

Automated Termination and Complexity Analysis of Programs

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+ can prove (verify) correctness of the program

→ important for safety-critical applications

→ motivating example: first flight of Ariane 5 rocket in 1996

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PK_yguLapGA

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ariane_5_Flight_501

— manual static analysis requires high effort and expertise

⇒ for broad applicability:

Build automatic tools for static analysis!

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- **Confluence.** For languages with non-deterministic rules/commands:

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- Confluence is a property that establishes the global determinism of a computation despite possible local non-determinism.*

- [Hristakiev, PhD thesis '17]*

- does the order of applying compiler optimisation rules matter?

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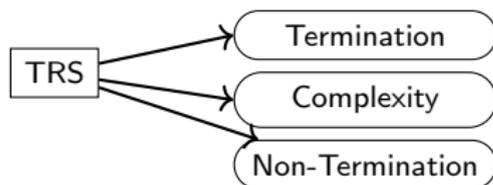
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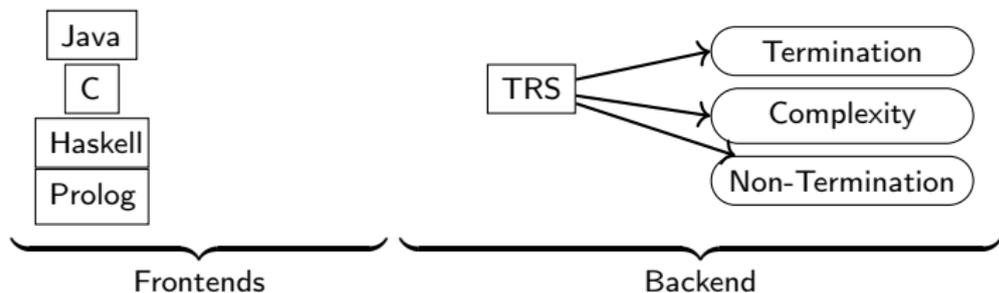
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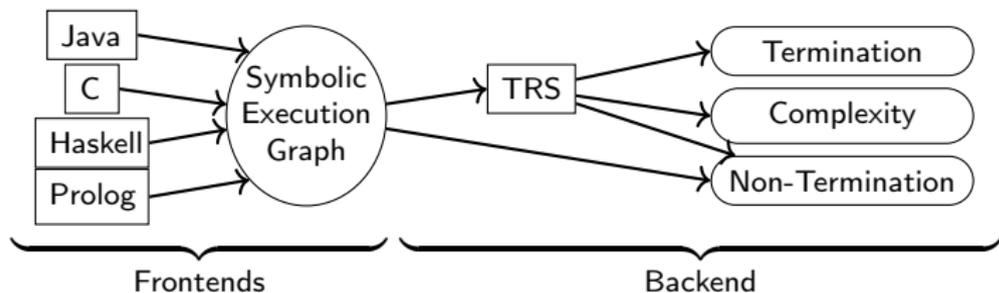
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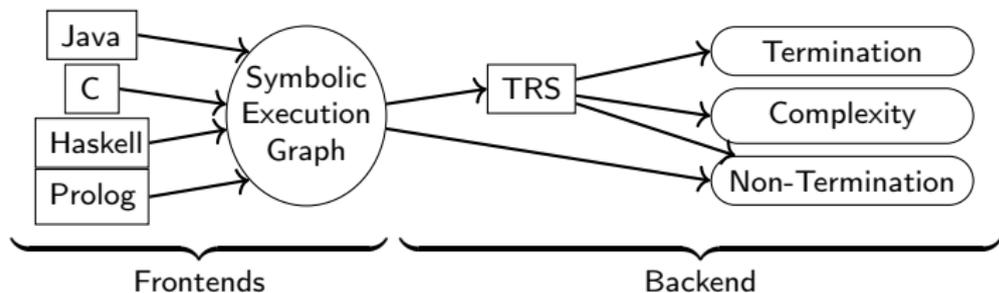
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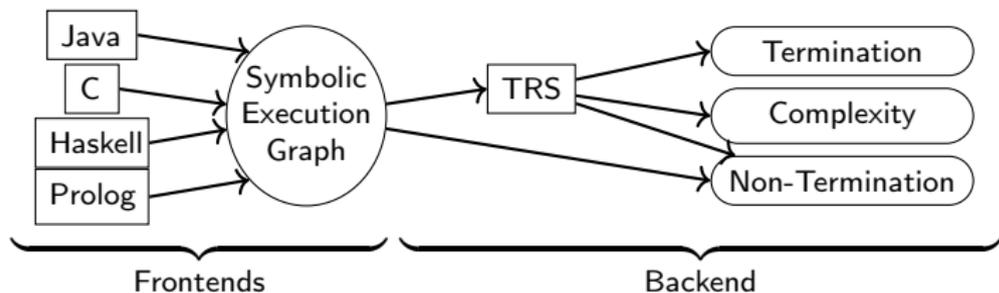
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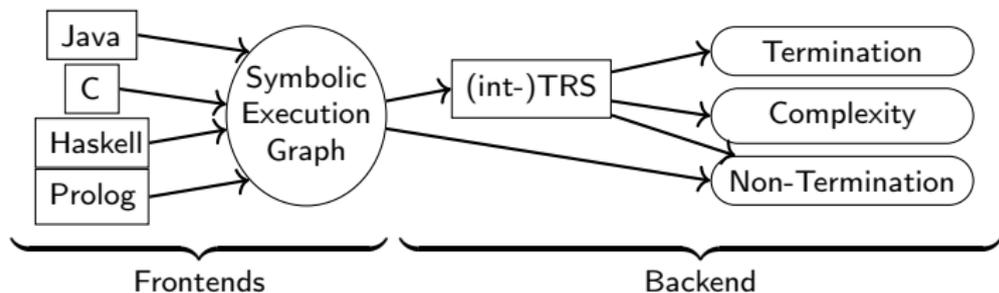
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- ⇒ Result carries over to original program

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[Kop, *PhD thesis '12*]

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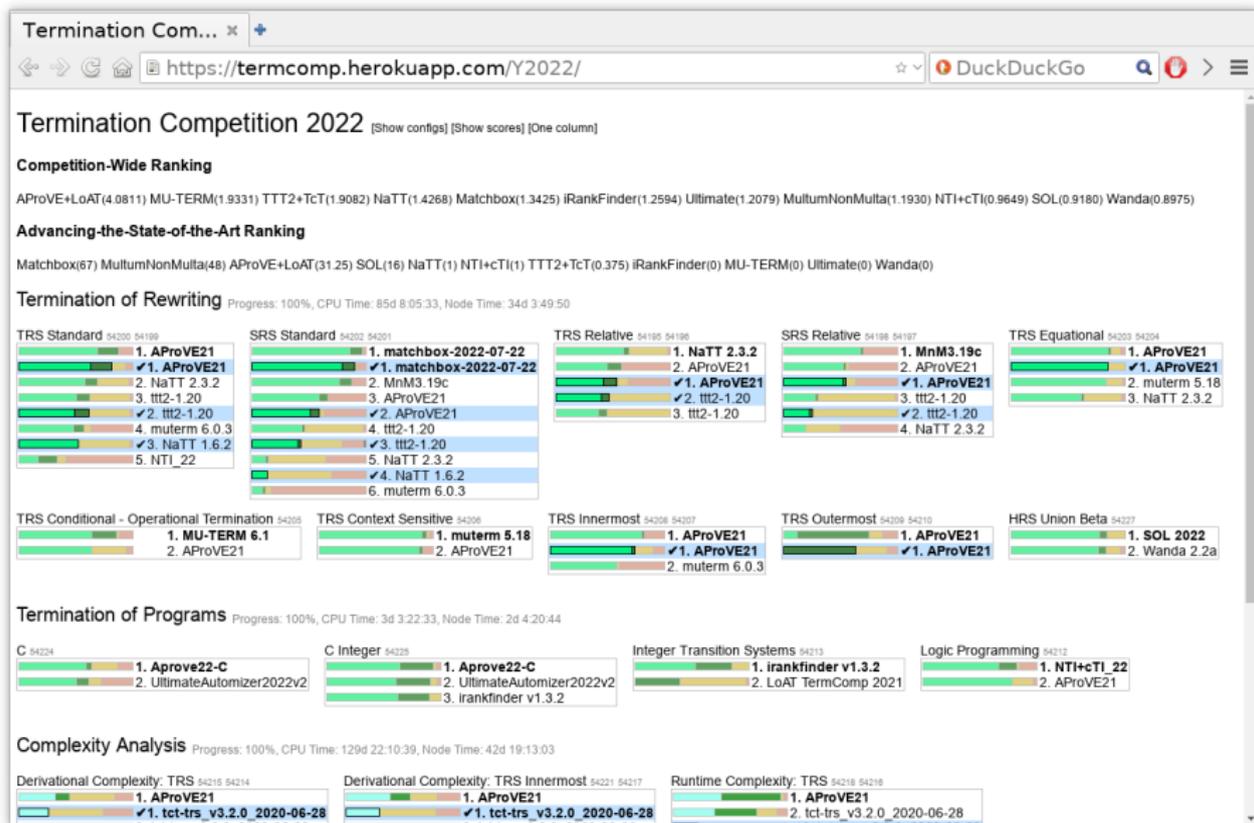
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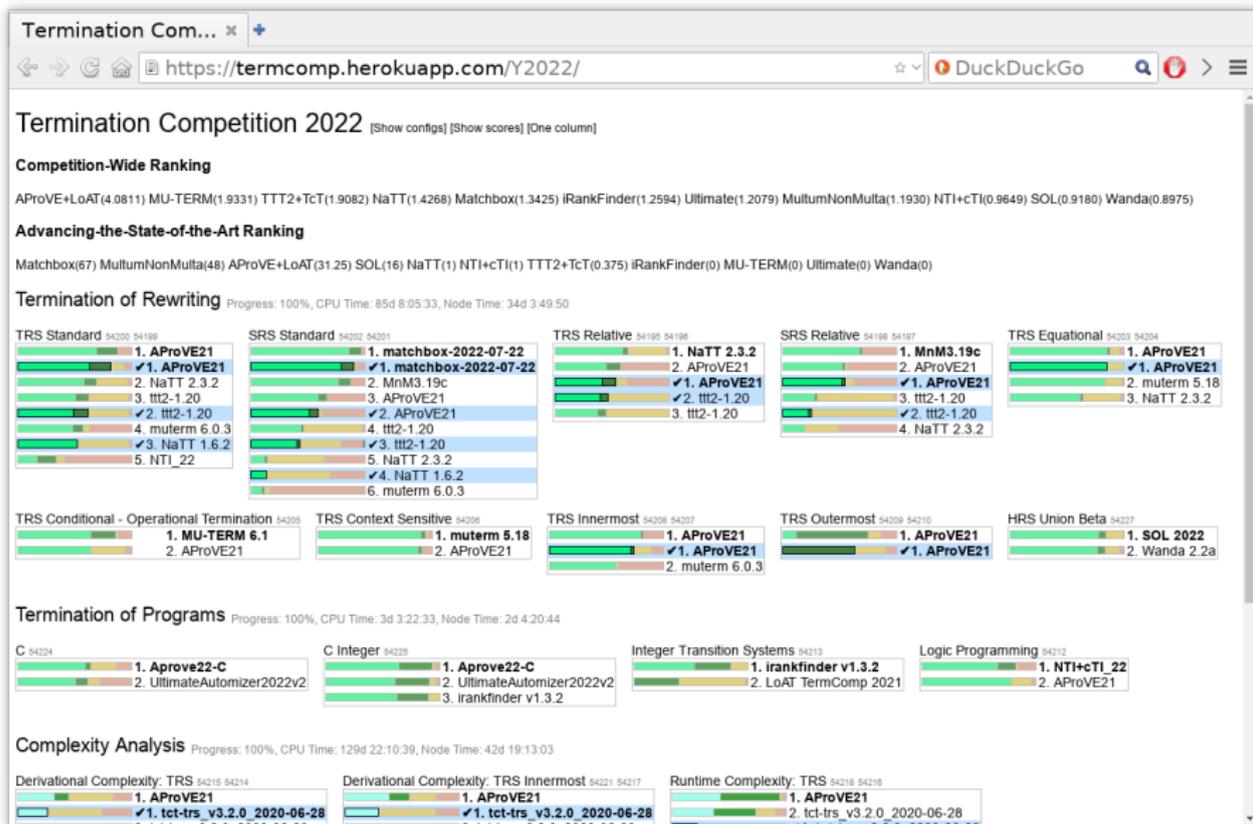
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- Termination needed by theorem provers
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 - ⇒ Termination of TRS implies termination of P
 - Logic programming: **Prolog** [van Raamsdonk, *ICLP '97*; Schneider-Kamp et al, *TOCL '09*; Giesl et al, *PPDP '12*]
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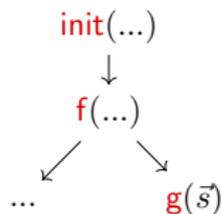
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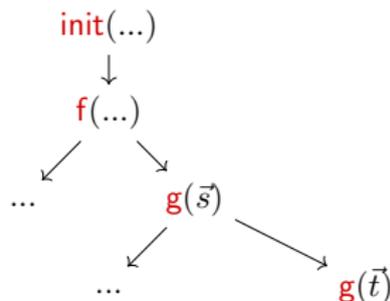
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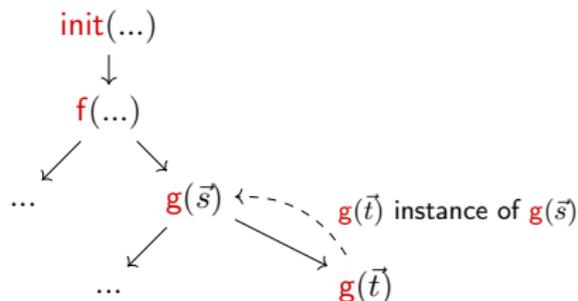
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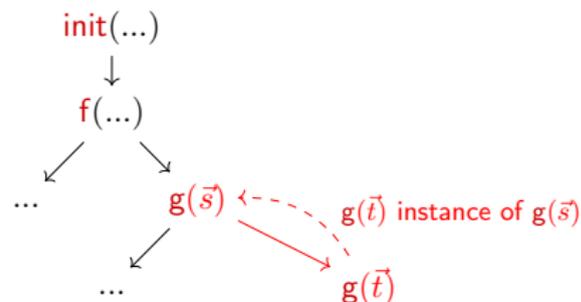
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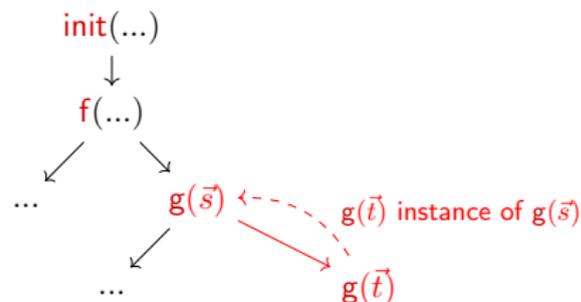
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- side effects
- cyclic data objects (e.g., `list.next == list`)
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Does **count** terminate for all inputs? Why (not)?

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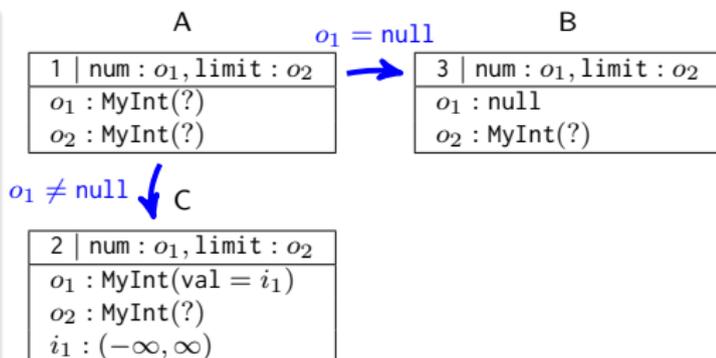
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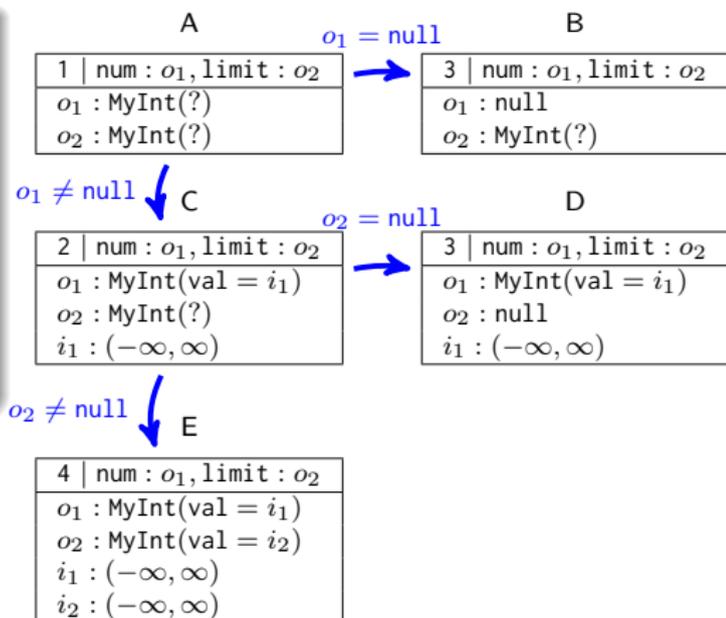


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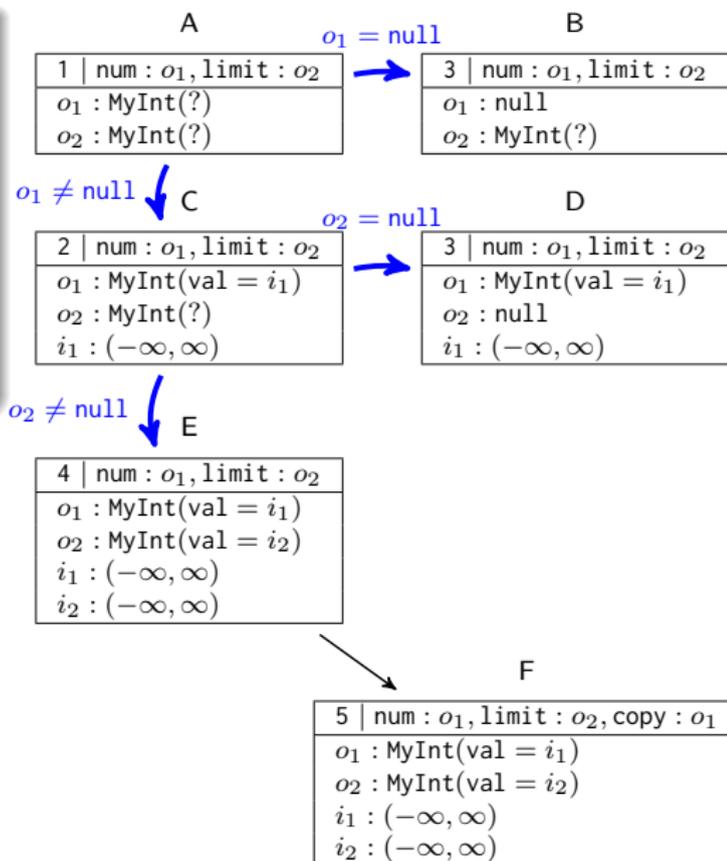


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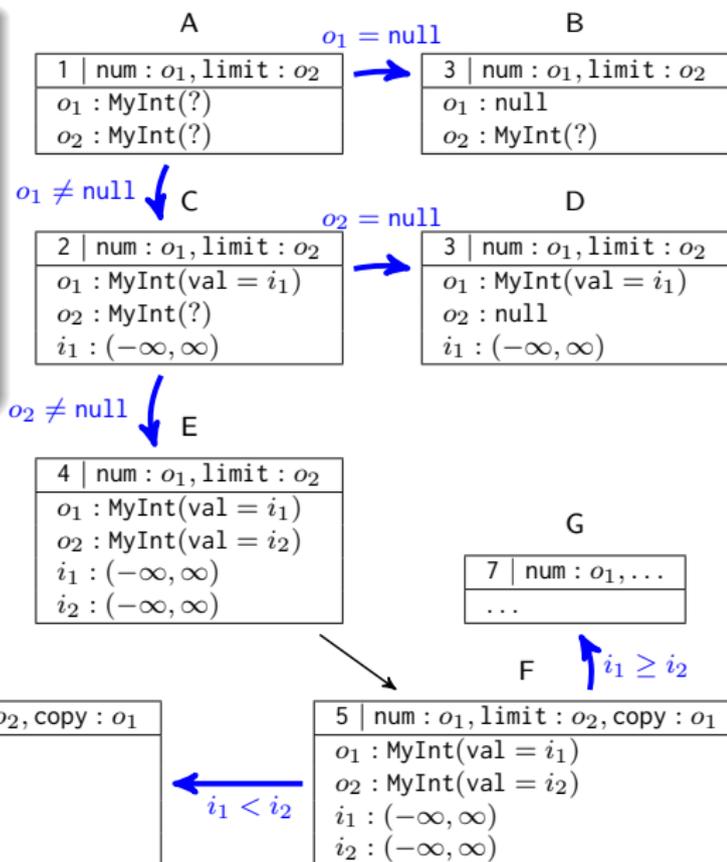


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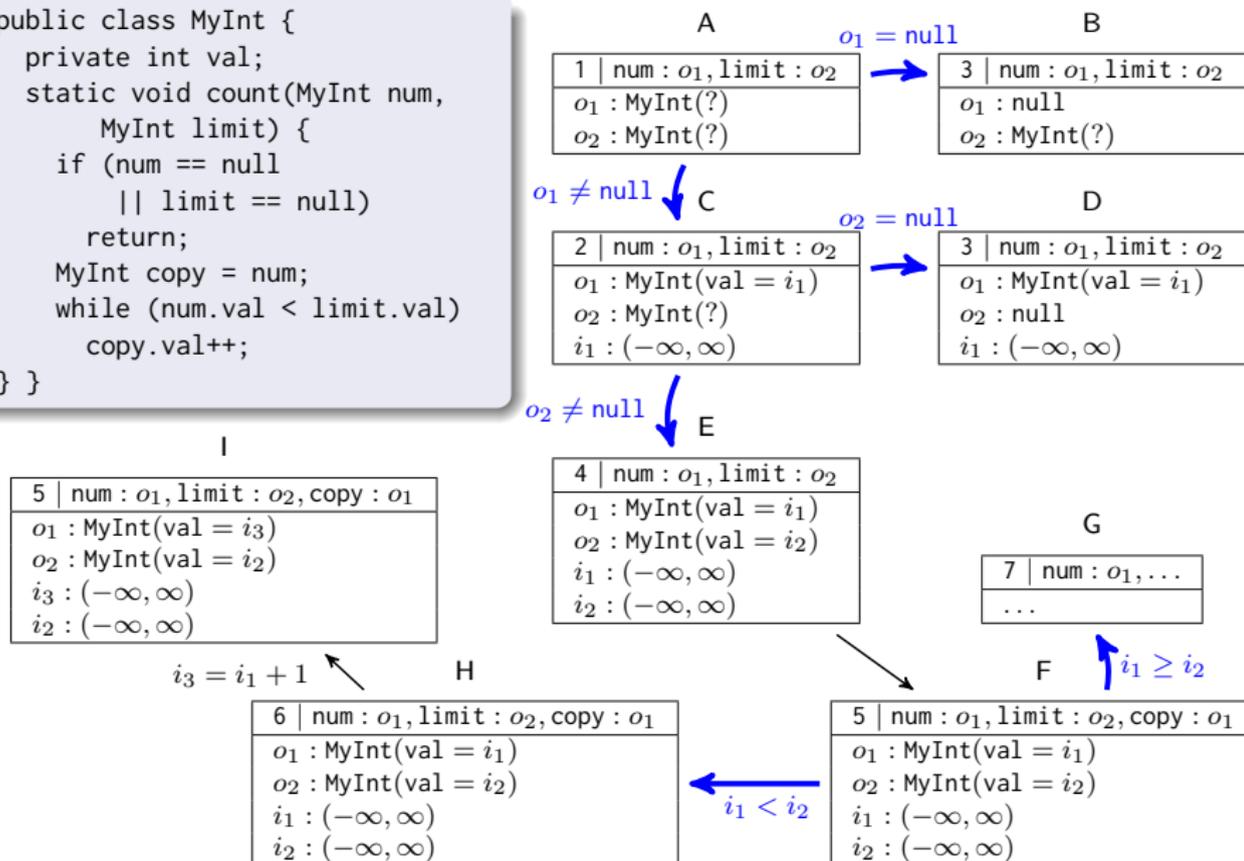
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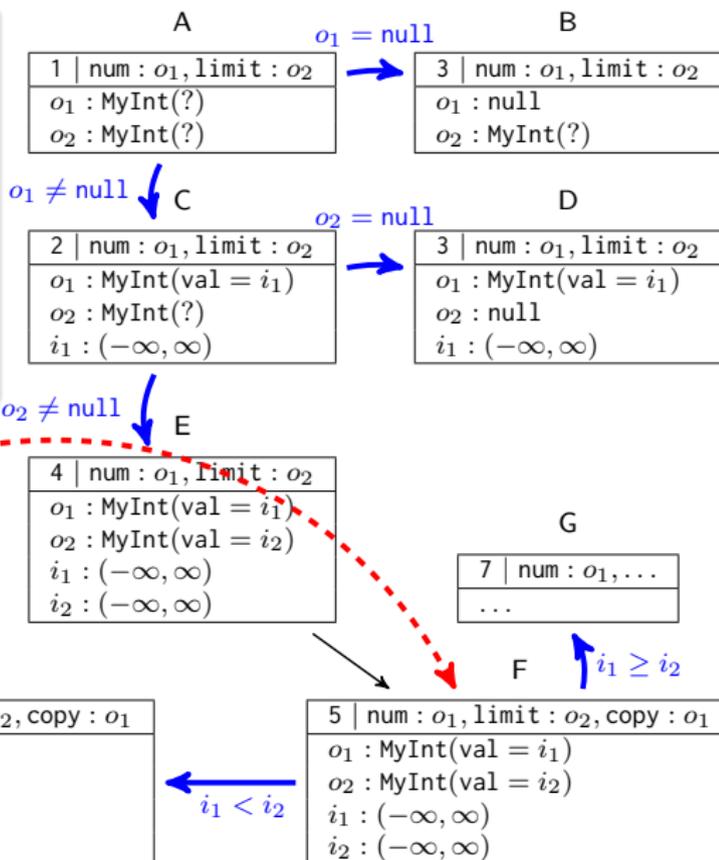
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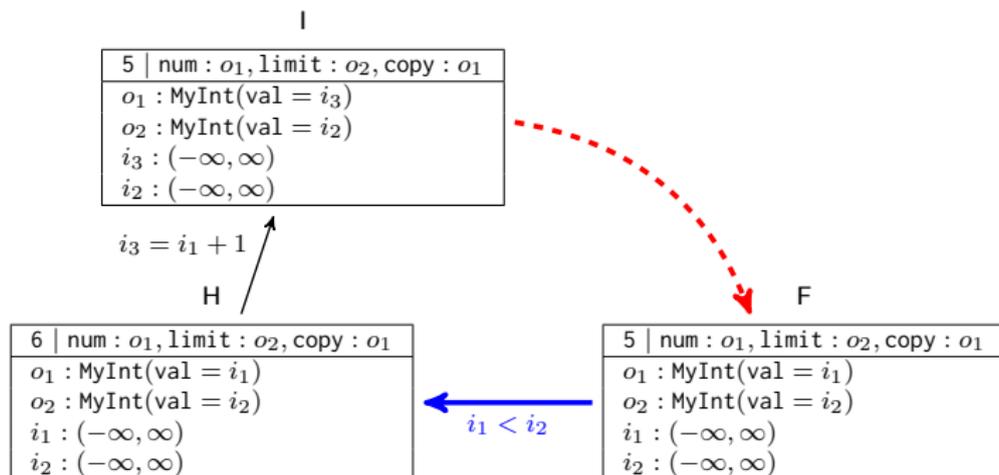
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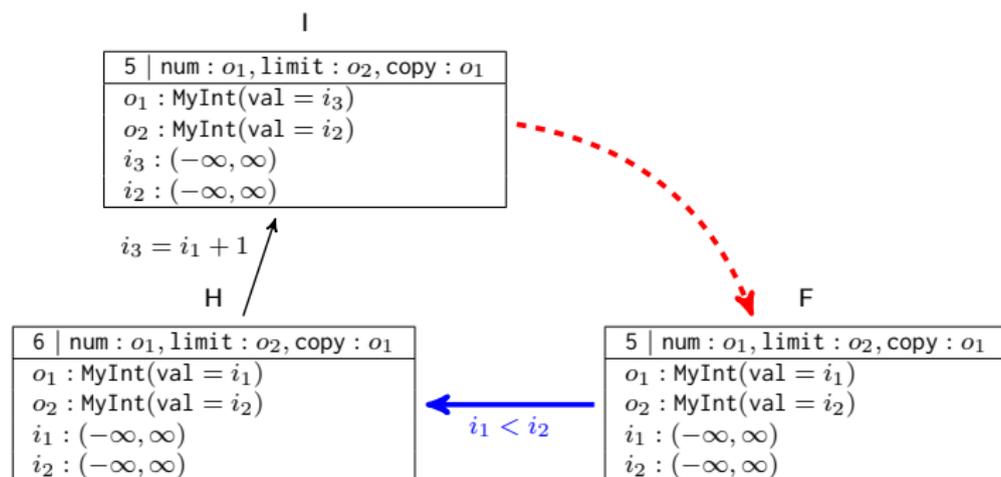
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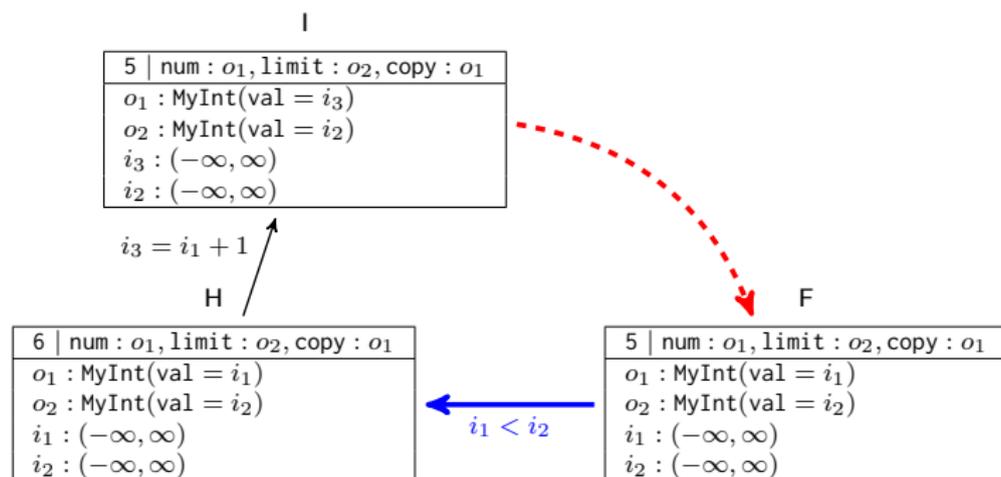
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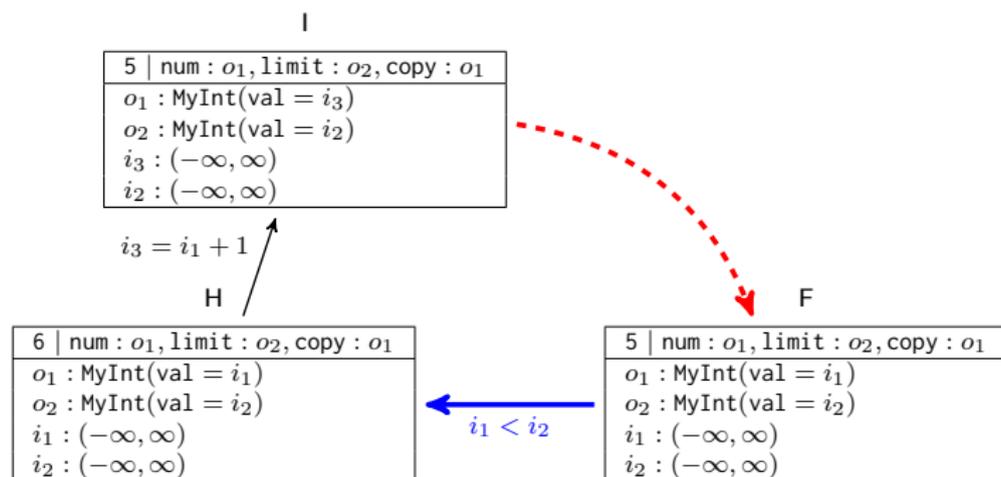
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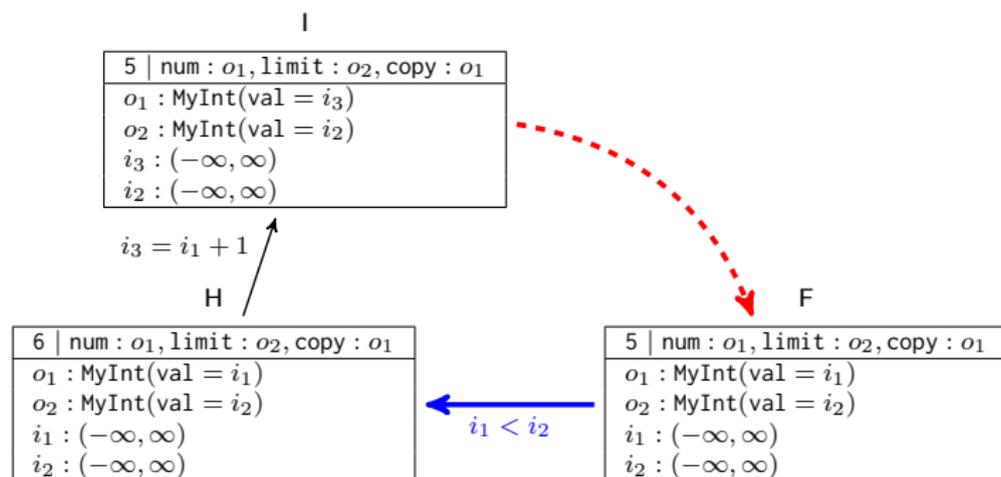
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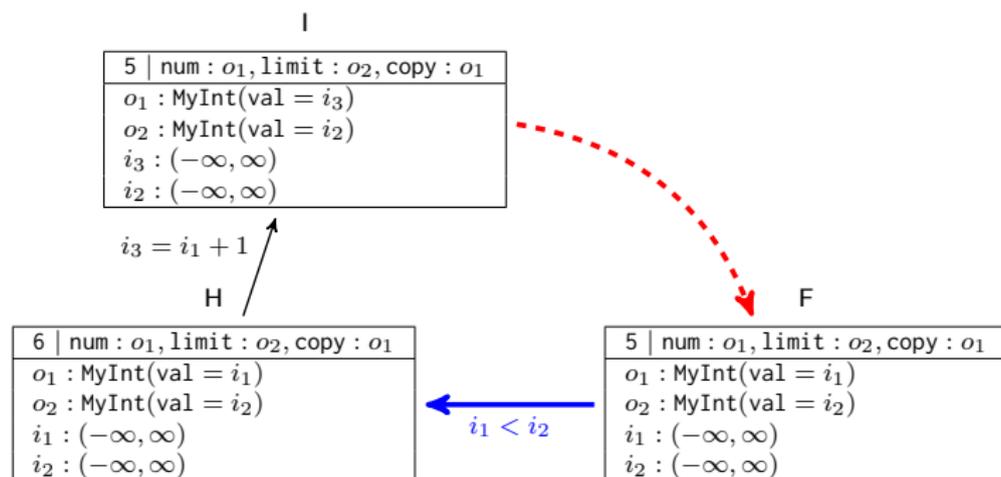
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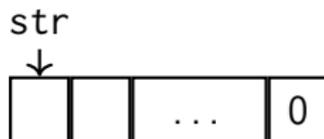
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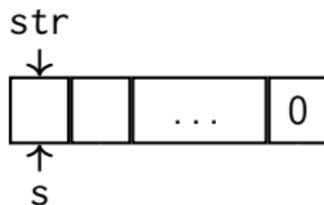


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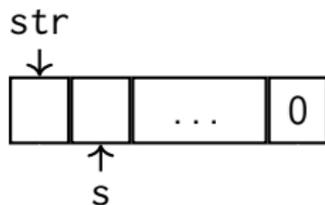


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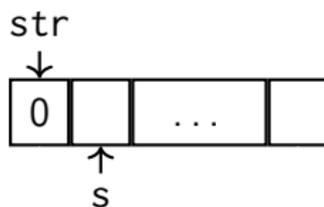


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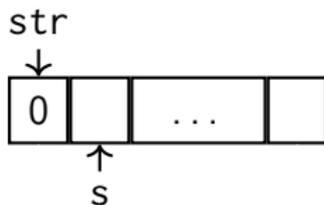


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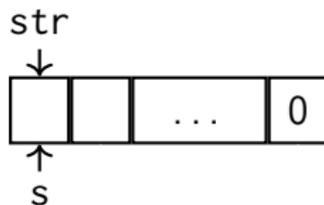


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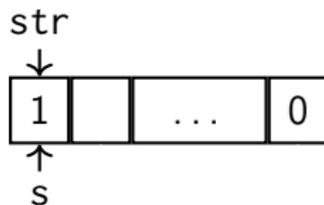


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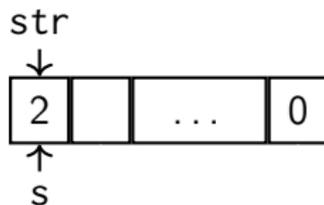


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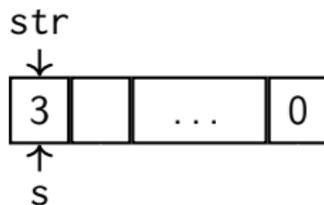


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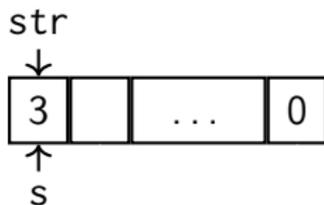


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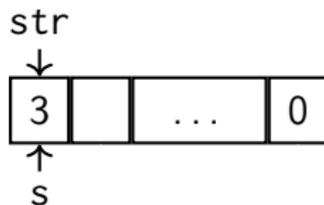


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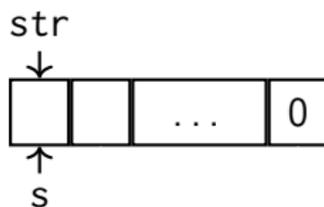


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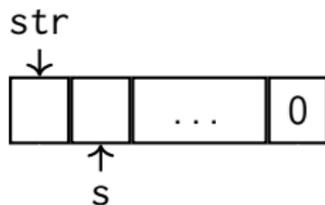


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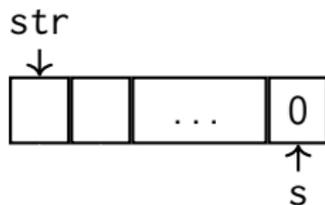


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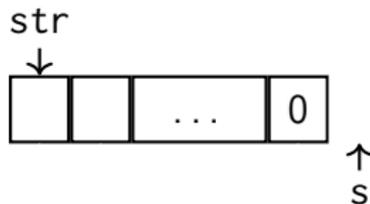


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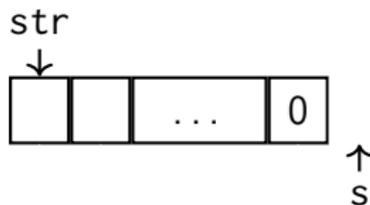


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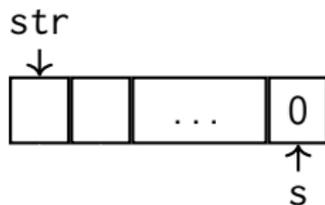


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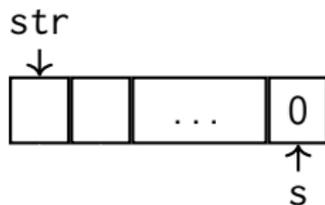


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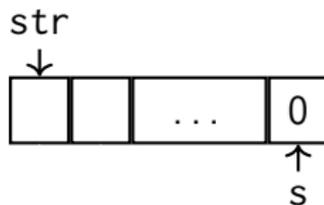
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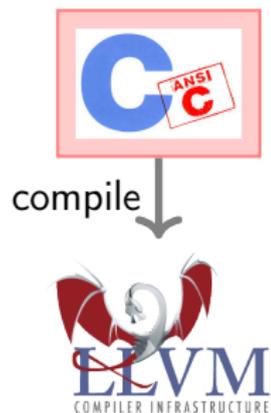
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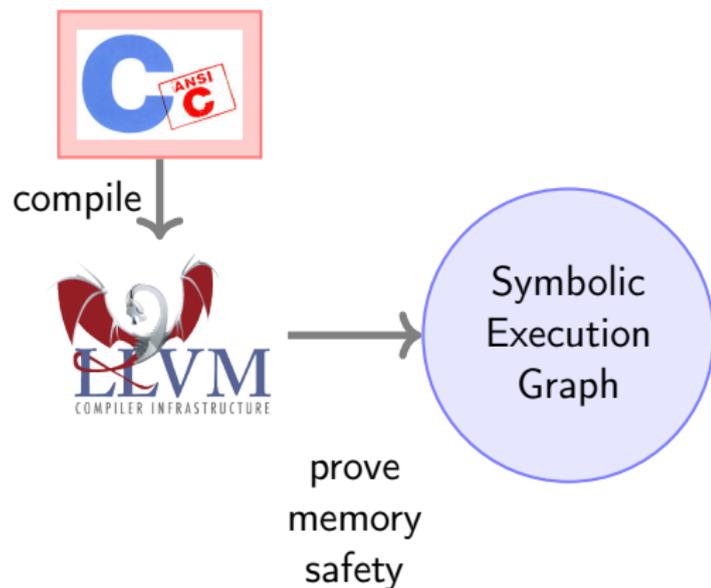
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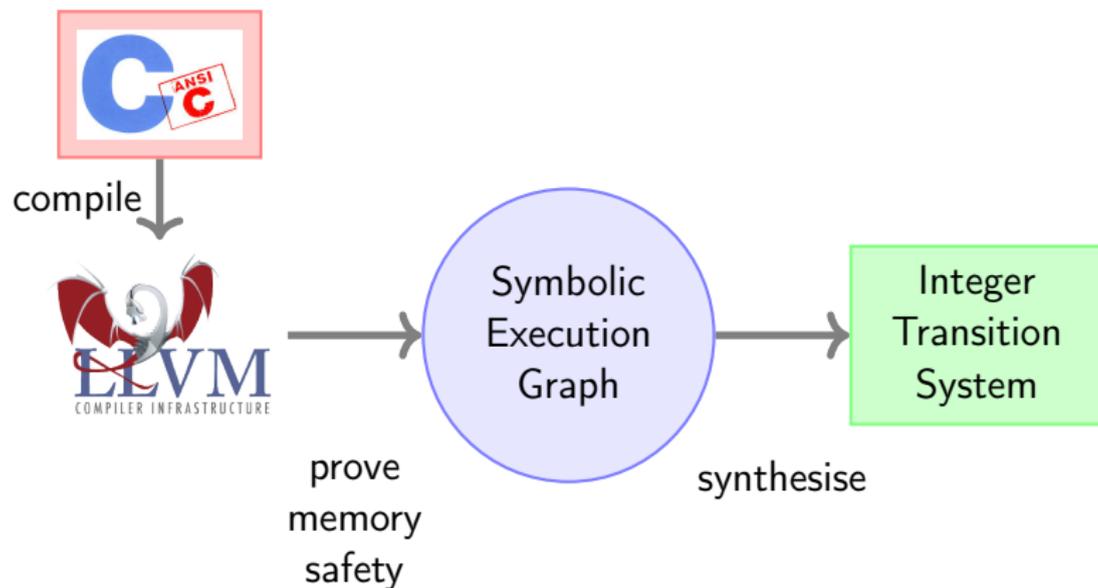
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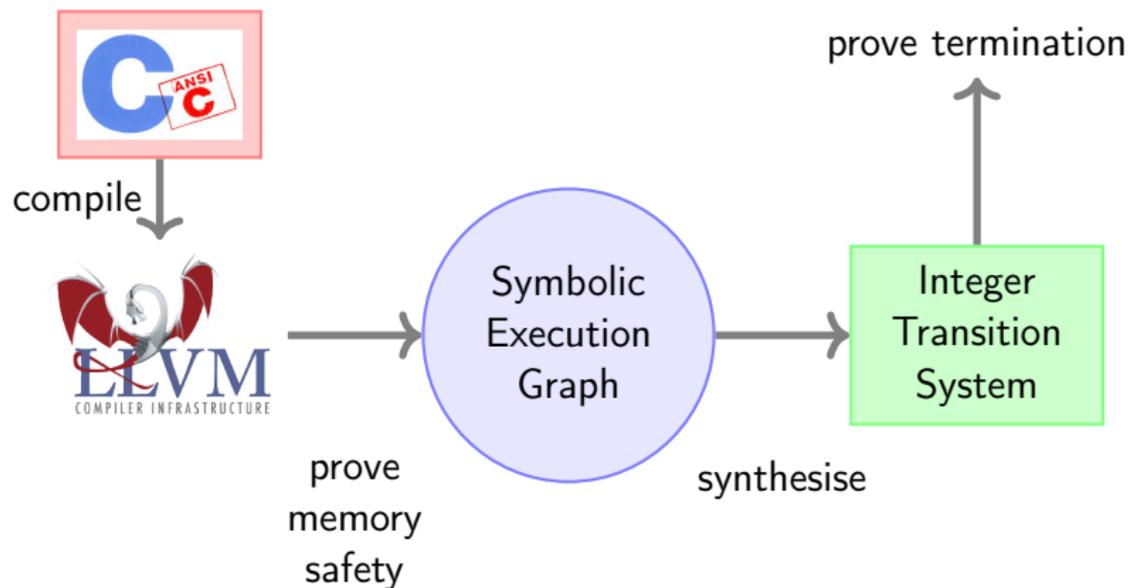




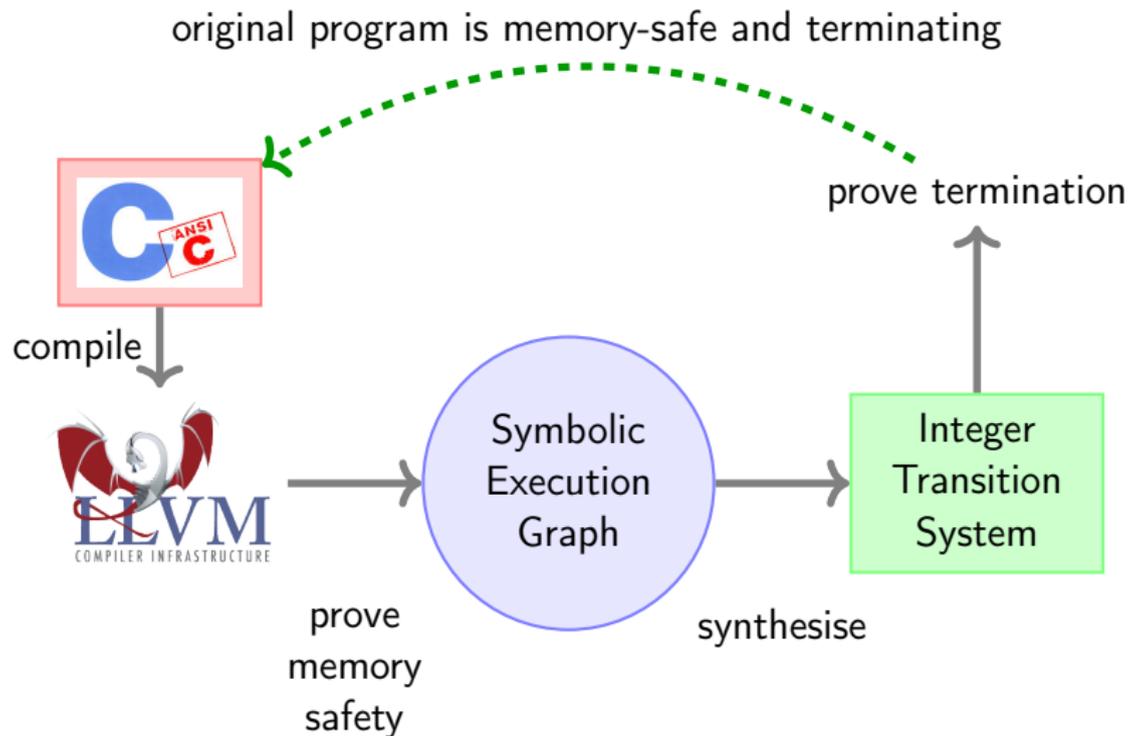
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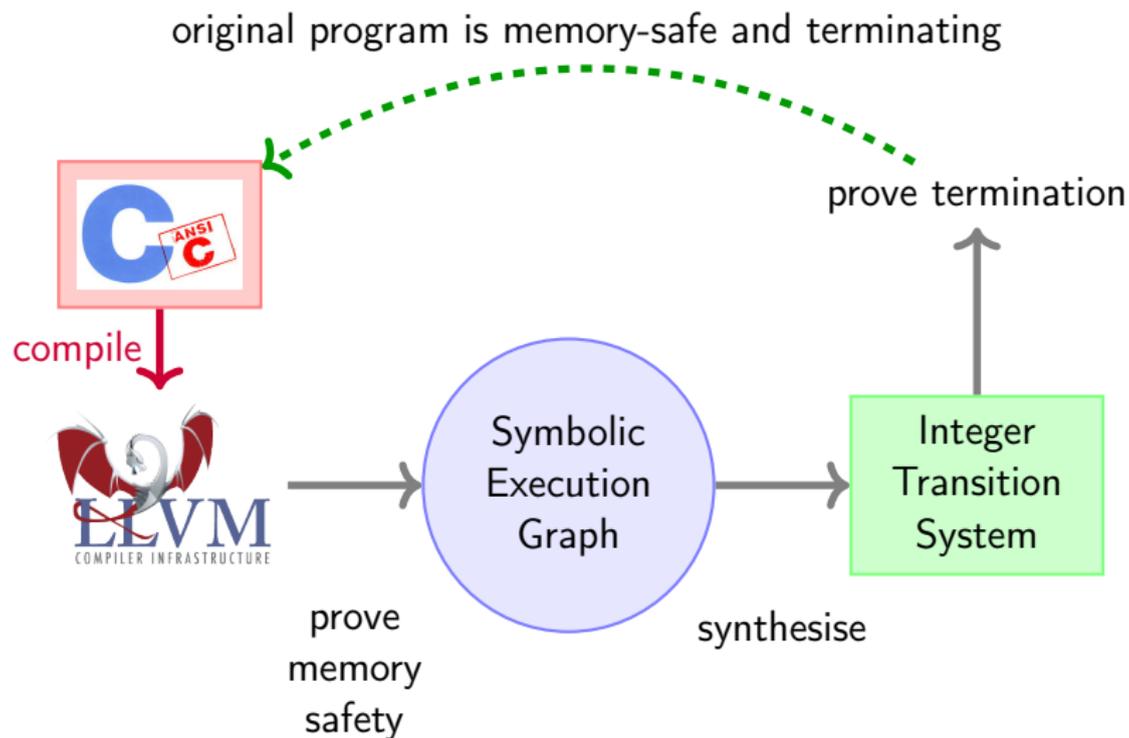
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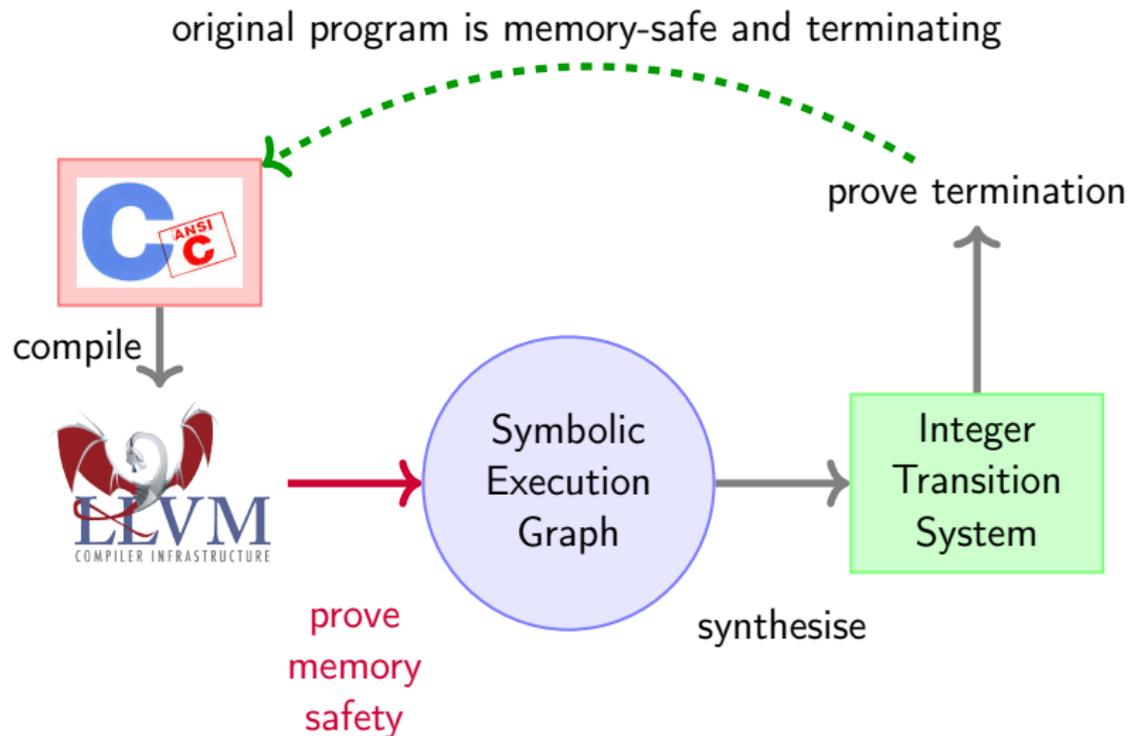
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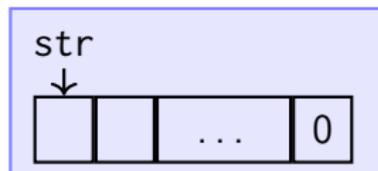
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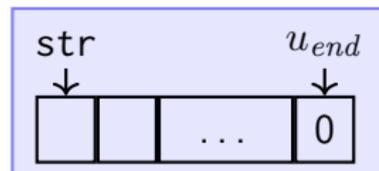
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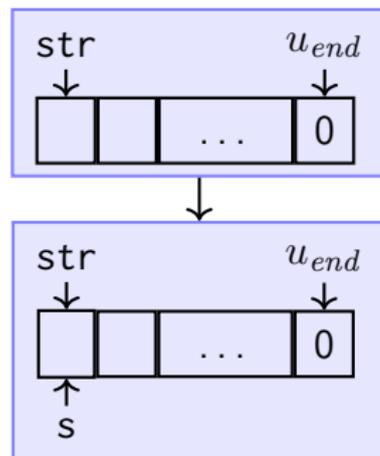
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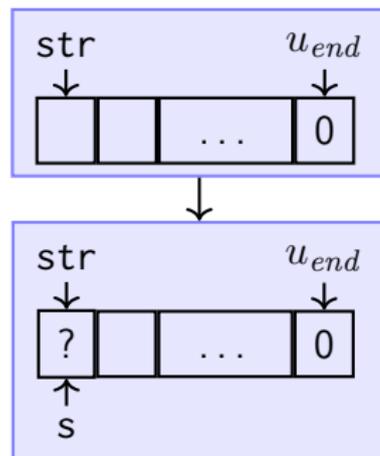
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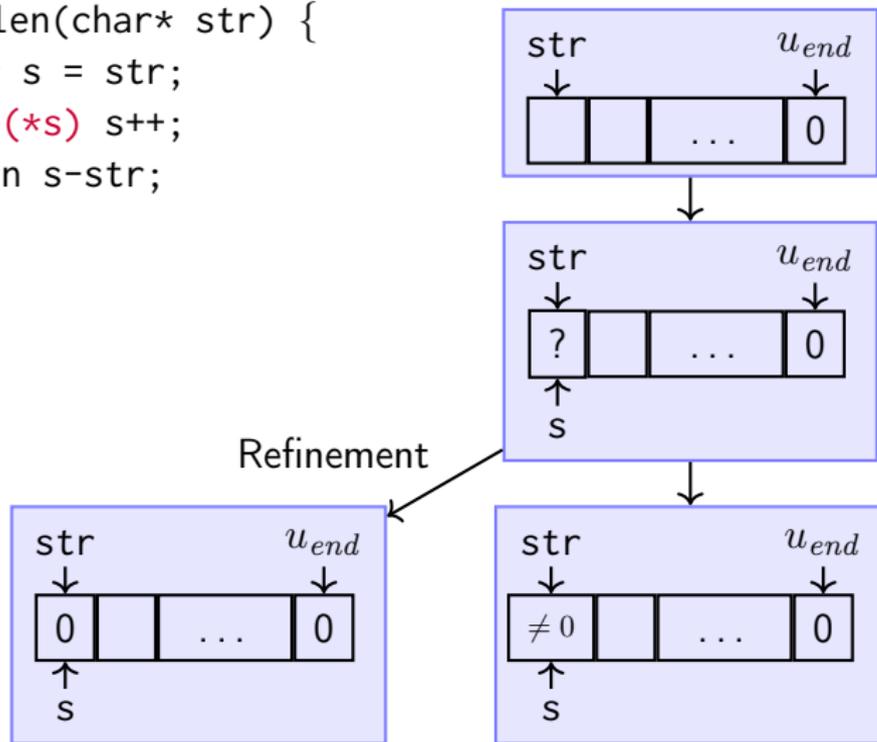
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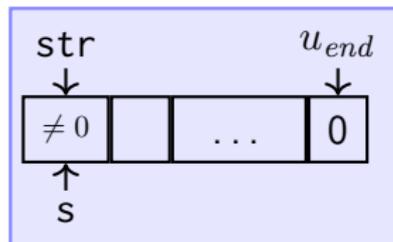
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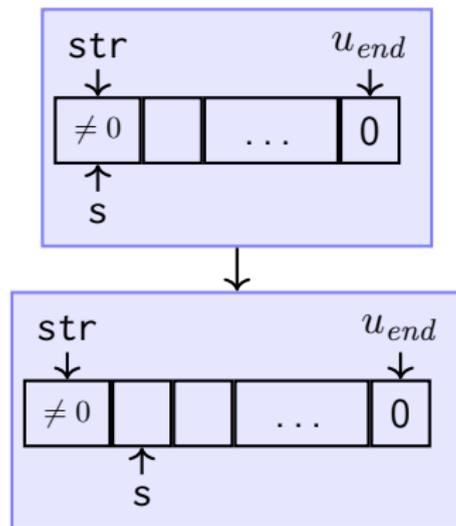
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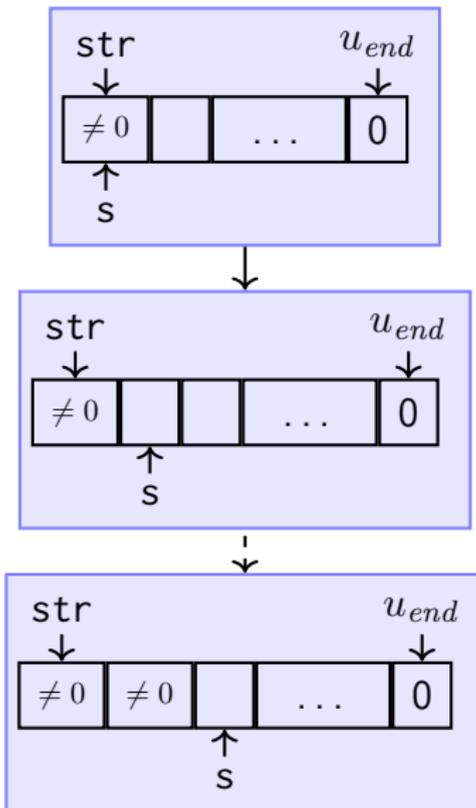
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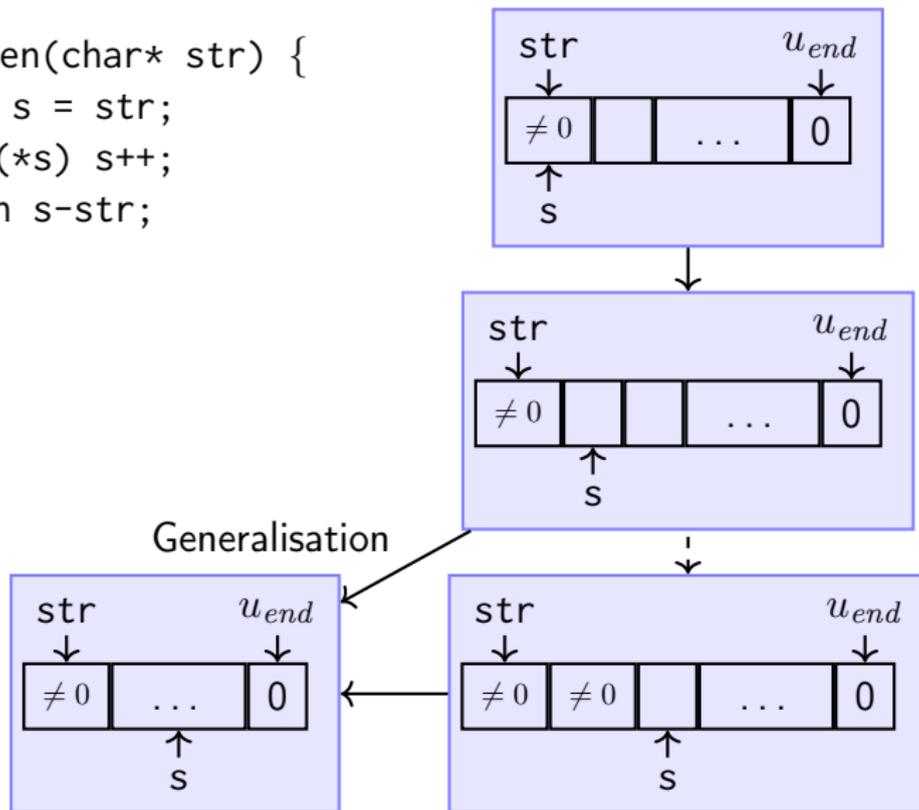
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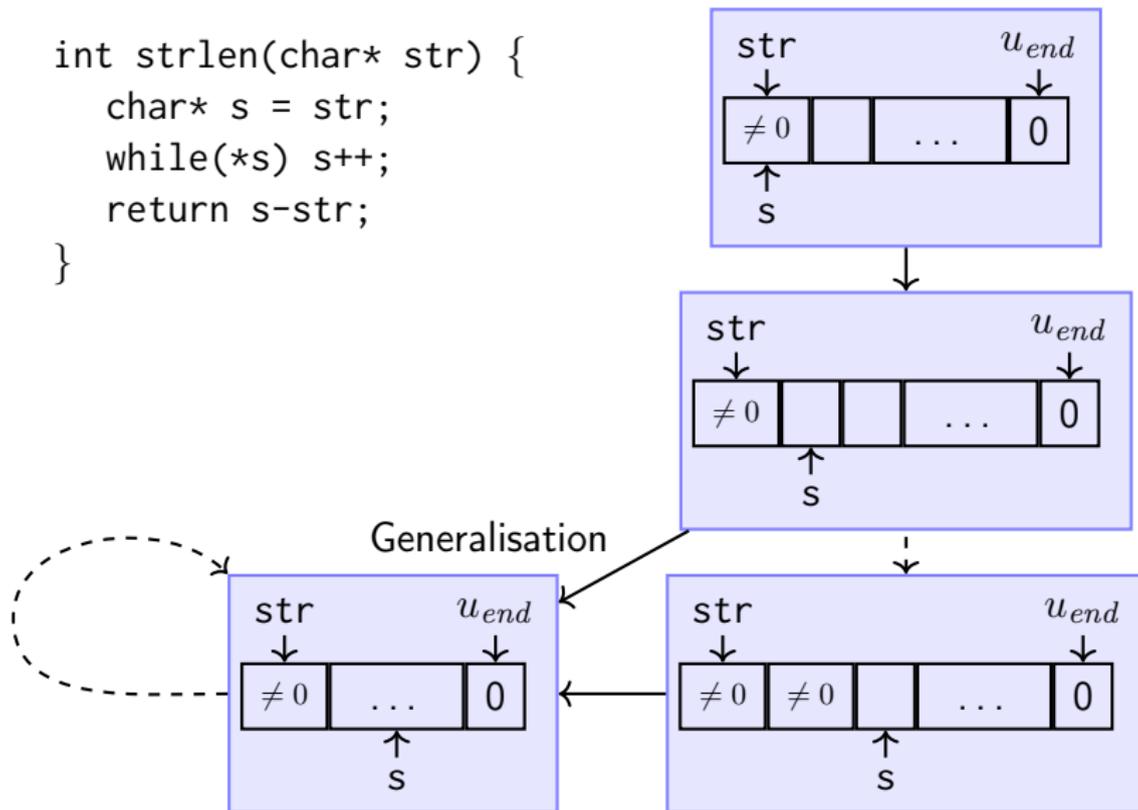
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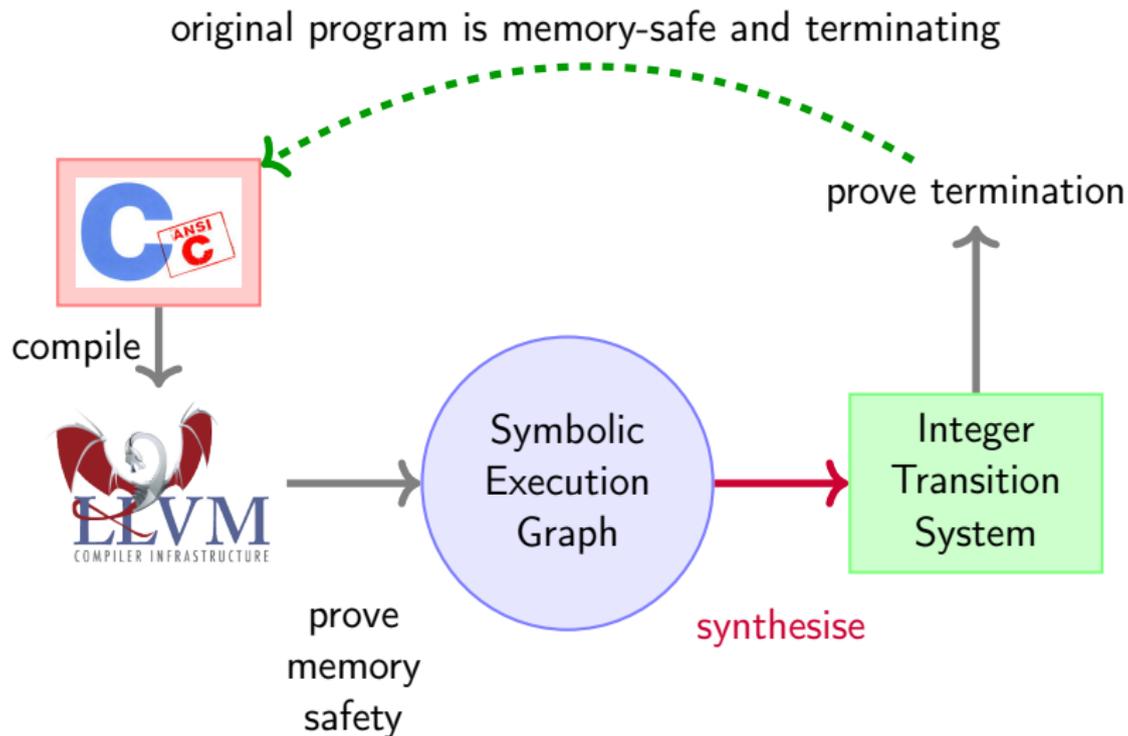


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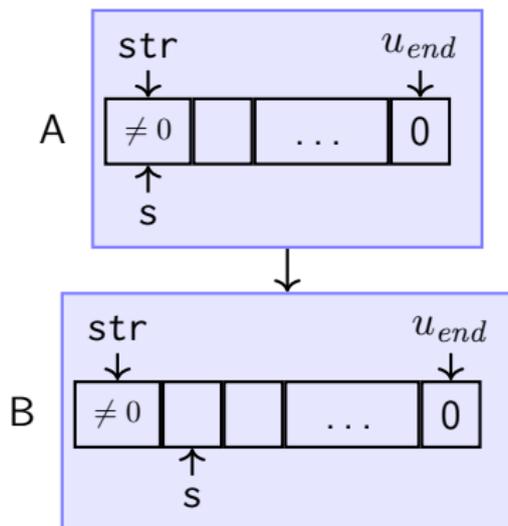
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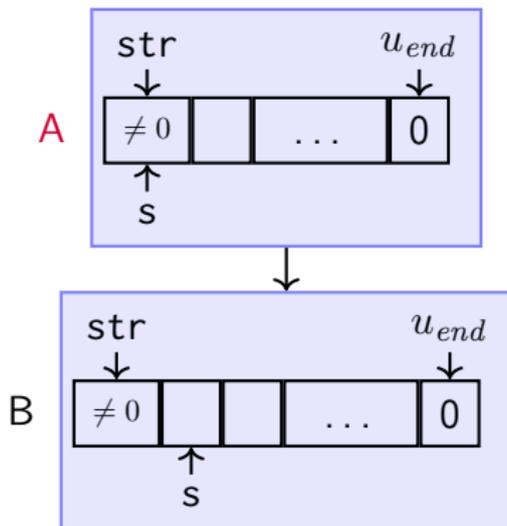
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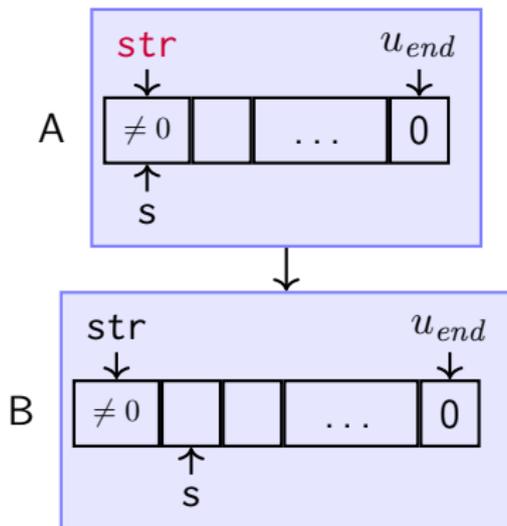
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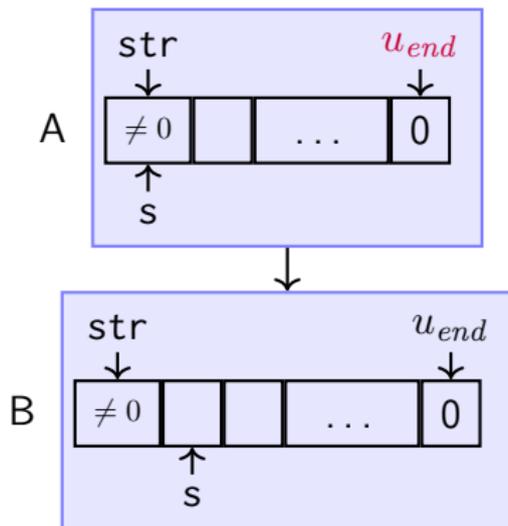
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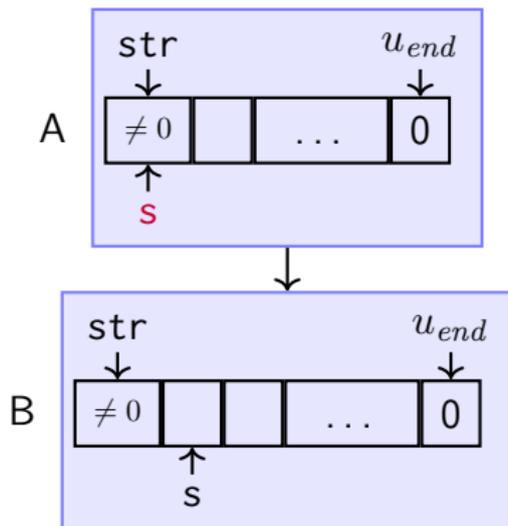
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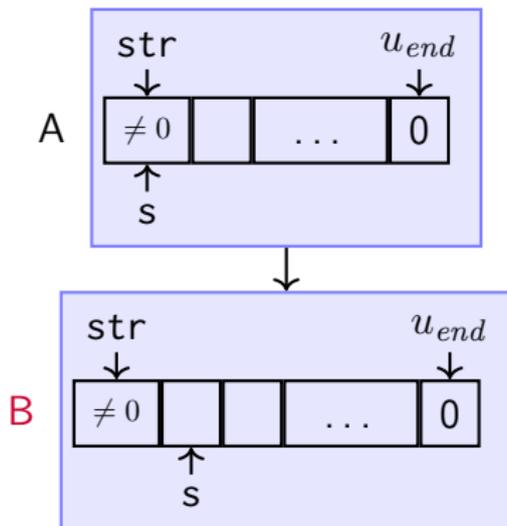
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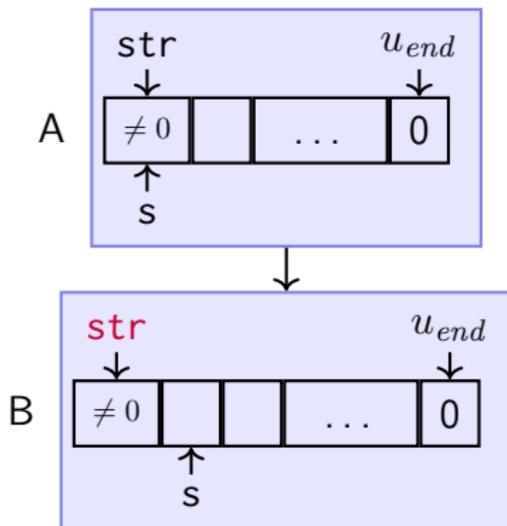
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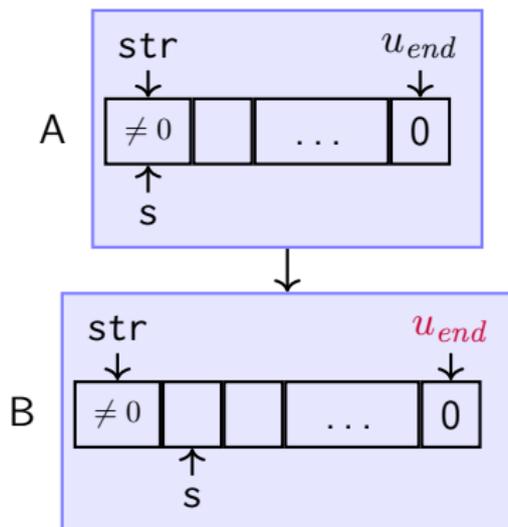
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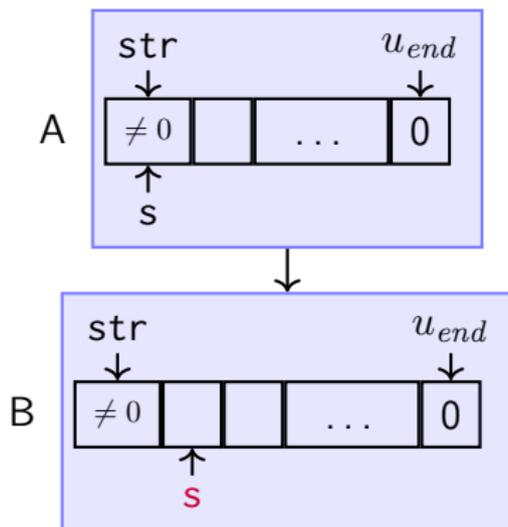
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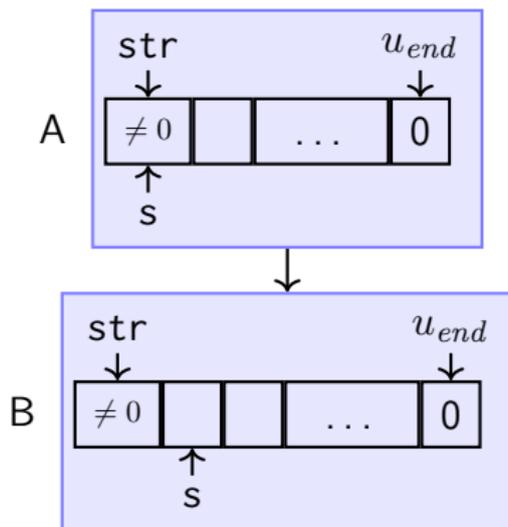
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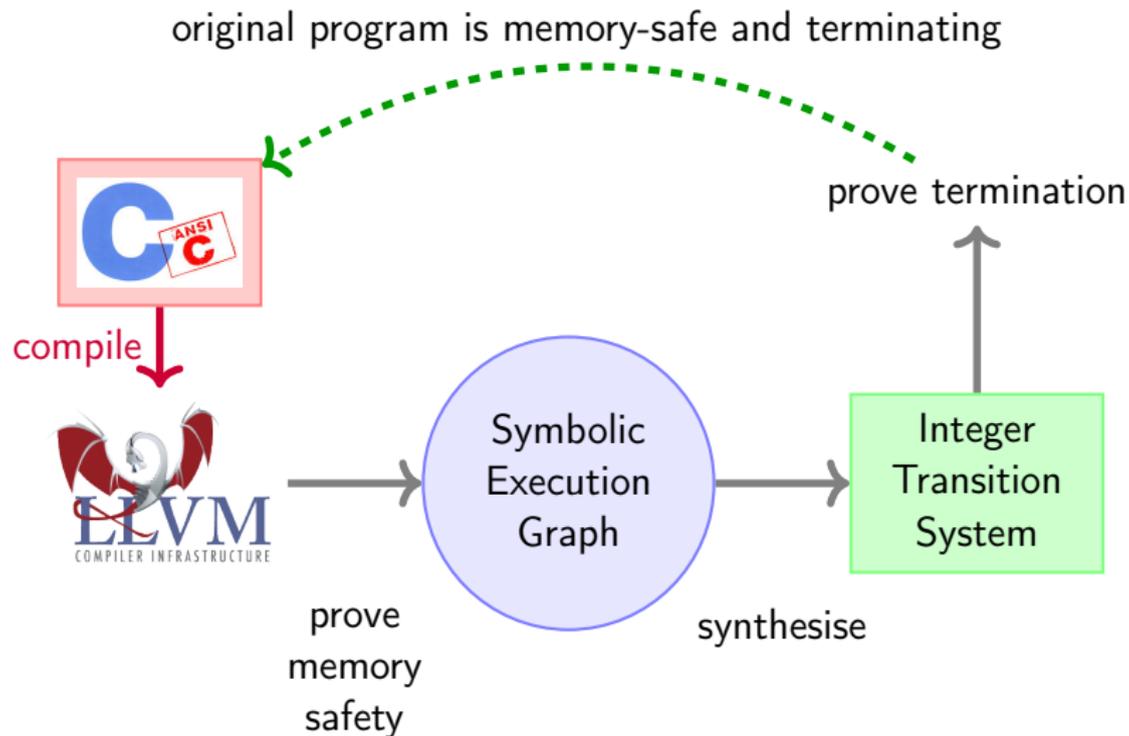
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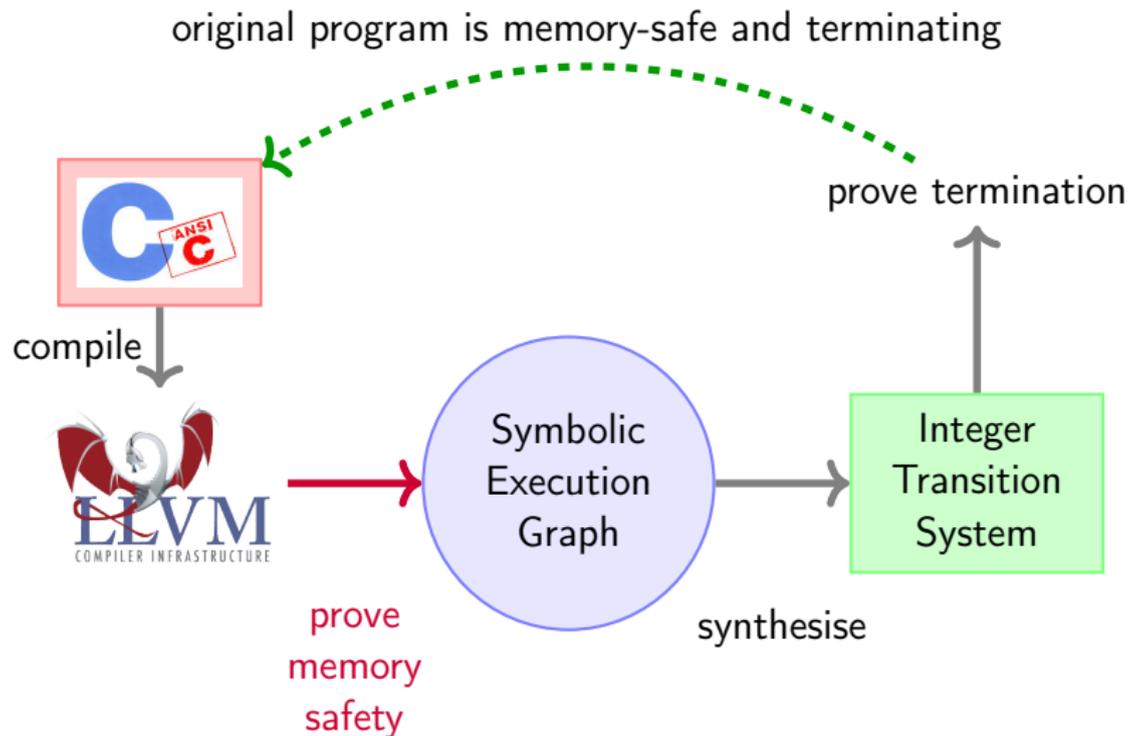
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Separation Logic [O'Hearn, Reynolds, Yang, *CSL '01*]

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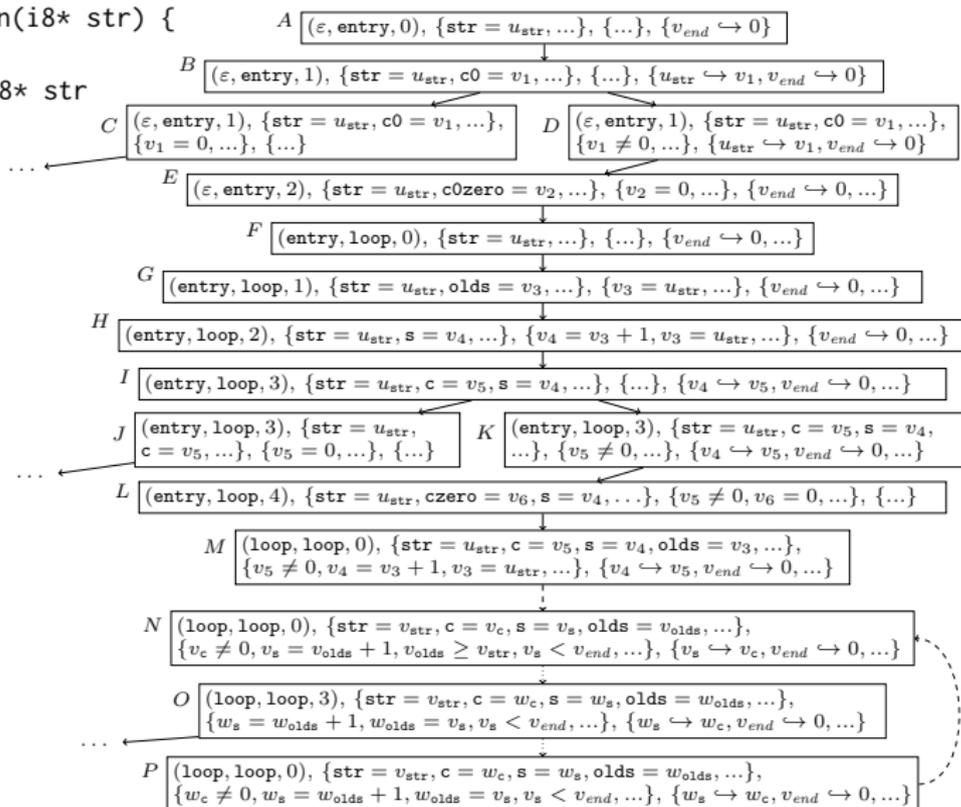
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Evaluation

Memory access: check allocation!

From LLVM to Symbolic Execution Graph

...

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From LLVM to Symbolic Execution Graph

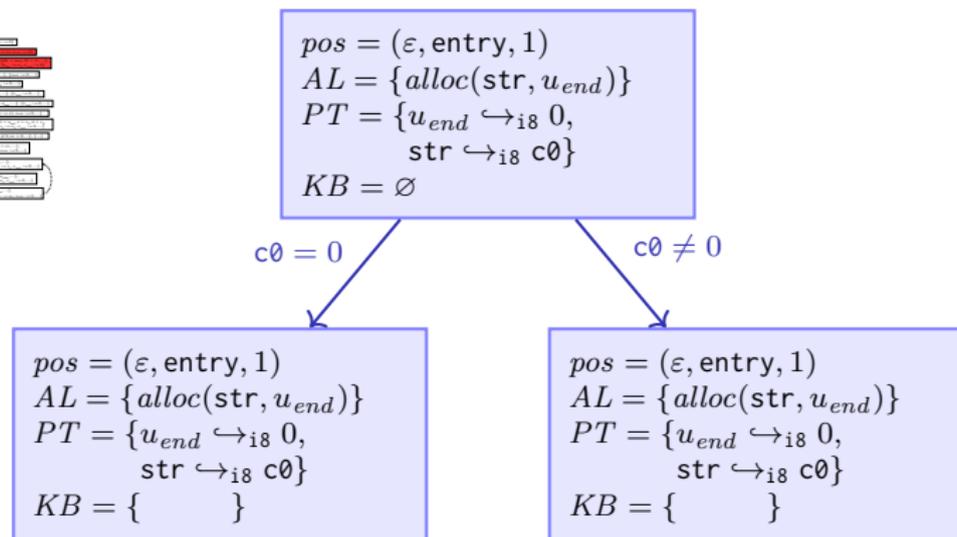
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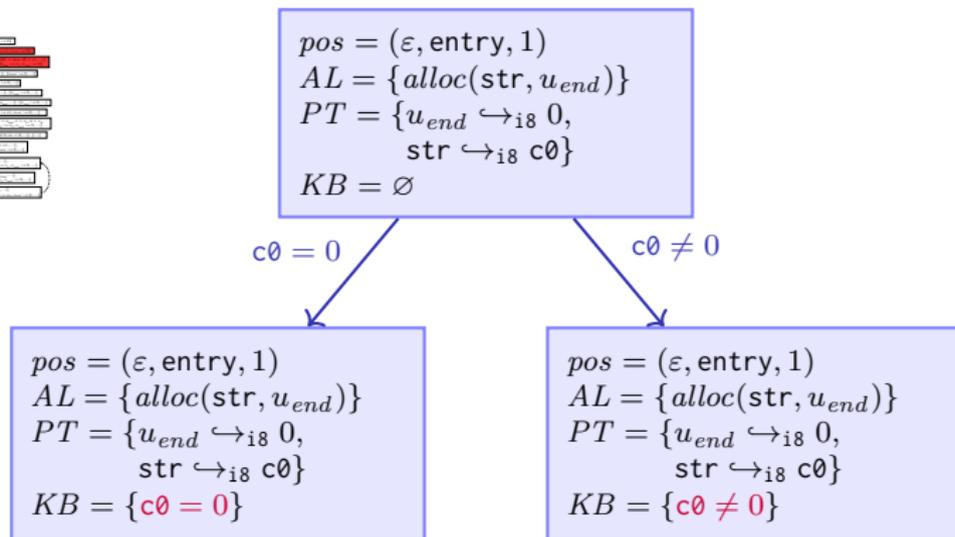
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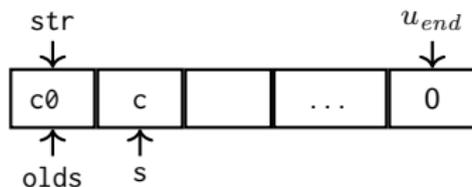
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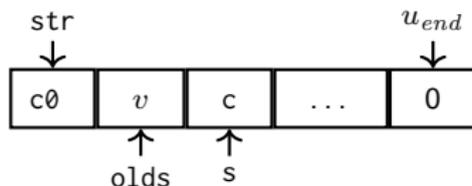
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(to obtain finite graph)

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$$x = y \iff x \geq y \wedge x \leq y$$

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$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &\hookrightarrow_{ty} y_1 \wedge \\ x_2 &\hookrightarrow_{ty} y_2 \wedge \\ y_1 &\neq y_2 \end{aligned} \implies x_1 \neq x_2$$

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Check whether

$x_1 < x_2$ or $x_1 > x_2$

holds!

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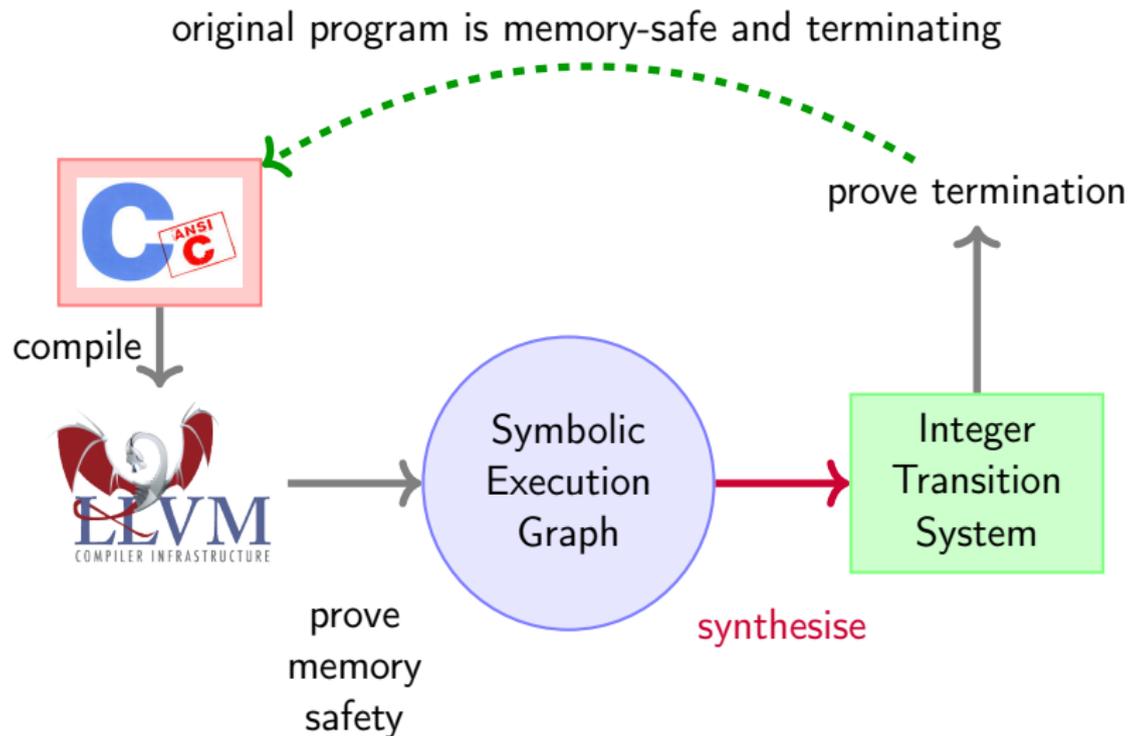
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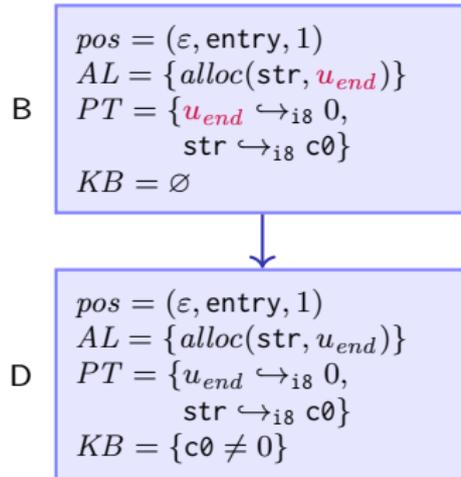


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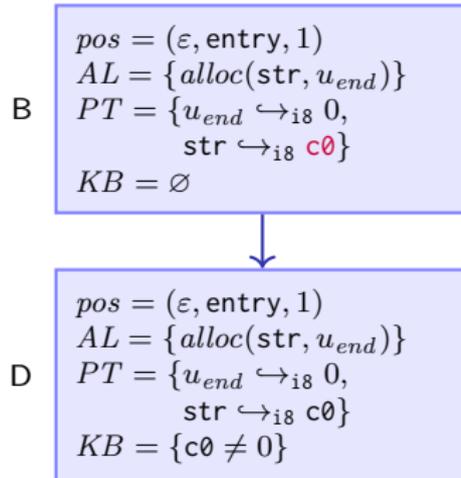
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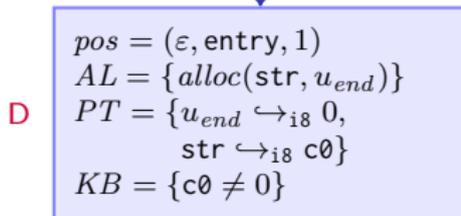
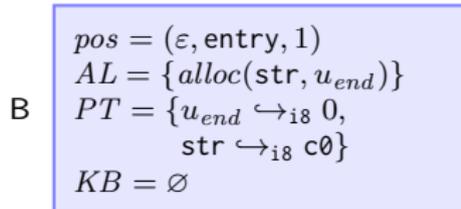
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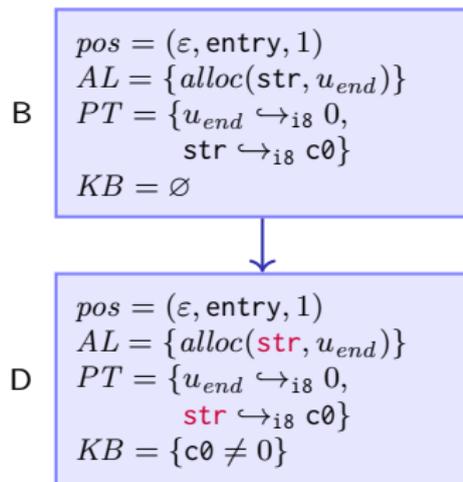
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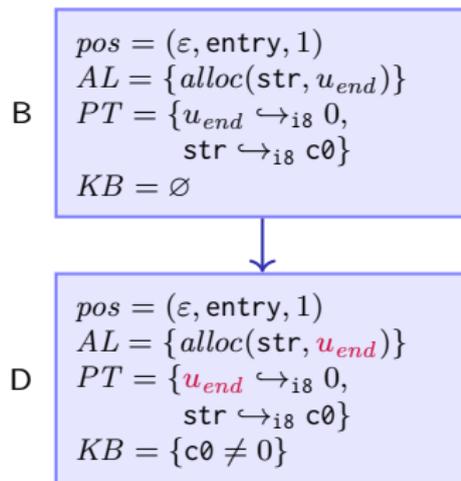
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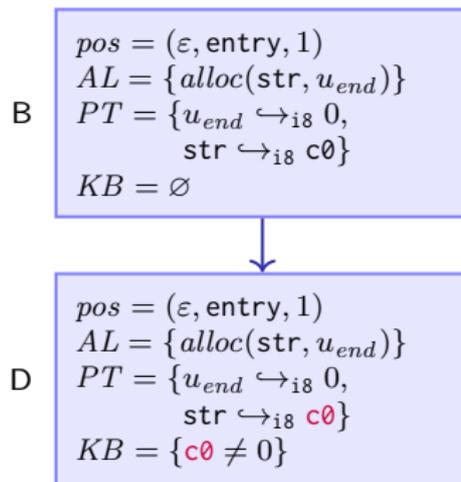
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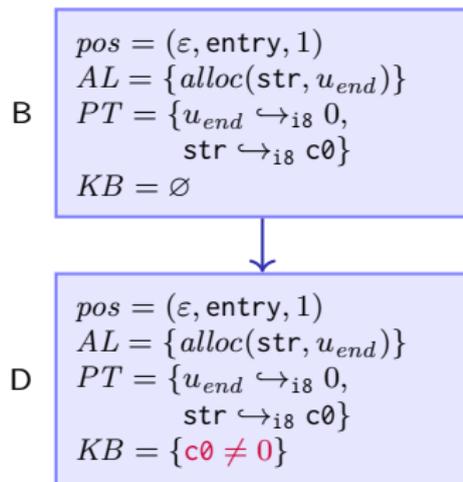
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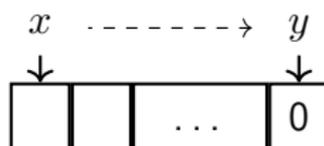
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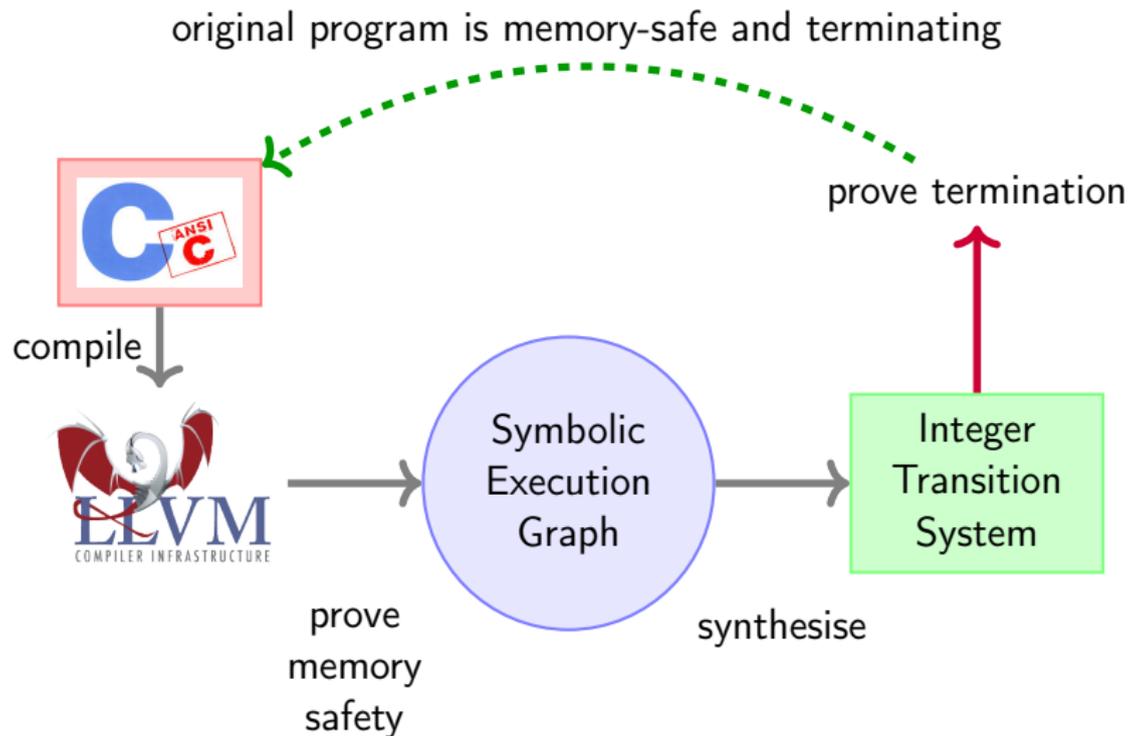
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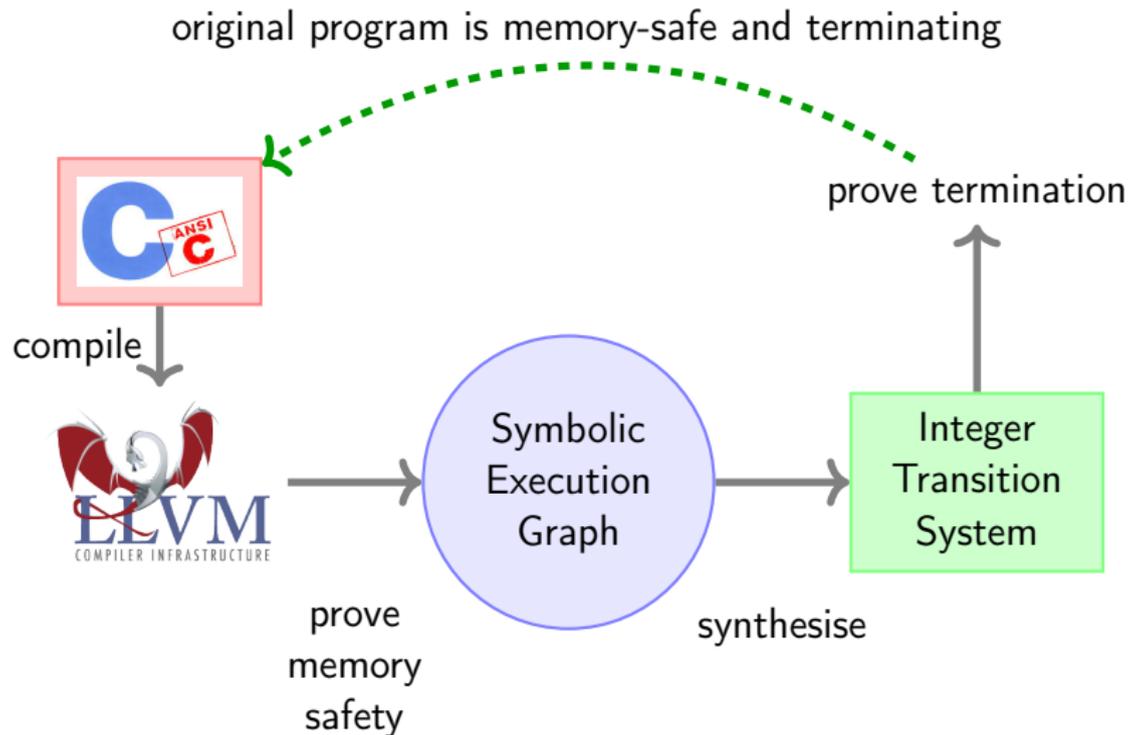
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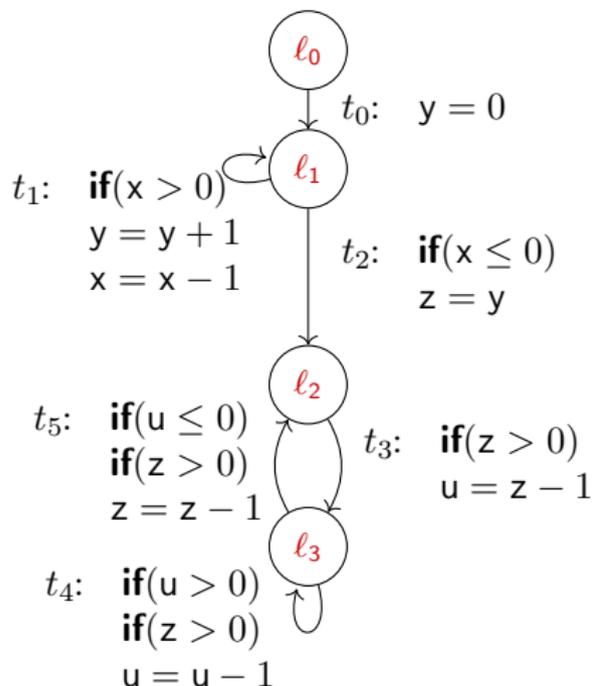
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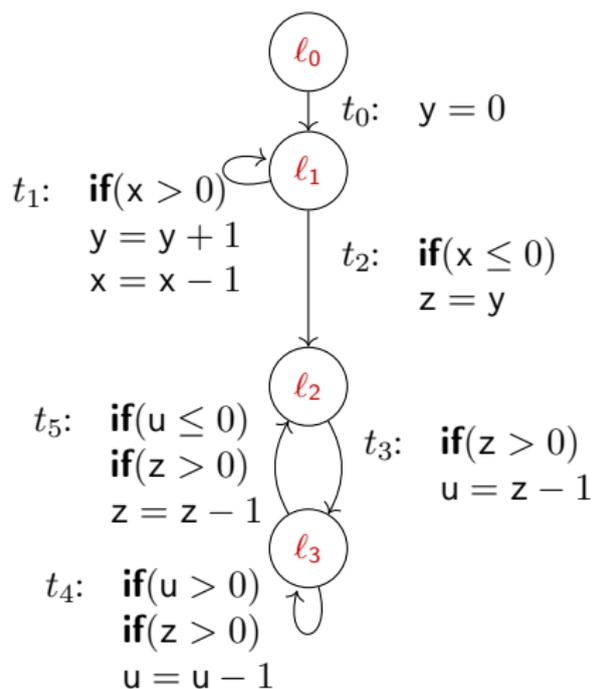
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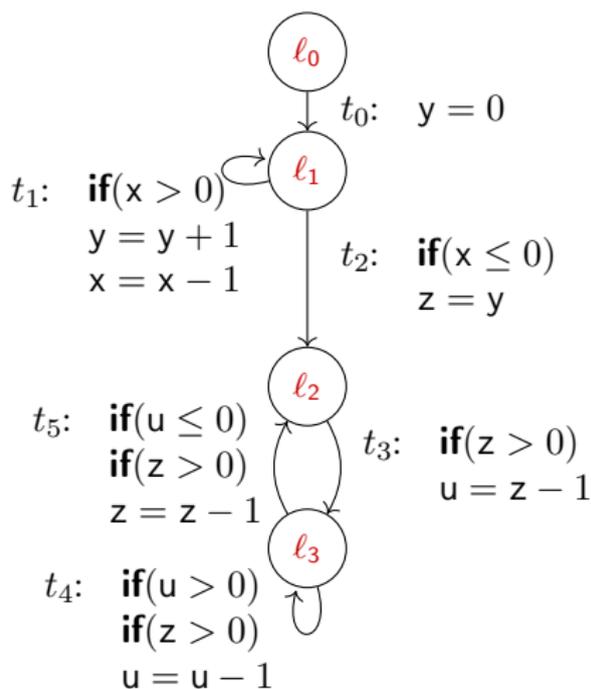
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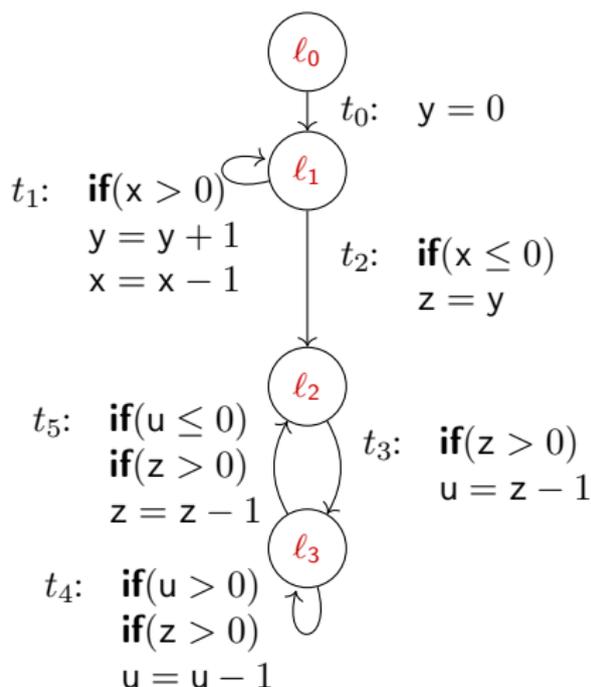


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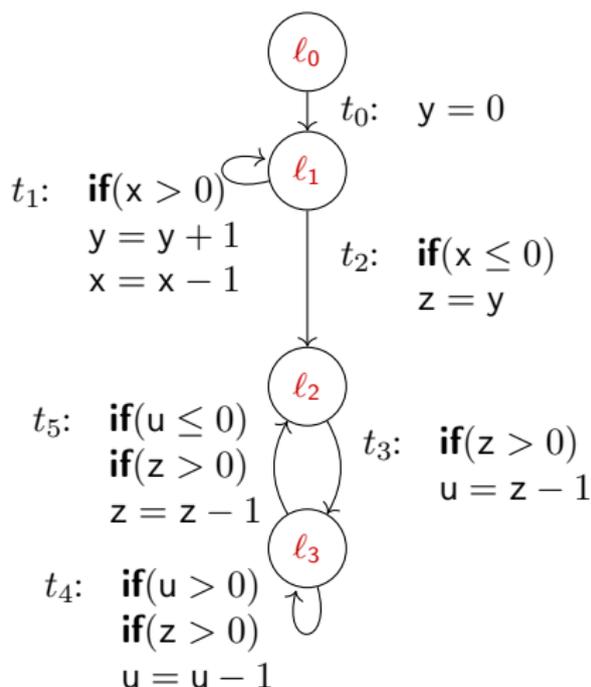


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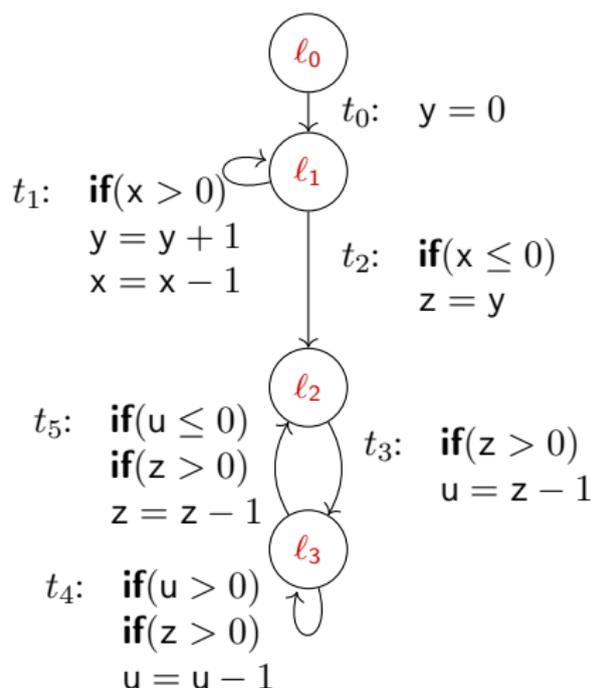
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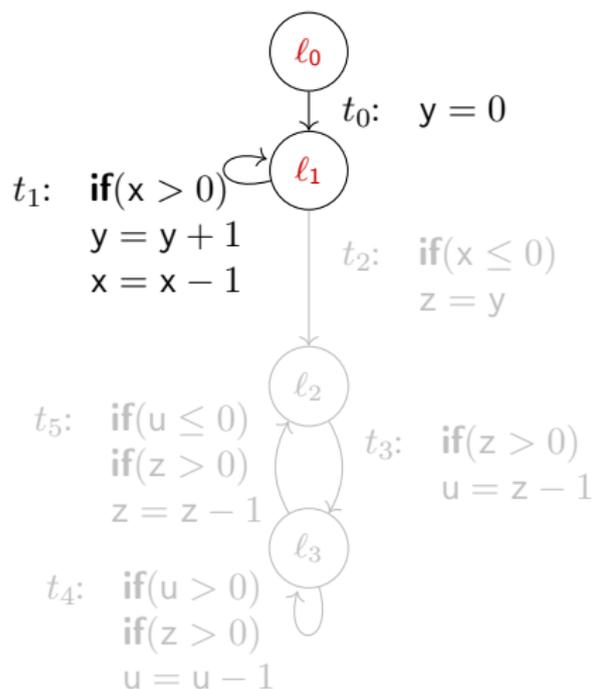
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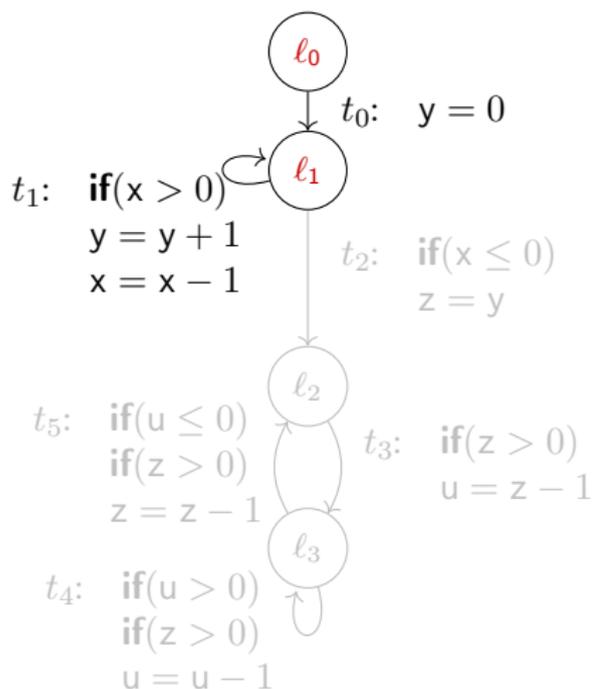


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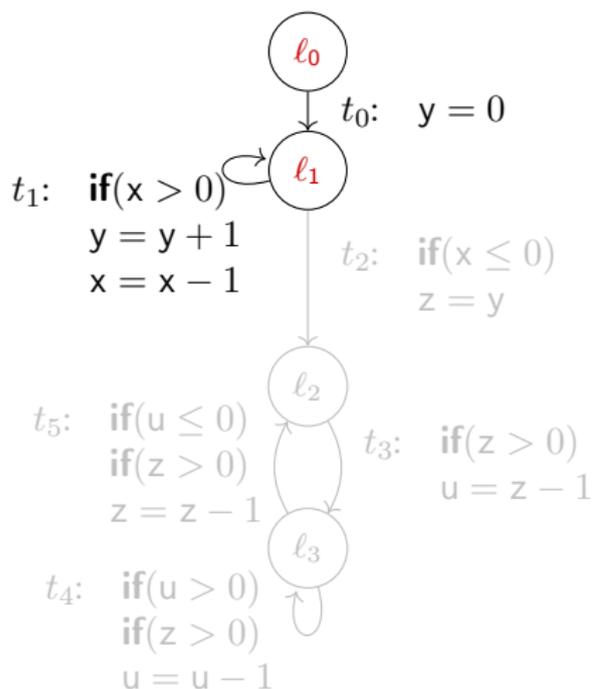
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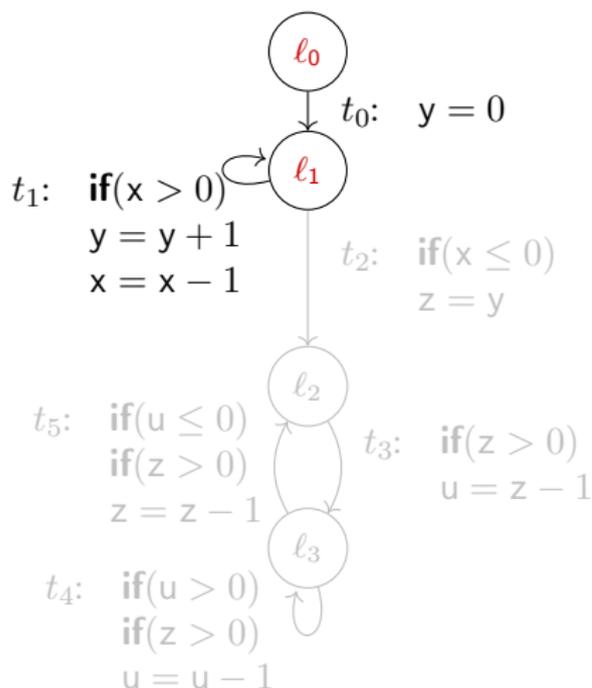
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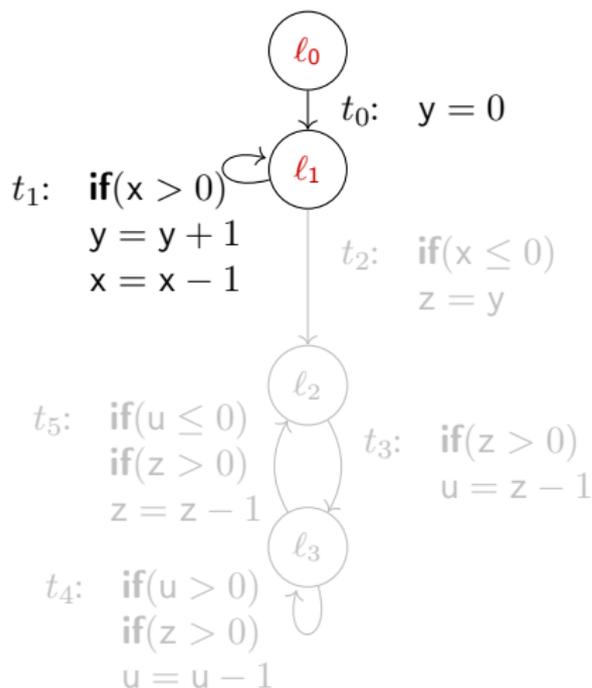
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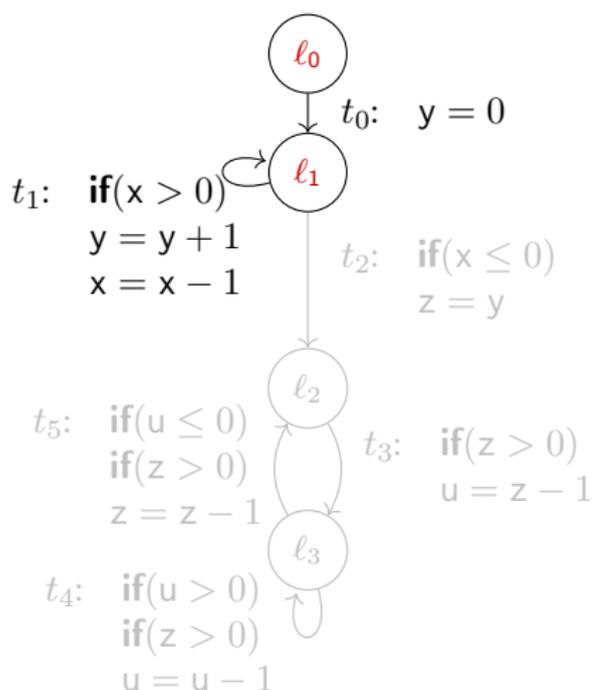
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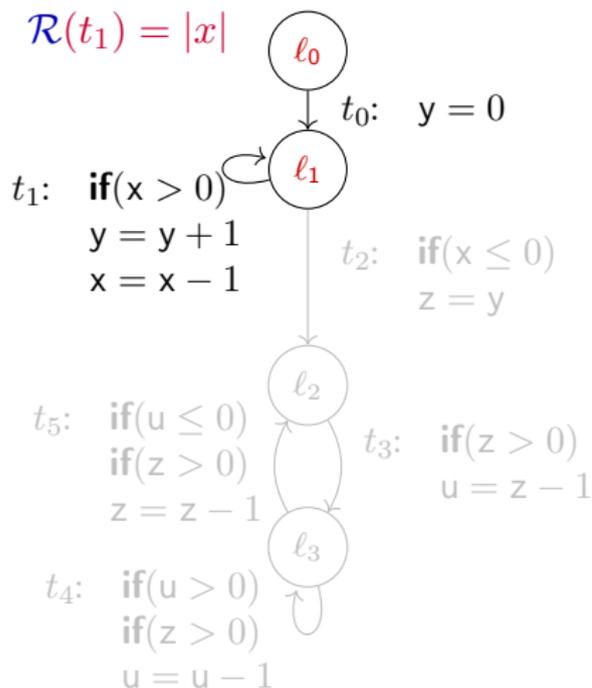
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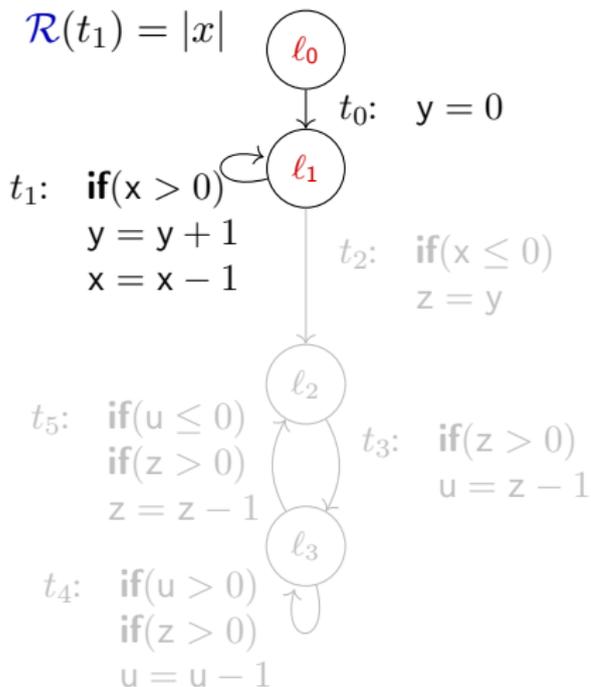
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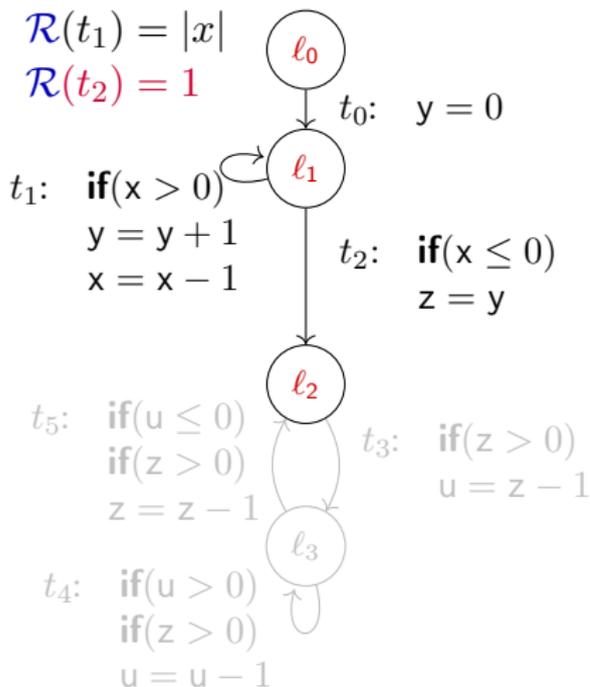
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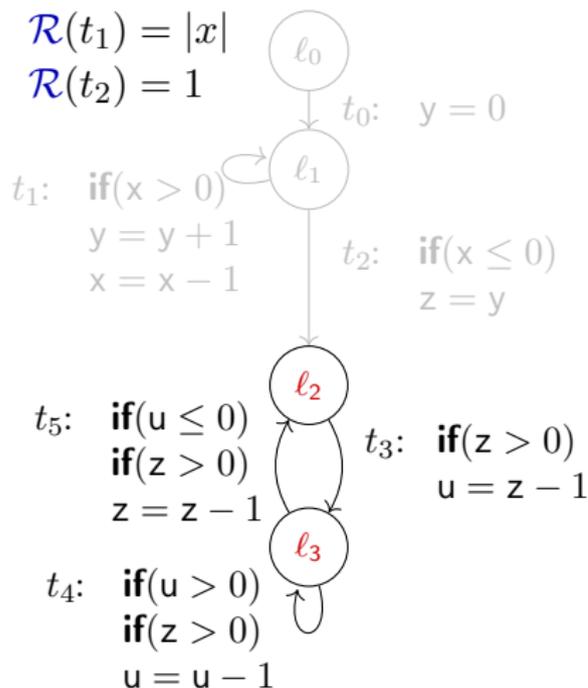
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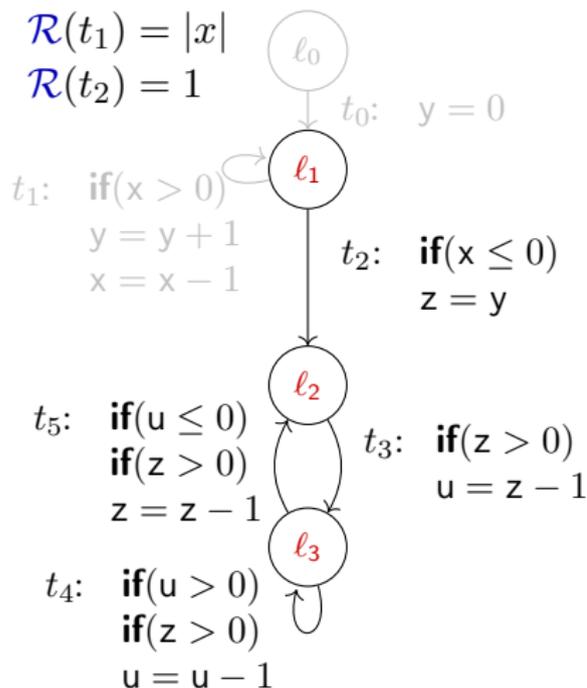
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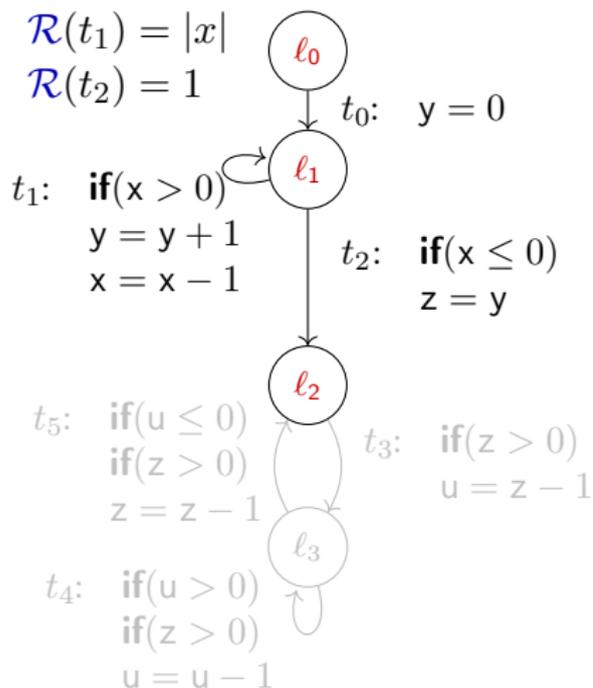
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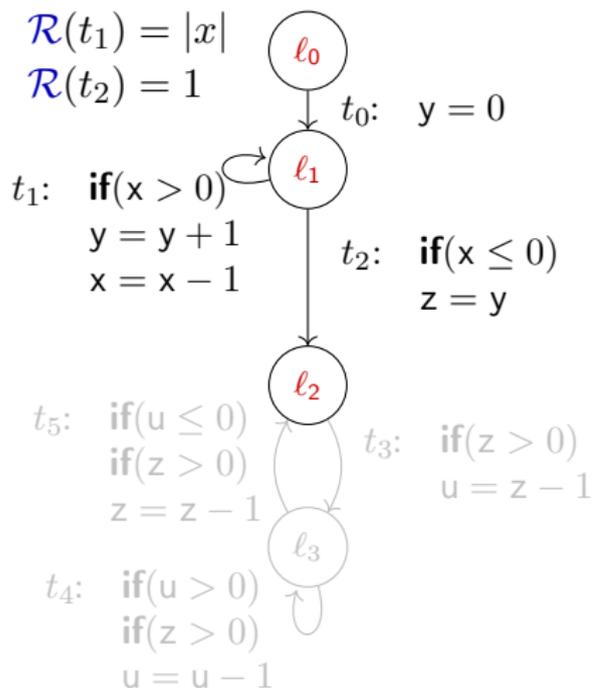
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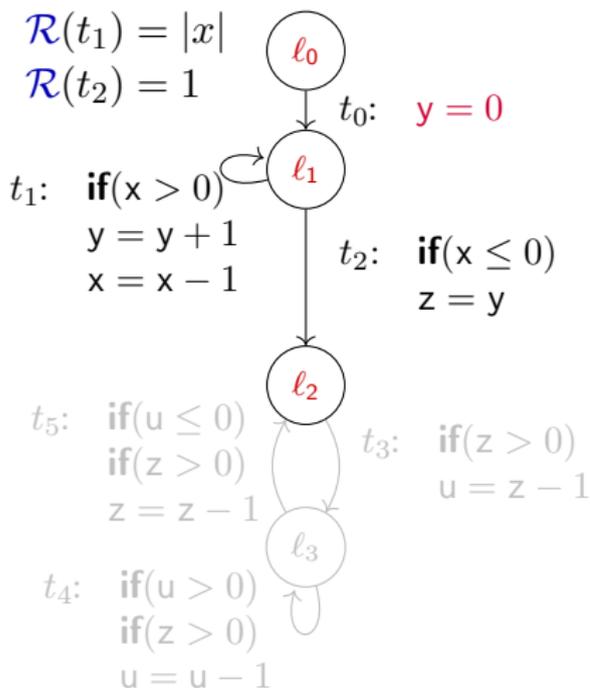
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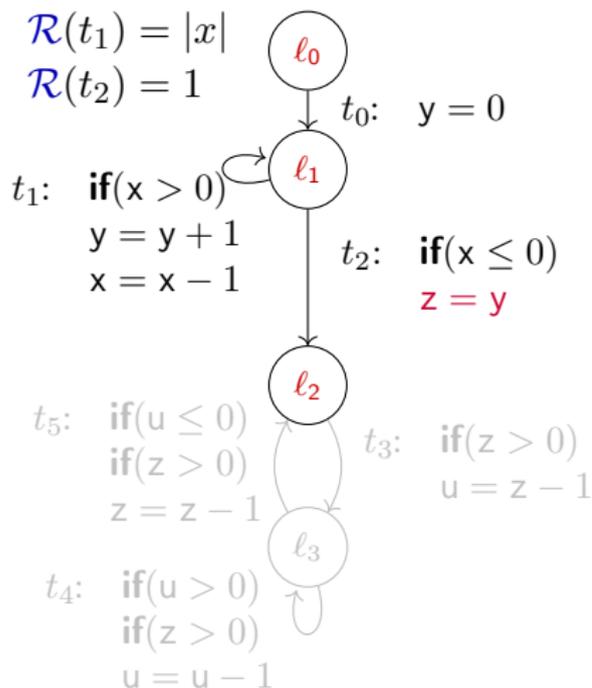
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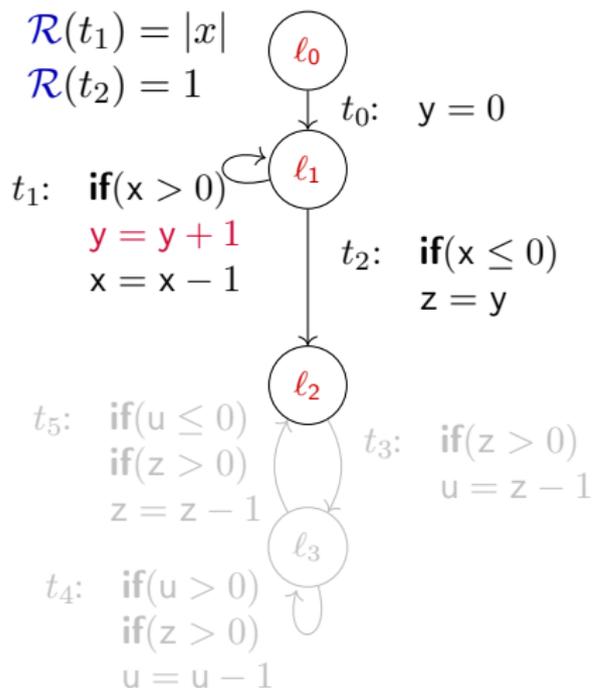
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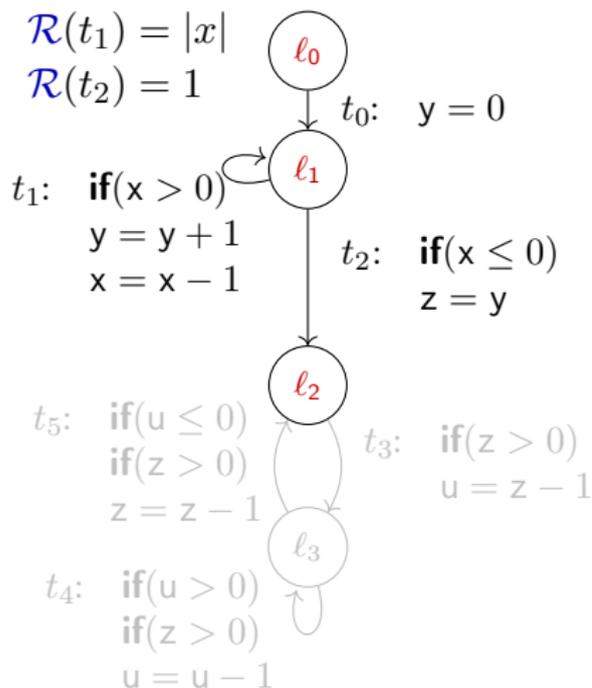
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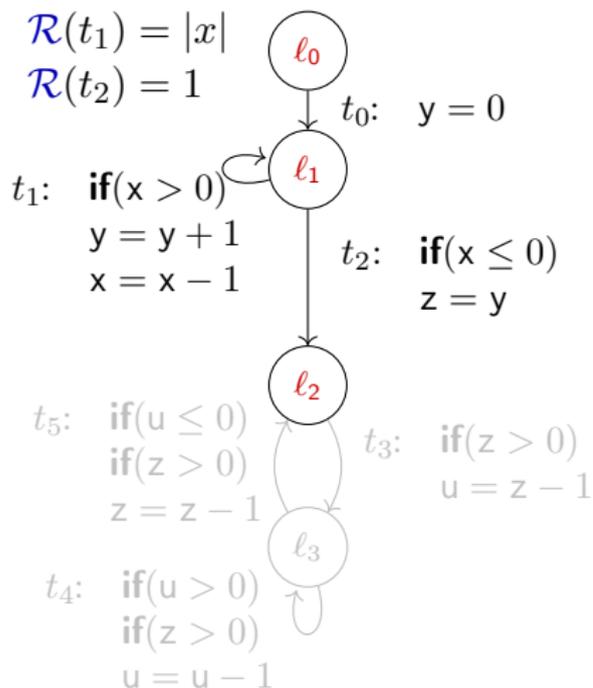
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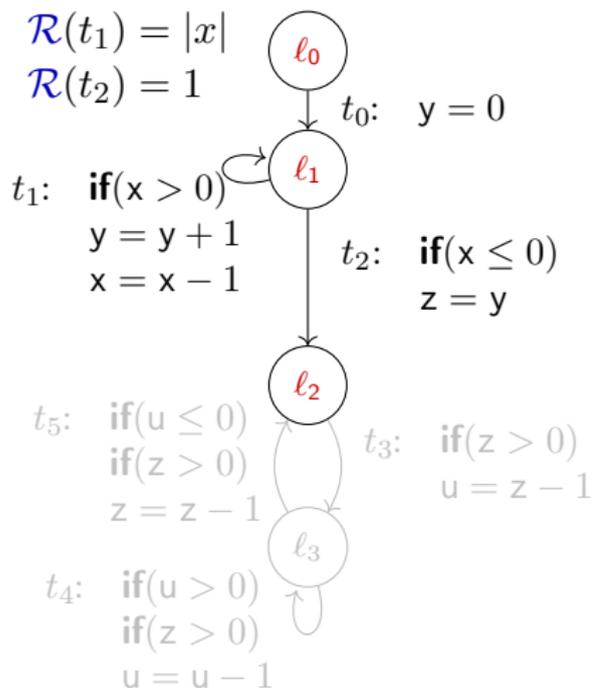
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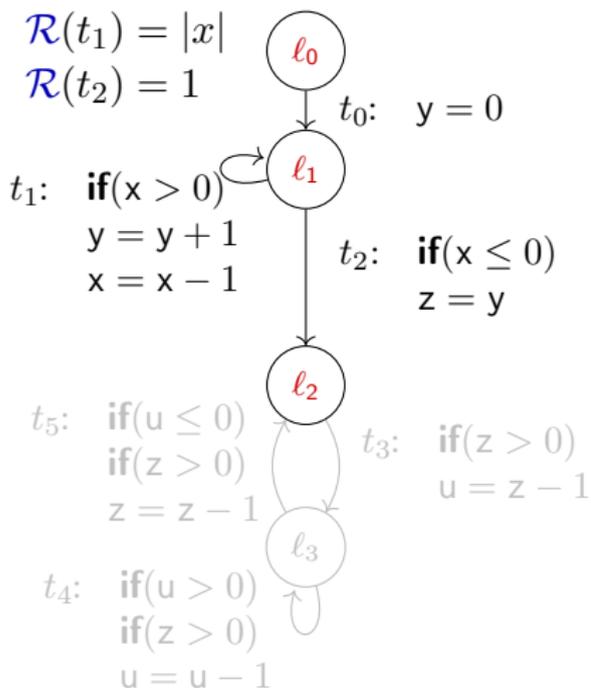
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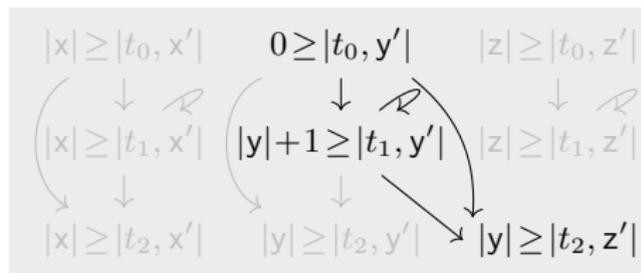
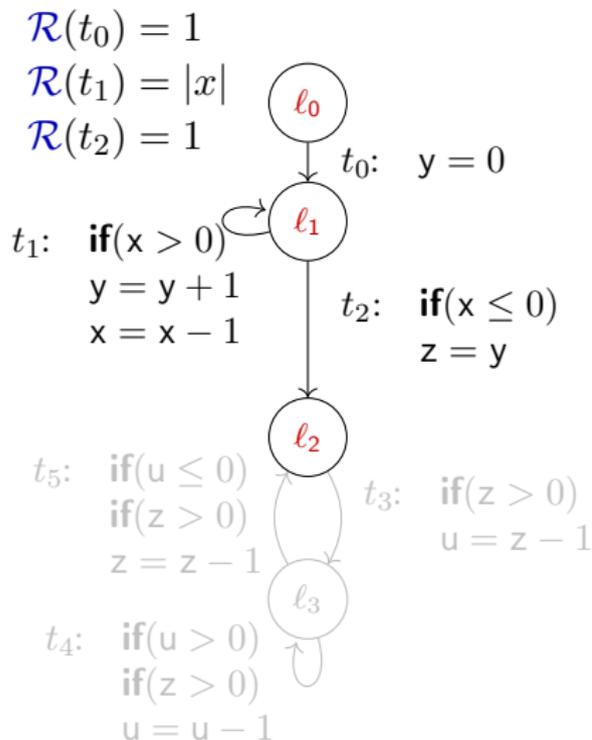
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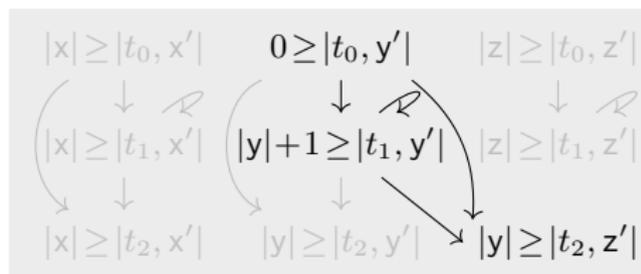
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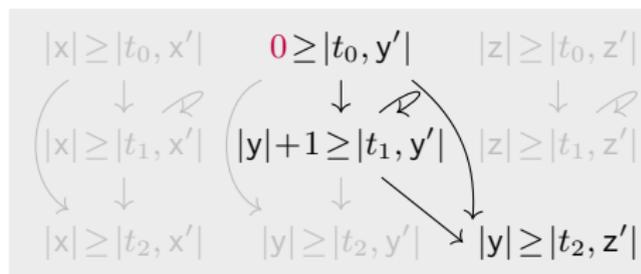
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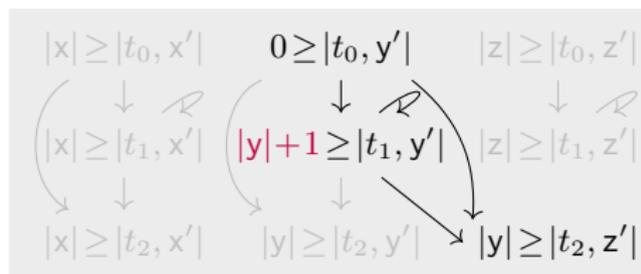
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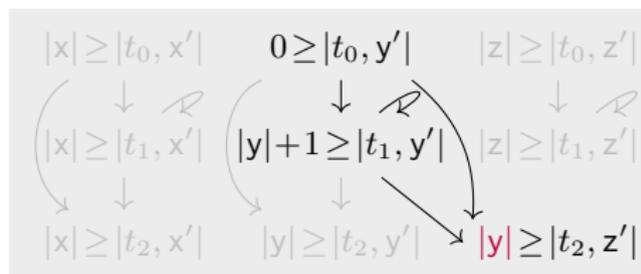
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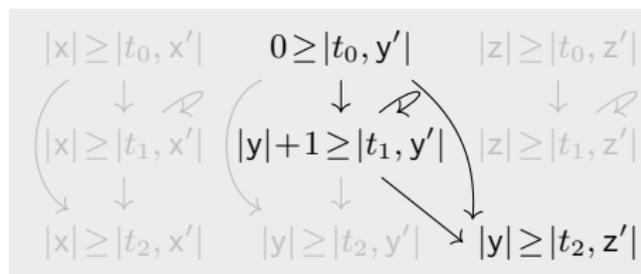
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Change of v in *one use* of t :

$$t \implies \mathcal{S}_l(t, v')(\mathcal{V}) \geq v'$$

- Edges:
Flow of information

Size Bounds: Global

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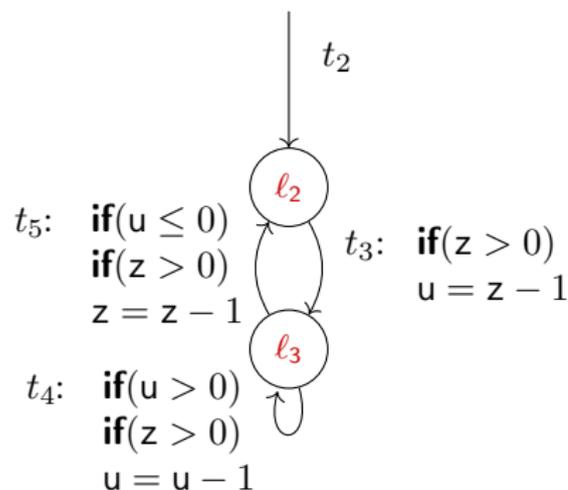
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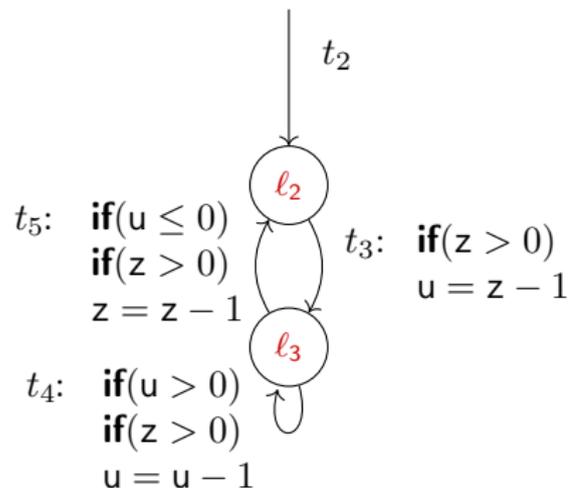
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Consider only $\mathcal{T}_1 = \{t_3, t_4, t_5\}$



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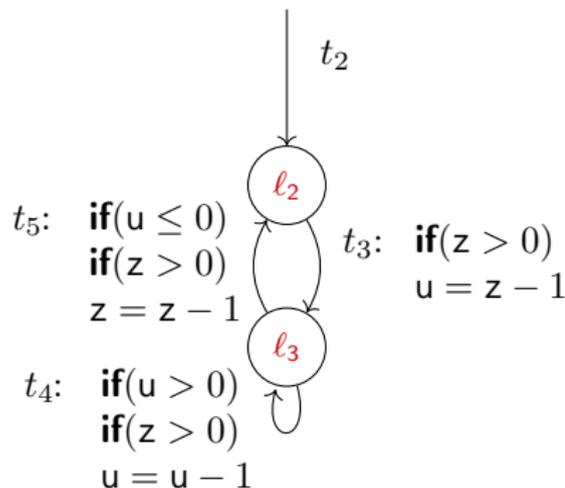
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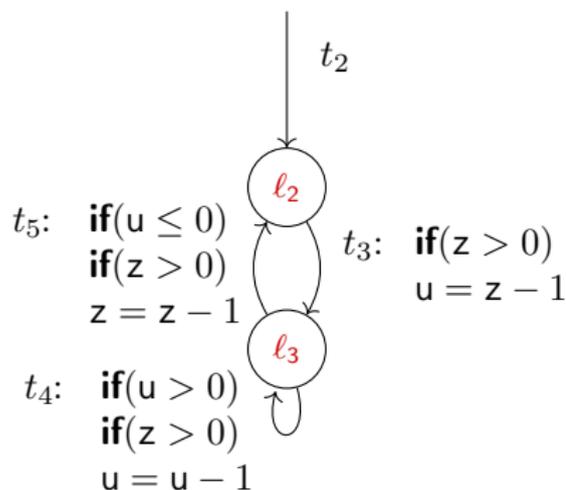
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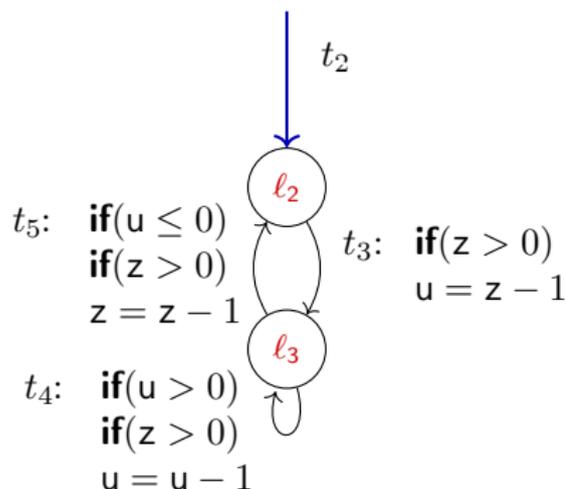
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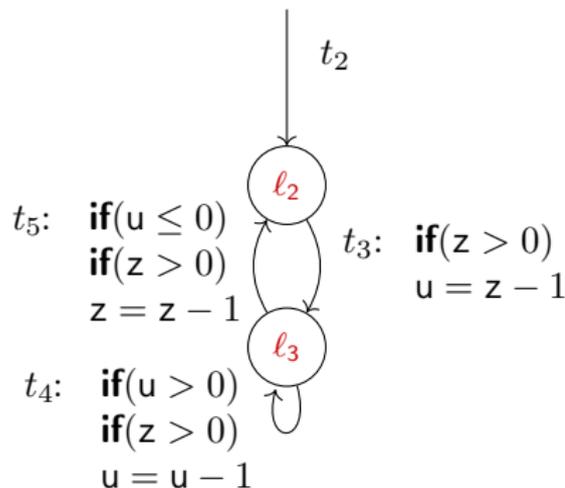
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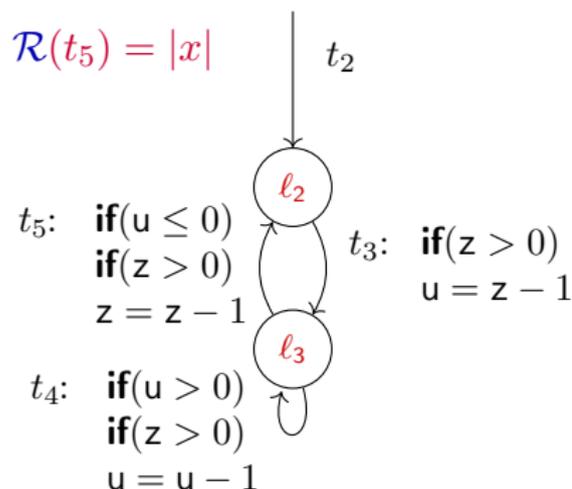
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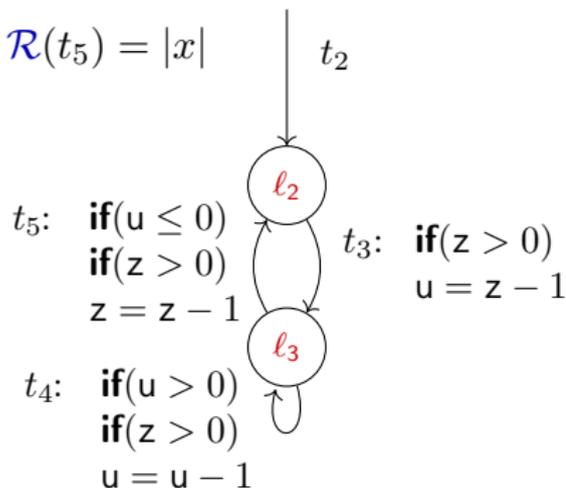
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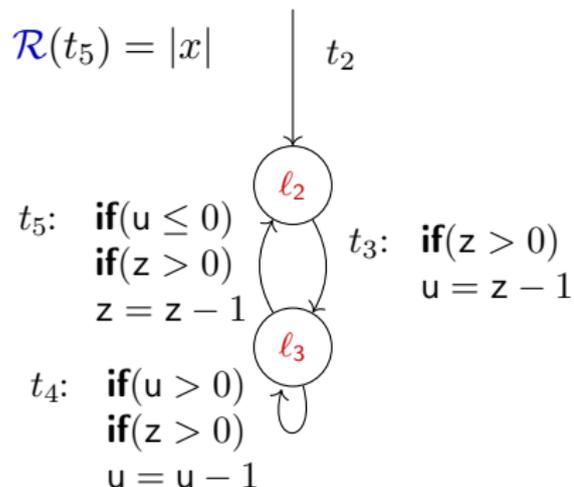
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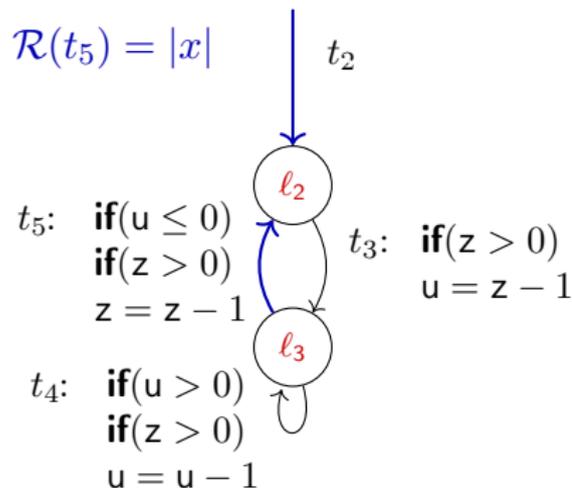
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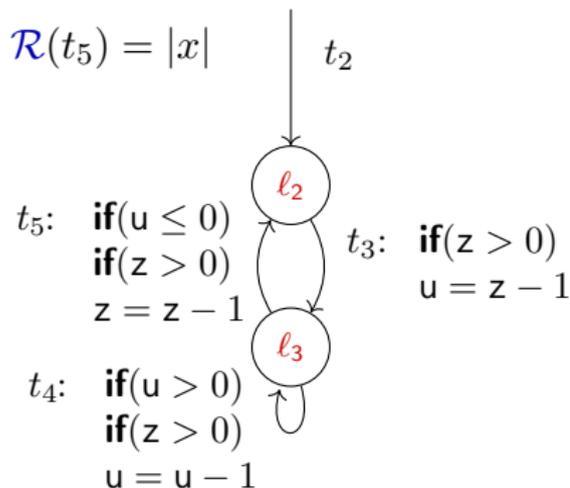
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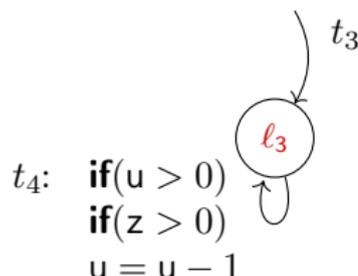
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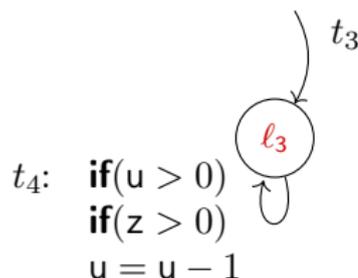
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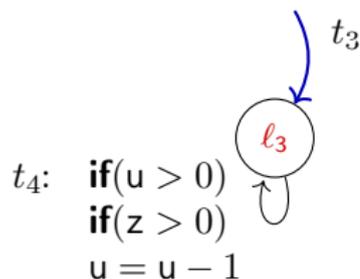
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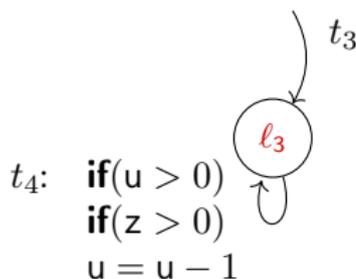
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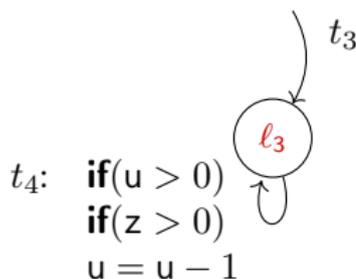
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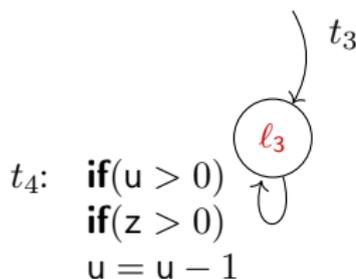
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TimeBounds(\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{S})

Input: Runtime bounds \mathcal{R} , Size bounds \mathcal{S}

$\mathcal{T}' \leftarrow \{t \in \mathcal{T} \mid \mathcal{R}(t) \text{ unbounded}\}$

$\mathcal{P} \leftarrow \text{synthPRF}(\mathcal{T}')$

$\mathcal{L}_\downarrow \leftarrow \text{entryLocations}(\mathcal{T}')$

$\mathcal{T}_\ell \leftarrow \text{leadingTo}(\ell, \mathcal{T} \setminus \mathcal{T}')$

$\mathcal{R}' \leftarrow \mathcal{R}$

for all $t \in \mathcal{T}'$ **decreasing under** \mathcal{P} **do**

$\mathcal{R}'(t) \leftarrow \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}_\downarrow, \tilde{t} \in \mathcal{T}_\ell} \mathcal{R}(\tilde{t}) \cdot [\mathcal{P}(\ell)](\mathcal{S}(\tilde{t}, v'_1), \dots, \mathcal{S}(\tilde{t}, v'_n))$

end for

Output: \mathcal{R}'

SizeBoundsTriv($\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{S}, C$)

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SizeBoundsNonTriv($\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{S}, C$)

Case C non-trivial Strongly Connected Component: See paper

AlternatingCompl(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{V})

Input: Program of transitions \mathcal{T} , variables \mathcal{V}

$\mathcal{R} \leftarrow$ unboundedTimeCompl(\mathcal{T})

$\mathcal{S} \leftarrow$ unboundedSizeCompl(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{V})

while \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{S} have unbounded elements **do**

$\mathcal{R} \leftarrow$ TimeBounds(\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{S})

for all C SCC of RVG(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{V}) **do**

$\mathcal{S} \leftarrow$ SizeBounds($\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{S}, C$)

end for

end while

Output: \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{S}

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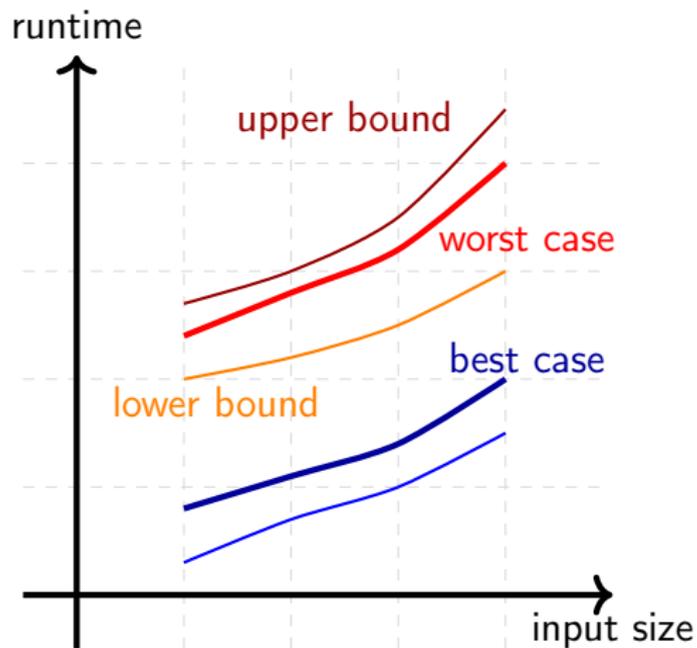
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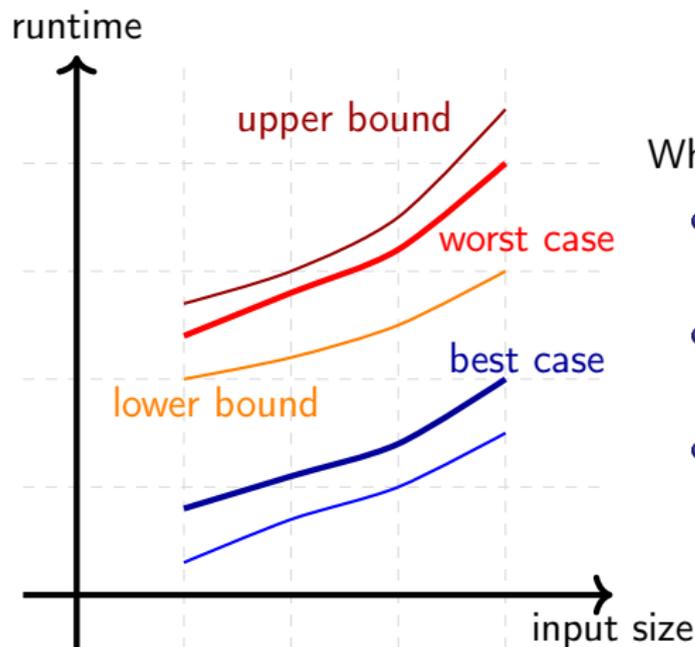
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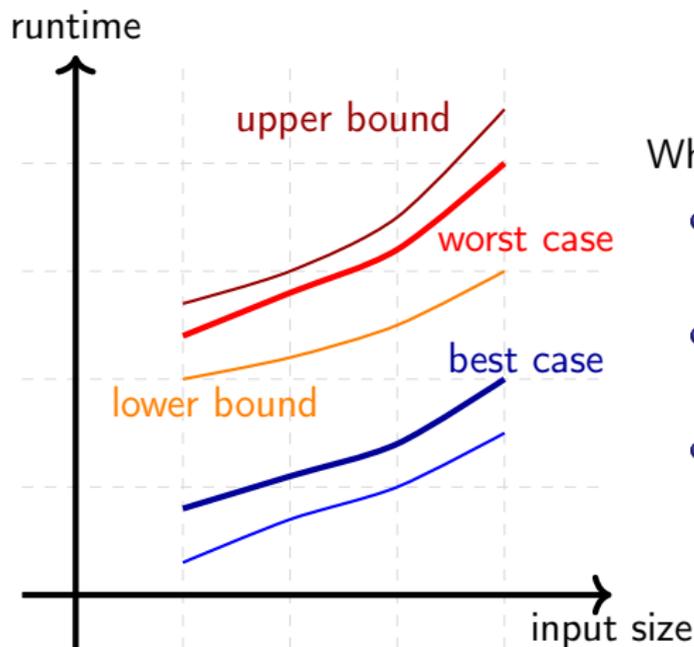
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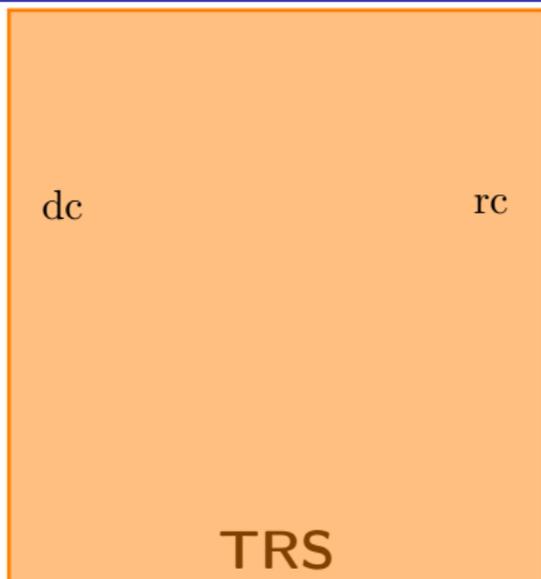
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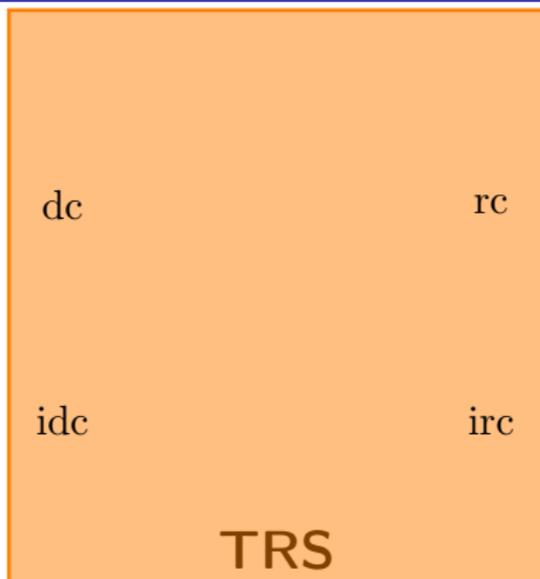
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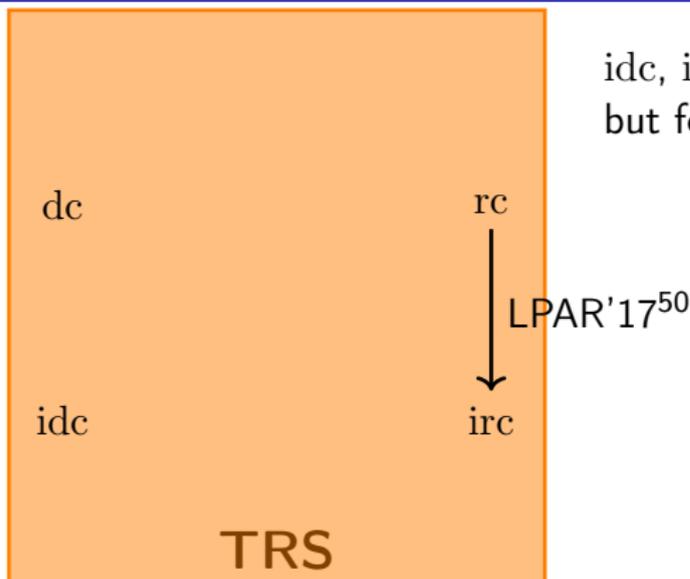


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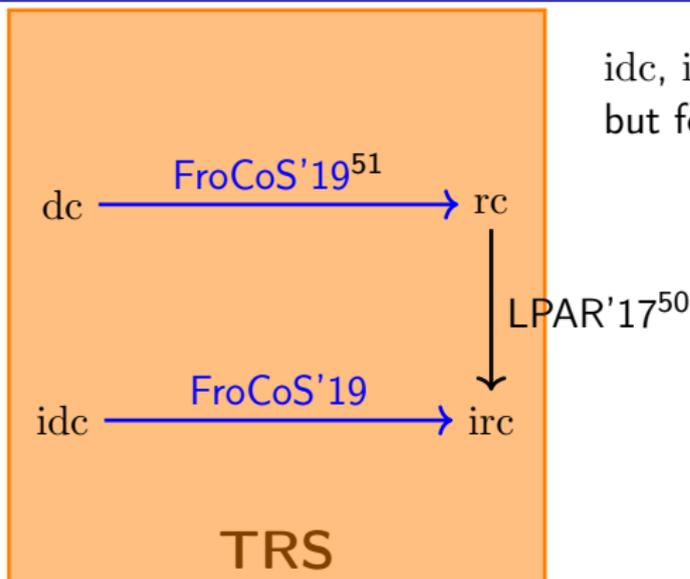
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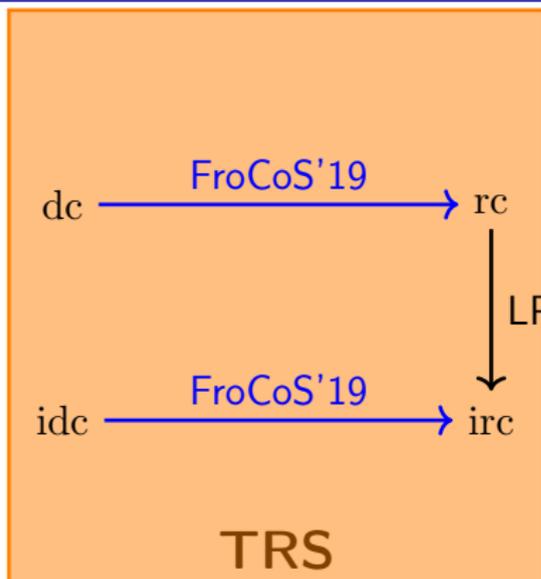
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- Want to adapt **techniques** from runtime complexity analysis to derivational complexity! How?

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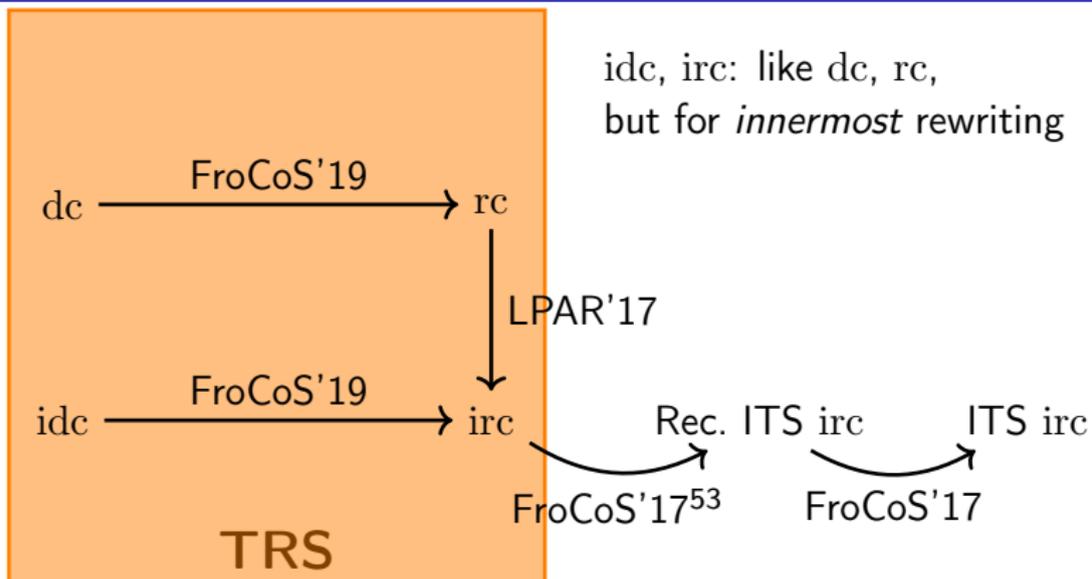


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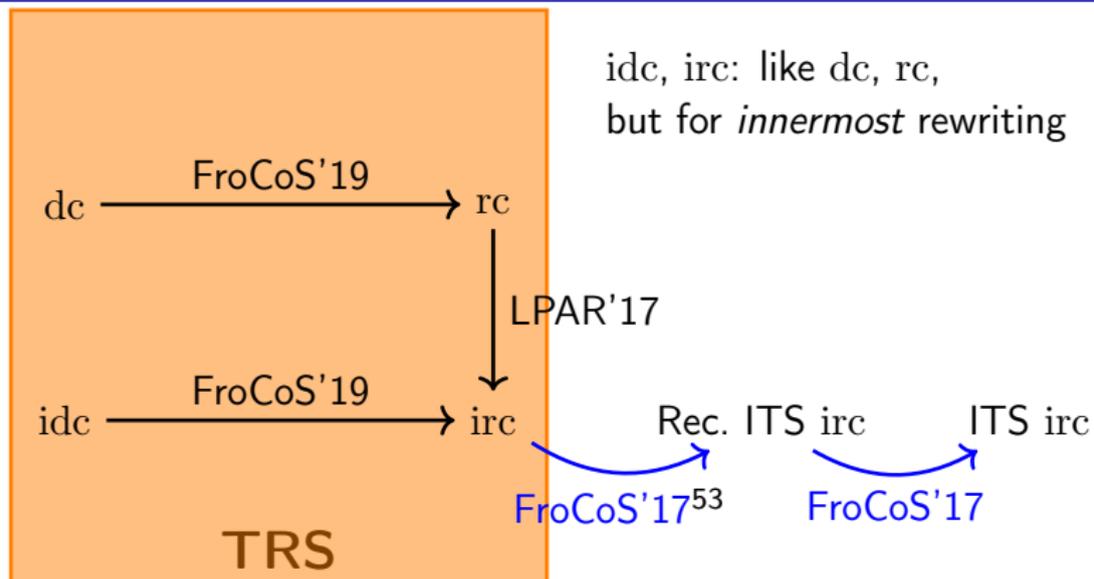
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Recently significant progress in complexity analysis tools for **Integer Transition Systems (ITSs)**:

- CoFloCo⁵⁴
- KoAT⁵⁵
- PUBS⁵⁶

Goal: use these tools to find upper bounds for TRS complexity

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Bird's Eye View of the Transformation

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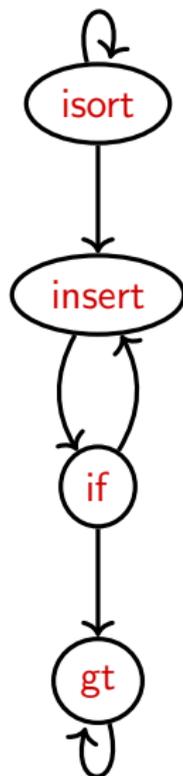
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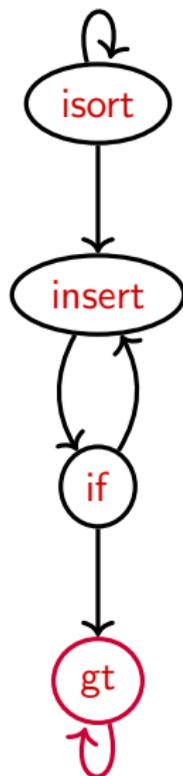
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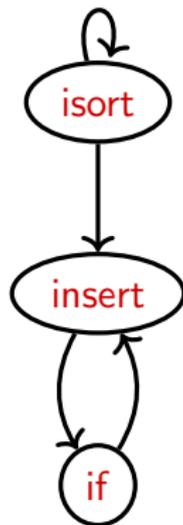
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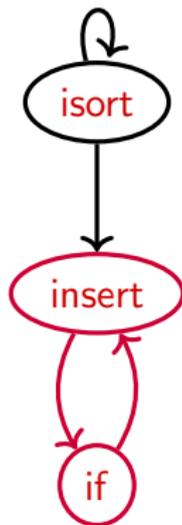
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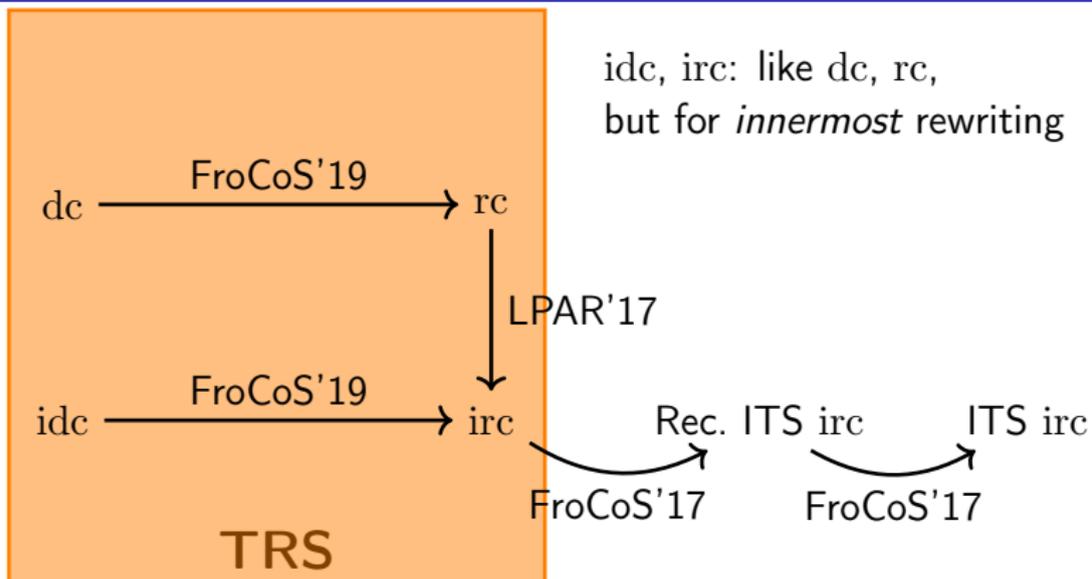
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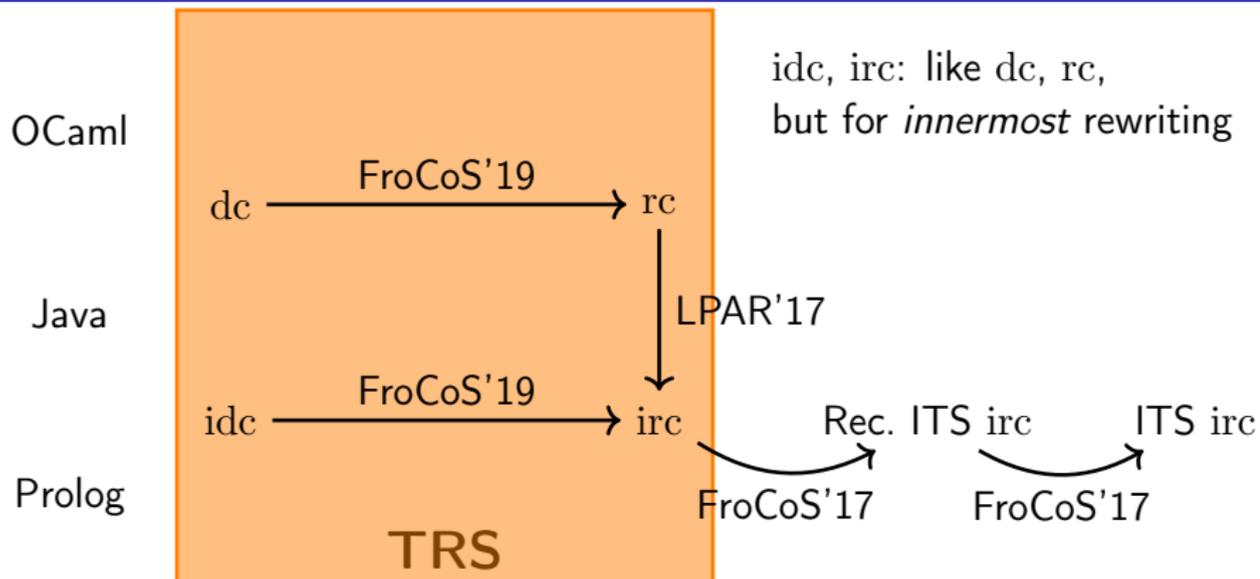
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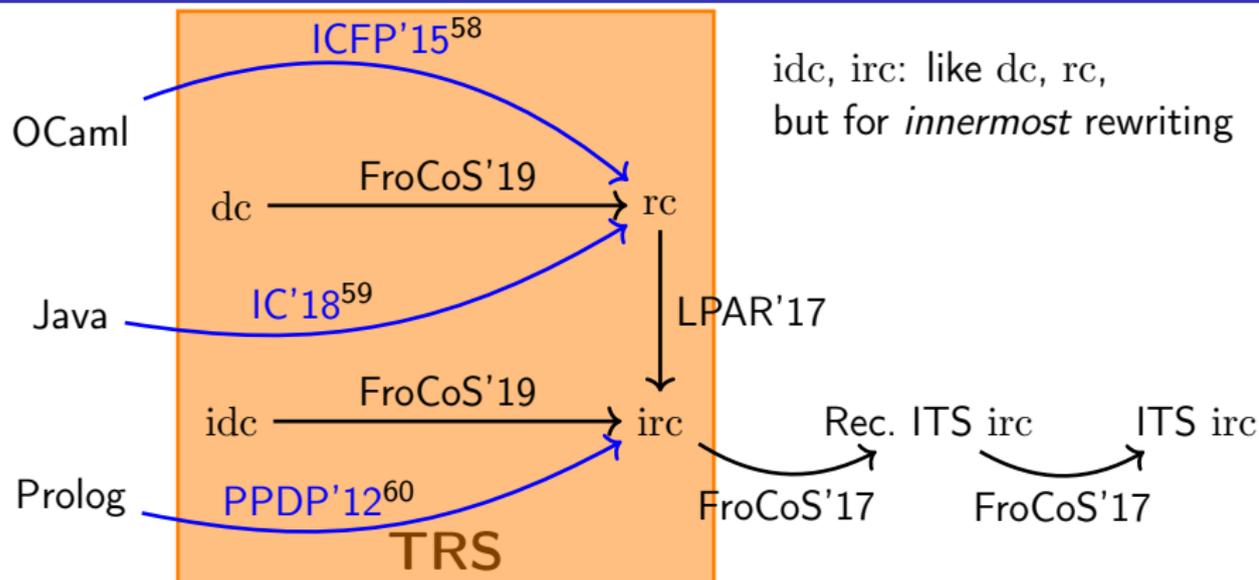
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 - Analyse start term with non-functional parameter types, then partially evaluate functions to instantiate higher-order variables
 - Further program transformations
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Common ideas:

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- Deal with language specifics in program analysis
- Extract TRS \mathcal{R} such that $rc_{\mathcal{R}}(n)$ is provably at least as high as runtime of program on input of size n
- Can represent tree structures of program as terms in TRS!

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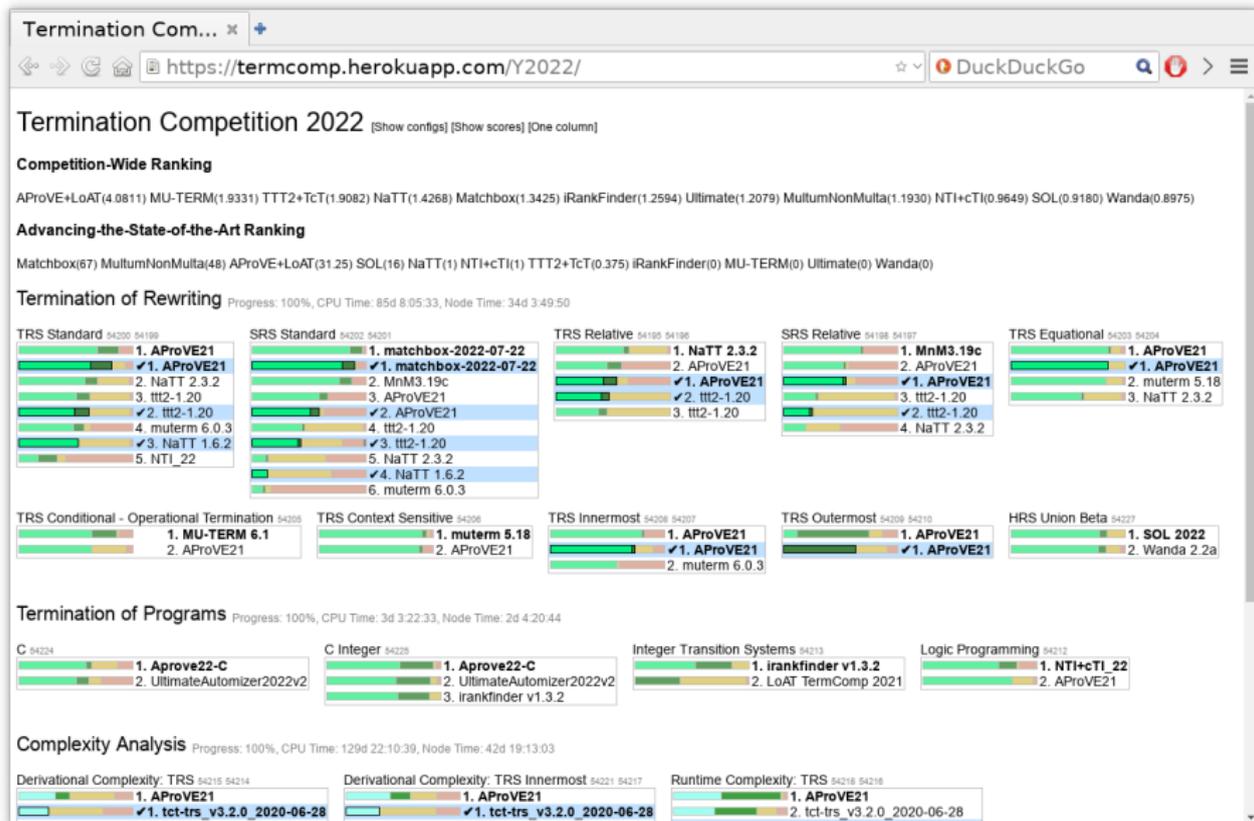
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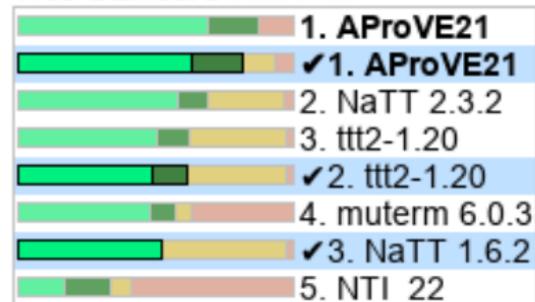
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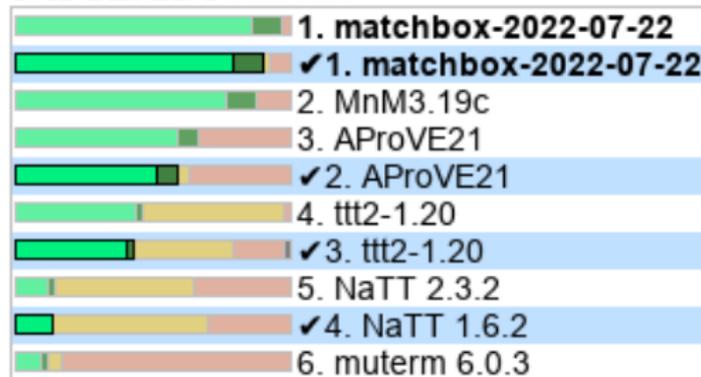
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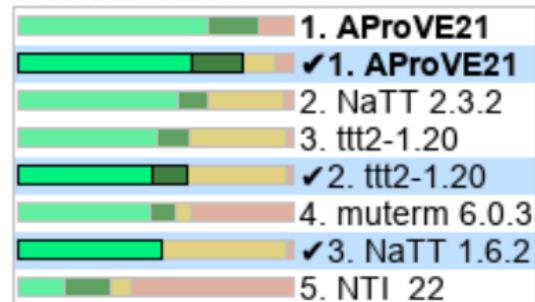
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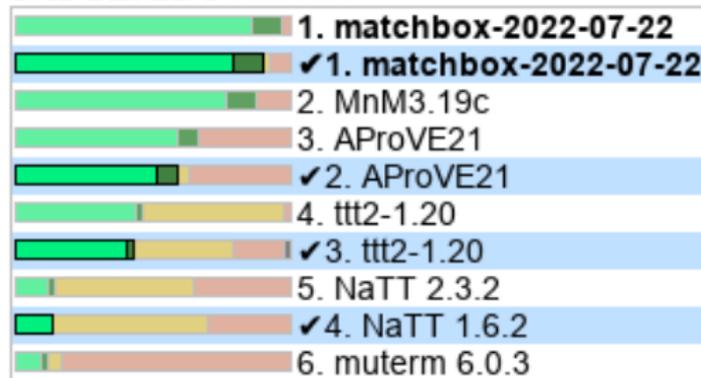
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