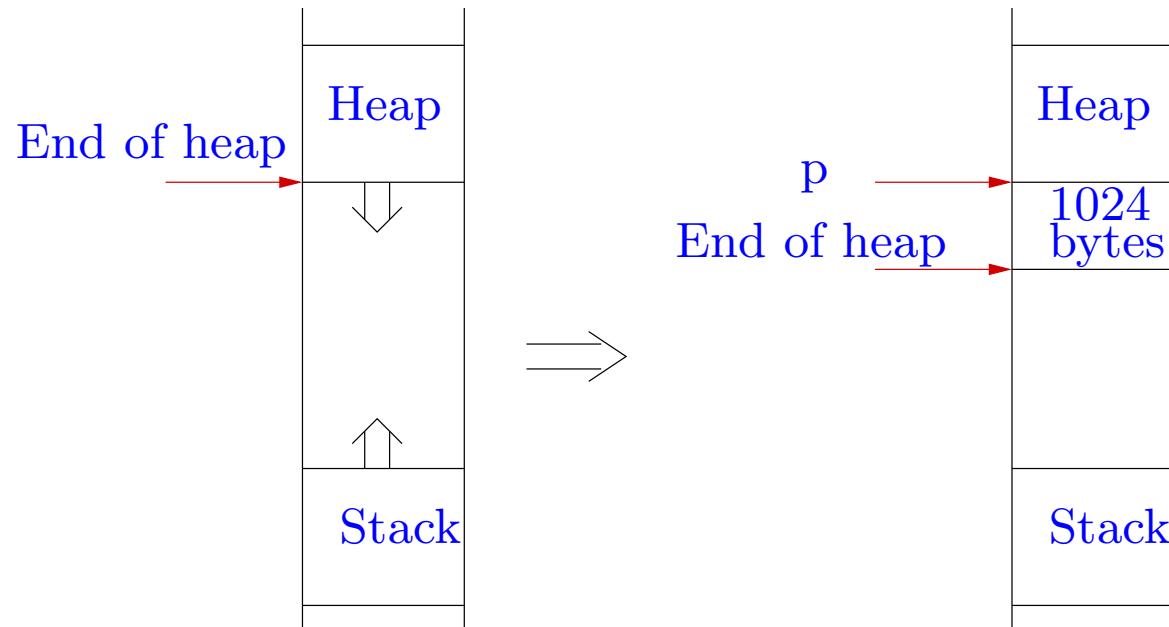
Weaknesses can be **exploited** by users by supplying appropriate inputs.

```
int main (int argc, char *argv[]) {  
    char s [1024];  
    strcpy(s,argv [1]);  
    ...  
}
```

- An appropriate input is given to overwrite the return address,
- At the minimum, the program may abort abruptly.
- An ingenious attacker may get some desired code to be executed (**shellcode**) by providing it as a part of the input string!

Heap based overflows: buffer overflows in the **heap** instead of the **stack**.

```
char *p = (char *) malloc (1024);
```



Instead of overwriting return addresses, an attacker may overwrite important variables.

Further errors arise because of improper use of **string library functions**.

In C, the end of a string is indicated by the null character.

The statement `strcpy (s,t);`

will keep copying characters starting from `t` till a null character is found, irrespective of space allocated for `s` and `t`.

`i = strlen (s);`

tries to find the first null character beyond `s`.

## Some techniques for preventing buffer overflow attacks.

- **Careful programming:** e.g. use `strncpy` instead of `strcpy`.
- Make the **stack region non-executable:** however some applications make use of an executable stack.
- **Compiler tools:** save the return address at a safe place (data region).
- **Run time checks:** use a preloaded library which provides safer versions of standard unsafe functions.

# Detecting buffer overflow vulnerabilities

- **Static program analysis:** automated analysis of programs without running them.
- an exact analysis of buffer overflow vulnerabilities is theoretically impossible.  
⇒ do **approximate** analysis:
  - we fail to detect some vulnerabilities: **unsafe** approximation :-)
  - or we declare certain good programs as vulnerable: **safe** approximation :-)
  - or both :-((
- tradeoff between **efficiency** of analysis and **precision** of analysis.

## Use of integer analysis

Most vulnerabilities are caused due to improper **string manipulation**.

Modify the program to include

- integer variables representing **lengths** of strings, **overlaps** between strings, etc.
- **safety conditions** before all string manipulation instructions.

Use well-known integer analysis algorithms to verify the safety conditions.

⇒ we reduce string analysis problem to integer analysis problem :-)

## Ideas: Dor, Rodeh and Sagiv

Original C code

```
char s [10];  
s [15] = 'a';
```

Instrumented C code

```
char s [10]; int sAlloc = 10;  
                assert (15 < sAlloc);  
s [15] = 'a';
```

The integer variable `sAlloc` remembers the space allocated for string `s`.

The statement `assert(15 < sAlloc);` says that the program should abort here if `sAlloc ≤ 15`.

We use an integer analysis algorithm to check that the `assert` conditions are satisfied.

## Handling pointer arithmetic.

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```
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```
char s [10]; int sAlloc = 10;  
char *p;     int pAlloc = 0;  
             assert (7 <= sAlloc);  
p = s + 7;   pAlloc = sAlloc - 7;  
             assert (5 < pAlloc);  
p[5] = 'a';
```

The second assert condition does not hold, as desired.

Complex **control flow** constructs are automatically handled.

```
char s [10];  
int i;  
for (i=0; i<=15; i++) {  
    s[i] = 'a';  
}
```

```
char s [10]; int sAlloc = 10;  
int i;  
for (i=0; i <=15; i++) {  
    assert (i < sAlloc);  
    s[i] = 'a';  
}
```

The asserted condition will be violated at some point during the execution of the program, as desired.

String manipulation functions like `strcpy`, `strlen`, `strcat` should be treated directly, without analyzing their code.

```
char s [10];  
char t [10];  
strcpy (s,t);
```

This code is vulnerable.

Cannot be detected from information about `sAlloc` and `tAlloc`.

Need further variables:

<code>sIsNull</code>	<code>s</code> is a null terminated string (boolean)
<code>sLen</code>	length of <code>s</code>

## Instrumented code

```
char s [10];    int sAlloc=10, sIsNull=false, sLen;  
char t [10];    int tAlloc=10, tIsNull=false, tLen;  
                assert (tIsNull && tLen < sAlloc)  
strcpy (s,t);  
                sIsNull=true; sLen=tLen;
```

The asserted condition is violated, as desired.

```
char *p;          int pAlloc=0, pIsNull=false, pLen;
char s [20];      int sAlloc=20, sIsNull=false, sLen;
p="Hello World!"; pAlloc=13; pIsNull=true; pLen=12;
                  assert(pIsNull && pLen < sAlloc)
strcpy(s,p);
                  sIsNull=true; sLen=pLen;
```

The asserted condition holds, as desired.

## Dealing with string overlaps.

```
char *p, *q, s [20], t [20];    ... instrumentation code ...
p="Hello World!";             ...
q=s+6;                         ...
                               /* here qIsNull == sIsNull == false */
strcpy(s,p);                   sIsNull=true; sLen=pLen;
                               /* here sIsNull == true, qIsNull == false */
                               assert (qIsNull && qLen < tAlloc)
strcpy(t,q);                   ...
```

The asserted condition for second `strcpy` fails :-)

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strcpy(t,q);                     ...
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⇒ need further variables for keeping track of overlaps between strings.

## Putting together

The required list of variables:

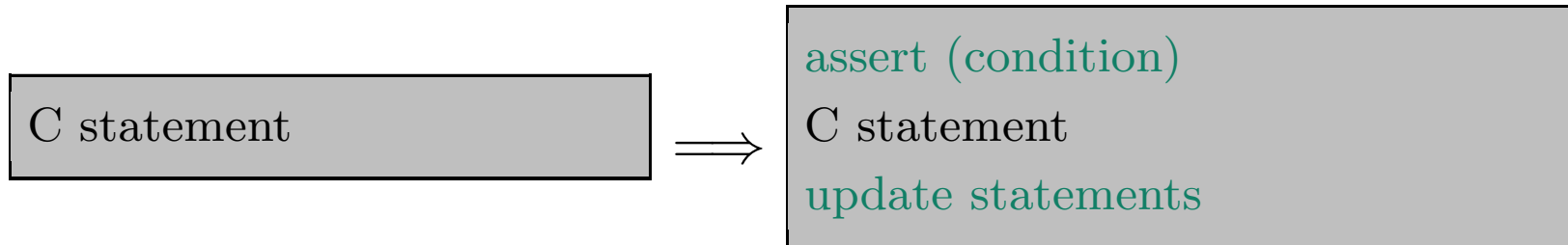
<code>sAlloc</code>	space allocated for string ccodes
<code>sIsNull</code>	whether string <code>s</code> is null terminated
<code>sLen</code>	length of string <code>s</code>
<code>s_overlaps_t</code>	whether strings <code>s</code> and <code>t</code> point inside the same allocated buffer
<code>s_diff_t</code>	amount of overlap between strings <code>s</code> and <code>t</code>

`s_overlaps_t` is same as `t_overlaps_s`.

`s_diff_t` = `-t_diff_s`.



Schema for instrumenting the C code.



**Clean program:** all the string operations have a well defined output (according to standard specifications.)

The instrumentation preserves the behaviour of clean C programs.

In a program is unclean, the condition for the corresponding statement is violated at some time during execution.

# Allocation

update

C statement

condition

```
char s [20];
```

```
true
```

```
sAlloc = 20;  
sIsNull = false;  
FOREACH a  
  a_overlaps_s = false
```

No safety conditions required.

The string is **not null-terminated** and has **no overlap** with any other string.

# Allocation

<code>p = malloc(exp)</code>	<code>true</code>
------------------------------	-------------------

```
if (p)
  pAlloc = exp;
else pAlloc = 0;
pIsNull = false;
FOREACH a
  a_overlaps_p = false;
```

If allocation fails then no space is allocated for the string.

## Constant string assignment

<code>s = "some string";</code>	<code>true</code>
---------------------------------	-------------------

```
sAlloc = 12;  
sIsNull = true;  
sLen = 11;  
FOREACH a  
    s_overlaps_a = false;
```

No assertion conditions.

The string is **null terminated** and has **no overlap** with other strings.

**Safe** even with other pointers to the same string constant, as no updates are allowed in this region of the memory.

**Pointer arithmetic** For simplicity consider only  $\text{exp} \geq 0$

C statement

```
p = q + exp;
```

condition

```
exp <= qAlloc
```

update

```
pAlloc = qAlloc - exp;
```

```
p_overlaps_q = true; p_diff_q = exp;
```

FOREACH a

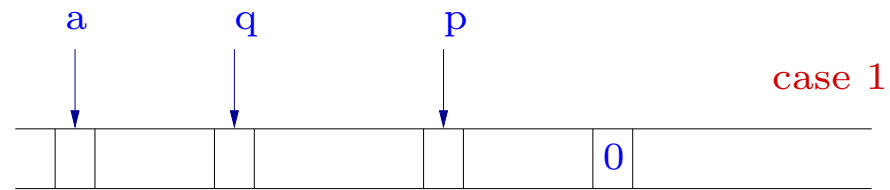
```
p_overlaps_a = q_overlaps_a;
```

```
p_diff_a = q_diff_a + exp;
```

...

...

```
if (qIsNull && qLen >= exp) {  
    pIsNull = true; pLen = qLen - exp;  
} else RECOMPUTE (p);
```



```
#define RECOMPUTE (s)  
    sLen = strlen(s);  
    sIsNull = (sLen < sAlloc ? true : false)  
/* however strlen cannot be analyzed precisely! */
```

**String update** We consider only  $i \geq 0$

C statement

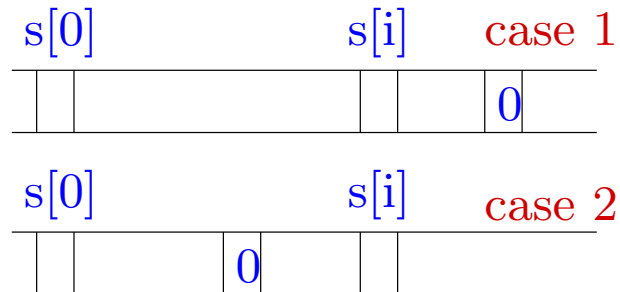
```
s[i] = exp;
```

condition

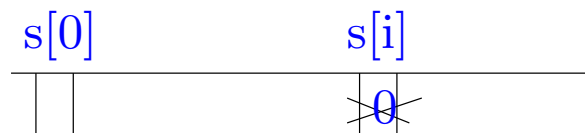
```
i < sAlloc
```

Update

```
if (exp == 0) {  
  if (!sIsNull || sLen > i) {  
    sIsNull = true;  
    sLen = i;  
  }  
  FOREACH a  
    DESTRUCTIVE_UPDATE (a,s)  
}
```



```
else {  
    if (sIsNull && i == sLen)  
        RECOMPUTE (s);  
    FOREACH a  
        DESTRUCTIVE_UPDATE (a,s);  
}
```

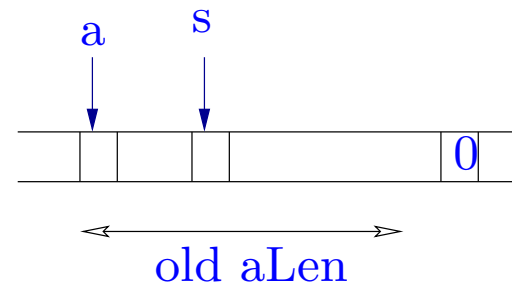
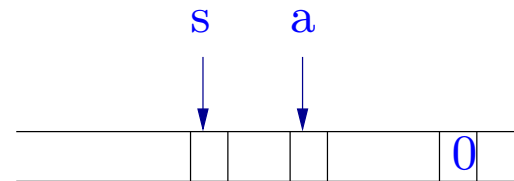




## DESTRUCTIVE\_UPDATE

The string `s` has been modified and variables `sIsNull` and `sLen` have been updated. The corresponding variables for overlapping strings need to be updated.

```
#define DESTRUCTIVE_UPDATE (a,s)
  if (a_overlaps_s)
    if (sIsNull && a_diff_s <= sLen &&
        (!aIsNull || a_diff_s >= -aLen)) {
      aIsNull = true;
      aLen = sLen - a_diff_s;
    } else RECOMPUTE (a);
```



## Library functions: strcpy

C statement

```
strcpy (s,t);
```

condition

```
tIsNull & tLen < sAlloc
```

update

```
sIsNull = true;  
sLen = tLen;  
FOREACH a  
    DESTRUCTIVE_UPDATE (a,s);
```

The copied string should be null terminated and the destination should have enough space.

## Library functions: strcat

C statement

```
strcat (s,t);
```

condition

```
sIsNull && tIsNull  
&& tLen + sLen < sAlloc
```

update

```
sLen = sLen + tLen;  
FOREACH a  
    DESTRUCTIVE_UPDATE (a,s);
```

Both the source and destination strings should be null terminated before concatenation.

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```

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```
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&& tLen + sLen < sAlloc
```

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    DESTRUCTIVE_UPDATE (a,s);
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Normal functions: to be discussed.

Given a C program, we have shown how to compute an **instrumented C** program which **preserves the semantics**.

If the original C program is **clean** then the instrumented C program has the **same behaviour** and all assertions always hold.

If the original C program has an **unclean** expression then the corresponding assertion will be **false** at some time.

Next, we use **integer analysis** algorithms to check whether any of the assertions are violated.

A **program state** at a certain point of time during the program execution tells us the value of each program variable at that time.

**Execution** of an instruction leads to a modification in the program state.

Each program point can be reached several times during execution (**loops**).

Hence several program states are possible at each program point.

**Goal:** for each program point, compute an **upper approximation** of the set of possible program states.

Upper approximation of the set of possible states is a safe approximation.

Scenario 1:

```
char s [20];
for (i=0; i<10; i++) {
    j = 2 * i;
    /* j is hopefully < 20 */
    s[j] = 'a';
}
```

The possible values of  $(i, j)$  before the string update operation are

$(0, 0), (1, 2), (2, 4) \dots (9, 18)$

Suppose our analysis tells us that at this program point:

$0 \leq i \leq 9 \wedge 0 \leq j \leq 18$

upper approximation

We conclude that the program is clean

safe

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Scenario 2:

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    s[j] = 'a';
}
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Suppose our analysis tells us that at this program point:

$0 \leq i < \infty \wedge 0 \leq j < \infty$

upper approximation

We conclude that the program is not clean

safe



Upper approximation of the set of possible states is a safe approximation.

Scenario 3:

```
char s [20];
for (i=0; i<=10; i++) {
    j = 2 * i;
    /* j is hopefully < 20 */
    s[j] = 'a';
}
```

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We compute upper approximation of the set of possible states.

Hence our analysis should always tell us that  $j$  can become 20.

We conclude that the program is not clean

safe

We transform the instrumented program to a program with only integer variables  $\implies$  further **safe approximation**.

$e_1$  is **non-integer** variable:

$$e_1 = e_2; \implies ;$$

$e$  contains **non-integer** variables and constants:

$$\begin{aligned} x = e; &\implies x = ?; \\ \text{if } (e) \text{ s1 else s2} &\implies \text{if } (?) \text{ s1 else s2} \end{aligned}$$

The expression  $?$  can take all possible values non-deterministically.

(In practice, use a special uninitialized variable in its place.)

**Safe approximation**: all executions of the original program are still allowed after approximation.

## Instrumented program

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char s [20];    int sAlloc=20, sIsNull=false, sLen;  
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char s [10], *t; ...
t = "Hello!";    tAlloc = 7; tIsNull = 0; tLen=6; ...
strcpy (s,t);    ...sLen=tLen
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s[i] = 0;        if (0==0) if (!sIsNull || sLen > i) {
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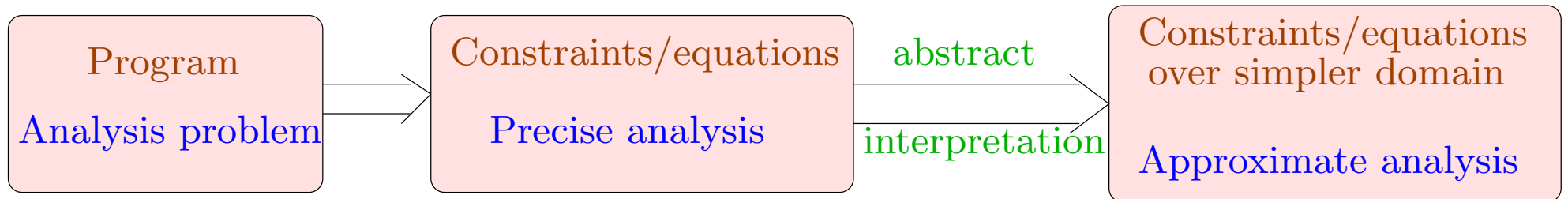
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# Program analysis for integers relations

Our methodology:



Precise analysis:	what values are taken by variable $x$ at a certain program point?	infinite domain: $\mathbb{Z}$
Approximate analysis:	does variable $x$ ever take a negative value at a certain program point?	finite domain: $\{+, -, 0\}$

We consider a set **Vars** of variables ranging over integers.

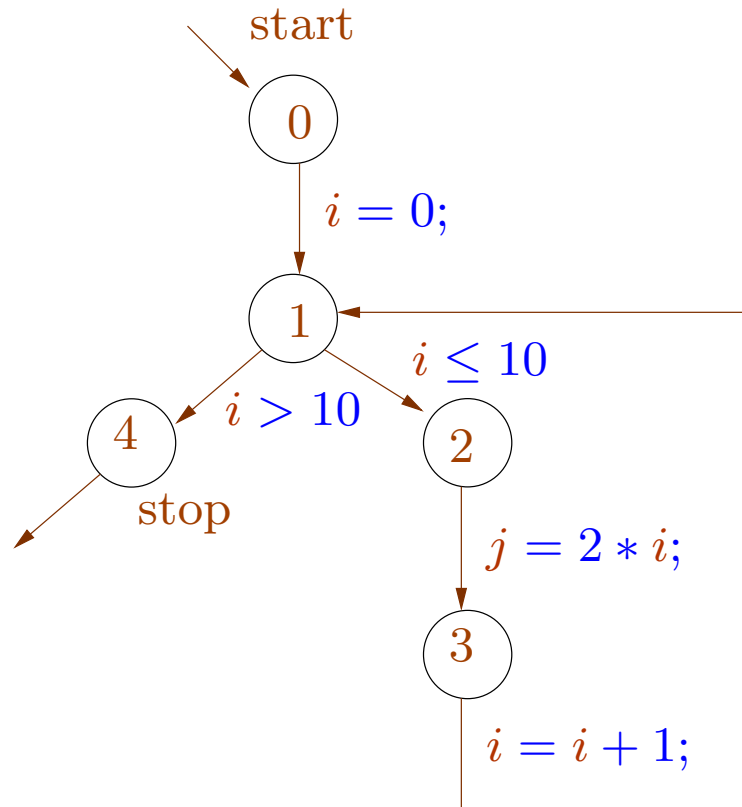
Program consists of statements of the form

<b>NOP</b>	;
<b>Assignments</b>	x = e;
<b>Conditions</b>	if (e) s1 else s2
<b>Jumps</b>	goto L

**While** and **for** loops: translated using conditions and goto statements.



We represent programs using **control flow graphs (CFGs)**.



Distinguished *start* and *stop* nodes.

Edges  $k$  are of the form  $(u, l, v)$  where  $u$  and  $v$  are nodes and label  $l$  is an assignment or a condition.

The set of possible states *state* of the program is

$$\mathcal{S} = \text{Vars} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

The evaluation of an arithmetic expression  $e$  under state  $\rho \in \mathcal{S}$  is denoted

$$\llbracket e \rrbracket \rho : \mathbb{Z}$$

An edge  $k = (u, l, v)$  induces a *partial transformation* on program states. The transformation depends only on the label  $l$ .

$$\llbracket k \rrbracket \rho = \llbracket l \rrbracket \rho$$

$$\text{where } \llbracket l \rrbracket : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$$

$$\llbracket ; \rrbracket \rho = \rho;$$

$$\llbracket x = e; \rrbracket \rho = \rho \oplus \{x \mapsto \llbracket e \rrbracket \rho\}$$

$$\llbracket e_1 \geq e_2 \rrbracket \rho = \rho \quad \text{if } \llbracket e_1 \rrbracket \rho \geq \llbracket e_2 \rrbracket \rho$$

A path  $\pi$  is a sequence of consecutive edges in the CFG.



$\pi = k_1, \dots, k_n$  where each  $k_i$  is of the form  $(u_{i-1}, l_i, u_i)$ .

We write  $\pi : u_0 \rightarrow^* u_n$

The transformation induced by a path is the composition of the transformations induced by the edges.

$$\llbracket \pi \rrbracket = \llbracket k_n \rrbracket \circ \dots \circ \llbracket k_1 \rrbracket$$

Each node can be reached through possibly **infinitely many paths**, leading to infinitely many different states at each program point.

We are interested in the set of all such states at each program point.

Suppose we know that a set  $V$  of states is possible at a node  $u$ .

By following an edge  $k = (u, v)$ , a new set of states becomes possible at node  $v$ . This set is denoted  $\llbracket k \rrbracket^\# V = \llbracket l \rrbracket^\# V : 2^{\mathcal{S}} \rightarrow 2^{\mathcal{S}}$ .

We define **abstract transformation**

$$\llbracket l \rrbracket^\# V = \{ \llbracket l \rrbracket \rho \mid \rho \in V \text{ and } \llbracket l \rrbracket \text{ is defined for } \rho \}.$$

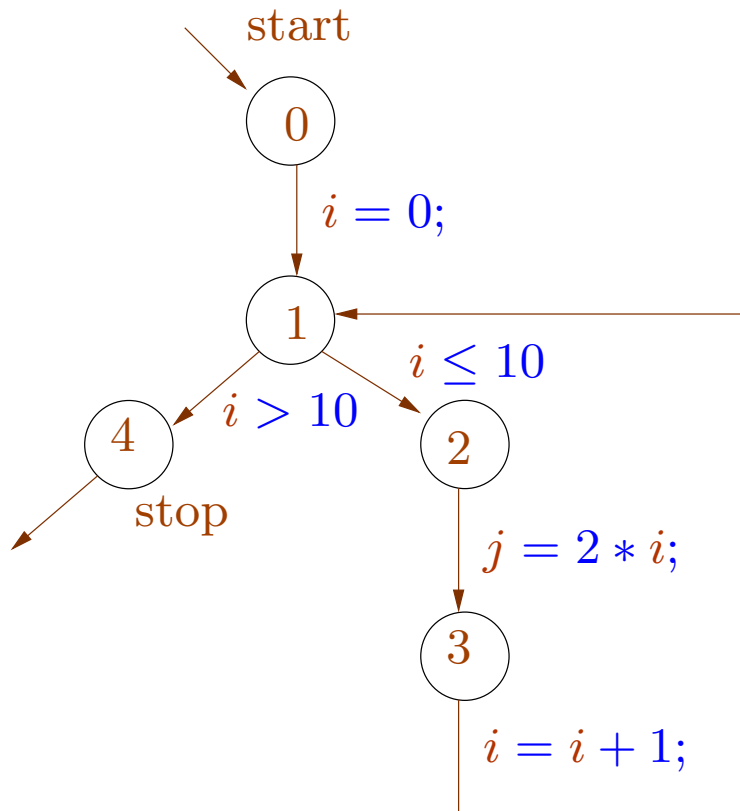
As before,  $\llbracket k_1, \dots, k_n \rrbracket^\# V = (\llbracket k_n \rrbracket^\# \circ \dots \circ \llbracket k_1 \rrbracket^\# )V$ .

At the *start* node, all states are possible.

For each node  $v$  we want to compute the set

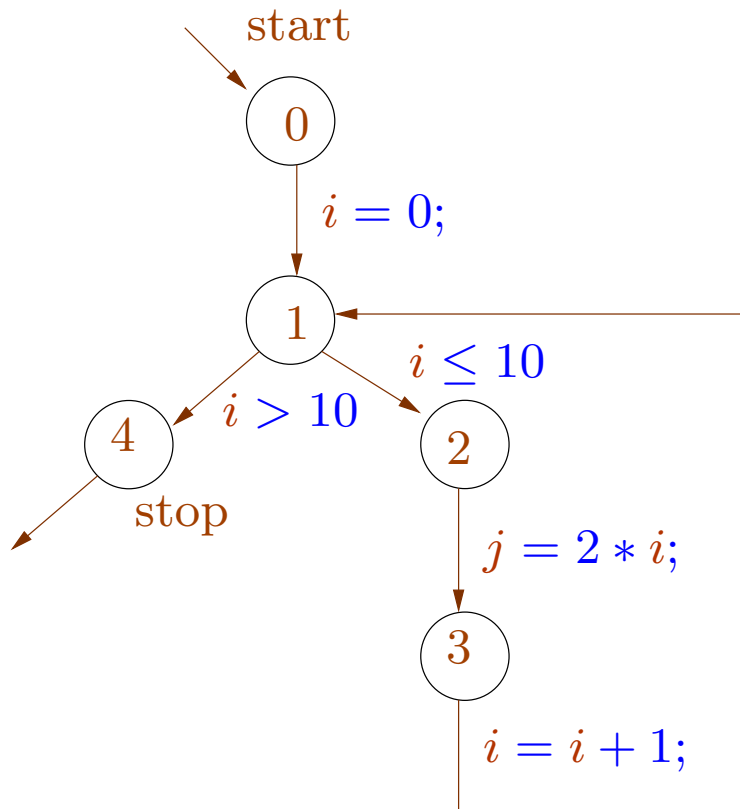
$$\mathcal{V}^*[v] = \bigcup \{ \llbracket \pi \rrbracket^\# \mathcal{S} \mid \pi : \textit{start} \rightarrow^* v \}$$

# Example



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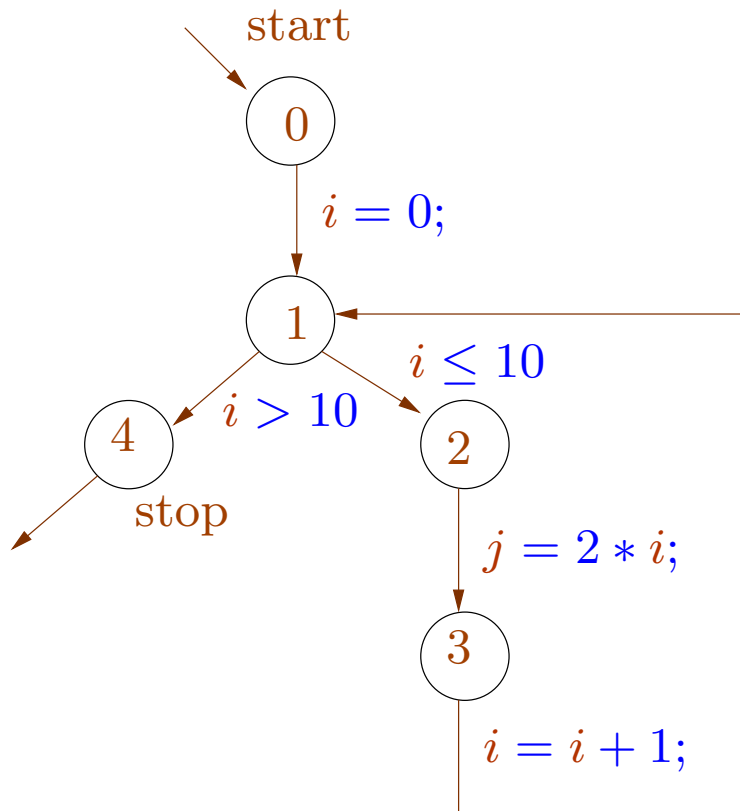
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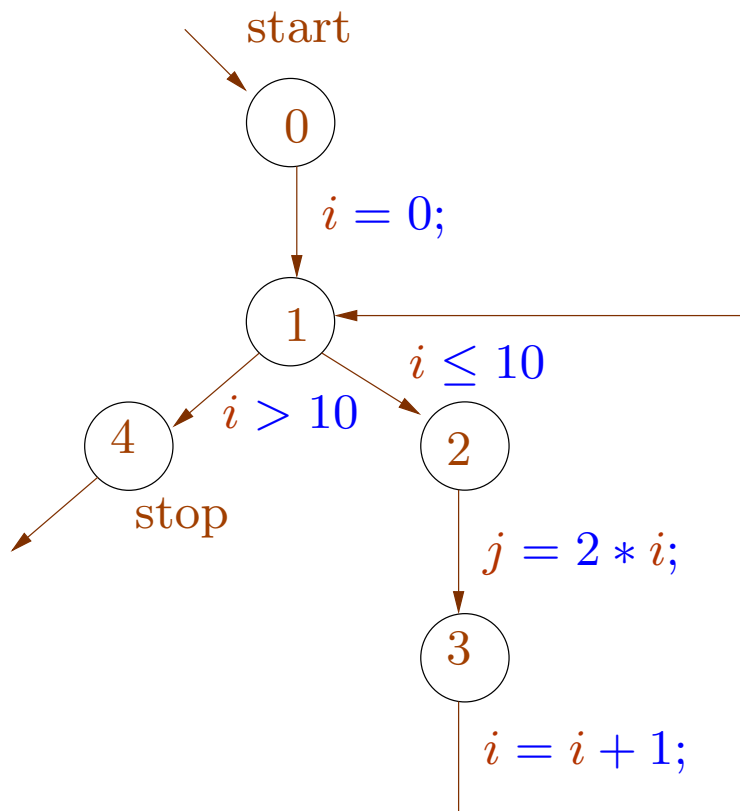


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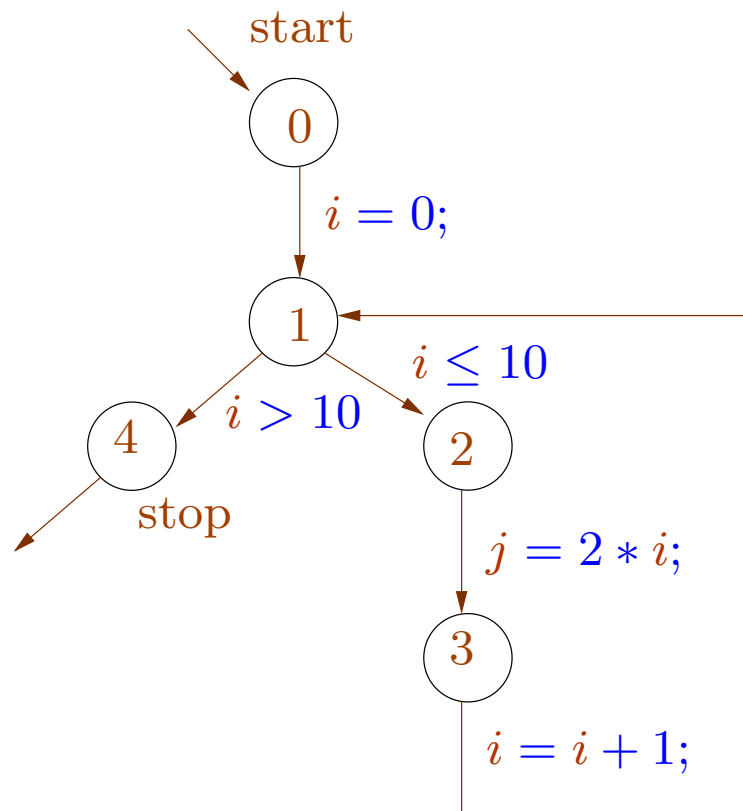
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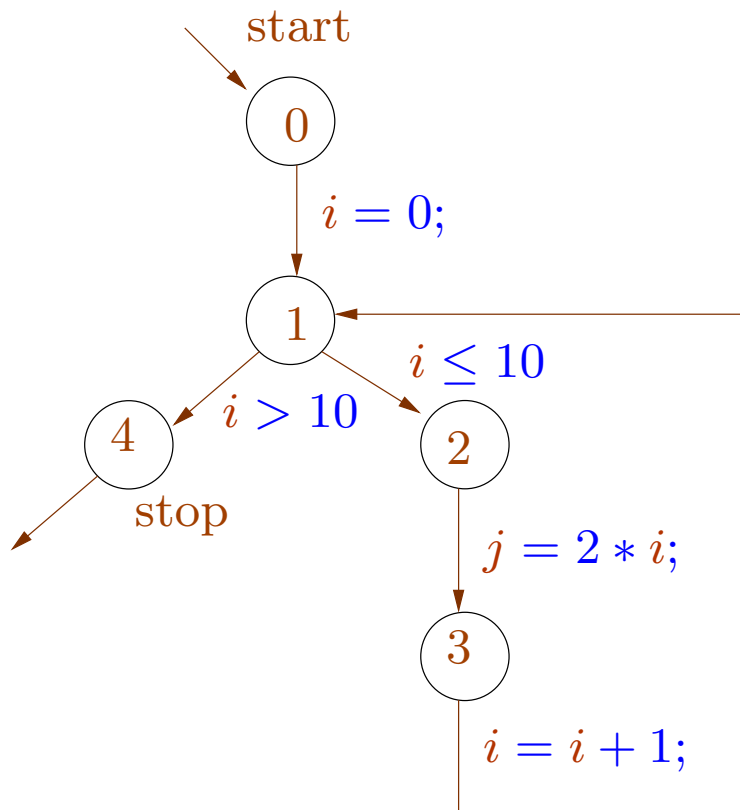
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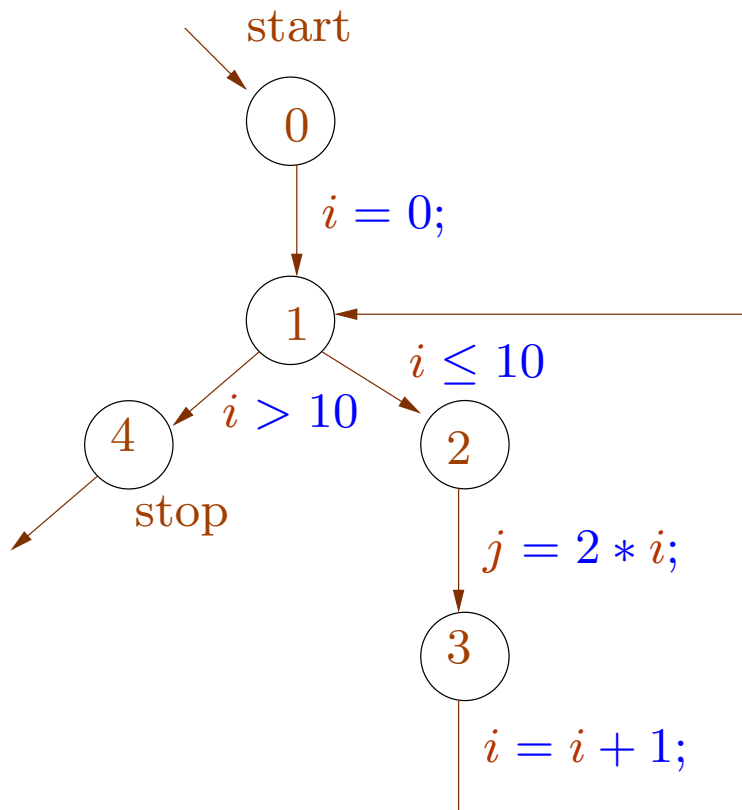
Is it computable? Efficiently?

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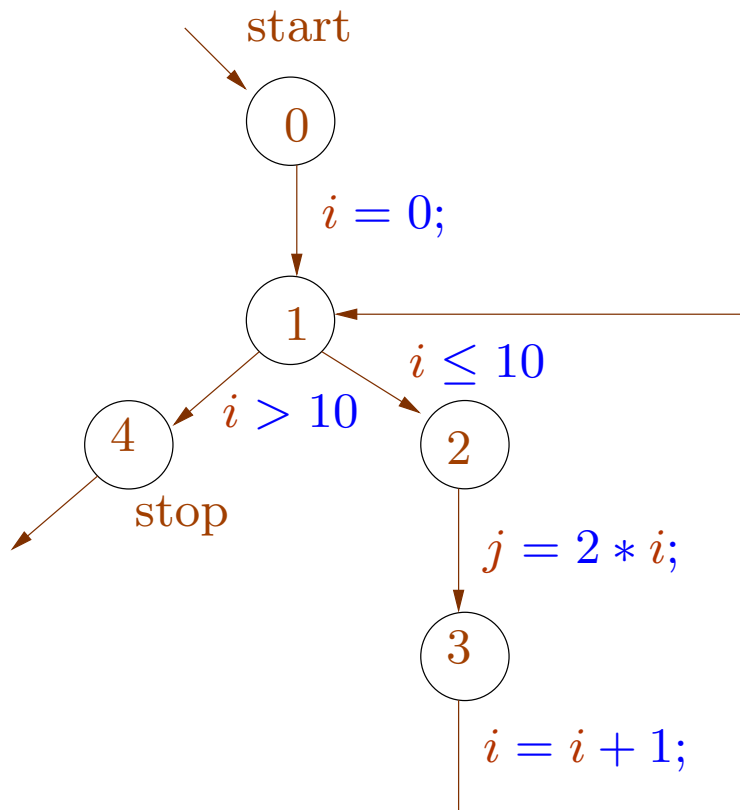
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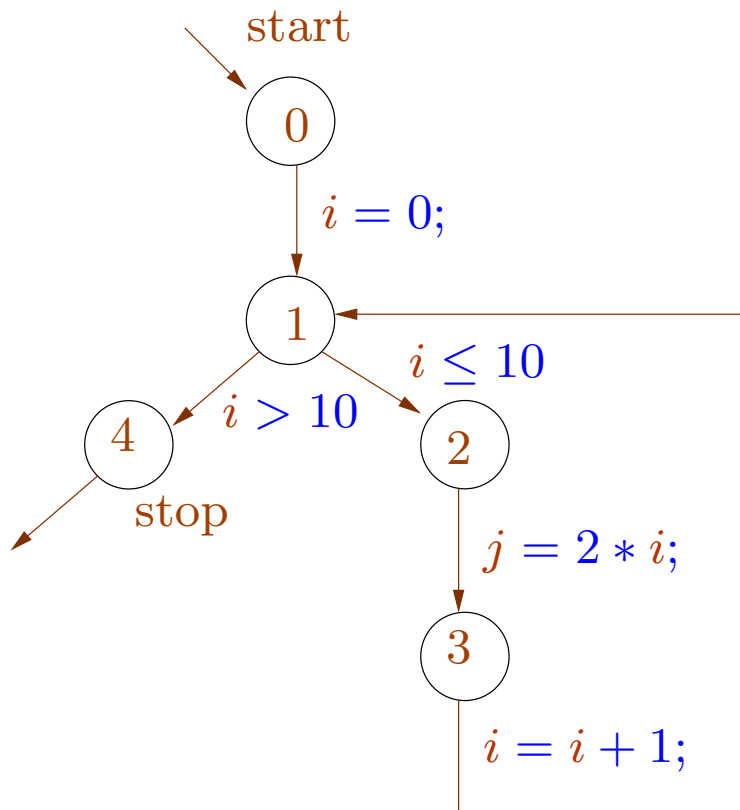
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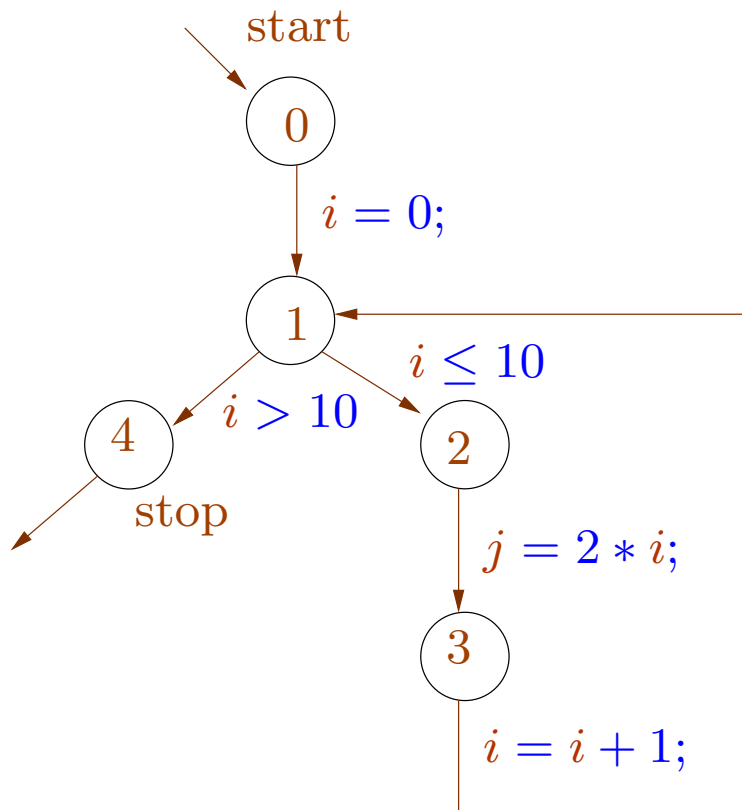
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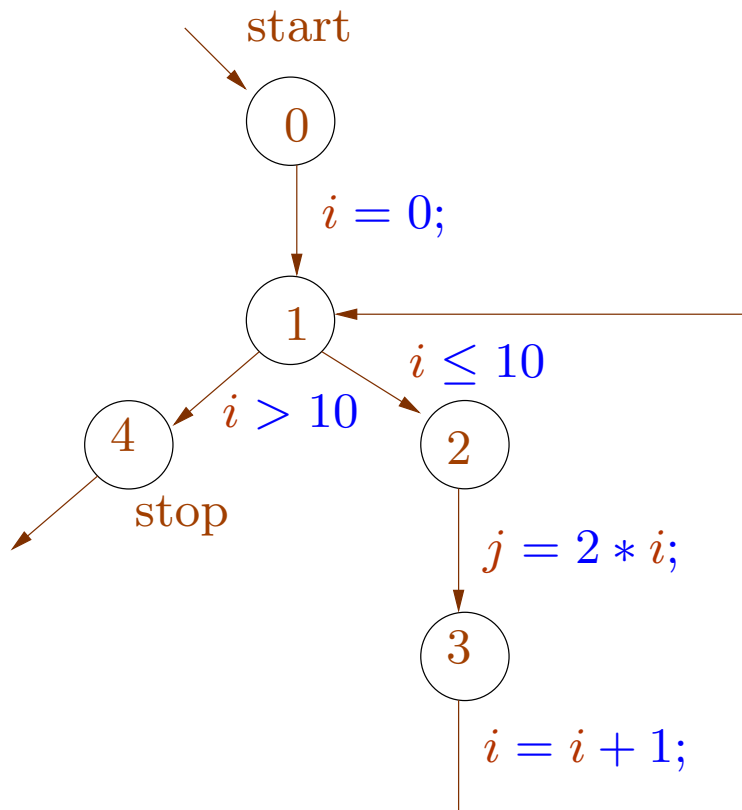
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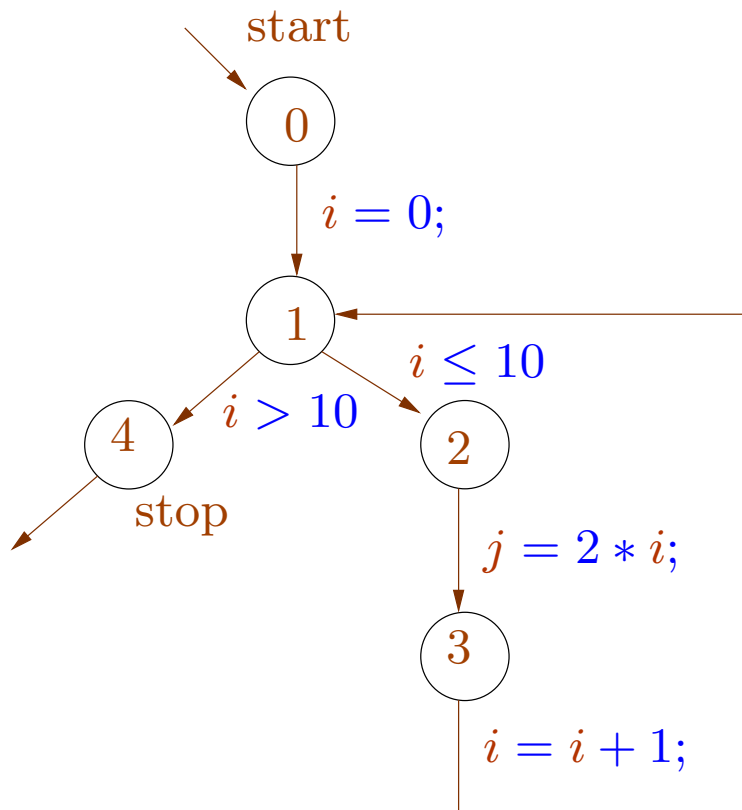
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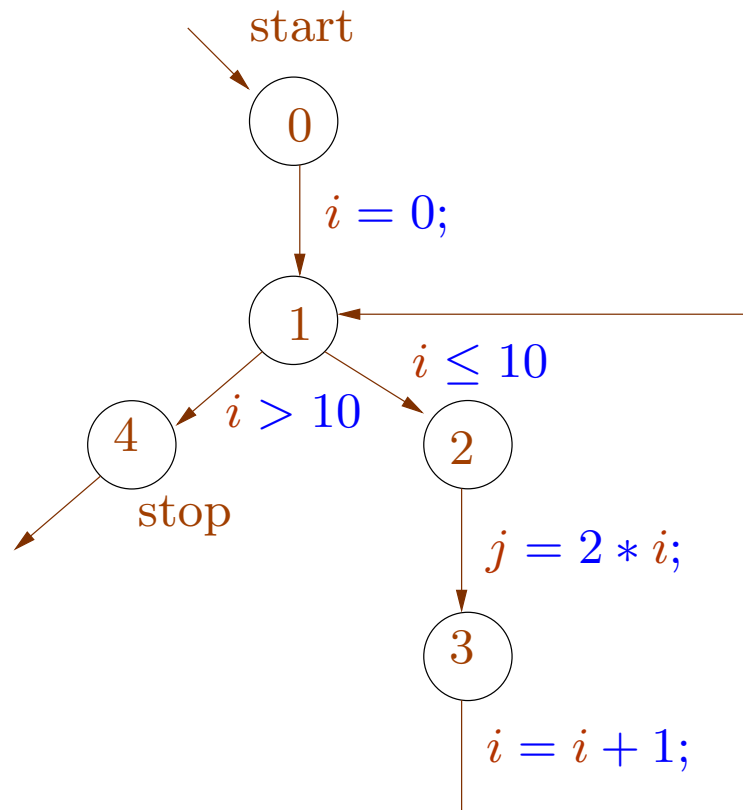


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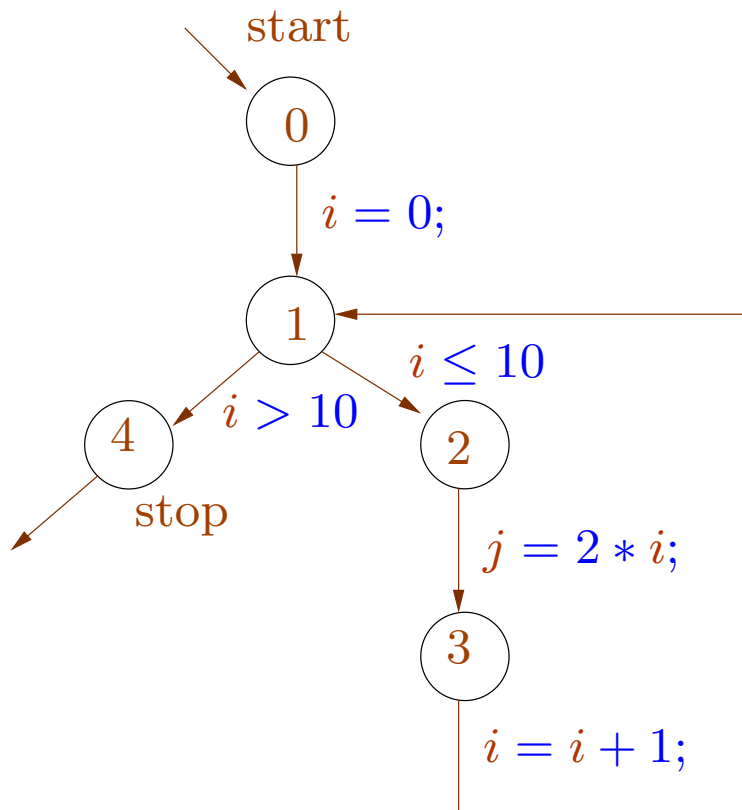
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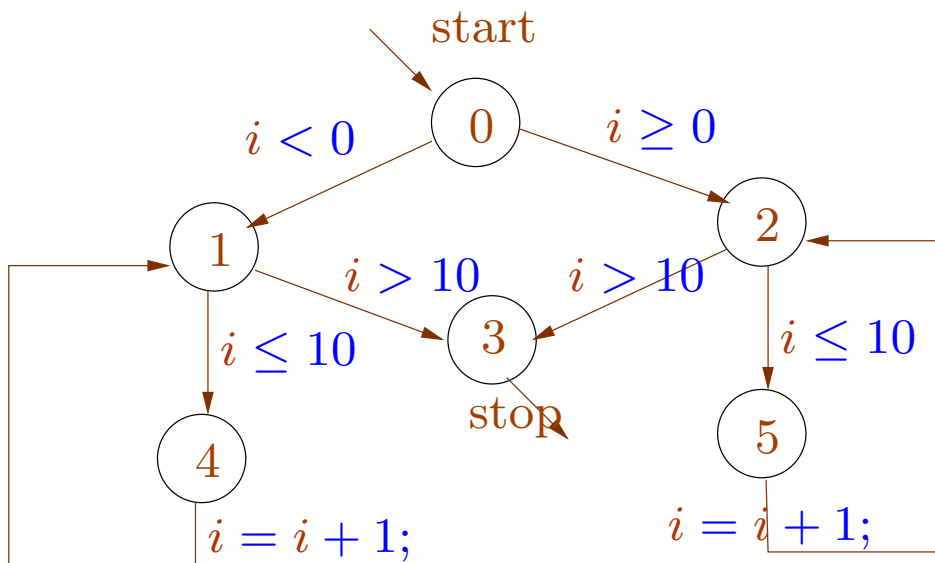
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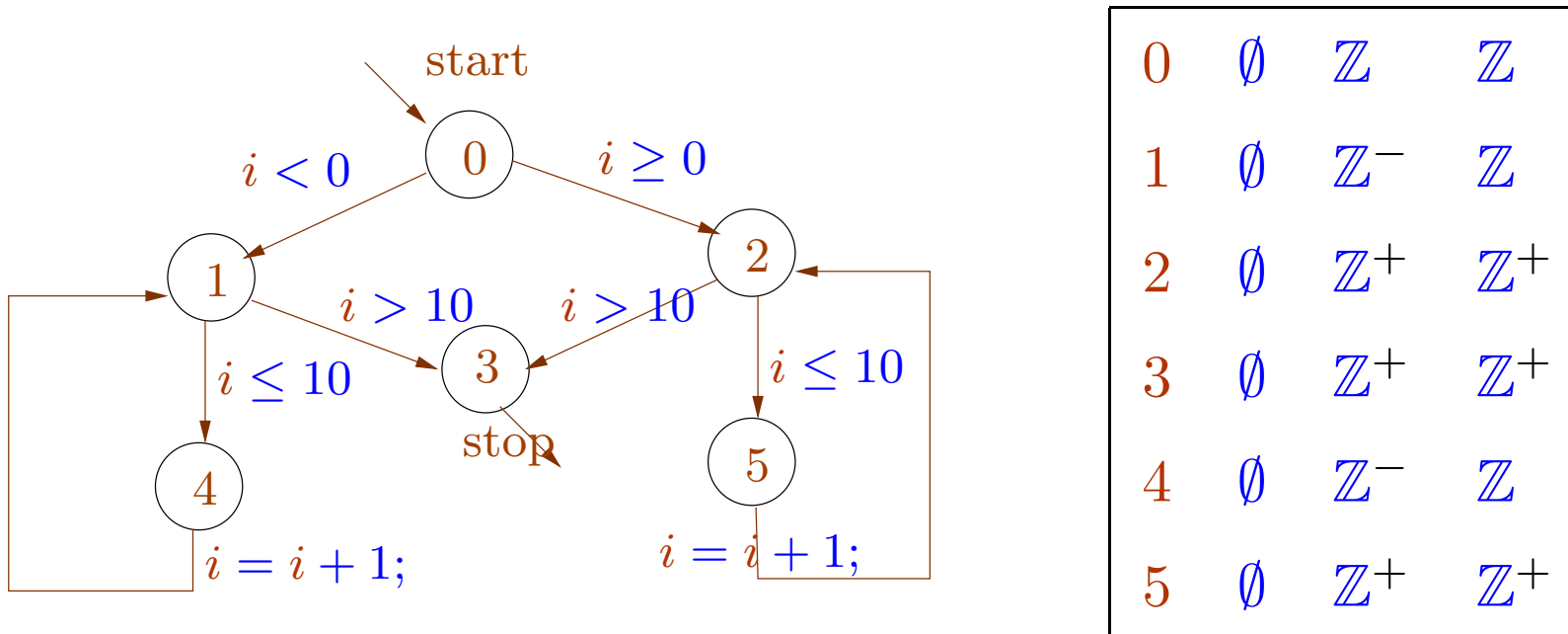
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Interpretation of our result:

the values of  $i$  at node 1 is included in  $\mathbb{Z}$

the values of  $i$  at node 2 is included in  $\mathbb{Z}^+$

This information we obtain is **accurate**.

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We further require operations like **least upper bounds**.

$$\mathbb{Z}^- \sqcup \mathbb{Z}^+ = \mathbb{Z}$$



Recall: a set  $\mathbb{D}$  with relation  $\sqsubseteq$  is a **partial order** if the following conditions hold for all  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{D}$ .

- **Reflexivity:**  $x \sqsubseteq x$ .
- **Antisymmetry:**  $x \sqsubseteq y$  and  $y \sqsubseteq x$  then  $x = y$ .
- **Transitivity:** if  $x \sqsubseteq y$  and  $y \sqsubseteq z$  then  $x \sqsubseteq z$ .

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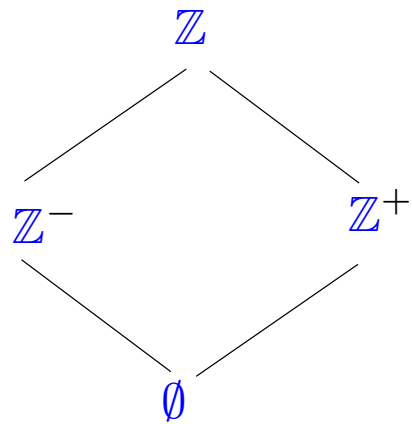
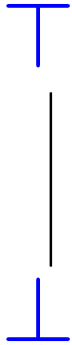
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A partial order  $(\mathbb{D}, \sqsubseteq)$  is called a **complete lattice** if every  $X \subseteq D$  has a least upper bound  $\bigsqcup X$ .

We write  $x \sqcup y$  for  $\bigsqcup\{x, y\}$ .

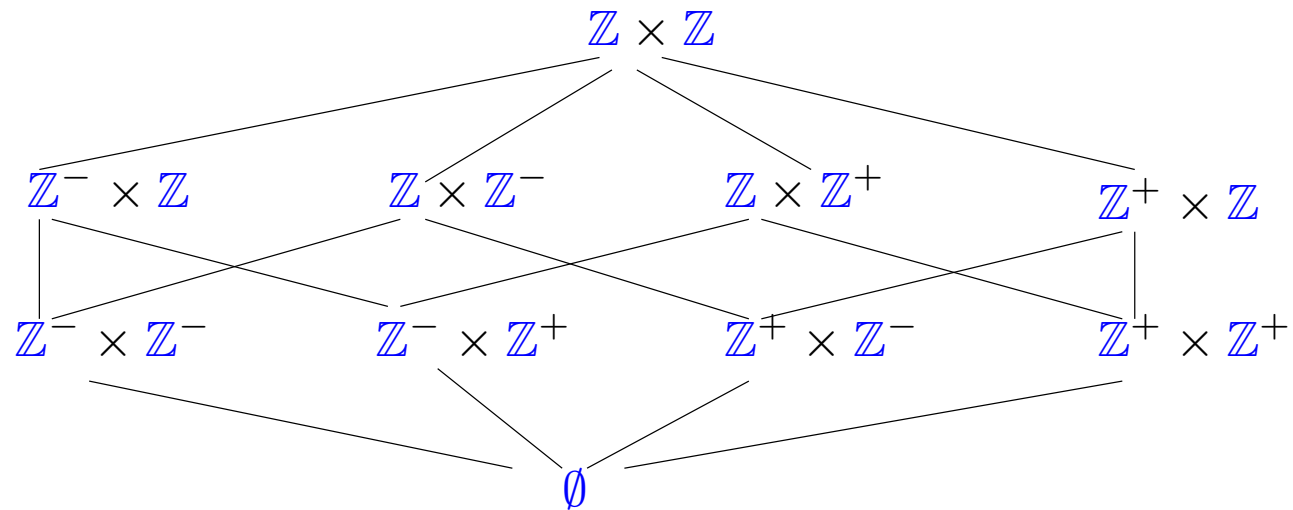
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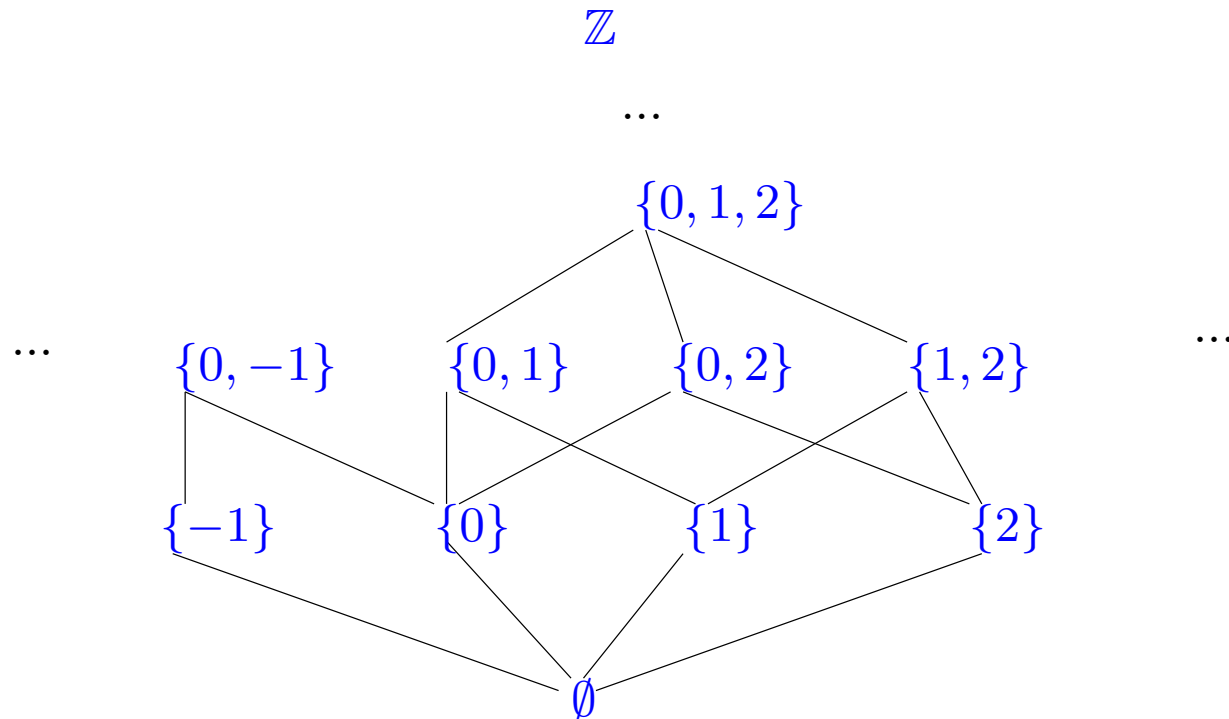


$$\mathbb{Z}^- = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x < 0\}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}^+ = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x \geq 0\}$$



An infinite complete lattice :  $(2^{\mathbb{Z}}, \subseteq)$ .



Every complete lattice has

- a **top** element:  $\top = \bigsqcup \mathbb{D}$
- a **bottom** element:  $\perp = \bigsqcup \emptyset$

Further every  $X \subseteq \mathbb{D}$  has a **greatest lower bound**  $\bigsqcap X$ .

For  $(2^{\mathcal{S}}, \subseteq)$  we have  $\bigsqcap X = \bigcap X$ .

Consider the set of lower bounds of  $X$ :

$$L = \{l \in \mathbb{D} \mid \forall x \in X, l \leq x\}$$

and define

$$g = \bigsqcup L$$

Claim:  $g$  is the greatest lower bound of  $X$ .

(1)  $g$  is a **lower bound** of  $X$ :  
Consider any  $x \in X$ .  
 $l \leq x$  for all  $l \in L$ , i.e.  $x$  is an upper bound of  $L$ .  
Hence  $g = \bigsqcup L \sqsubseteq x$ .

(2)  $g$  is the **greatest lower bound** of  $X$ :  
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The **transformations** induced by the program edges are **monotone**:

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where  $f \sqsubseteq g$  iff  $f(x) \sqsubseteq g(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{D}_1$ .

For  $F \subseteq [\mathbb{D}_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{D}_2]$  we have

$$\bigsqcup F = f \text{ with } f(x) = \bigsqcup \{g(x) \mid g \in F\}$$

For our program analysis problem, we want the least solution of the constraint system

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{V}[0] &\supseteq \mathcal{S} && (0 \text{ is the } \textit{start} \text{ node}) \\ \mathcal{V}[v] &\supseteq \llbracket l \rrbracket^\# \mathcal{V}[u] && \text{for every edge } (u, l, v). \end{aligned}$$

We have the domain  $\mathbb{D} = 2^{\mathcal{S}}$ . Choose a variable for each set  $\mathcal{V}[v]$ .

We have a constraint system of the form

$$x_i \sqsupseteq f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) \quad (1 \leq i \leq n)$$

Since  $\mathbb{D}$  is a lattice,  $\mathbb{D}^n$  is also a lattice where

$$(d_1, \dots, d_n) \sqsubseteq (d'_1, \dots, d'_n) \text{ iff } d_i \sqsubseteq d'_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

The functions  $f_i : \mathbb{D}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  are monotone.

Define  $F : \mathbb{D}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{D}^n$  as

$$F(y) = (f_1(y), \dots, f_n(y)) \text{ where } y = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

$F$  is also monotone.

We need least solution of  $y \sqsupseteq F(y)$ .

Idea: use **iteration**

Start with the least element  $\perp$  and compute the sequence

$$\perp, F(\perp), F^2(\perp), F^3(\perp), \dots$$

Do we always reach the least solution in this way?

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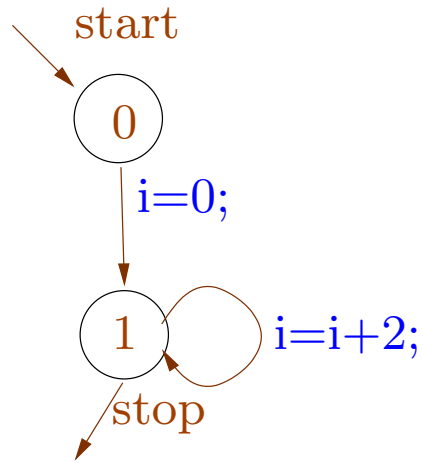
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Such a  $k$  always exists if the lattice is finite.

What in case of infinite lattices?





Constraint system:

$$\mathcal{V}[0] \supseteq \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\mathcal{V}[1] \supseteq \{0\} \cup \{x+2 \mid x \in \mathcal{V}[1]\}$$

The least solution:

$$\mathcal{V}[0] = \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } \mathcal{V}[1] = \{2n \mid n \geq 0\}.$$

Iteration doesn't terminate:

	$\perp$	$F(\perp)$	$F^2(\perp)$	$F^3(\perp)$	
$\mathcal{V}[0]$	$\emptyset$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}$	...
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Let  $P = \{x \in \mathbb{D} \mid f(x) \sqsubseteq x\}$  (the set of prefixpoints).

The least fixpoint of  $f$  is  $a = \bigsqcap P$ .

(1)  $a \in P$ :

$$f(a) \sqsubseteq f(d) \sqsubseteq d \text{ for all } d \in P.$$

$$\implies f(a) \text{ is a lower bound of } P.$$

$$\implies f(a) \sqsubseteq a.$$

$\implies$   $a$  is the least prefixpoint.

(2)  $f(a) = a$ :

$f(a) \sqsubseteq a$ , from (1)

$\implies f^2(a) \sqsubseteq f(a)$ , by monotonicity

$\implies f(a) \in P$

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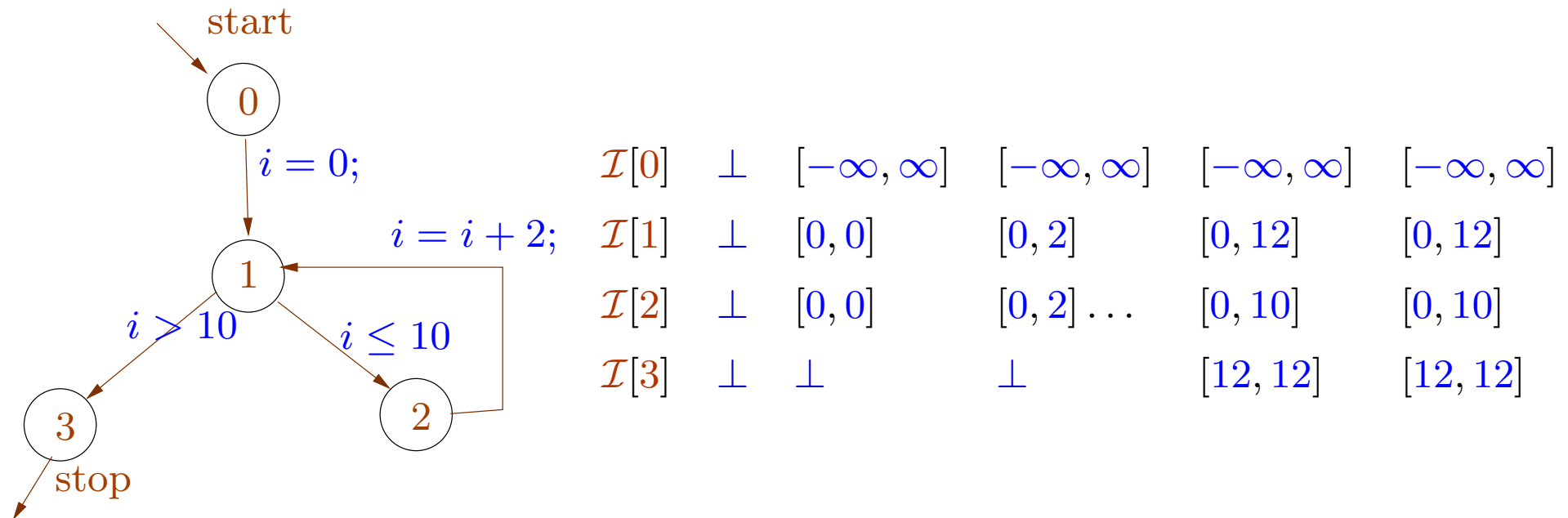
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The only fixpoint is  $\infty$ :  $\infty+1 = \infty$ .

# Abstract Interpretation: Cousot, Cousot 1977

We use a suitable complete lattice as the domain of abstract values.

Example: **intervals** as abstract values:



The analysis **guarantees** e.g. that at node **1** the value of  $i$  is always in the interval  $[0, 12]$ .

We have the set of concrete states  $\mathcal{S} = (\text{Vars} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z})$ .

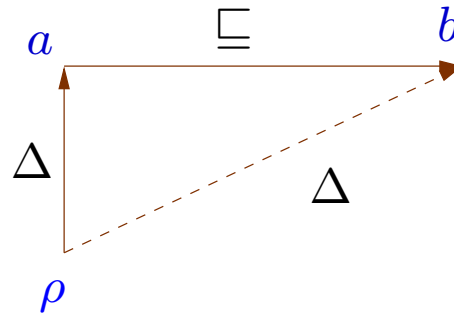
We choose a complete lattice  $\mathbb{D}$  of abstract states.

We define an abstraction relation

$$\Delta : \mathcal{S} \times \mathbb{D}$$

with the condition that

$$\rho \Delta a \wedge a \sqsubseteq b \implies \rho \Delta b$$



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**Example:** For a program on two integer variables,  $\mathbf{Vars} = \{x, y\}$ .

The concrete states are from the set  $\mathcal{S} = (\mathbf{Vars} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z})$  (or equivalently  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ ).

For **interval analysis**, we choose the **complete lattice**

$$\mathbb{D}_{\mathbb{I}} = (\mathbf{Vars} \rightarrow \mathbb{I})_{\perp} = (\mathbf{Vars} \rightarrow \mathbb{I}) \cup \{\perp\}$$

where  $\mathbb{I} = \{[l, u] \mid l \in \mathbb{Z} \cup \{-\infty\}, u \in \mathbb{Z} \cup \{\infty\}, l \leq u\}$  is the set of intervals.



Partial order on  $\mathbb{I}$ :  $[l_1, u_1] \sqsubseteq [l_2, u_2]$  iff  $l_1 \geq l_2$  and  $u_1 \leq u_2$

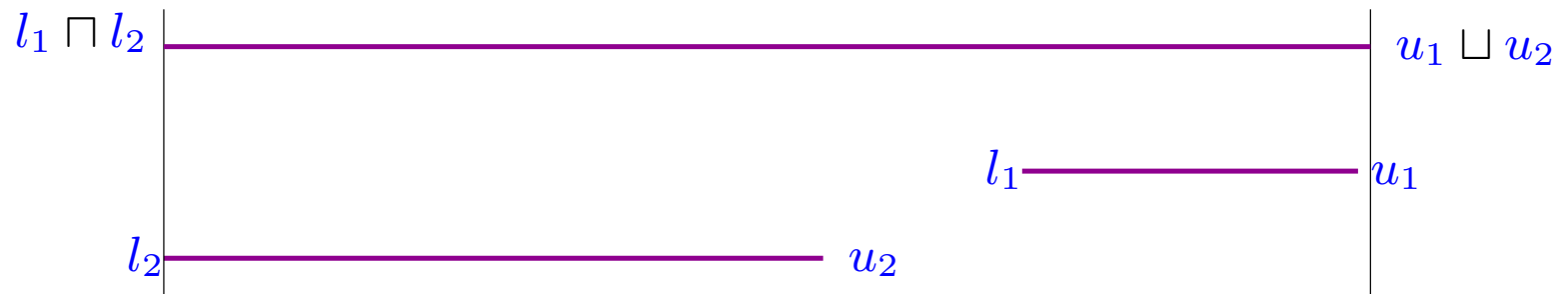
(As usual,  $-\infty \sqsubseteq n \sqsubseteq \infty$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .)

Partial order on  $\mathbf{Vars} \rightarrow \mathbb{I}$ :  $D_1 \sqsubseteq D_2$  iff  $D_1(x) \sqsubseteq D_2(x)$ .

Extension to  $(\mathbf{Vars} \rightarrow \mathbb{I})_{\perp}$ :  $\perp \sqsubseteq D$  for all  $D$ .

$(\mathbf{Vars} \rightarrow \mathbb{I})_{\perp}$  is a complete lattice.  $(\mathbf{Vars} \rightarrow \mathbb{I})$  is not.

In particular we define  $[l_1, u_1] \sqcup [l_2, u_2] = [l_1 \sqcap l_2, u_1 \sqcup u_2]$ .



$\perp$  represents the “unreachable state”: maps every variable to the “empty interval”.

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Suppose  $\rho \Delta D_1$  and  $D_1 \sqsubseteq D_2$ .

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$\rho(x) \Delta D_1(x)$  and  $D_1(x) \sqsubseteq D_2(x)$  for each  $x$ .

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The concretization function:

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

$$\gamma(D) = \{\rho \mid \rho(x) \Delta D(x)\}, \quad \text{for } D \neq \perp$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(\{x \mapsto [3, 5], y \mapsto [0, 7]\}) = & \quad \{\{x \mapsto 3, y \mapsto 0\}, \{x \mapsto 3, y \mapsto 1\}, \\ & \quad \dots \{x \mapsto 3, y \mapsto 7\} \\ & \quad \dots \{x \mapsto 5, y \mapsto 0\} \dots \{x \mapsto 5, y \mapsto 7\}\} \end{aligned}$$

Abstraction of the partial transformation induced by edges.

Recall the edges  $k = (u, l, v)$  induce a partial transformation on concrete states:

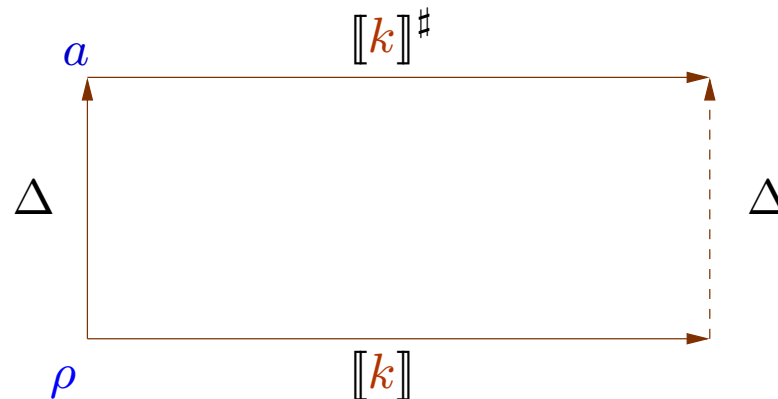
$$\llbracket k \rrbracket = \llbracket l \rrbracket : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$$

Now on our chosen domain  $\mathbb{D}$  we define a monotonic abstract transformation:

$$\llbracket k \rrbracket^\# = \llbracket l \rrbracket^\# : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$$

The abstract transformation should simulate the concrete transformation:

if  $\rho \Delta a$  and  $\llbracket l \rrbracket \rho$  is defined then  $\llbracket l \rrbracket \rho \Delta \llbracket l \rrbracket^\# a$ .



## Abstract transformation for interval analysis.

For concrete operators  $\square$  we define **monotonic** abstract operators  $\square^\#$  such that

$$x_1 \Delta a_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_n \Delta a_n \implies \square(x_1, \dots, x_n) \Delta \square^\#(a_1, \dots, a_n)$$

addition:

$$\begin{aligned} [l_1, u_1] +^\# [l_2, u_2] &= [l_1 + l_2, u_1 + u_2]. \\ - + \infty &= \infty \\ - + -\infty &= \infty \\ // \infty + -\infty &\text{ is undefined.} \end{aligned}$$

subtraction:

$$-^\# [l, u] = [-u, -l]$$

Multiplication:  $[l_1, u_1] *^\# [l_2, u_2] = [m, n]$  where

$$m = l_1 l_2 \sqcap l_1 u_2 \sqcap l_2 u_1 \sqcap l_2 u_2$$

$$n = l_1 l_2 \sqcup l_1 u_2 \sqcup l_2 u_1 \sqcup l_2 u_2$$

Example:

$$[1, 3] *^\# [5, 8] = [5, 24]$$

$$[-1, 3] *^\# [5, 8] = [-8, 24]$$

$$[-1, 3] *^\# [-5, 8] = [-15, 24]$$

$$[-1, 3] *^\# [-5, -8] = [-24, 5]$$



Equality test:

$$[l_1, u_1] ==^\# [l_2, u_2] = \begin{cases} [1, 1] & \text{if } l_1 = u_1 = l_2 = u_2 \\ [0, 0] & \text{if } u_1 < l_2 \text{ or } u_2 < l_1 \\ [0, 1] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Example:

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hence the expression evaluation  $\llbracket e \rrbracket \rho \neq 0$ , and  $\rho_1 = \rho.$

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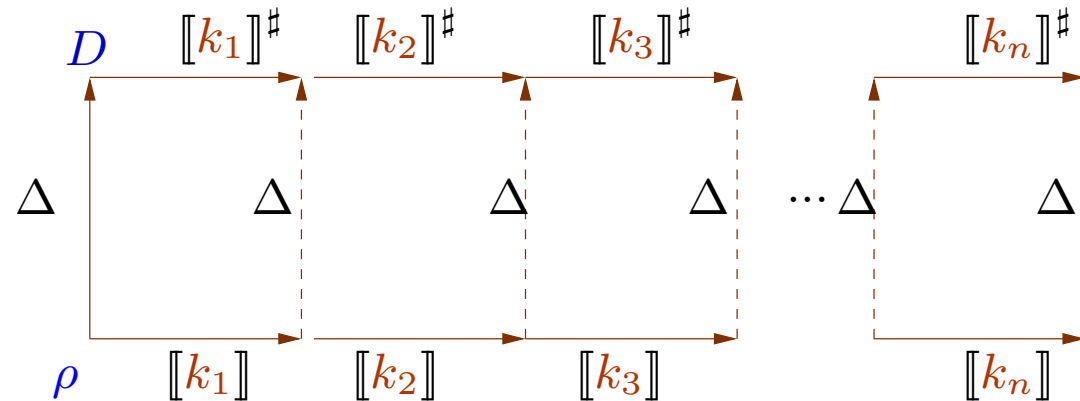
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Kam,Ullman 1975

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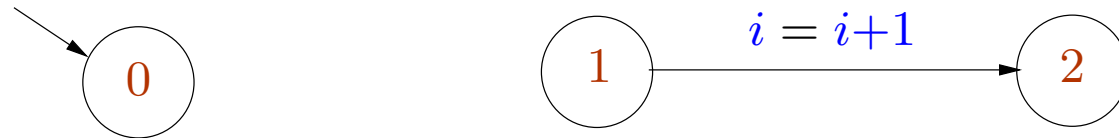
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The result does not hold in case of unreachable nodes.



We consider  $\mathbb{D} = \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$  with ordering  $0 \sqsubseteq 1 \sqsubseteq 2 \sqsubseteq \dots \sqsubseteq \infty$ .

Abstraction relation:  $n \Delta a$  iff  $n \leq a$ .

The abstract transformation for the second edge is defined by  $\llbracket k \rrbracket^\# a = a+1$ .

We choose  $D_0 = 5$ .

We have the constraints  $\mathcal{D}[0] \sqsupseteq 5$  and  $\mathcal{D}[2] \sqsupseteq \mathcal{D}[1]+1$ .

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Standard methodology: **Safety = Progress + Preservation**

**Progress:** a well types program that is not a value can be evaluated further

**Preservation:** well typed programs remain so during evaluation.

## A simple functional language (the simply typed lambda calculus)

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	$x$	variable
	$0$	
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	$\text{true} \mid \text{false}$	
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A program which gets stuck during evaluation

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    apply (fun x : Int · if x then (pred (succ 0)) else (succ 0), 0)
→ if 0 then (pred (succ 0)) else (succ 0),
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There are no rules for evaluating this program further.

This program is not yet a value.

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The following program

`if true then (succ 0) else (iszero 0)`

evaluates to `(succ 0)` (doesn't get stuck).

However it is **not well-typed** according to our type system, i.e. we cannot show

$\vdash \text{if true then (succ 0) else (iszero 0)} : T$

for any type  $T$ .

$\implies$  we reject some safe programs.

The only required property for type safety is that all unsafe programs should be rejected.

The standard method for showing type safety.

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Well typed programs so not get stuck in some undefined state.

(2) Preservation

If  $\vdash t : T$  and  $t \longrightarrow t'$  then  $\vdash t' : T$ .

Evaluation preserves well-typedness (and type) of a program.

The proofs are usually easy (but long) **once** the right definitions have been found out.

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which requires  $\Gamma$  to be non-empty.

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– If  $t$  is of the form  $\text{succ } t'$ , the typing derivation must be

$$\frac{\vdash t' : \text{Int}}{\vdash \text{succ } t' : \text{Int}} \text{ (T-Succ)}$$

If  $t'$  is a value then  $t$  is also a value. Otherwise by induction hypothesis we have

$$\frac{t' \longrightarrow t''}{\text{succ } t' \longrightarrow \text{succ } t''} \text{ (E-Succ)}$$

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(2) If  $t'$  is value  $\text{succ } nv$  then by (E-PredSucc) we know that  $\text{pred } t' \longrightarrow nv$ .

(3) Otherwise  $t'$  is not a value. Hence by induction hypothesis we have

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$$\frac{\vdash t : \text{Int}}{\vdash \text{iszero } t : \text{Bool}} \text{ (T-IsZero)}$$

(1) If  $t'$  is value  $0$  then by (E-IsZeroZero) we know that  $\text{iszero } t' \longrightarrow \text{true}$  .

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$$\frac{t_2 \longrightarrow t'_2}{\text{apply } (v_1, t_2) \longrightarrow \text{apply } (v_1, t'_2)} \text{ (E-App2)}$$

(3) Suppose  $t_1$  is a value and  $t_2$  is also a value  $v_2$ . Since  $\vdash t_1 : T \rightarrow T'$  the value  $t_1$  must be  $\text{fun } x : T \cdot t'_1$ . Hence by (E-App) we have

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We have  $t \longrightarrow t'$  where  $t'$  is  $t_1 [x \mapsto v_2]$ .

To show that  $\vdash t' : T$  we prove

Preservation of types under substitution

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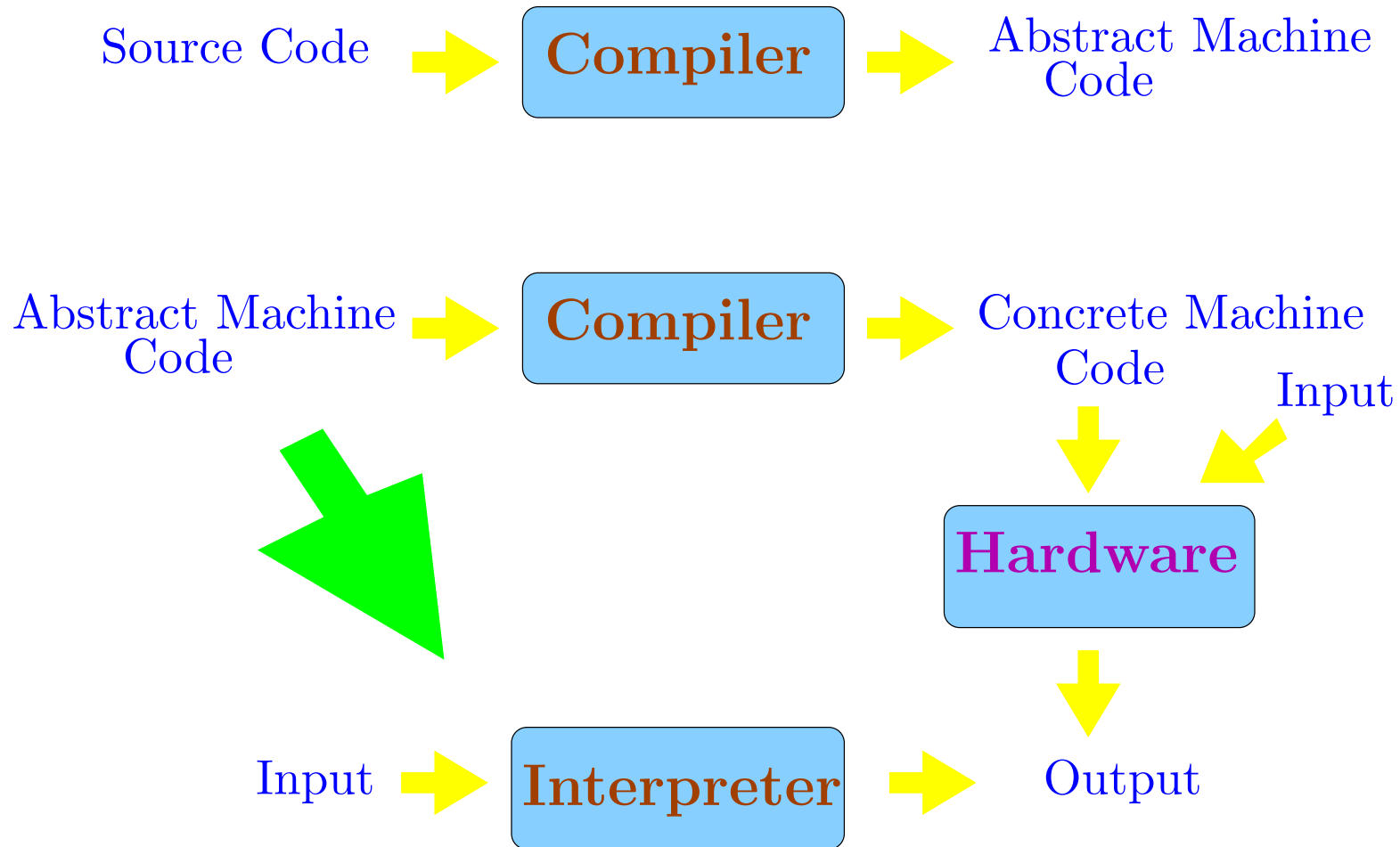
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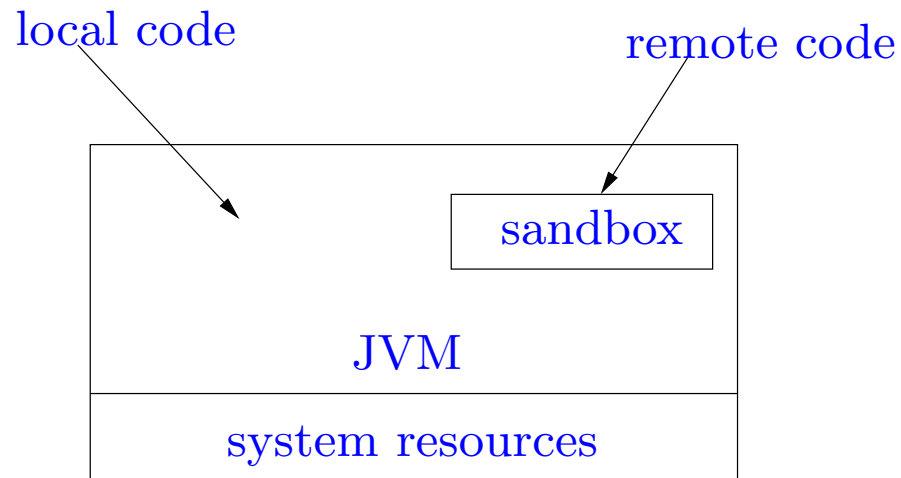
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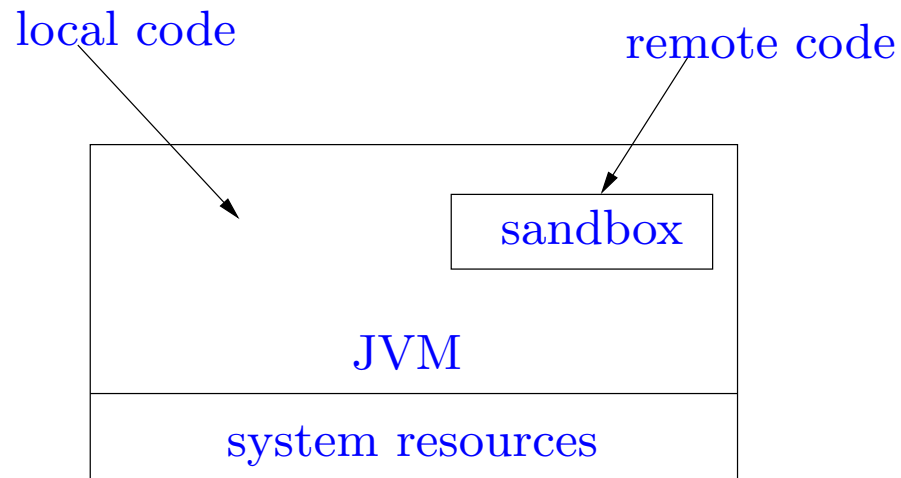
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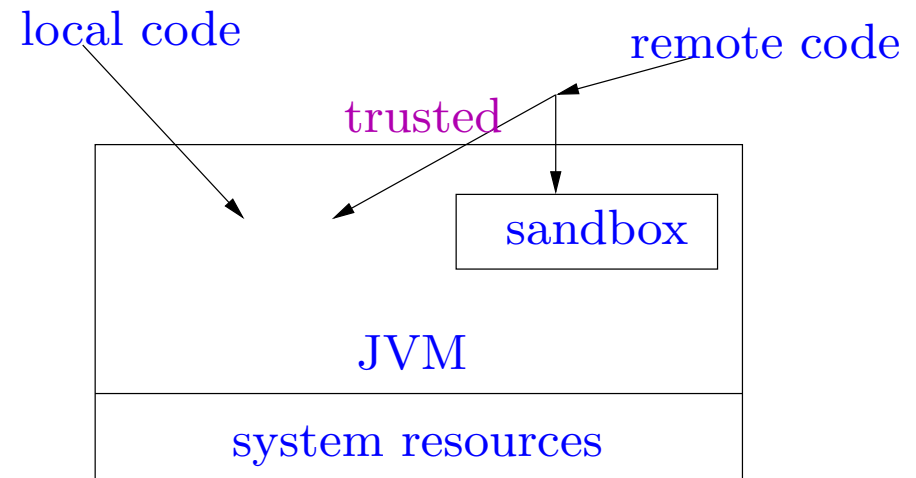
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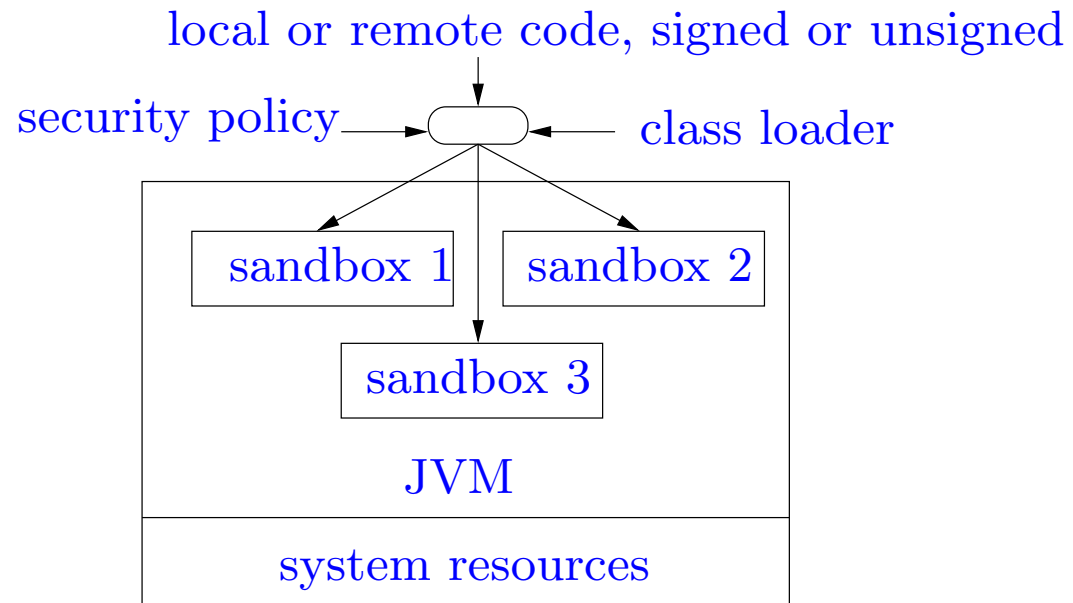


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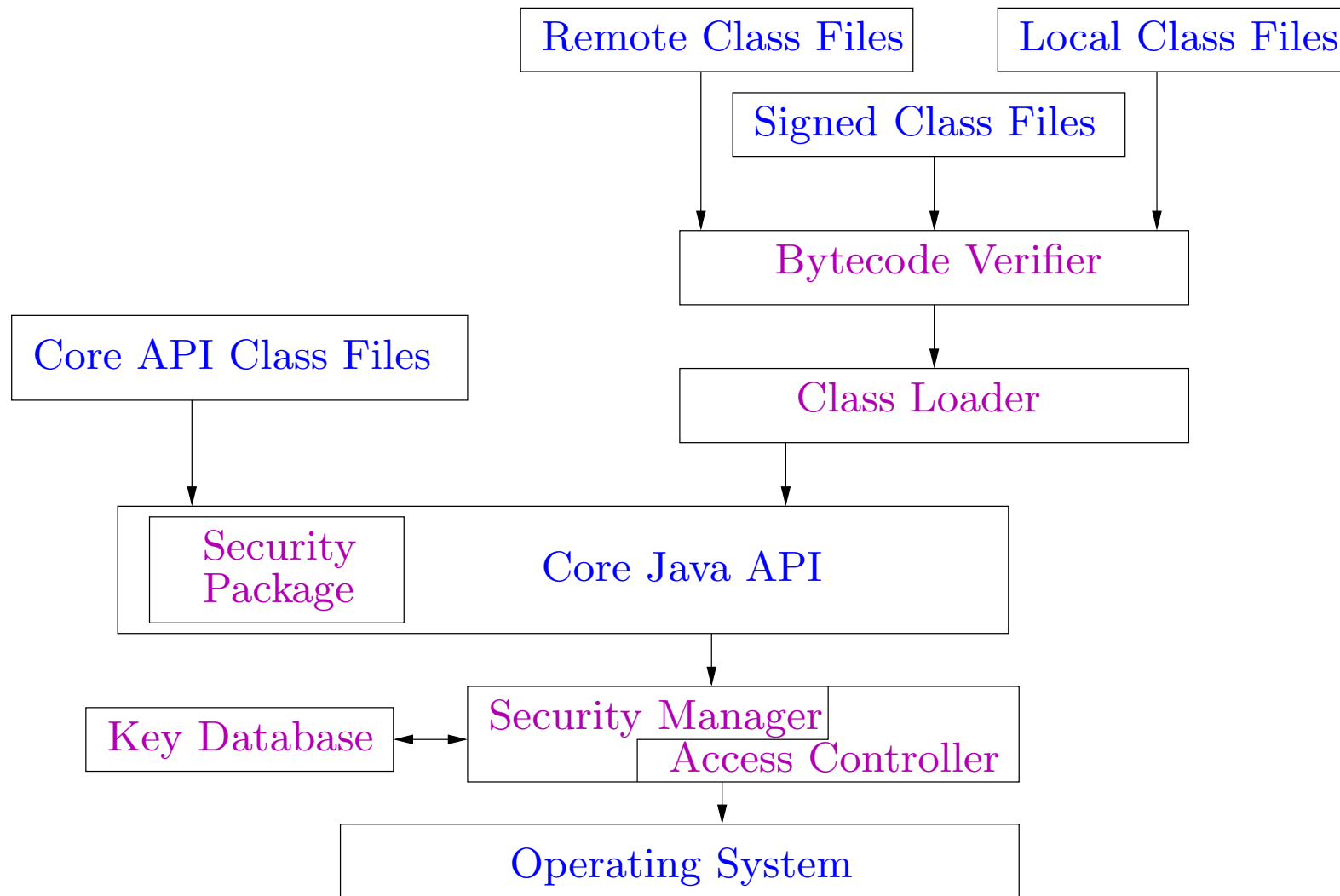




## The current sandbox model in Java 2



# Elements of the Java sandbox



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```
public class A {private int x;}  
public class B {public int x;}  
...  
// a is of class A  
B b = (B) a;  
// The above is rejected by the compiler  
Object o = b; B b' = o;  
// The above is allowed by compiler but raises exception at runtime
```



## Enforcement of the Java language rules.

- *At compile time:*

check typing rules, enforcement of access qualifiers, prevention of most illegal type casts.

- *At load time:*

verify bytecodes when a class is loaded (prevent malicious bytecodes)

- *At runtime:*

raise exceptions for illegal type casts, out of bound array accesses, ...

# Java Class Loading and Bytecode Verification

- Every **object** is a member of some **class**.
- The **Class** class: its members are the (definitions of) various classes that the JVM knows about.
- The classes can be dynamically loaded by the JVM by reading local or remote class files.
- Loading of classes is done by **class loaders** which are objects of the **ClassLoader** class.
- The class loader coordinates with the security manager and the access controller to provide the **sandbox** functions.

```
public class getClassTest {
    public static void main (String args[]) {
        String s = "abc";
        Class c1 = s.getClass();
        System.out.println ("string \" + s + "\" is of class " + c1.getName());
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## An example involving dynamic class loading

```
import java.lang.reflect.*;
```

```
public class runhello {
```

```
    public static void main (String args[]) {
```

```
        Class c = null;
```

```
        Method m = null;
```

```
        // First we load the required class into the JVM
```

```
        try { c = Class.forName ("hello");
```

```
        } catch (ClassNotFoundException e) {
```

```
            System.out.println ("The class was not found");
```

```
        };
```

```
// Get the main method of the class
Class argtypes[] = new Class[] { String[].class };
try { m = c.getMethod ("main", argtypes);
} catch (NoSuchMethodException e) {
    System.out.println ("The main method was not found");
};

// Invoke the method
Object arglist[] = new Object[1];
try { m.invoke (null, arglist);
} catch (Exception e) {
    System.out.println ("Error upon invocation" + e);
};
} }
```

Hello!

The `forName` function finds, loads and links the class specified by the name.

```
forName(String name, boolean initialize, ClassLoader loader)
```

tries to find the class specified by the name, load it using the specified class loader and link it. The class is initialized if asked for.

```
forName ("hello")
```

above is equivalent to

```
forName ("hello", true, this.getClass().getClassLoader())
```

## Security and the class loader

The **security manager** and **access controller** allow or prevent various operations depending upon the context of the request.

This information is provided by the class loader.

The class loader has information about

- **origin**: where the class was loaded from
- whether the class comes from the local filesystem or from the network
- whether the class comes with a **digital signature**



Each class loader defines a **name space**.

All classes loaded by particular class loader belong to its name space.

class loader cl1	class loader cl2	
java.lang.String abc	java.lang.String xyz ...	...

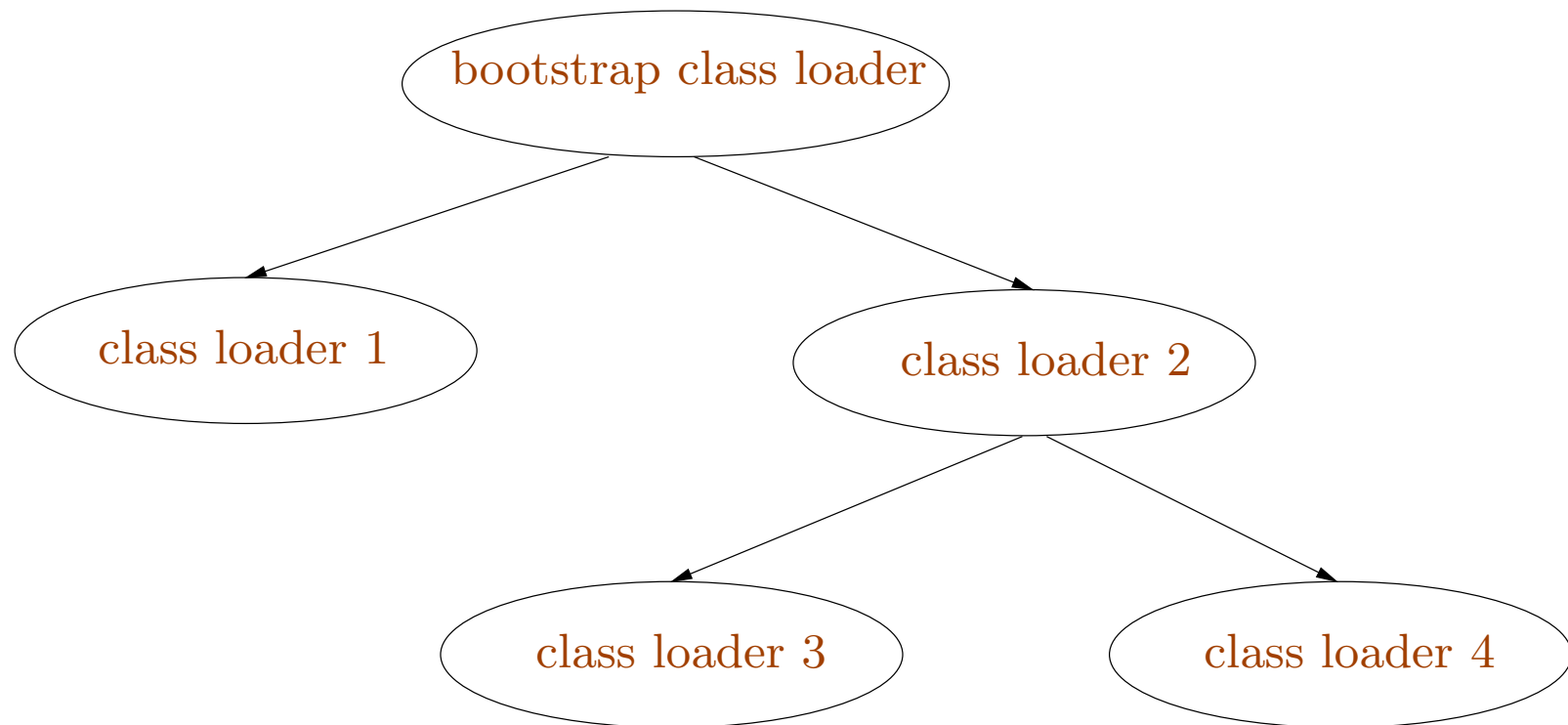
Classes from different sites are always loaded by different class loaders.

Hence the class `java.lang.String` provided by `www.site1.com` is different from the class `java.lang.String` provided by `www.site2.com`.

In particular they belong to different **packages**.

## Hierarchy of class loaders

- The **bootstrap class loader** (primordial class loader, internal class loader) is responsible for loading a few initial classes when the JVM is launched.
- All new user defined class loaders have a **parent class loader**.



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The mechanism can be overridden by class loaders in current versions of Java.

## Using a class loader

Class loaders are members of (subclasses of) the `ClassLoader` class.

Classes are loaded using the `loadClass` function of class loaders:

```
protected Class loadClass (String name, boolean resolve)
```

where `name` is the name of the class, and `resolve` tells us whether the class should be resolved or not.

Typically new classes of class loaders are defined by extending standard ones like `SecureClassLoader` or `URLClassLoader`.

## Defining a new class of class loader

Either extend `ClassLoader` or one of its subclasses.

```
import java.net.*;
// a trivial extension of URLClassLoader
public class myClassLoader extends URLClassLoader {
    myClassLoader (URL url) { super (new URL[] {url}); }

    protected Class loadClass (String name, boolean resolve) {
        Class c = null;
        try { c = super.loadClass(name, resolve);
        } catch (ClassNotFoundException e) { System.out.println ("Class not found"); }
        return c;
    }
}
```

## Using a class loader

```
import java.lang.reflect.*;
import java.net.*;

public class runClass {
    public static void main (String args[]) {

        // Create a class loader
        URL url = null;
        try { url = new URL ("file:/home/userxyz/classes");
        } catch (MalformedURLException e) { }
        myClassLoader cl = new myClassLoader(url);
```

```

Class c = null; Method m = null;
c = cl.loadClass (args[0]); // Load the class

//Compute the argument vector and invoke the main method
Class argtypes[] = new Class[] { String[].class };
try { m = c.getMethod ("main", argtypes); } catch (NoSuchMethodException e) {
    System.out.println ("The main method was not found"); };
Object arglist[] = new Object[1];
arglist[0] = new String[args.length - 1];
for (int i=0; i < args.length - 1; i++) ((String[])arglist[0])[i] = args[i+1];
try { m.invoke (null, arglist); } catch (Exception e) {
    System.out.println ("Error upon invocation" + e); };
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# Java Bytecode Verification

Static analysis of the bytecodes to ensure security properties like

- operations follow typing rules
- no illegal casts
- no conversion from integers to pointers
- no calling of directly private methods of another class
- no jumping into the middle of a method
- no confusion between data and code

## The JVM

- **Stack** based abstract machine: operations pop arguments and push results
- A set of **registers**, typically used for local variables and parameters: accessed by load and store instructions
- Stack and registers are preserved across **method calls**
- For each method, the **number** of stack slots and registers is specified in the bytecode
- unconditional, conditional and multiway (switch) **intra-procedural branches**
- **Exception handlers table** of entries  $(pc_1, pc_2, C, h)$ : if exception of class  $C$  is raised between locations  $pc_1$  and  $pc_2$ , then handler is at location  $h$ .
- Most JVM instructions are **typed**.

## Example bytecode

The source code:

```
public class test {  
    public static int factorial (int n) {  
        int res;  
        for (res = 1; n > 0; n--) res = res * n;  
        return res;  
    }  
}
```

and the JVM bytecode (shown by running `javap` on the class file)...

```
...
public static int factorial (int ); 2 stack slots , 2 registers
    0:  iconst_1      // push integer constant 1
    1:  istore_1     // store it in register 1 (res)
    2:  iload_0      // push register 0 (n)
    3:  ifle 16      // if negative or zero, goto 16
    6:  iload_1      // push register 1 (res)
    7:  iload_0      // push register 0 (n)
    8:  imul         // multiply
    9:  istore_1     // store in register 1 (res)
   10:  iinc 0, -1   // increment register 0 (n) by -1
   13:  goto 2       // goto beginning of loop
   16:  iload_1      // load register 1 (res)
   17:  ireturn     // return this value
...
```

## Some properties to be verified

- **Type correctness:** the arguments of an instruction are always of the right type.
- **No stack overflow or underflow**
- **Code containment:** the PC points within the code for the method, at the beginning of an instruction
- **Register initialization** before use
- **Object initialization** before use

Minimize runtime checks  $\implies$  efficient execution

Verification idea: type level abstract interpretation

Use types as the abstract values.

The partial ordering  $\sqsubseteq$  on types is the **subtype** relation.

Hence for example  $C \sqsubseteq D \sqsubseteq \text{Object}$  if class  $C$  extends class  $D$ .

We introduce special types **Null** and  $\top$  to abstract null pointers and uninitialized values. Also  $T \sqsubseteq \top$  for every  $T$ .

An **abstract stack**  $S$  is a sequence of types.

The sequence  $S = \text{Int} \cdot \text{Int} \cdot \text{Bool}$  abstracts a stack having a Boolean at the bottom of the stack and just two integers above it.

An **abstract register assignment**  $R$  maps registers to types.

$$R : \{0, \dots, M_{reg} - 1\} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$$

where  $M_{reg}$  is the maximum number of registers and  $\mathcal{T}$  is the set of types.

An **abstract state** is either  $\perp$  (unreachable state) or  $(S, R)$  where  $S$  is an abstract stack and  $R$  is an abstract register assignment.

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## Another example

```
public class testclass {  
    public testclass () { }  
    public Class testfunction (String s) {  
        Class c = s.getClass();  
        return c;  
    }  
}
```

public java.lang.Class testfunction(java.lang.String); 1 stack slots, 3 registers

0: aload\_1

1: invokevirtual #2; //Method java/lang/Object.getClass:()Ljava/lang/Class;

4: astore\_2

5: aload\_2

6: areturn

## Our analysis on this example

```
public java.lang.Class testfunction(java.lang.String); 1 stack slots , 3 registers
// stack, R(0), R(1), R(2)
//  $\epsilon$ , (testclass, String,  $\top$ )
0:  aload_1           // String, (testclass, String,  $\top$ )
1:  invokevirtual #2; // Class, (testclass, String,  $\top$ )
4:  astore_2          //  $\epsilon$ , (testclass, String, Class)
5:  aload_2           // Class, (testclass, String, Class)
6:  areturn
```

In case of several paths to a node, we need to compute **least upper bounds**  $\sqcup$ .

Comparison of abstract stacks:

$$T_1 \cdot \dots \cdot T_n \sqsubseteq U_1 \cdot \dots \cdot U_n \quad \text{iff} \quad T_i \sqsubseteq U_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$T_1 \cdot \dots \cdot T_n \sqcup U_1 \cdot \dots \cdot U_n = T_1 \sqcup U_1 \cdot \dots \cdot T_n \sqcup U_n$$

Comparison of abstract register assignments:

$$R_1 \sqsubseteq R_2 \quad \text{iff} \quad R_1(i) \sqsubseteq R_2(i) \text{ for } 0 \leq i < M_{reg}.$$

$$(R_1 \sqcup R_2)(n) = R_1(n) \sqcup R_2(n)$$

Comparison of abstract states

$$(S_1, R_1) \sqsubseteq (S_2, R_2) \quad \text{iff} \quad S_1 \sqsubseteq S_2 \text{ and } R_1 \sqsubseteq R_2$$

$$(S_1, R_1) \sqcup (S_2, R_2) = (S_1 \sqcup S_2, R_1 \sqcup R_2)$$

Also  $\perp \sqsubseteq (R, S)$  and  $\perp \sqcup (R, S) = (R, S)$ .

**Initial abstract state:**  $(S_{start}, R_{start})$  where  $S_{start} = \epsilon$  is the empty stack and  $R_{start}(0), \dots, R_{start}(n-1)$  are the  $n$  arguments, and  $R_{start}(i) = \top$  for  $i \geq n$

If  $\pi : pc_1 \rightarrow pc_2$  is a path (possibly with loops) from  $pc_1$  to  $pc_2$  with corresponding instruction sequence  $I_1, \dots, I_k$  and

$$(R_{i-1}, S_{i-1}) \xrightarrow{I_i} (S_i, R_i)$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq k$  then we write  $\pi : (S_0, R_0) \rightarrow (S_k, R_k)$ .

For every valid location  $pc$  we define

**Merge Over All Paths (MOP):**

$$\mathcal{S}[pc] = \bigsqcup \{(S, R) \mid \pi : (S_{start}, R_{start}) \rightarrow (S, R)\}$$

## Example

Suppose classes  $D$  and  $E$  are defined by extending class  $C$ , so that  $D \sqcup E = C$ .

```

// Int, (D, E)
10: ifle 17 //  $\epsilon$ , (D, E)
13: aload_0 // D, (D, E)
14: goto 18 //  $\epsilon$ , (D, E)
17: aload_1 // C, (D, E)
18: areturn
```

(According to our notation,  $C, (D, E)$  is the abstract state before the execution of the instruction at location 18.)



## Another example

```

//  $\epsilon$ , (Int, String)
9:  iload_0    // Int, (Int, String)
10: ifle 17    //  $\epsilon$ , (Int, String)
13: iload_0    // Int, (Int, String)
14: goto 18    //  $\epsilon$ , (Int, String)
17: aload_1    //  $\top$ , (Int, String)
18: areturn
```

The bytecode verification **fails** because the return value is of unknown type.

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public static int factorial (int ); 2 stack slots , 2 registers
```

```
                                //  $\epsilon$ , (Int,  $\top$ )  
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Other issues to be tackled in the full Java bytecode language:

- initialization of objects
- exception handling

# Typed Assembly Language (TAL)

Morrisett et al.

- A generic approach to safe compiled code.
- Based on the concept of *type safety*.
- Use *type preserving compilation* to transform type safe source code to type safe compiled code.
- Can be combined with the idea of *proof carrying code*.

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$\mid r$	register	$\text{jump } \nu$	
		$\mid \iota; I$	

Operands other than registers are called **values** (i.e. **registers** and **labels**).

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An example for computing product:  $r4$  contains the return address

```
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```

```
      jump loop
```

```
loop :  if r1 jump done;
```

```
      r3 := r2 + r3;
```

```
      r1 := r1 + -1;
```

```
      jump loop
```

```
done :  jump r4
```

The example has three instruction sequences, and a label corresponding to each of them.

## Evaluation: the TAL-0 abstract machine

- the abstract machine contains the code and data.
- an evaluation step changes the state (code and data) of the abstract machine.

$R ::=$  register files

$\{\mathbf{r1} \mapsto \nu_1, \dots, \mathbf{rk} \mapsto \nu_k\}$  (each  $\nu_i$  is a value)

$h ::=$  heap values

$I$  instruction sequences

$H ::=$  heaps

$\{l_1 \mapsto h_1, \dots, l_m \mapsto h_m\}$

$M ::=$  abstract machine states

$(H, R, I)$  ( $I$  is the current instruction sequence being executed)

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The starting state of the machine is supposed to be of the form

$$M_0 = (H_0, R_0, I_1)$$

where  $R_0(r1) = n$  and  $R_0(r2) = m$  are integers and  $R_0(r4)$  is a label.

A possible execution sequence: ...



$H_0$ ,	$\{r1 \mapsto 2, r2 \mapsto 2, r3 \mapsto 0, r4 \mapsto l\}$ ,	$r3 := 0$ ; jump loop
$H_0$ ,	$\{r1 \mapsto 2, r2 \mapsto 2, r3 \mapsto 0, r4 \mapsto l\}$ ,	jump loop
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$$\frac{H(\hat{R}(\nu)) = I}{(H, R, \text{jump } \nu) \longrightarrow (H, R, I)} \text{ E-Jump)}$$

where the lookup function  $\hat{R}$  returns the value corresponding to an operand:

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$$\hat{R}(n) = n$$

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Label  $l'$  points to some other instruction sequence  $I'$ .

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Should the above code be well-typed? After the first two instructions, the register file type will be  $\{r1 : \text{Int}, r2 : \text{Code}\}$ , as it should be.

Answer: depends on  $I'$ ...

Consider the code

$l'$  : `jump r1`;

Clearly the instruction sequence  $I' = \text{jump } r1$  expects a label in `r1` instead of an integer.

Hence the code at  $l$  is not well-typed.

**Solution:**

With each instruction sequence, associate a register file type that is expected at the beginning of that instruction sequence.

Secondly, enrich the notion of types. Instead of having a simple type `Code` for labels, we have types of the form `Code( $\Gamma$ )` where  $\Gamma$  is a register file type.

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The `mov` and `add` instructions modify the type of the destination register.

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Both branches of the **if** instruction must have the same type.

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The last judgment means that  $(H, R, I)$  is a well-typed machine.

## Example

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## An extension: TAL-1

We now also deal with [memory safety](#).

Besides registers, we now have a potentially infinite [memory](#), [stack](#), [pointers](#), and facilities for [allocating](#) space for data.

Already expressive enough for implementing simple programs from high level languages.

[Memory safety](#): no reads to or writes from illegal memory locations.

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Hence for type safety, we should at least have a [different type for pointers](#).

Further the type system should distinguish between pointers to different types of data.

```
r1 := malloc 5;
```

```
Mem[r1] := 9;
```

```
r2 := Mem[r1] // r1 stores a pointer, hence this is ok
```

```
jump r2 // not ok, since r1 was a pointer to an integer
```

Hence the type-system should deal with types like `ptr(Int)`, `ptr(Code( $\Gamma$ ))`, `ptr(ptr(Int))`, ...

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                // currently r1 : ptr(Code(...))  
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Mem[r1] := r3; // now r1 : ptr(Int)  
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Hence type of a register should be updated after a store through it.

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**Problem:** how should the type system keep track of aliasing?

Solution: have two kinds of memory locations.

**Shared pointers:** support aliasing. Different type of data cannot be written.

**Unique pointers:** no aliasing. Different kind of data can be written. Useful for allocating and initializing shared data structures, and for stack frames.

The instruction

`commit  $r_d$`

declares a pointer to be shared, its type cannot change now.

The TAL-1 syntax: we make the following extensions to the TAL-0 syntax.

$r ::=$	registers
$r_1 \mid \dots \mid r_k \mid sp$	ordinary registers and stack pointer
$l ::=$	instructions
$\dots$	mov/add/if-jump
$r_d := \text{Mem}[r_s + n]$	load from memory
$\text{Mem}[r_d + n] := r_s$	store to memory
$r_d := \text{malloc } n$	allocate $n$ heap words
$\text{commit } r_d$	make the pointer shared
$\text{salloc } n$	allocate $n$ stack words
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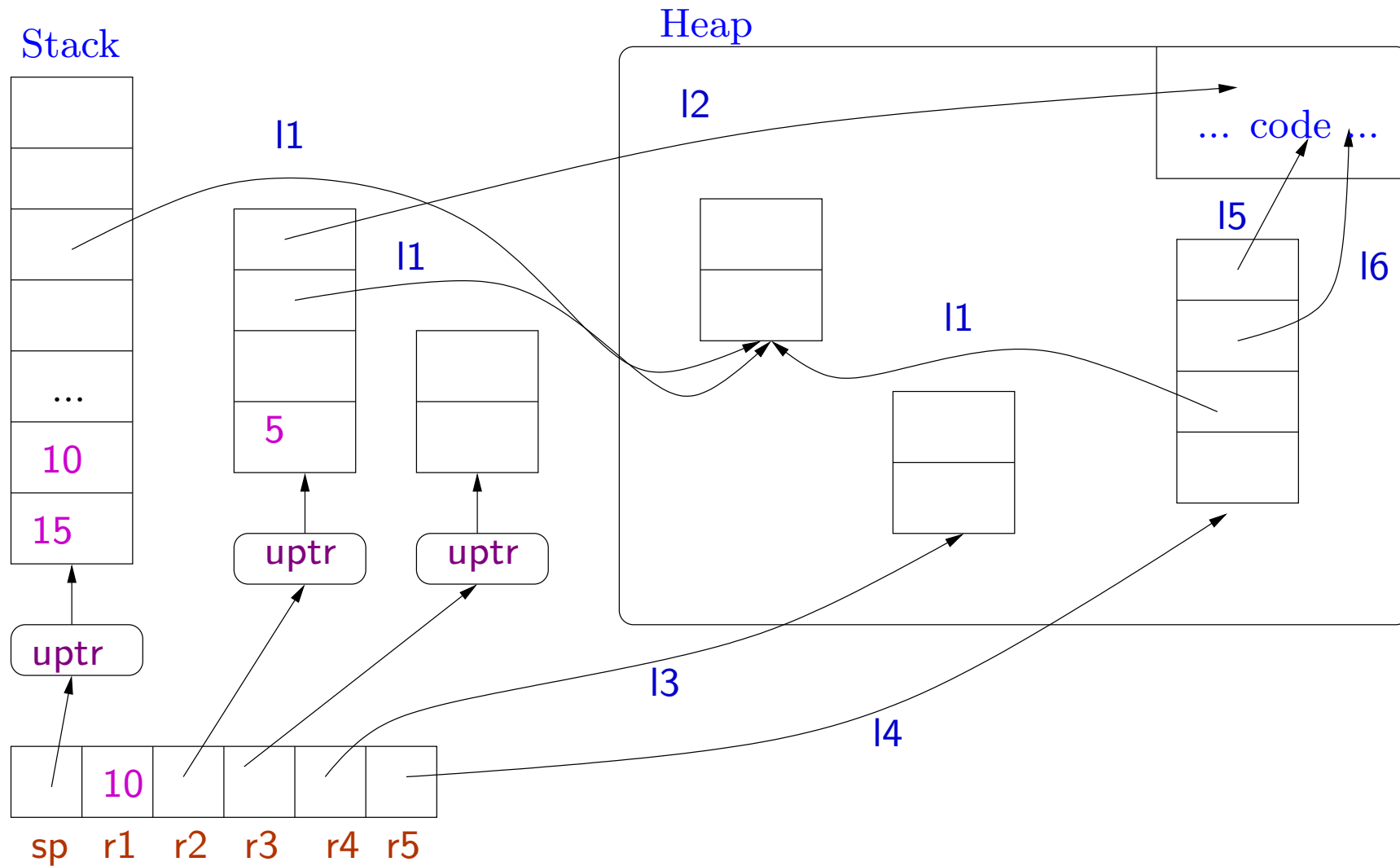
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	$r$	registers
	$n$	integers
	$l$	code or shared data pointers
	$\text{uptr}(h)$	unique data pointers
$h ::=$		heap values
	$I$	instruction sequences
	$\langle \nu_1, \dots, \nu_n \rangle$	tuples

Instruction sequences  $I$  are in TAL-0: list of instructions followed by a **jump**

Values are operands other than registers. Heaps map labels  $l$  to heap values  $h$ .

Register files and abstract machine states are defined as for TAL-0.

The TAL-1 abstract machine: Unique data values are not stored in the heap.



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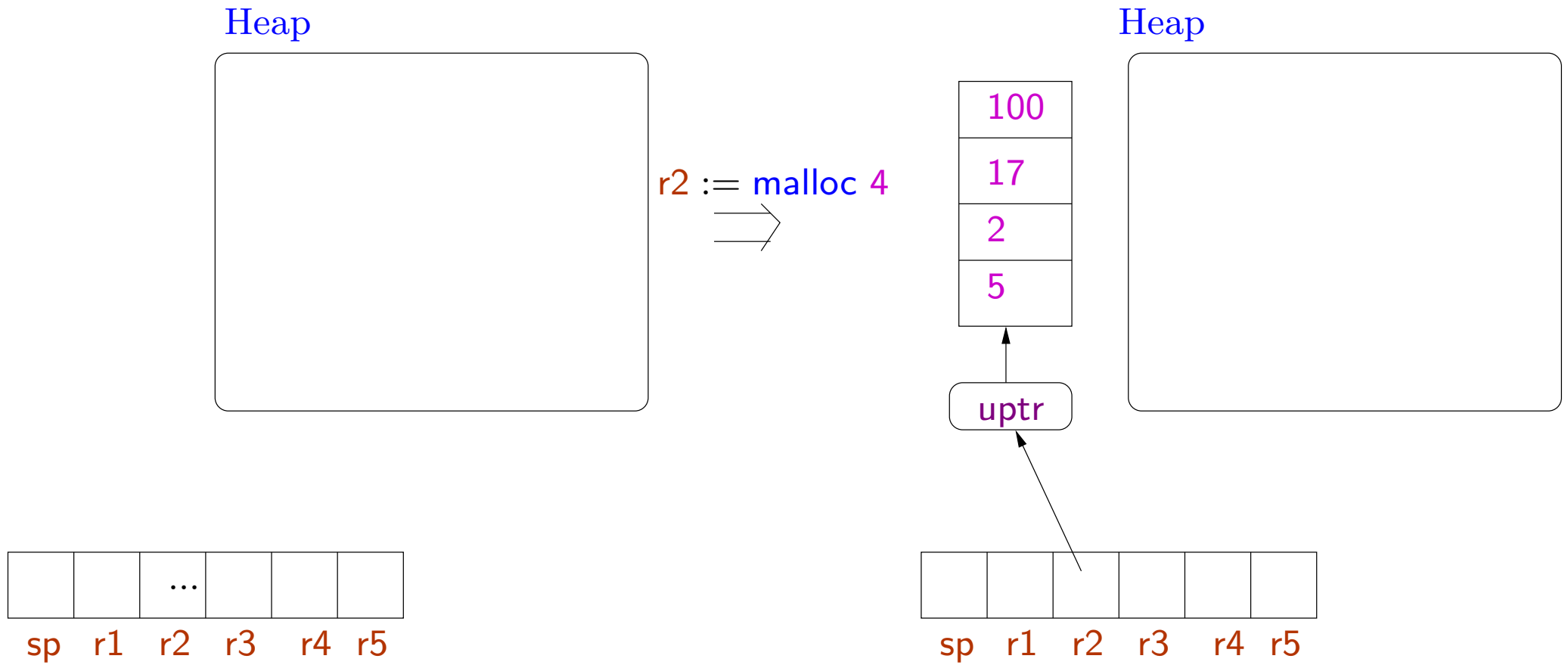
The other evaluation rules of TAL-0 are unmodified. We now add new rules for the new instructions ...

## Allocation generates a unique pointer

$$(H, R, r_d := \text{malloc } n; I) \rightarrow (H, R \oplus \{r_d \mapsto \text{uptr}\langle m_1, \dots, m_n \rangle\}, I) \quad (\text{E-Malloc})$$

- A unique pointer to a tuple of  $n$  words is created and stored in the destination register.
- The initial values in the words are arbitrary integers  $m_1, \dots, m_n$  (uninitialized values)
- Typically we would make the pointer shared once the words have been initialized.
- `malloc` instruction takes a constant as argument. Useful for implementing tuples, records, etc but not yet for variable sized arrays.

# Allocation



Examples The following code will lead to stuck states.

- copying of unique pointers:

```
... r1 := malloc 5; r2 := r1; ...
```

- using unique pointers in place of integers

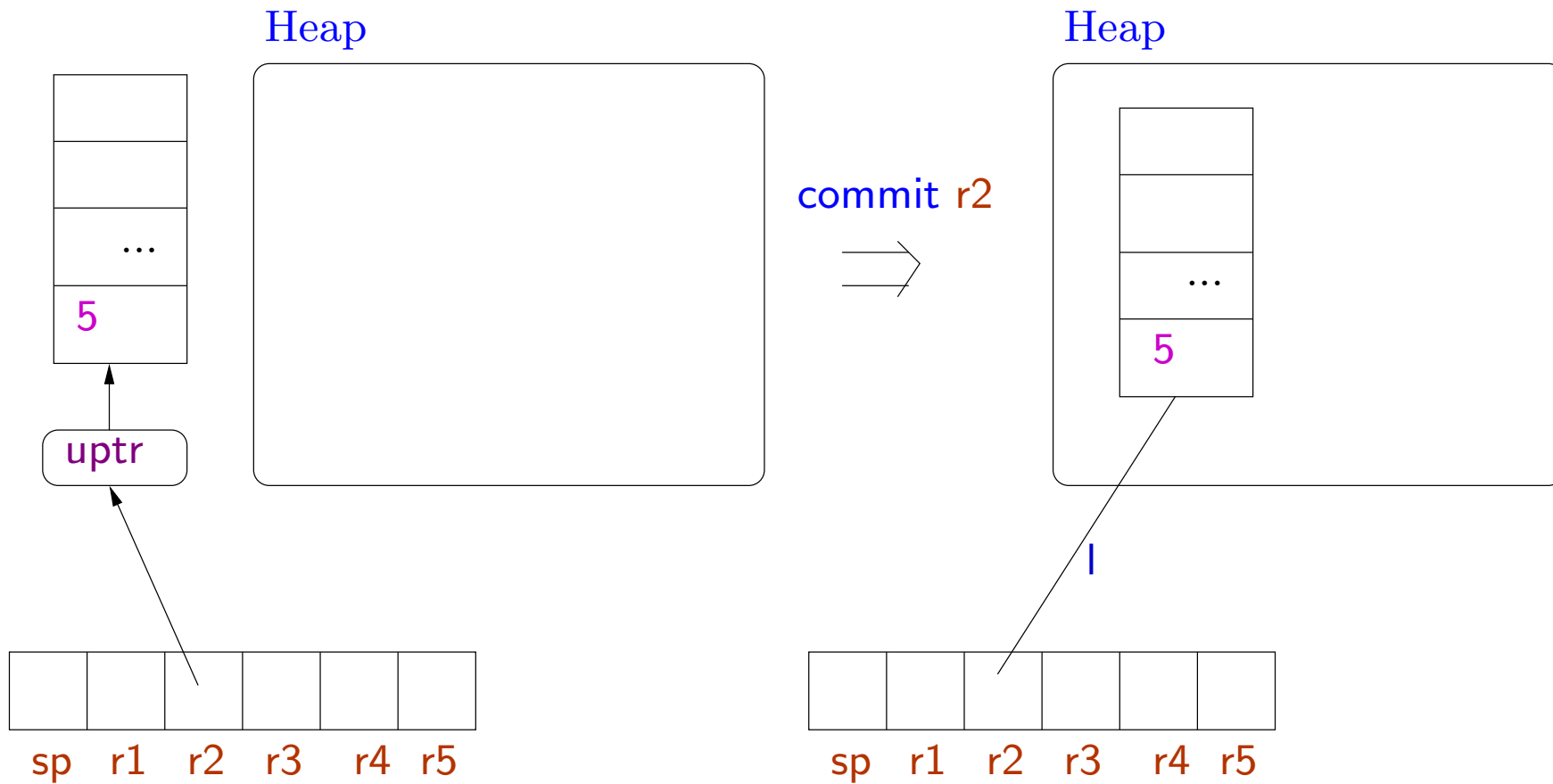
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... r1 := malloc 5; if r1 jump l; ...
```

## Declaring a pointer to be shared

$$\frac{r_d \neq \text{sp} \quad R(r_d) = \text{uptr}(h) \quad l \notin \text{dom}(H)}{(H, R, \text{commit } r_d; I) \rightarrow (H \oplus \{l \mapsto h\}, R \oplus \{r_d \mapsto l\}, I)} \quad (\text{E-Commit})$$

- The stack is always a unique data value.
- **commit** moves the unique data in the heap (i.e. it is now considered shared data)
- A **fresh label** is associated with the data and is stored in the destination register.





$l$  is a completely fresh label.

## Loading and storing

Loading shared data

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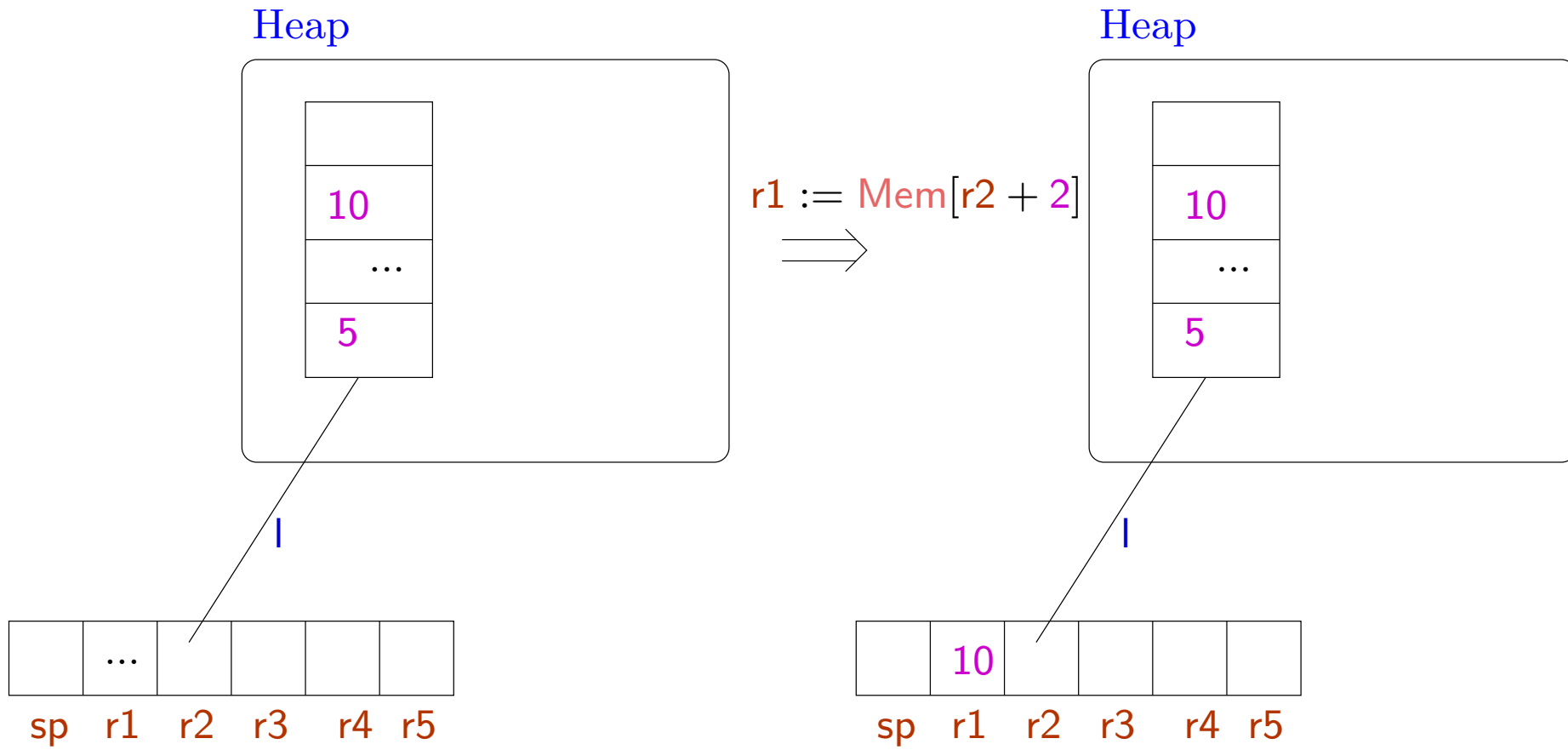
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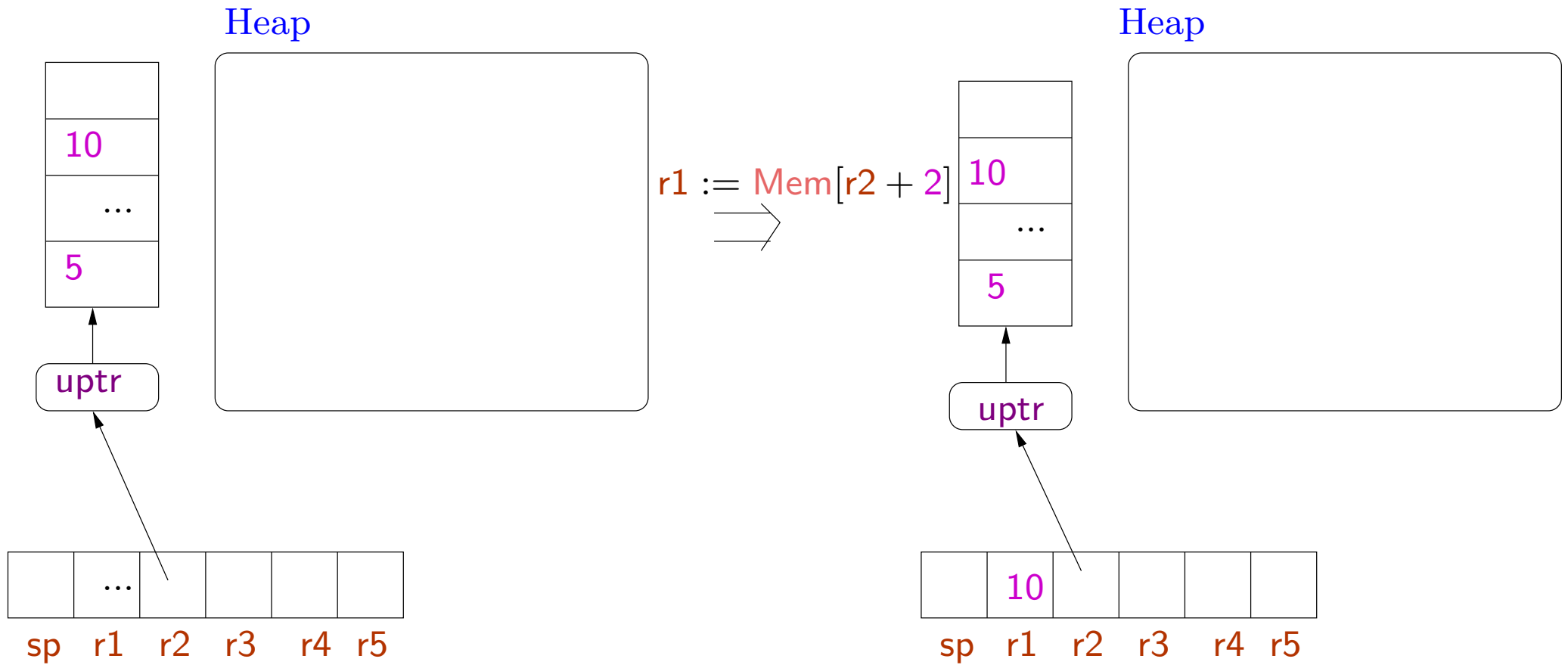
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## Storing shared data

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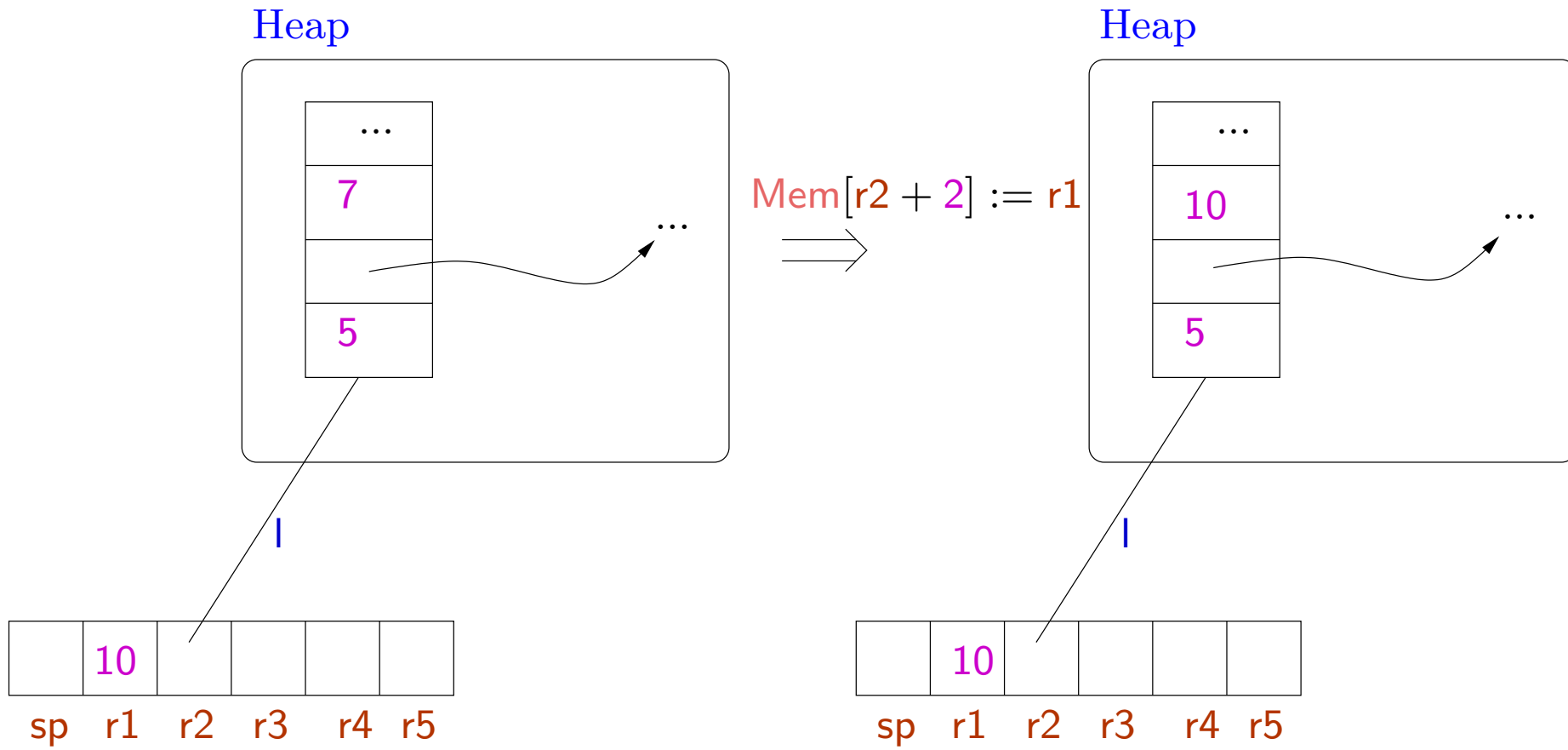
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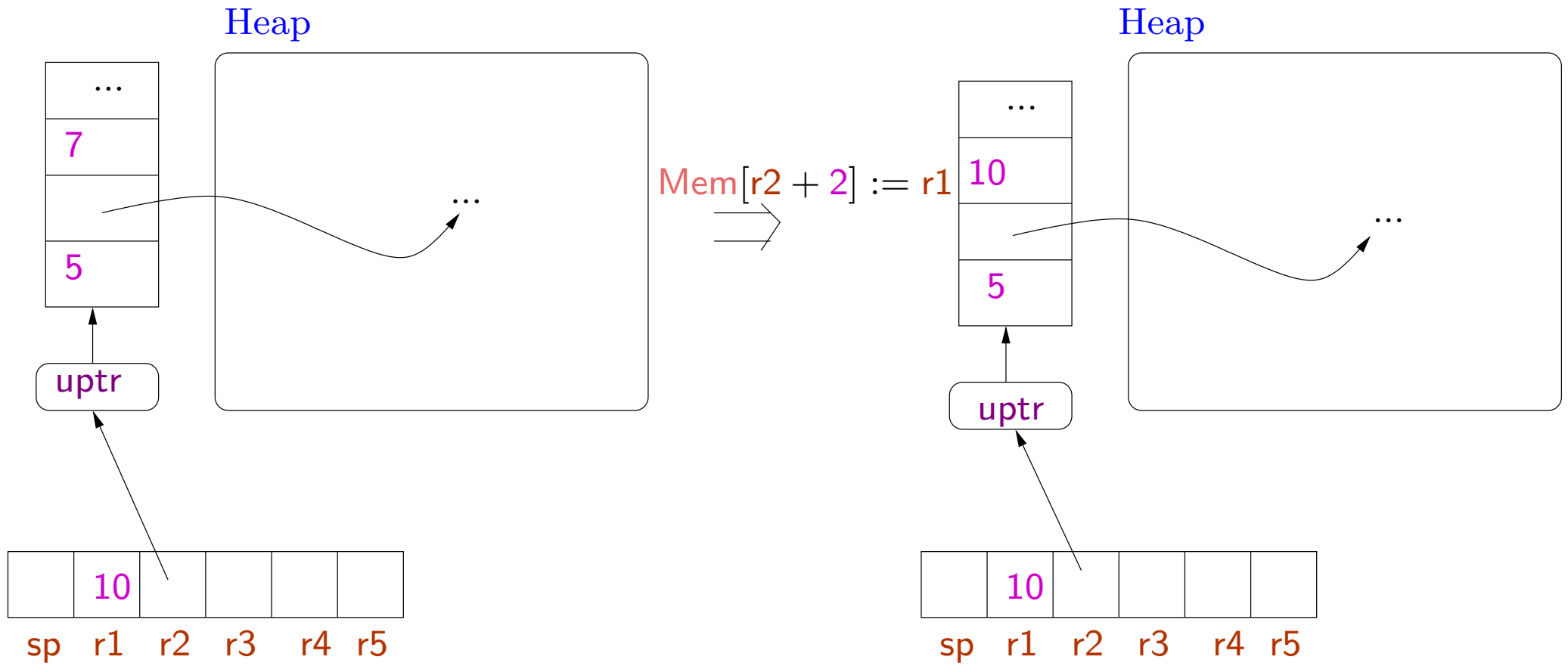
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Example Allocating space, initializing data, and making it shared.

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```

```
  r3 := l;
```

```
  r4 := 7;
```

```
  Mem[r1] = r3;
```

```
  Mem[r1 + 1] = r4;
```

```
  commit r1;
```

```
  r2 := r1;           // now the pointer can be aliased
```

```
  r4 := r4 + 6;
```

```
  Mem[r2 + 1] := r4; // this is ok (should be well-typed)
```

```
  Mem[r2 + 1] := r3; // this is not ok
```

This is also ok.

```
l : r1 := malloc 3;
    r3 := l;
    r4 := 7;
    Mem[r1] = r4; //r1 : uptr(Int,...)
    Mem[r1] = r3; //r1 : uptr(Code(...),...)
    ...
    commit r1;
```

Type of data can change before being declared to be shared.

## Allocation on the stack

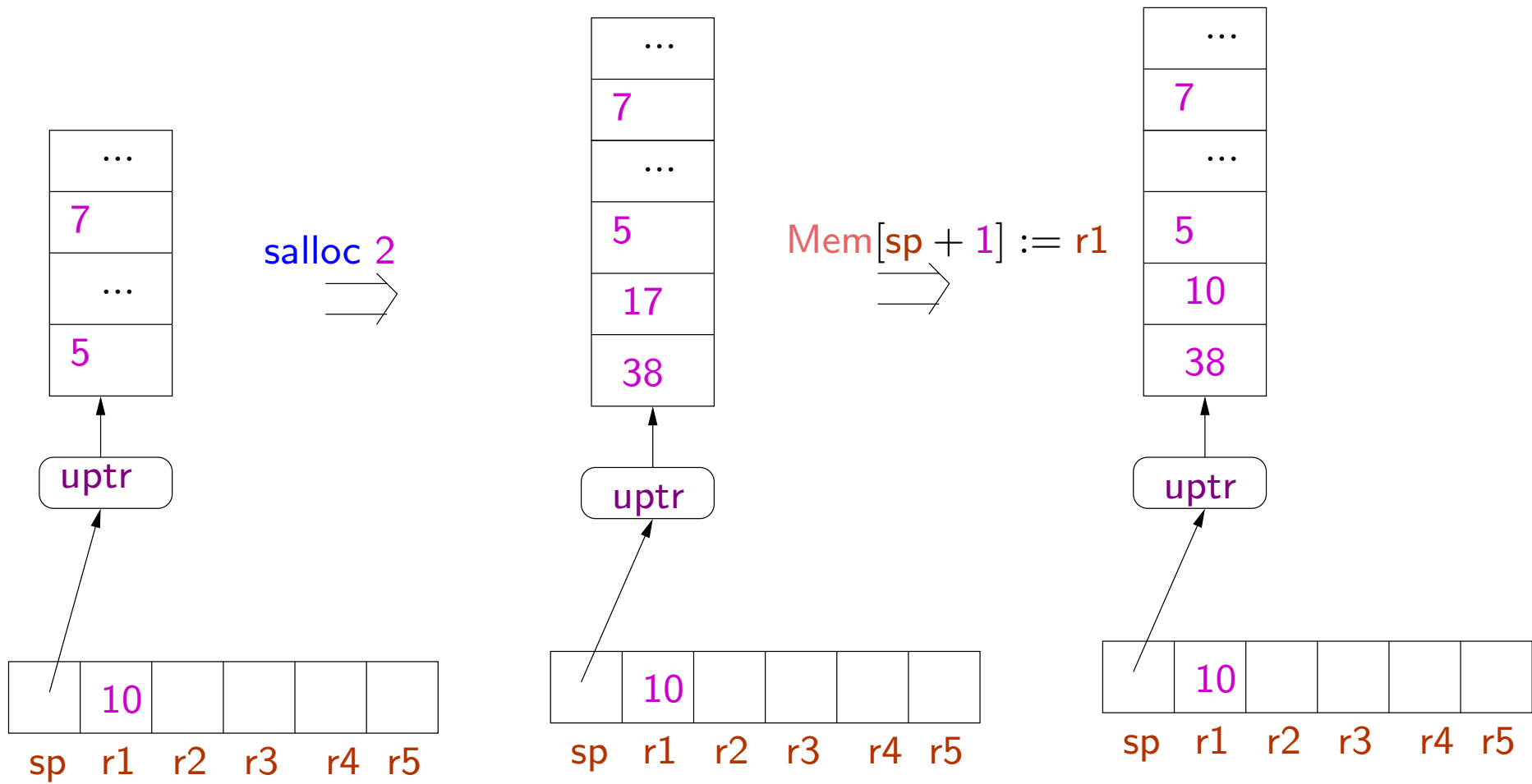
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- The stack is a unique data.
- Instead of allocating a new tuple, we extend the existing stack
- Arbitrary integers (uninitialized values) are added at the top of the stack.
- Stack overflow leads to stuck state.
- We have chosen the stack to grow upward: positive indexing as for other data tuples.

## Deallocating space from the stack

$$\frac{R(\text{sp}) = \text{uptr}\langle \nu'_1, \dots, \nu'_n, \nu_0, \dots, \nu_p \rangle}{(H, R, \text{sfree } n; I) \rightarrow (H, R \oplus \{\text{sp} \mapsto \text{uptr}\langle \nu_0, \dots, \nu_p \rangle\}, I)} \quad (\text{E-Sfree})$$

- Stack underflow leads to a stuck state: the stack should have at least  $n$  elements before the `sfree` instruction.



- No `call/return` instructions in the language.
- These are simulated using the `jump` instruction: e.g. saving/restoring return addresses are done explicitly.
- Allows modifications in `calling conventions` (passing arguments and return address on stack or in registers, tail recursion, ...)
- For this we focus on a more primitive set of type constructors.
- In contrast, the JVM language has notions of procedures and procedure calls hardwired into the language. Any modification (e.g. adding tail recursion) requires modifications in the abstract machine and the type system.

## Translations from high level languages to TAL-0

TAL-0 is expressive enough to implement simple subsets of high level languages.

### Example C Code

```
int fib (int x) {  
    if (x == 0) return 0; else  
    if (x == 1) return 1; else  
    return (fib (n-1) + fib (n-2));  
}
```



We choose the following [calling conventions](#) for our example.

- Caller pushes arguments on the stack.
- Caller puts return address in **r3**.
- Callee pops arguments from the stack.
- Callee returns the result in **r1**.
- Register **r2** is freely available for intermediate computations.

```

fib :  r2 := Mem[sp];           // r2 := x
      if r2 jump ret0;
      r2 := r2 + -1;           // r2 := x - 1
      if r2 jump ret1;
      salloc 2;
      Mem[sp + 1] := r3;       // save old return address
      Mem[sp] := r2;           // push x - 1 on stack
      r3 := cont1;             // new return address
      jump fib                 // r1 := fib(x - 1)

```

```
ret0 :  r1 := 0;    // return value  
       sfree 1;    // pop argument  
       jump r3     // return
```

```
ret1 :  r1 := 1;  
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        r2 := Mem[sp + 3];    // r2 := x
        r2 := r2 + -2;        // r2 := x - 2
        Mem[sp] := r2;        // push x - 2 on stack
        r3 := cont2;          // push return address
        jump fib              // r1 = fib(x - 2)
```

```
cont2 : r2 := Mem[sp];      // r2 := fib(x - 1)
        r1 := r1 + r2;      // r1 := fib(x - 2) + fib(x - 1)
        r3 := Mem[sp + 1];  // restore old return address
        sfree 3;
        jump r3
```

## Towards a TAL-1 type system

How to distinguish "good" programs from "bad" programs?

As discussed, we need types

$\text{ptr}(\sigma)$     unique pointer type

$\text{uptr}(\sigma)$     shared pointer type

where  $\sigma$  is an **allocated type**, i.e. type for allocated data.

The instruction  $r1 := \text{malloc } 3$  makes the register  $r1$  to be of type  $\text{uptr}\langle \text{Int}, \text{Int}, \text{Int} \rangle$ .

The instruction  $\text{commit } r2$  transforms the type of register  $r2$  from  $\text{uptr}(\sigma)$  to  $\text{ptr}(\sigma)$ .

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First idea: use a type similar to `Top`, to represent tuples of `"any" type`.

Further this should type should also represent tuples of `any length`.

Suppose we choose a type `Top'` for this.



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Hence we should expect:

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Solution: use type variables to state such equalities.

Hence with `fib` we will associate the type

$$\forall s \cdot \text{Code}\{\text{sp} : \text{uptr}\langle \text{Int}, s \rangle, r1 : \text{Top}, r2 : \text{Top}, \\ r3 : \text{Code}\{\text{sp} : \text{uptr}(s), r1 : \text{Int}, r2 : \text{Top}, r3 : \text{Top}\}\}$$

where `s` is an `allocated type variable` i.e. representing an arbitrary length of allocated memory.

This expresses the constraint that the code pointed to by `r3` should expect the same type of stack that is below the argument of `fib`.

The universal quantifier helps to distinguish occurrences of the variable `s` elsewhere.

## The TAL-1 type system

$\tau ::=$  operand types

- $\text{Int} \mid \text{Code}(\Gamma)$
- $\mid \text{ptr}(\sigma)$  shared pointer types
- $\mid \text{uptr}(\sigma)$  unique pointer types
- $\mid \forall \rho \cdot \tau$  quantification over allocated types

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$\sigma ::=$  allocated types

- $\epsilon$  empty tuple type
- $\tau$  one operand
- $\langle \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \rangle$  pair
- $\rho$  allocated type variable

operand types are for operands and allocated data types are for tuples.

As before register file types  $\Gamma$  are of the form  $\{\text{sp} : \tau, \text{r1} : \tau_1, \dots, \text{rk} : \tau_k\}$  where  $\tau, \tau_i$  are operand types.

Similarly heap types  $\Psi$  map labels to operand types.

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**malloc** creates a unique pointer type.

$$\frac{\Psi, \Gamma \vdash r_d : \text{uptr}(\sigma) \quad r_d \neq \text{sp}}{\Psi \vdash \text{commit } r_d : \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma \oplus \{r_d : \text{ptr}(\sigma)\}} \text{ (T-Commit)}$$

`commit` creates a shared pointer type.

$r_d$  stores a (label) pointer to the value which has now been moved into the heap.

$$\frac{\Psi, \Gamma \vdash r_s : \text{ptr}\langle \tau_0, \dots, \tau_n, \sigma \rangle}{\Psi \vdash r_d := \text{Mem}[r_s + n] : \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma \oplus \{r_d : \tau_n\}} \quad (\text{T-Ld-S})$$

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$$\frac{R(\text{sp}) = \text{uptr}\langle \nu_0, \dots, \nu_p \rangle \quad p + n > \text{MaxStack}}{(H, R, \text{salloc } n; I) \rightarrow \text{StackOverflow}} \quad (\text{E-Overflow1})$$

Where **StackOverflow** is a new special machine state.

This is similar to "error" terms in our previous discussion on type safety.

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$$\frac{\Psi \vdash I : \tau}{\Psi \vdash I : \forall \rho \cdot \tau} \text{ (T-Gen)}$$

$\rho$  is an allocated type variable possibly occurring in  $\tau$ .

Type of labels can be instantiated by the following rule.

We replace occurrences of  $\rho$  by any desired type  $\tau'$ .

$$\frac{\Psi, \Gamma \vdash \nu : \forall \rho \cdot \tau}{\Psi, \Gamma \vdash \nu : \tau[\rho \mapsto \tau']} \text{ (T-Inst)}$$

## Example

```
ret0 :  r1 := 0;    // return value
        sfree 1;    // pop argument
        jump r3     // return
```

We would like to assign to this instruction sequence, the type

$\tau = \forall s \cdot \text{Code}\{\Gamma\}$  where

$\Gamma = \{\text{sp} : \text{uptr}\langle \text{Int}, s \rangle, \text{r1}, \text{r2} : \text{Top}, \text{r3} : \text{Code}\{\text{sp} : \text{uptr}(s), \text{r1} : \text{Int}, \text{r2}, \text{r3} : \text{Top}\}\}$

where allocated type variable  $\text{sp}$  represents an arbitrary chunk of memory.

Let  $\Gamma_1 = \Gamma \oplus \{\text{r1} : \text{Int}\}$  and  $\Gamma_2 = \Gamma_1 \oplus \{\text{sp} : \text{uptr}(s)\}$ .

For any heap type  $\Psi$  we have the following typing derivation.





$$\frac{\Psi, \Gamma_2 \vdash r3 : \text{Code}\{\text{sp} : \text{uptr}(s), r1 : \text{Int}, r2, r3 : \text{Top}\} \quad \text{Code}(\Gamma_2) \sqsubseteq \text{Code}\{\dots\}}{\Psi, \Gamma_2 \vdash r3 : \text{Code}(\Gamma_2)} \text{ (T-Sub)}$$

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## Type Safety for TAL-1

**Progress:** If  $\vdash M$  then there is some  $M'$  such that  $M \rightarrow M'$ .

**Preservation:** If  $\vdash M$  and  $M \rightarrow M'$  then either  $M'$  is `StackOverflow`, or  $\vdash M'$ .

# The Java Security Manager

Allows or disallows various operations.

Various kinds of operations (reading or writing files, connecting to another machine) requires asking the security manager for permission.

Security managers are objects of the [SecurityManager](#) class.

```
public class BadClass {
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        try {
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The local file gets deleted, if the user has permissions from the operating system.

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```
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public class BadApplet extends Applet{

    String text;

    public void init() {
        try { Runtime.getRuntime().exec("/bin/rm -rf /path/to/filexyz");
        } catch (Exception e) { text = "Deletion command failed: " + e; return; }
        text = "Deletion command successful!";
    }

    public void paint(Graphics g){ g.drawString(text, 15, 25); }
}
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The web browser automatically give restricted permissions to applets.

The sandbox associated with a class depends upon the source from where it was loaded.

The typical sequence used for potentially dangerous operations:

- **User program** makes some request to the Java API.
- The **Java API** asks the security manager for permissions.
- If the **security manager** doesn't want to allow this operation, it throws back an **exception** which is thrown back to the user program.
- Otherwise the security manager does nothing and the Java API completes the operation.

In the previous example, the user program calls the **exec** method, which calls the **checkExec** method on the security manager to check for permission.

The code executed on calling `exec` is similar to this:

```
public process exec (String command) throws IOException {
    ...
    SecurityManager sm = System.getSecurityManager();
    if (sm != null) {
        sm.checkExec();
        // security exception can be raised here
    }
    // remaining code follows
    ...
}
```

Another example: reading files.

```
// open a file
FileInputStream fis = new FileInputStream ("somefile");
// read a byte
int x = fis.read();
```

The code executed on calling [FileInputStream](#) is similar to

```
public FileInputStream (String name) throws FileNotFoundException {
    SecurityManager sm = System.getSecurityManager();
    if (sm != null) { sm.checkRead(name); }
    try { open (name);
    } catch (IOException e) {
        throw new FileNotFoundException (name);
    }
}
```

The `System` class has various useful data and functions which are global for the whole virtual machine.

The security manager is obtained by `getSecurityManager` method, and `null` is returned if no security manager has been set.

The security manager is set by `setSecurityManager` method, and an exception is raised if the security manager has already been set.

Hence once the security manager has been set, it cannot be modified.

In particular, java applications can set the security manager before executing remote applets, so that these applets don't try to set their own security manager.

Defining one's own security manager: we extend the `SecurityManager` class and override the functions as required.

```
public class NewSecurityManager extends SecurityManager {  
    public void checkExec (String cmd) {  
        // always disallow exec  
        throw new SecurityException ("exec not allowed")  
    }  
}
```

Modifying the `BadClass` to use this security manager.

```
public class NewBadClass {
    public static void main(String args[]) {
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Note that while creating a `FileInputStream` object requires a `checkRead` call, the actual `read()` operations on the file input stream requires no permission.

- A trusted class can choose to deliver the `FileInputStream` object to an untrusted class which can then read from the file.
- It is efficient to check permissions only once.

# The Access Controller

- Has functions similar to the security manager.
- Provides easy enforcement of fine grained security policies.
- The security manager works most of the time by calling the access controller.
- Implemented by the `AccessController` class, accessed through its static methods.

Involves the following four classes.

- The **CodeSource** class: represents the source from which a certain class was loaded, an an optional list of certificates which was used to sign that code.
- The **Permission** and **Permissions** classes: represent various kinds of permissions.
- The **Policy** class: a policy maps code source objects to permission objects. Only one policy can be associated with the JVM at any point of time, like the security manager. But the policy can be modified.
- The **ProtectionDomain** class: a protection domain represents all the permissions granted to a particular code source.

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Permission objects are used for requesting permissions as well as for representing granted permissions.



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Other examples:

```
FilePermission fp1 = new FilePermission ("/bin/*", "execute");
```

```
FilePermission fp2 = new FilePermission ("/home/userx", "read, write");
```

```
SocketPermission sp1 = new SocketPermission ("hostname:port", "connect");
```

```
SocketPermission sp1 = new SocketPermission ("hostname:port", "accept, listen");
```

Policies are specified by objects of `Policy` class.

It can be obtained and set using `getPolicy ()` and `setPolicy (Policy p)`.

Policy objects can be created by reading from a file which lists the policy rules.

Typically done at startup time:

```
java -Djava.security.manager -Djava.security.policy=<policyfilename> <class> <args>  
appletviewer -J-Djava.security.policy=<policyfilename> file.html
```

The policy file have rules mapping code sources to sets of permissions.

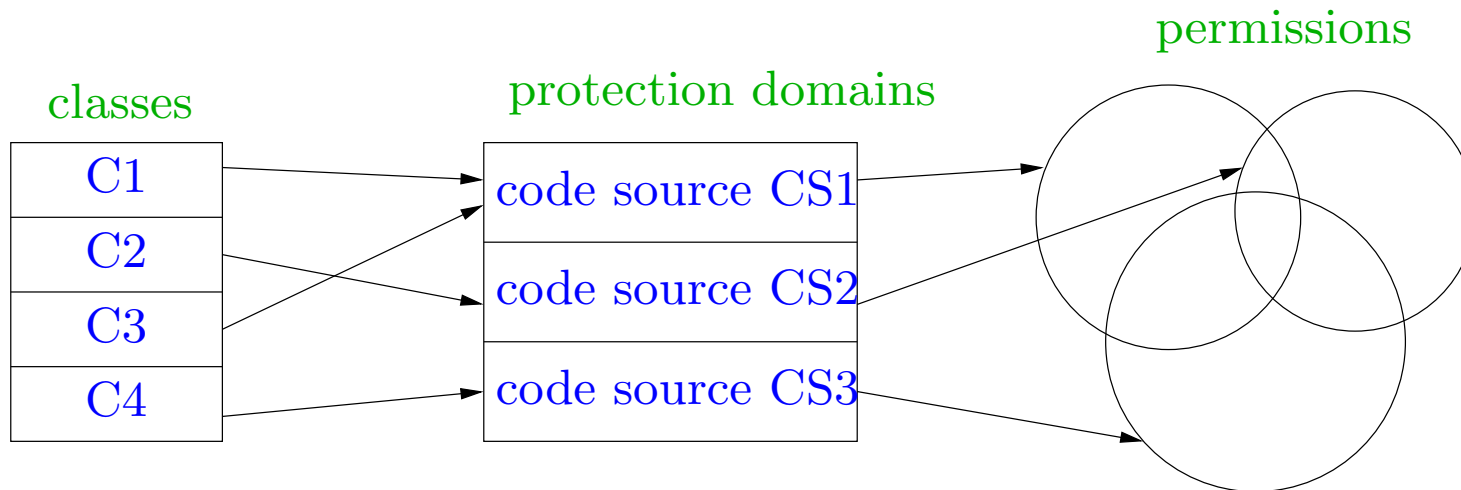
```
grant codeBase "file:/home/userxyz/classes" {  
    permission java.io.FilePermission "/bin/rm" "execute";  
    permission java.net.SocketPermission "localhost:1024-" "listen, accept";  
};
```

```
grant signedBy <signer>, codeBase "http://www.xyz.com" {  
    permission ...  
    ...  
};
```

A **protection domain** groups a **code source** with a set of permissions.

The **class loader** is supposed to associate a protection domain with a class when it loads the class.

The protection domain associated with each class is used by the access controller when it is called to check a permission using the **checkPermission()** method.



## Stack inspection

Allowing or disallowing a permission depends on the context in which the `checkPermission` method was called.

The access controller needs to examine the protection domains associated with all the classes on the stack.

The permission is granted only if all the protection domains on the stack have this permission.

In our old example, the `BadClass.main()` method for deleting a file calls the `Runtime.exec()` method which calls the `AccessController.checkPermission()` to check execute permission on `/bin/rm`.

Further, the `BadClass.main()` method itself may be called by some other method `m()` of class `C`.

We get the following stack.

<code>AccessController.checkPermission()</code>
<code>Runtime.exec()</code>
<code>BadClass.main()</code>
<code>C.m()</code>
...

The execute permission should be granted only if all the classes on the stack have that permission in their protection domain.

Hence the access controller checks that all frames from the top of the stack to the bottom have this permission in the protection domains of the respective classes.

Sometimes a trusted class may choose to give its permissions to lower frames on the stack.

E.g. an untrusted applet may call some routine to draw something on the screen, and the routine requires some local font file.

This is done using the `doPrivileged()` method.

```
untrustedclass { f() { ... trustedclass.draw() ...}}
trustedclass {
    public void draw {
        ...
        AccessController.doPrivileged (new PrivilegedAction () {
            public Object run () {
                // privileged code here
                ... <read font file> ...
            } }); }}

```



Instead of the `doPrivileged()` method

```
AccessController.doPrivileged (new PrivilegedAction () {  
    public Object run () {  
        <privileged code>  
    }  
});
```

earlier versions used `beginPrivileged()` and `endPrivileged()` calls.

```
AccessController.beginPrivileged();  
<privileged code>  
AccessController.endPrivileged();
```

To understand the **stack inspection** algorithm let us assume the following operations.

- `enablePrivilege( $T$ )`
- `disablePrivilege( $T$ )`
- `checkPrivilege( $T$ )`
- `revertPrivilege( $T$ )`

where  $T$  is a **target** (permission in the Java terminology) we wish to protect.

Actions taken by these operations:

- `enablePrivilege( $T$ )` puts an `enabledPrivilege( $T$ )` flag on the current stack frame if the current class has access to  $T$  according to the policy.
- `disablePrivilege( $T$ )` puts a `disabledPrivilege( $T$ )` flag on the current stack frame (and removes `enabledPrivilege( $T$ )` flag if present).
- `revertPrivilege( $T$ )` removes `enabledPrivilege( $T$ )` and `disabledPrivilege( $T$ )` flags from the current stack frame if present.
- `checkPrivilege( $T$ )` examines the stack as follows ...

```
checkPrivilege (T) {  
    for SF from top stack frame to bottom stack frame {  
        if (policy doesn't allow the class in SF to access T) throw ForbiddenException;  
        if (SF has enabledPrivilege (T) flag) return;  
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$P_1 \wedge P_2$

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$$7 \quad (P = Q) \rightarrow (P \text{ says } s \equiv Q \text{ says } s)$$

= is equality on principals.

$$8 \quad (P_1 \mid (P_2 \mid P_3)) = ((P_1 \mid P_2) \mid P_3)$$

Quoting is associative.

$$9 \quad (P_1 \mid (P_2 \wedge P_3)) = (P_1 \mid P_2) \wedge (P_1 \mid P_3)$$

Quoting distributes over conjunction

$$10 \quad (P \Rightarrow Q) \equiv (P = P \wedge Q)$$

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$$(Charlie \Rightarrow (Alice \wedge Bob)) \quad \text{by (2)}$$

$$Charlie = (Charlie \wedge Alice \wedge Bob) \quad \text{by (10)}$$

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$$(Charlie \wedge Alice \wedge Bob) \text{ says } (Alice \text{ says } s) \quad \text{by (7,2)}$$

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It means that access to  $T$  is permitted.

We consider the axiom

$$(T \text{ says } \text{Ok}(T)) \rightarrow \text{Ok}(T) \quad (\text{S4})$$

A target is always free to grant permission to itself.

Targets are dummy principals. They never speak, but other (non-dummy) principals representing them may speak for them.

**Target credentials**  $\mathcal{T}$  is the set of such axioms for all targets  $T$ .

**Policy** for a virtual machine  $M$  is defined by a set

**access credentials**  $\mathcal{A}_M$  of statements of the form  $P \Rightarrow T$  where  $P$  is a principal and  $T$  is a target.

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$$\Phi \cup \mathcal{T} \cup \mathcal{A}_M \cup \{F \text{ says } s \mid s \in \mathcal{B}_F\}.$$

**Example** Assume at the beginning that  $\mathcal{B}_{F_1} = \{\}$ .

Now  $F_1$  calls `enablePrivilege( $T_1$ )`. We have  $\mathcal{B}_{F_1} = \{\text{Ok}(T_1)\}$ .

$F_1$  calls `checkPrivilege( $T_1$ )`.

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Let  $S_1$  be the signer of the code which produced the frame  $F_1$ .

Then we conclude  $F_1 \Rightarrow S_1$  from the frame credentials  $\Phi$ .

If the access credentials set  $\mathcal{A}_M$  has a statement  $S_1 \Rightarrow T_1$

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we conclude  $\text{Ok}(T_1)$ .

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Suppose that  $\mathcal{A}_M$  further has statements

$S_4 \Rightarrow T_2$     $S_3 \Rightarrow T_2$     $S_2 \Rightarrow T_2$

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# Security protocols

For secure communication over an insecure network.

- Adversary can spy on messages,
- delete messages,
- modify messages,
- impersonate as Alice to Bob,
- deny having sent or received a message
- ...



## Encrypting and decrypting messages

...the naive way:

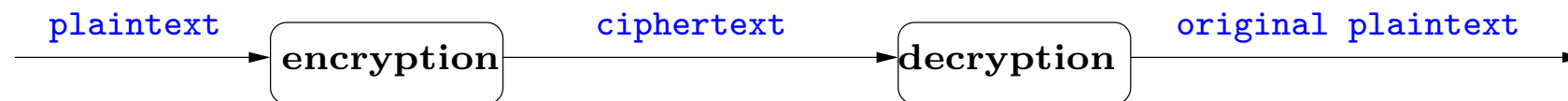
Instead of Alice  $\longrightarrow$  Bob:

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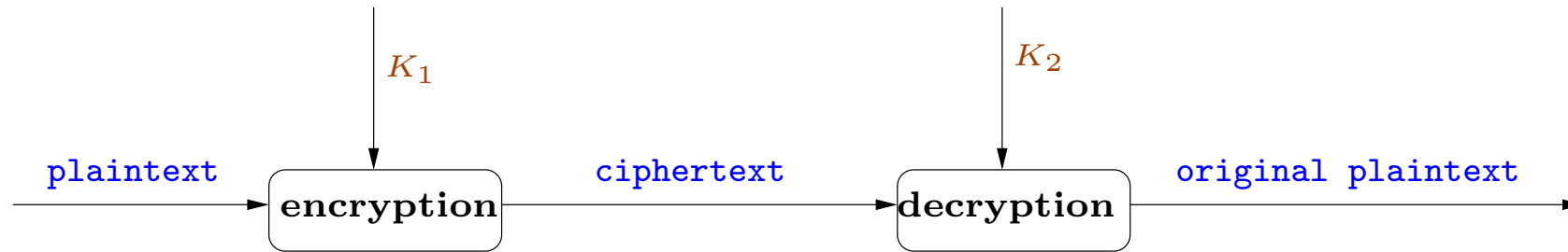
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Alice and Bob agree on the method of encryption and decryption.



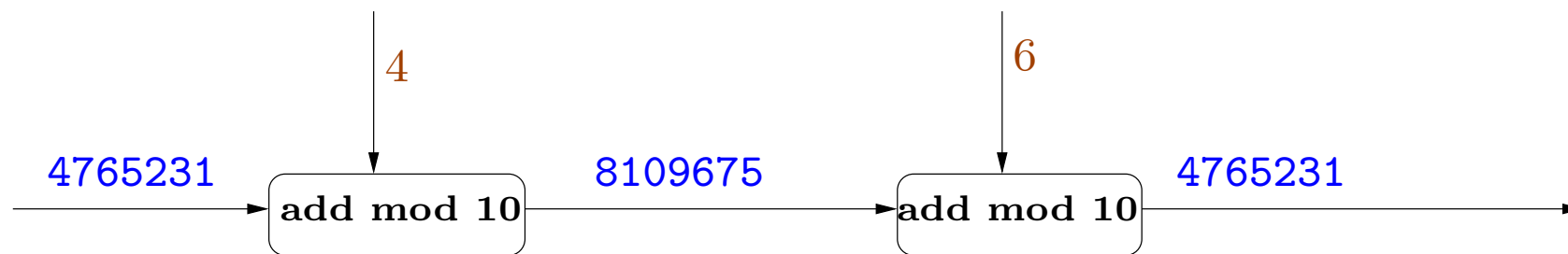
## Cryptography with keys

Today we instead have the following picture:



The encryption and decryption algorithms are assumed to be publicly known.

The security lies in the (secret) keys.



Cryptography of the pre-computer age **Substitution ciphers**: each character is mapped to the another character. The famous Caesar cipher:  $A \rightarrow D$ ,  $B \rightarrow E$ , ...,  $Z \rightarrow C$ .

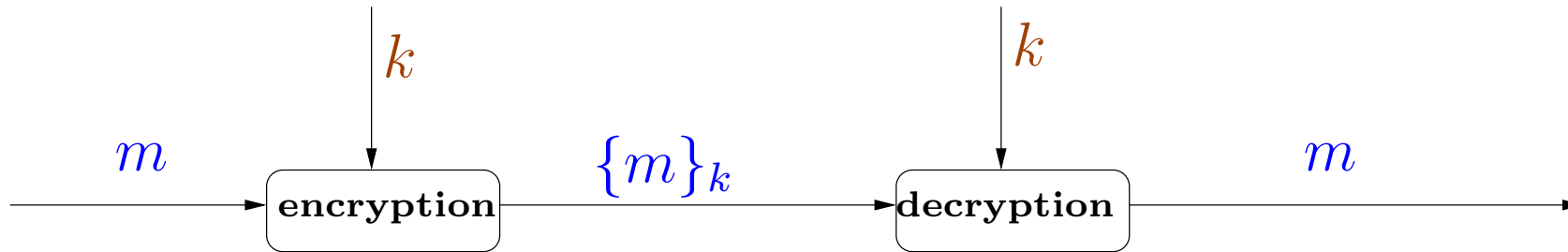
**transposition cipher**: shuffling around of characters.

Plaintext: `this is alice my credit card number is 1234567890123456`

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thisisalic  
emycreditc  
ardnumberi  
s123456789  
0123456
```

Ciphertext: `teas0 hmr11 iyd22 scn33 iru44 sem55 adb66 lie7i tr8cc  
i9`

## Private key cryptography



- The same key  $k$  is used for encryption and decryption
- Given message  $m$  and key  $k$ , we can compute the encrypted message  $\{m\}_k$
- Given the encrypted message  $\{m\}_k$  and the key  $k$ , we can compute the original message  $m$

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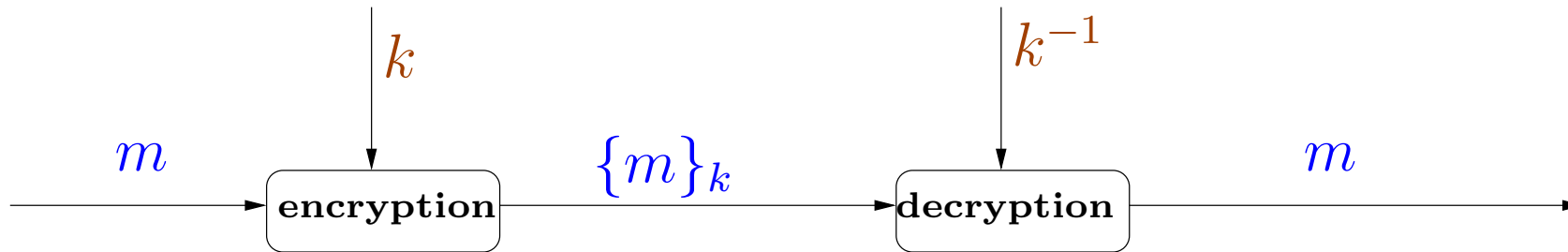
$A$  can send a message  $m$  to  $B$  using private key cryptography:

$$A \longrightarrow B : \{m\}_{K_{ab}}$$

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- $A$  chooses pair  $(K_a, K_a^{-1})$  of keys such that
  - messages encrypted with  $K_a$  can be decrypted with  $K_a^{-1}$
  - $K_a^{-1}$  cannot be calculated from  $K_a$
- $A$  makes  $K_a$  public: this is the public key of  $A$
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Then any  $B$  can send a message to  $A$  which only  $A$  can read:

$$B \longrightarrow A : \{m\}_{K_a}$$

Sometimes we have the additional property: messages encrypted with  $K_a^{-1}$  can be decrypted with  $K_a$

Then  $A$  can send a message  $m$  to  $B$

$$A \longrightarrow B : \{m\}_{K_a^{-1}}$$

and  $B$  is sure that the message  $m$  was encrypted by  $A$ . Hence we have **authentication**

## One way hash functions

Properties of a one way hash function  $H$ :

- Given  $M$ , it is easy to compute  $H(M)$  (called message digest).
- Given  $H(M)$  is difficult to find  $M'$  such that  $H(M) = H(M')$ .

$A$  sends to  $B$  the message  $M$  together with the encrypted hash value  $\{H(M)\}_{K_{ab}}$ .

Efficient means of demonstrating authenticity, since  $H(M)$  is of a fixed size.



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Generate fresh random value (**nonce**) for each new session and use it as a key for that session.

How to agree on a fresh key for each session?

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$$A \longrightarrow B : K_{ab}$$

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Doesn't work. What about

$$A \longrightarrow B : \{K_{ab}\}_{K_{long}}$$

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How secure is this ? How to guarantee security ?

## Cryptography and cryptographic protocols

- Cryptography deals with algorithms for encryption, decryption, random number generation, etc. Cryptographic protocols use cryptography for exchanging messages.
- Attacks against cryptographic primitives involves breaking the algorithm for encryption, etc. Attacks against cryptographic protocols may be of completely logical nature.
- Cryptographic protocols may be insecure even if the underlying cryptographic primitives are completely secure.
- Hence we often separate the study of cryptographic protocols from that of cryptographic primitives.

## Difficulty in ensuring correctness of cryptographic protocols

- Infinitely many sessions
- Infinitely many participants
- Infinitely many nonces
- Sessions are interleaved
- Adversary can replace messages by any arbitrary message: infinitely branching system

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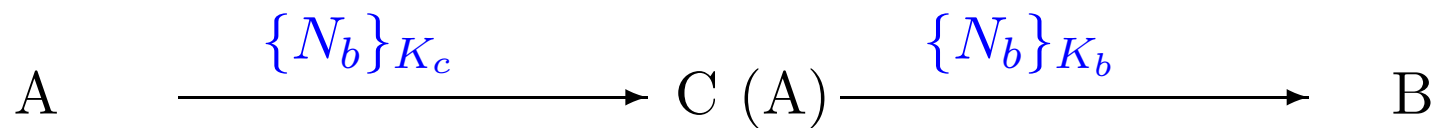
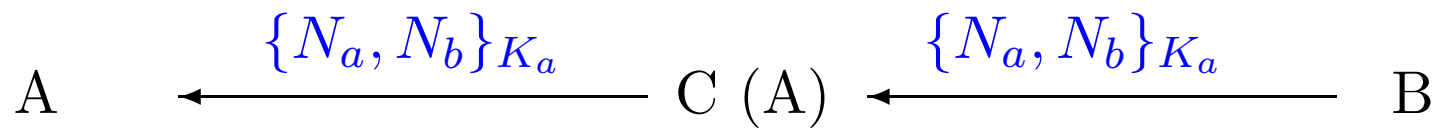
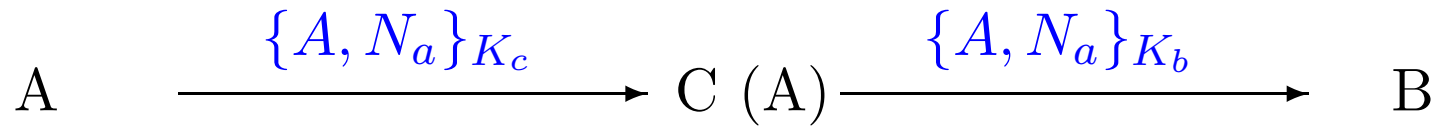
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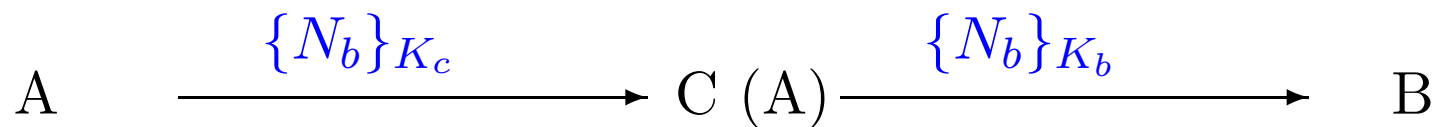
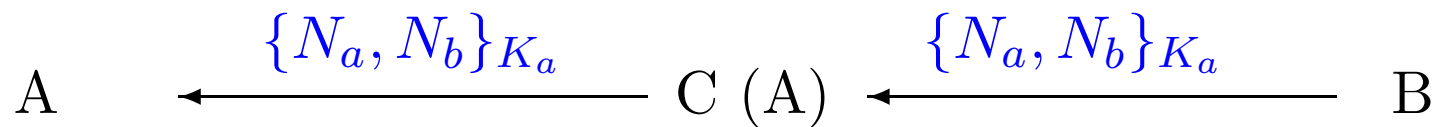
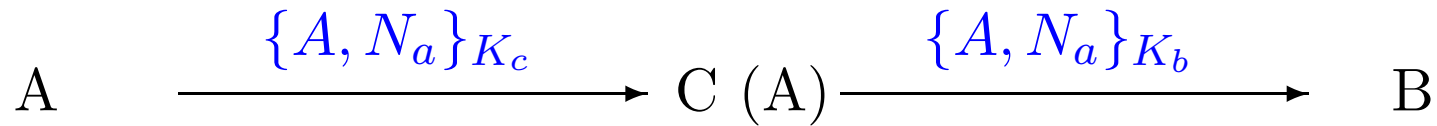
This is the well-known Needham-Schroeder public-key protocol.

Published in 1978. Attack found after 17 years in 1995 by Lowe.

## Man in the middle attack



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Even very simple protocols may have subtle flaws



## Consequences

Suppose  $B$  is the server of a bank.

$C$ , who can now pretend to be  $A$ :

$C \longrightarrow B : \{N_a, N_b, \text{transfer } \pounds 5000 \text{ from account of } A \text{ to account of } C\}_{K_b}$

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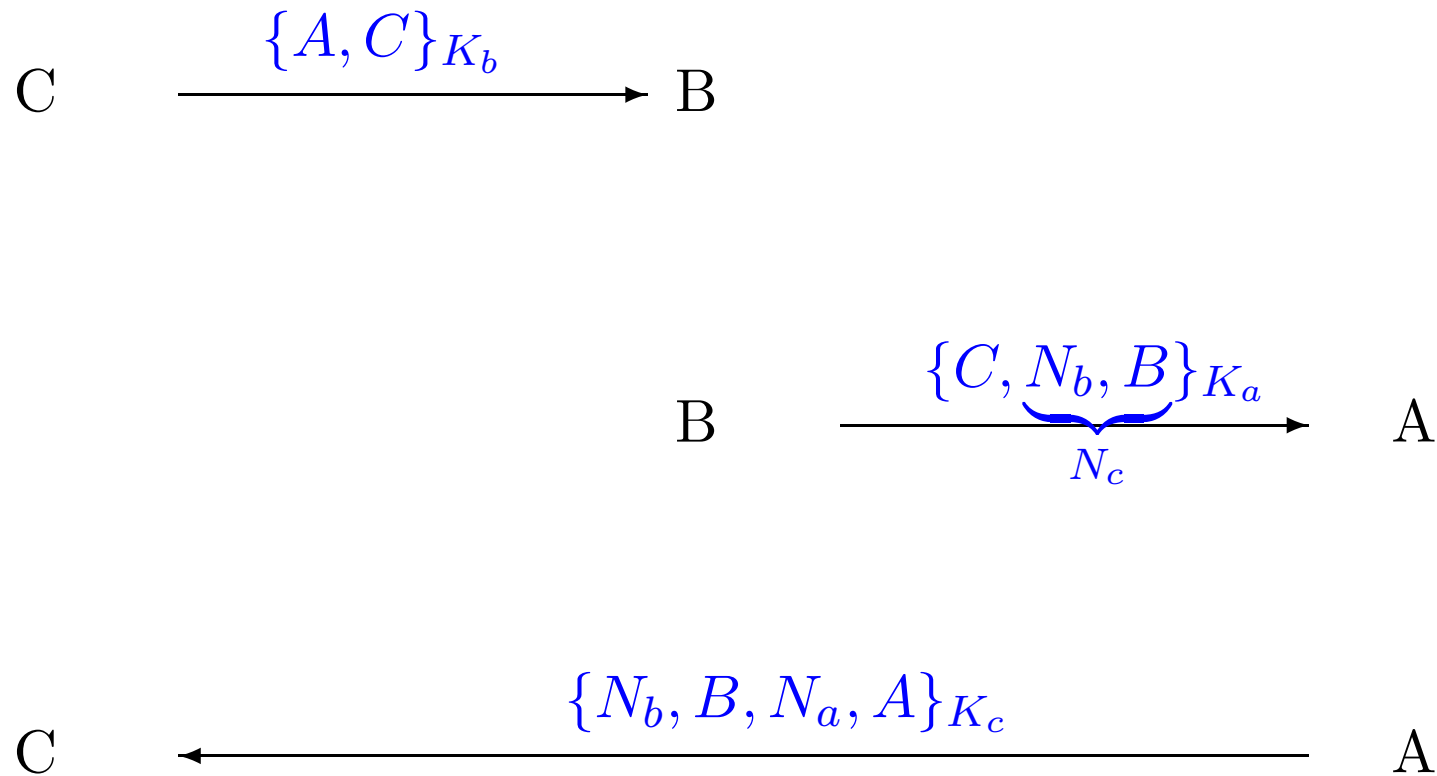
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Does this affect security?

## Type flaw

An attack on the variant of the Needham-Schroeder-Lowe protocol [Millen]:



# The Spi calculus

Abadi, Gordon, 1997

- Extends **pi calculus** which provides a language for describing processes.
- We treat protocols as **processes**, where messages sent and received by processes may involve encryption.
- Security is defined as **equivalence** between processes in the eyes of an arbitrary environment.
- Environment is also a spi calculus process.
- We study **information flow** to check whether secrets are leaked.

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Use **halt** to denote a finished process: it does nothing.

We write **send<sub>c</sub>** $\langle M \rangle$ ;  $P$  to denote a process that sends the message  $M$  on channel  $c$  after which it executes the process  $P$ .

**recv<sub>c</sub>** $(x)$ ;  $Q$  denotes a process that is listening on the channel  $c$ .

On receiving some message  $M$  on this channel then it executes process  $Q[M/x]$ .

The process

$$P_1 \triangleq \text{recv}_c(x); \text{send}_d\langle x \rangle; \text{halt}$$

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Putting them in parallel gives the process

$$P_3 \triangleq P_1 \mid P_2$$

The message sent by  $P_1$  is received by  $P_2$ . Hence  $P_3$  as a whole can make a "silent" transition to the process  $\text{send}_d\langle M \rangle; \text{halt}$ .

Further the process

$$P_5 \triangleq P_3 \mid P_4$$

where

$$P_4 \triangleq \text{recv}_d(x); \text{halt}$$

can halt after making only silent transitions.

Intuitively  $P_5$  represents the protocol

$$P_2 \longrightarrow P_1 : M \quad (\text{on channel } c)$$

$$P_1 \longrightarrow P_4 : M \quad (\text{on channel } d)$$

We can restrict access to channels.

The process  $\text{new } c; P$  creates a fresh channel  $c$  and can be used inside process  $P$ . No outside process can access  $c$ .

( $c$  is like a bound variable whose scope is inside  $P$ )

We consider processes to be the same after renaming of bound names.

Consider the process

$$(\text{new } c; \text{send}_c\langle M \rangle; \text{halt}) \mid (\text{recv}_c(x); \text{halt})$$

No communication happens between the two smaller processes.

The above process is the same as the following one.

$$(\text{new } d; \text{send}_d\langle M \rangle; \text{halt}) \mid (\text{recv}_c(x); \text{halt})$$

Hence **new** allows us to create channels for secure communication.

Consider the process

$$\mathbf{new} \ c; (\mathbf{send}_c \langle M \rangle; \mathbf{halt} \mid \mathbf{recv}_c(x); P \mid \mathbf{recv}_c(x); Q)$$

Communication can take place between first and second subprocess to create the process

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can only lead to the process

$$(\mathbf{new } c; P[M/x]) \mid \mathbf{recv}_c(x); Q$$

Channels can also be sent as messages. Consider the following protocol where  $c_{AB}$  is a freshly created channel whereas  $c_{AS}$  and  $c_{SB}$  are long term channels.

$$A \longrightarrow S : c_{AB} \text{ on } c_{AS}$$

$$S \longrightarrow B : c_{AB} \text{ on } c_{SB}$$

$$A \longrightarrow B : M \text{ on } c_{AB}$$

can be represented as follows where  $F(y)$  is a process involving variable  $y$ .

$$A \triangleq \text{new } c_{AB}; \text{send}_{c_{AS}} \langle c_{AB} \rangle; \text{send}_{c_{AB}} \langle M \rangle. \text{halt}$$

$$S \triangleq \text{recv}_{c_{AS}}(x); \text{send}_{c_{SB}} \langle x \rangle; \text{halt}$$

$$B \triangleq \text{recv}_{c_{SB}}(x); \text{recv}_x(y); F(y)$$

$$P \triangleq \text{new } c_{AS}; \text{new } c_{SB}; (A \mid S \mid B)$$

$P$  makes silent transitions to  $\text{new } c_{AS}; \text{new } c_{SB}; F(M)$ .



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recvc( $x_1, x_2, x_3$ ); case  $x_1$  of  
  { $y_1$ }K : check ( $y_1 == x_2$ ); sendc( $y_1, \text{succ}(x_3)$ ); halt
```

receives an input of the form  $\{M\}_K, M, N$  on channel  $c$  and sends out  $y_1, \text{succ}(x_3)$  on channel  $c$ .

## The syntax

$M ::=$	term
$n$	name
$(M, N)$	pair
$0$	zero
$\text{succ } (M)$	successor
$\{M_1, \dots, M_k\}_N$	encryption
$x$	variable

$P ::=$	process
$\text{send}_M \langle N_1, \dots, N_k \rangle; P$	output
$\text{recv}_M (x_1, \dots, x_k); P$	input
halt	halt
$P \mid Q$	parallel composition
repeat $P$	replication
new $n; P$	restriction
check $(M == N); P$	comparison
let $(x, y) = M; P$	unpairing
case $M$ of $0 : P, \text{succ}(x) : Q$	integer case analysis
case $M$ of $\{x_1, \dots, x_k\}_N : P$	decryption

Intuitively,  $\text{repeat } P$  represents infinitely many copies of  $P$  running in parallel.

In other words we can consider  $\text{repeat } P$  to represent  $P \mid P \mid P \mid \dots$

Consider

$$P \triangleq \text{recv}_c(x); \text{halt}$$

$$P_1 \triangleq \text{send}_c(M_1); \text{halt}$$

$$P_2 \triangleq \text{send}_c(M_2); \text{halt}$$

The process

$$P_1 \mid P_2 \mid \text{repeat } P$$

can make silent transitions (internal communication) to create the process

$$\text{repeat } P$$

A one message protocol using cryptography, where  $K_{AB}$  is a symmetric key shared between  $A$  and  $B$  for private communication.

$$A \longrightarrow B : \{M\}_{K_{AB}} \text{ on } c_{AB}$$

This can be represented as

$$A \triangleq \text{send}_{c_{AB}} \langle \{M\}_{K_{AB}} \rangle; \text{halt}$$
$$B \triangleq \text{recv}_{c_{AB}}(x); \text{case } x \text{ of } \{y\}_{K_{AB}} : F(y)$$
$$P \triangleq \text{new } K_{AB}; (A \mid B)$$

The key  $K_{AB}$  is restricted, only  $A$  and  $B$  can use it.

The channel  $c_{AB}$  is public. Other principals may send messages on it or listen on it.

$P$  can make silent transitions to  $\text{new } K_{AB}; F(M)$ .

## Formal semantics

We now need to define how processes execute.

For example we would like

$$\text{send}_c\langle M \rangle; P \mid \text{recv}_c(x); Q \xrightarrow{\tau} P \mid Q[M/x]$$

where  $\tau$  denotes a silent action (internal communication).

Let  $fn(M)$  and  $fn(P)$  be the set of free names in term  $M$  and process  $P$  respectively.

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Closed processes are processes without any free variables.

Let  $P \triangleq \text{new } c; \text{new } K; \text{recv}_d(x); \text{case } x \text{ of } \{y\}_{K'} : \text{send}_d(\{y\}_K, z, c); \text{halt}.$

We have

$$fn(\text{send}_d(\{y\}_K, z, c); \text{halt}) = \{c, d, K\}$$

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$$fv(P) = \{z\}$$

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First we define reduction relation  $>$  on closed processes:

$\text{repeat } P > P \mid \text{repeat } P$  (R-Repeat)

$\text{check } (M == M); P > P$  (R-Check)

$\text{let } (x, y) = (M, N); P > P[M/x, N/y]$  (R-Let)

$\text{case } 0 \text{ of } 0 : P, \text{succ } (x) : Q > P$  (R-Zero)

$\text{case succ } (M) \text{ of } 0 : P, \text{succ } (x) : Q > Q[M/x]$  (R-Succ)

$\text{case } \{M\}_N \text{ of } \{x\}_N : P > P[M/x]$  (R-decrypt)

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This is also based on the [perfect cryptography](#) assumption: distinct terms represent distinct messages.

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- a name  $n$  (representing input on channel  $n$ ), or
- a co-name  $\bar{n}$  (representing output on channel  $n$ )

An action is either

- a barb (representing input or output to the outside world), or
- $\tau$  (representing a silent action i.e. internal communication)

We write  $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q$  to mean that  $P$  makes action  $\alpha$  after which  $Q$  is the remaining process that is left to be executed.

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Abstractions and concretions can be combined:

$$\langle M \rangle P @ (x)Q = P \mid Q[M/x]$$



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with  $\{n_1, \dots, n_l\} \cap \text{fn}(P) = \emptyset$  we define interaction of  $F$  and  $C$  as

$$F @ C \triangleq \text{new } n_1; \dots \text{new } n_l; (P[M_1/x_1, \dots, M_k/x_k] \mid Q)$$

$$C @ F \triangleq \text{new } n_1; \dots \text{new } n_l; (Q \mid P[M_1/x_1, \dots, M_k/x_k])$$

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$$\frac{P \xrightarrow{m} F \quad Q \xrightarrow{\bar{m}} C}{P \mid Q \xrightarrow{\tau} F @ C} \quad (\text{C-Inter1})$$

$$\frac{P \xrightarrow{\bar{m}} C \quad Q \xrightarrow{m} F}{P \mid Q \xrightarrow{\tau} C @ F} \quad (\text{C-Inter2})$$

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$$\xrightarrow{\bar{d}} \langle 0 \rangle (\text{halt} \mid \text{halt}) \quad \text{using the following rules...}$$

$$\frac{P > Q \quad Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} A}{P \xrightarrow{\alpha} A} \text{ (C-Red)}$$

$$\frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha} A}{P \mid Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} A \mid Q} \text{ (C-Par1)} \quad \frac{Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} A}{P \mid Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} P \mid A} \text{ (C-Par2)}$$

where

$$P_1 \mid (x_1, \dots, x_k)P_2 \triangleq (x_1, \dots, x_k)(P_1 \mid P_2)$$

$$P_1 \mid (\text{new } n_1, \dots, n_k)\langle M_1, \dots, M_l \rangle P_2 \triangleq (\text{new } n_1, \dots, n_k)\langle M_1, \dots, M_l \rangle(P_1 \mid P_2)$$

provided that  $x_1, \dots, x_k \notin fv(P_1)$  and  $n_1, \dots, n_k \notin fn(P_1)$

For the previous example we have using (R-Succ):

case succ (0) of 0 : halt, succ (y) : (send<sub>d</sub>⟨y⟩; halt) > send<sub>d</sub>⟨0⟩; halt

and using (C-Out):

send<sub>d</sub>⟨0⟩; halt  $\xrightarrow{\bar{d}}$  ⟨0⟩halt

hence using (C-Red):

case succ (0) of 0 : halt, succ (y) : (send<sub>d</sub>⟨y⟩; halt)  $\xrightarrow{\bar{d}}$  ⟨0⟩halt

hence using (C-Par2):

halt | case succ (0) of 0 : halt, succ (y) : (send<sub>d</sub>⟨y⟩; halt)  $\xrightarrow{\bar{d}}$  halt | ⟨0⟩halt  
= ⟨0⟩(halt | halt)

Consider  $P \triangleq (\text{recv}_c(x); P_1) \mid \text{new } c; (\text{send}_c\langle 0 \rangle; P_2 \mid \text{recv}_c(x); P_3)$

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Hence we have the rule

$$\frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha} A \quad \alpha \notin \{n, \bar{n}\}}{\text{new } n; P \xrightarrow{\alpha} \text{new } n; A} \text{ (C-New)}$$

where

$$(\text{new } m)(x_1, \dots, x_k)P \triangleq (x_1, \dots, x_k)\text{new } m; P$$

$$(\text{new } m)(\text{new } m_1, \dots, m_k)\langle M_1, \dots, M_l \rangle P \triangleq (\text{new } m, m_1, \dots, m_k)\langle M_1, \dots, M_l \rangle P$$

provided that  $m \notin \{m_1, \dots, m_k\}$



We have  $\text{send}_c\langle 0 \rangle; P_2 \xrightarrow{\bar{c}} \langle 0 \rangle P_2$

and  $\text{recv}_c(x); P_3 \xrightarrow{c} (x)P_3$

hence  $\text{send}_c\langle 0 \rangle; P_2 \mid \text{recv}_c(x); P_3 \xrightarrow{\tau} \langle 0 \rangle P_2 @ (x)P_3 = P_2 \mid P_3[0/x]$

Since  $\tau \notin \{\bar{c}, c\}$

hence  $\text{new } c; (\text{send}_c\langle 0 \rangle; P_2 \mid \text{recv}_c(x); P_3) \xrightarrow{\tau} \text{new } c; (P_2 \mid P_3[0/x])$

Hence  $(\text{recv}_c(x); P_1) \mid \text{new } c; (\text{send}_c\langle 0 \rangle; P_2 \mid \text{recv}_c(x); P_3) \xrightarrow{\tau} (\text{recv}_c(x); P_1) \mid \text{new } c; (P_2 \mid P_3[0/x])$

Consider  $P \triangleq (\text{new } K; \text{send}_c \langle K \rangle; \text{halt}) \mid (\text{recv}_c(x); \text{send}_d \langle x \rangle; \text{halt})$

We have  $\text{send}_c \langle K \rangle; \text{halt} \xrightarrow{\bar{c}} (\text{new } ) \langle K \rangle \text{halt}$

hence  $\text{new } K; \text{send}_c \langle K \rangle; \text{halt} \xrightarrow{\bar{c}} \text{new } K; (\text{new } ) \langle K \rangle \text{halt} = (\text{new } K) \langle K \rangle \text{halt}$

Also  $\text{recv}_c(x); \text{send}_d \langle x \rangle; \text{halt} \xrightarrow{c} (x) \text{send}_d \langle x \rangle; \text{halt}$

Hence

$P \xrightarrow{\tau} (\text{new } K) \langle K \rangle \text{halt} @ (x) \text{send}_d \langle x \rangle; \text{halt} = (\text{new } K)(\text{halt} \mid \text{send}_d \langle K \rangle; \text{halt})$

## Equivalence on processes

A **test** is of the form  $(Q, \beta)$  where  $Q$  is a closed process and  $\beta$  is a barb.

A process  $P$  **passes** the test  $(Q, \beta)$  iff

$$(P \mid Q) \xrightarrow{\tau} Q_1 \dots \xrightarrow{\tau} Q_n \xrightarrow{\beta} A$$

for some  $n \geq 0$ , some processes  $Q_1, \dots, Q_n$  and some agent  $A$ .

$Q$  is the "environment" and we test whether the process together with the environment inputs or outputs on a particular channel.

**Testing preorder**  $P_1 \sqsubseteq P_2$  iff for every test  $(Q, \beta)$ , if  $P_1$  passes  $(Q, \beta)$  then  $P_2$  passes  $(Q, \beta)$ .

**Testing equivalence**  $P_1 \simeq P_2$  iff  $P_1 \sqsubseteq P_2$  and  $P_2 \sqsubseteq P_1$ .

## Secrecy

Consider process  $P$  with only free variable  $x$ .

We will consider  $x$  as secret if for all terms  $M, M'$  we have  $P[M/x] \simeq P[M'/x]$ .

I.e. an observer cannot detect any changes in the value of  $x$ .

**Example** Consider  $P \triangleq \text{send}_c \langle x \rangle; \text{halt}$ .

$x$  is being sent out on a public channel. Consider test  $(Q, \bar{d})$  where environment  $Q \triangleq \text{recv}_c(x); \text{check } (x == 0); \text{send}_d \langle \text{halt} \rangle; \text{halt}$ .

We have  $P[0/x] \mid Q \xrightarrow{\tau} \text{halt} \mid \text{send}_d \langle 0 \rangle; \text{halt} \xrightarrow{\bar{d}} \langle 0 \rangle (\text{halt} \mid \text{halt})$ .

Hence  $P[0/x]$  passes the test. However  $P[\text{succ } (0)/x]$  fails the test.

Hence  $P$  does not preserve secrecy of  $x$ .

## Information flow analysis for the Spi-calculus

We classify data into three classes

**secret** data which should not be leaked

**public** data which can be communicated to anyone

**any** arbitrary data

Subsumption relation on classes:

**secret**  $\preceq$  **any**

**public**  $\preceq$  **any**

$T$   $\preceq T$  for  $T \in \{\text{secret}, \text{public}, \text{any}\}$

An environment  $E$  provides information about the classes to which names and variables belong.

We define typing rules for the following kinds of judgments

$\vdash E$  environment  $E$  is well formed

$E \vdash M : T$  term  $M$  is of class  $T$  in environment  $E$

$E \vdash P$  process  $P$  is well typed in environment  $E$

E.g. **secret** data should not be sent on **public** channels.

Data of level **any** should be protected as if it is of level **secret**, but can be exploited only as if it had level **public**.

Our goal is to define typing rules to filter out processes that leak secrets.

Informally we would like to show that if environment  $E$  has only **any** variables and **public** names and  $E \vdash P$  then  $P$  does not leak any variables  $x \in \text{dom}(E)$ .

Our previous example:

$$P \triangleq \text{send}_c \langle x \rangle; \text{halt}$$

Consider  $E = \{x : \text{any}, c : \text{public} :: L_1, d : \text{public} :: L_2\}$

( $L_1$  and  $L_2$  will be explained later.)

$x$  is of level **any** but is sent out on  $c$  of level **public**, which will be forbidden by our typing rules.

Consider protocol

$$A \longrightarrow S : A, B$$
$$S \longrightarrow A : \{A, B, Na, \{Nb\}_{K_{sb}}\}_{K_{sa}}$$
$$A \longrightarrow B : \{Nb\}_{K_{sb}}$$

A principal  $X$  may play the role of  $A$  in one session and of  $B$  in another session.

We need a clear way of distinguishing the messages received and their components.

This is important only for messages sent on **secret** channels and for messages encrypted with public keys.

We adopt the following standard format:

messages sent on secret channels should have three components of levels **secret**, **any** and **public** respectively.



Consider protocol

$$B \longrightarrow A : Nb$$
$$A \longrightarrow B : \{M, Nb\}_{K_{ab}}$$

By replaying nonces, an attacker can find out whether the same  $M$  is sent more than once, or different ones. Hence he gets

some partial information about the contents of the messages.

To prevent this we include an extra fresh nonce (**confounder**) in each message encrypted with **secret** keys.

$$A \longrightarrow B : \{M, Nb, Na\}_{K_{ab}}$$

We adopt the following standard format for messages encrypted with secret keys:  $\{M_1, M_2, M_3, n\}_K$

where  $M_1$  has level **secret**,  $M_2$  has level **any**,  $M_3$  has level **public**, and  $n$  is the confounder.

$n$  can be used as confounder only in this term and nowhere else.

This information is remembered by the environment  $E$ .

I.e. if  $n : T :: \{M_1, M_2, M_3, n\}_K \in E$  then

we know that  $n$  is used as a confounder only in that message.

The typing rules

The empty environment is denoted  $\emptyset$ .

Well formed environments:

$$\begin{array}{c} \vdash \emptyset \\ \\ \frac{\vdash E \quad x \notin \text{dom}(E)}{\vdash E, x : T} \\ \\ \frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdash E \qquad n \notin \text{dom}(E) \\ E \vdash M_1 : T_1 \dots E \vdash M_k : T_k \qquad E \vdash N : R \end{array}}{\vdash E, n : T :: \{M_1, \dots, M_k, n\}_N} \end{array}$$

Environment lookups and subsumption:

$$\frac{E \vdash M : T \quad T \sqsubseteq R}{E \vdash M : R}$$
$$\frac{\vdash E \quad x : T \in E}{E \vdash x : T}$$
$$\frac{\vdash E \quad n : T :: \{M_1, \dots, M_k, n\}_N \in E}{E \vdash n : T}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{}{\vdash E} \\
\hline
E \vdash 0 : \text{public} \\
\\
\frac{E \vdash M : T}{E \vdash \text{succ}(M) : T} \\
\\
\frac{E \vdash M : T \quad E \vdash N : T}{E \vdash \langle M, N \rangle : T}
\end{array}$$

# Encryption

$$\frac{E \vdash M_1 : T \quad \dots \quad E \vdash M_k : T \quad E \vdash N : \text{public} \quad T = \text{public if } k = 0}{E \vdash \{M_1, \dots, M_k\}_N : T}$$

$$\frac{E \vdash M_1 : \text{secret} \quad E \vdash M_2 : \text{any} \quad E \vdash M_3 : \text{public} \quad E \vdash N : \text{secret} \quad n : T :: \{M_1, M_2, M_3, n\}_N \in E}{E \vdash \{M_1, M_2, M_3, n\}_N : \text{public}}$$

$$E \vdash M : \text{public} \quad E \vdash M_1 : \text{public} \quad \dots \quad E \vdash M_k : \text{public} \quad E \vdash P$$

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$$E \vdash \text{send}_M \langle M_1, \dots, M_k \rangle; P$$

$$E \vdash M : \text{secret} \quad E \vdash M_1 : \text{secret} \quad E \vdash M_2 : \text{any} \quad E \vdash M_3 : \text{public} \quad E \vdash P$$

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$$E \vdash \text{send}_M \langle M_1, M_2, M_3 \rangle; P$$

Only **public** data may be sent on **public** channels.

On **secret** channels, data is always sent in the standard format we have agreed upon.

We consider pairing as left-associative.

For example  $(M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4)$  is same as  $((M_1, M_2), M_3, M_4)$

Similar rules for inputs.

$$\frac{E \vdash M : \text{public} \quad E, x_1 : \text{public}, \dots, x_k : \text{public} \vdash P}{E \vdash \text{recv}_M(x_1, \dots, x_k); P}$$
$$\frac{E \vdash M : \text{secret} \quad E, x_1 : \text{secret}, x_2 : \text{any}, x_3 : \text{public} \vdash P}{E \vdash \text{recv}_M(x_1, x_2, x_3); P}$$

The appropriate class information for the input variables is added to the environment, and the new environment is used for typing the remaining process.



$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\vdash E}{E \vdash \text{halt}} \\
\\
\frac{E \vdash P \quad E \vdash Q}{E \vdash P \mid Q} \\
\\
\frac{E \vdash P}{E \vdash \text{repeat } P} \\
\\
\frac{E, n : T :: L \vdash P}{E \vdash \text{new } n; P}
\end{array}$$

The newly created name can be chosen to be kept secret or can be revealed, and can be chosen to be used as a confounder in some message.

$$\frac{E \vdash M : T \quad E \vdash N : R \quad E \vdash P \quad T, R \in \{\text{public}, \text{secret}\}}{E \vdash \text{check } (M == N); P}$$

Equality checks are not allowed on data of class **any** to prevent **implicit information flow**.

**Example** Consider  $P \triangleq \text{recv}_c(y); \text{check } (x == y); \text{send}_c\langle 0 \rangle; \text{halt}$  where  $x$  is the data whose secrecy we are interested in.

Secrecy of  $x$  is not maintained.  $P[M/x]$  and  $P[M'/x]$  are not equivalent for  $M \neq M'$ .

Consider test  $(Q, \bar{d})$  where  $Q \triangleq \text{send}_c\langle M \rangle; \text{recv}_c(z); \text{send}_d\langle 0 \rangle; \text{halt}$ .

$P[M/x]$  |  $Q$  passes the test:

$$P[M/x] | Q \xrightarrow{\tau} \text{check } (M = M); \text{send}_c\langle 0 \rangle; \text{halt} \mid \text{recv}_c(z); \text{send}_d\langle 0 \rangle; \text{halt} \xrightarrow{\tau} \text{halt} \mid \text{send}_d\langle 0 \rangle; \text{halt} \xrightarrow{\bar{d}} \langle 0 \rangle (\text{halt} \mid \text{halt})$$

$P[M'/x]$  |  $Q$  does not pass the test.

Similarly, case analysis on data of class **any** are disallowed.

$$\frac{E \vdash M : T \quad E, x : T, y : T \vdash P \quad T \in \{\text{public}, \text{secret}\}}{E \vdash \text{let } (x, y) = M; P}$$

$$\frac{E \vdash M : T \quad E \vdash P \quad E, x : T \vdash Q \quad T \in \{\text{secret}, \text{public}\}}{E \vdash \text{case } M \text{ of } 0 : P, \text{succ } (x) : Q}$$

## Decryption

$$\frac{E \vdash L : T \quad E \vdash N : \text{public} \quad E, x_1 : T, \dots, x_k : T \vdash P \quad T \in \{\text{secret}, \text{public}\}}{E \vdash \text{case } L \text{ of } \{x_1, \dots, x_k\}_N : P}$$

$$E \vdash L : T \quad E \vdash N : \text{secret} \quad T \in \{\text{secret}, \text{public}\}$$

$$E, x_1 : \text{secret}, x_2 : \text{any}, x_3 : \text{public}, x_4 : \text{any} \vdash P$$

$$\frac{E, x_1 : \text{secret}, x_2 : \text{any}, x_3 : \text{public}, x_4 : \text{any} \vdash P}{E \vdash \text{case } L \text{ of } \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}_N : P}$$

The confounder  $x_4$  in the second rule is assumed to be of type **any** because we have no more information about it.

## Typing implies noleak of information

Suppose

- $\vdash E$
- all variables in  $dom(E)$  are of level **any** and all names in  $dom(E)$  are of level **public**.
- $E \vdash P$
- $P$  has free variables  $x_1, \dots, x_k$
- $fn(M_i), fn(M'_i) \subseteq dom(E)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ .

then  $P[M_1/x_1, \dots, M_k/x_k] \simeq P[M_1/x_1, \dots, M_k/x_k]$

Well typed processes maintain secrecy of the free variables  $(x_1, \dots, x_k)$ , i.e. they are not leaked.

Our previous example  $P \triangleq \text{recv}_c(y); \text{check } (x == y); \text{send}_c\langle 0 \rangle; \text{halt}$

We take  $E \triangleq \{x : \text{any}, c : \text{public} :: \{n\}_0\}$ .  $c$  is not meant to be used as a confounder, hence we have the dummy term  $\{n\}_0$ .

We have  $\vdash E$ .

In order to show  $E \vdash P$  we need to find some  $T$  such that

$E, y : \text{public} \vdash \text{check } (x == y); \text{send}_c\langle 0 \rangle; \text{halt}$ .

But this is impossible because equality checks should not involve data of class **any**.

Hence the process doesn't type-check, as required.

Consider  $P \triangleq \text{new } K; \text{new } m; \text{new } n; \text{send}_c \langle \{m, x, 0, n\}_K \rangle; \text{halt}$ .

We take  $E \triangleq \{x : \text{any}, c : \text{public} :: \{n\}_0\}$ . We have  $\vdash E$ .

To show  $E \vdash P$  we choose

$E' \triangleq E, K : \text{secret} :: \{K\}_0, m : \text{secret} :: \{m\}_0, n : \text{secret} :: \{m, x, 0, n\}_K$

and show that  $E' \vdash \text{send}_c \langle \{m, x, 0, n\}_K \rangle; \text{halt}$ .

This is ok because  $E' \vdash m : \text{secret}$ ,  $E' \vdash x : \text{any}$ ,  $E' \vdash 0 : \text{public}$ ,  $E' \vdash n : \text{secret}$ ,  $E' \vdash K : \text{secret}$  and  $E' \vdash \text{halt}$ .