CSE211: Compiler Design

Oct. 20, 2021

- **Topic**: More flow analysis applications and intro to SSA

- **Questions**:
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  - *Has anyone heard of the phi instruction?*

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Announcements

- Remote lecture today
  - Hope to be feeling better by Tuesday

- Homework 2 is out
  - Please have a partner by the end of day tomorrow
  - Due Nov. 2

Announcements

- Mark your attendance for today after you watch the recording (or if you are attending live)
  - Please try to keep on top of this.
  - We have more attendance put in, please let us know within 1 week if there are any issues

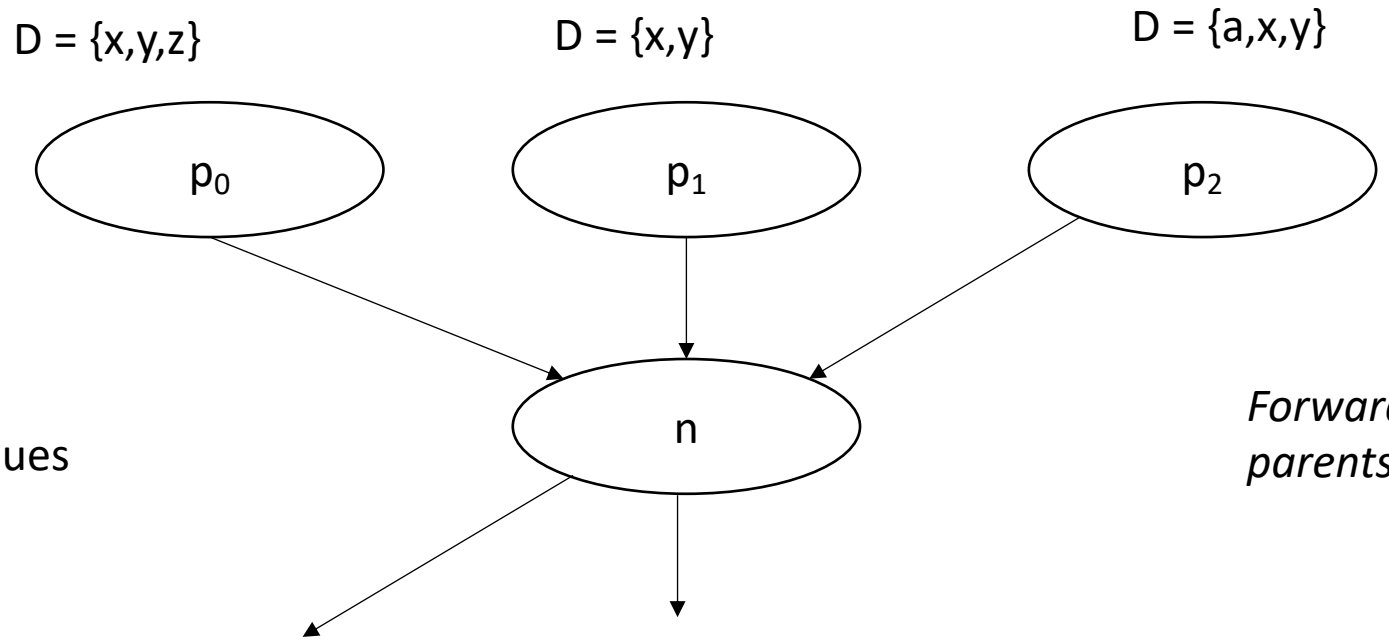
Homework review

- Part 1
- Part 2

Review global optimizations

Global optimizations review: Dominance

- Root node is initialized to itself
- Every node determines new dominators based on parent dominators



update:
intersection of parent values

Forward flow, as updates flow from parents to children.

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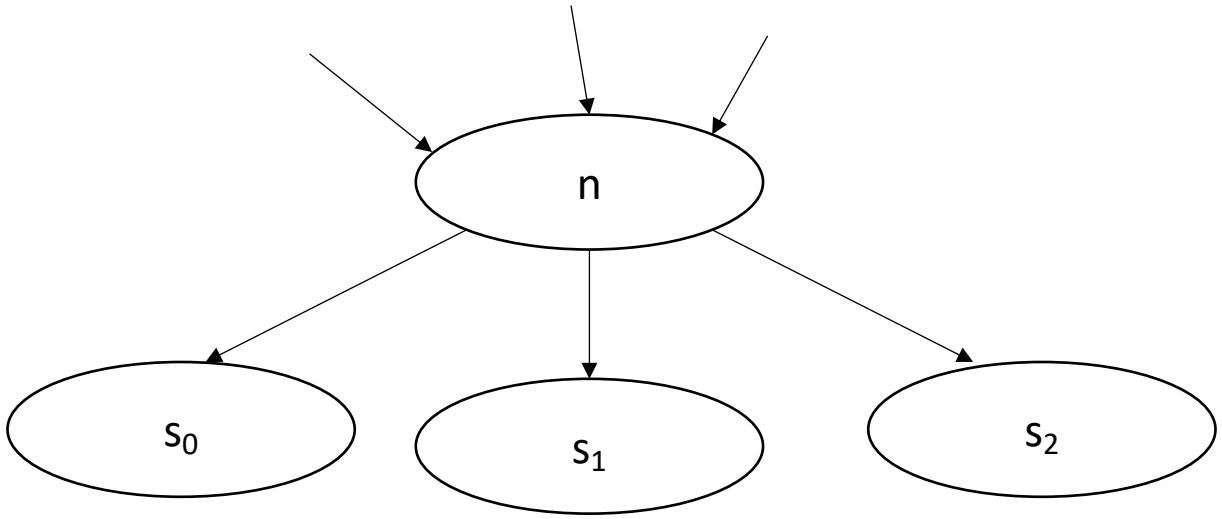

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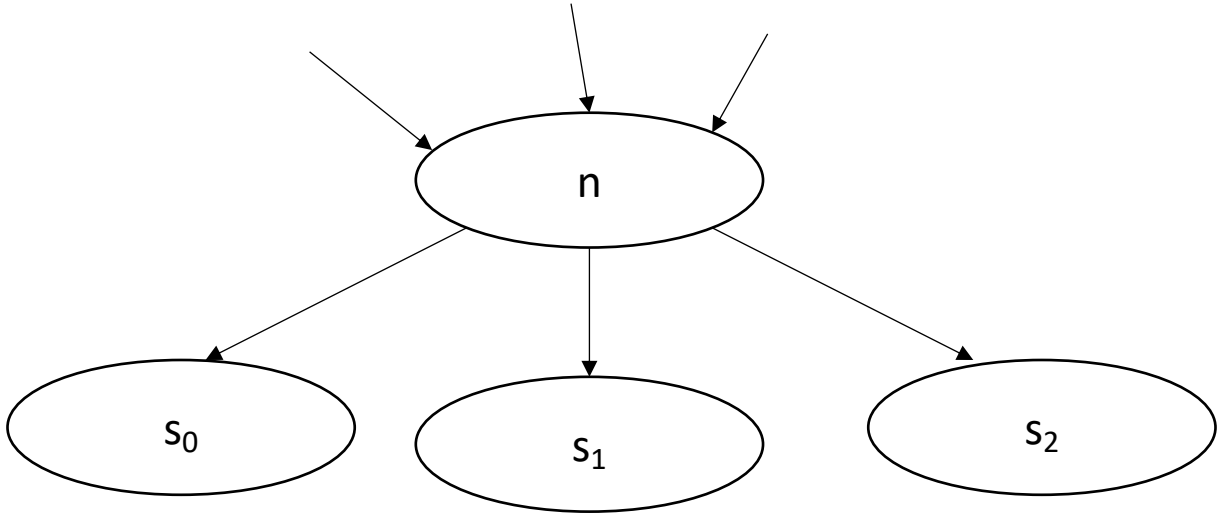

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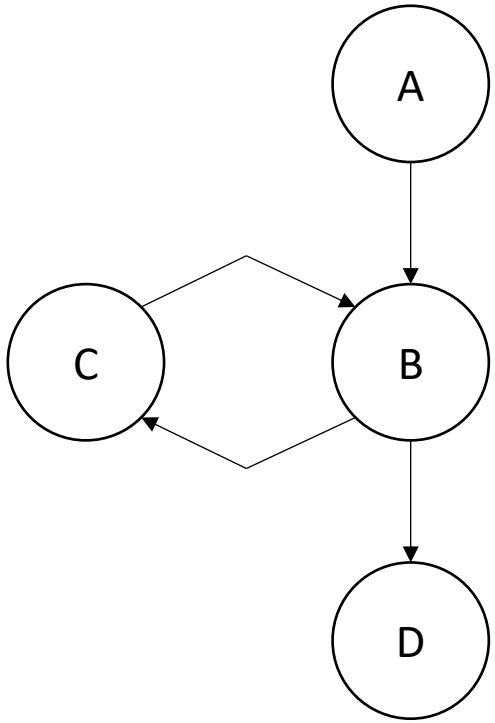

post order: D, C, B, A

acks: thanks to this blog post for the example!
https://eli.thegreenplace.net/2015/directed-graph-traversal-orderings-and-applications-to-data-flow-analysis/

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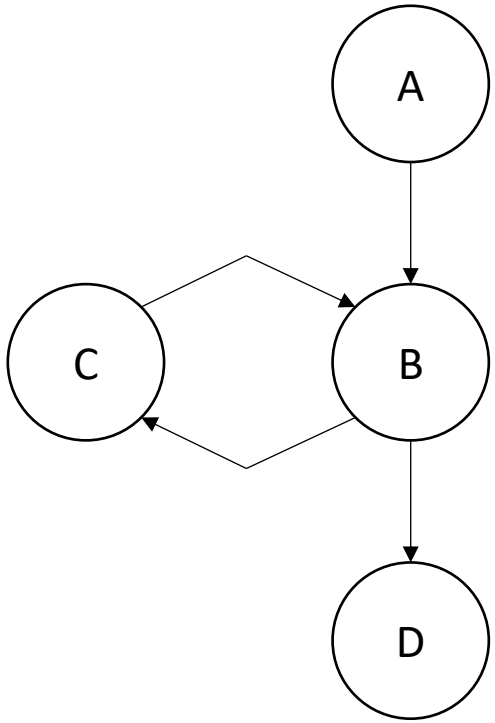

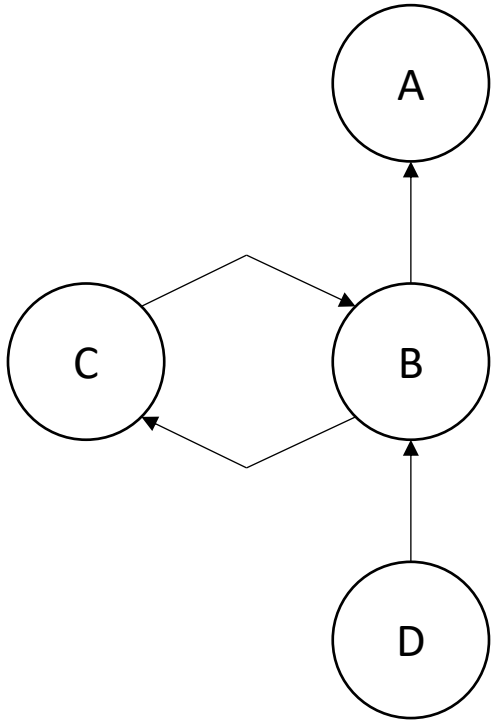

reverse CFG

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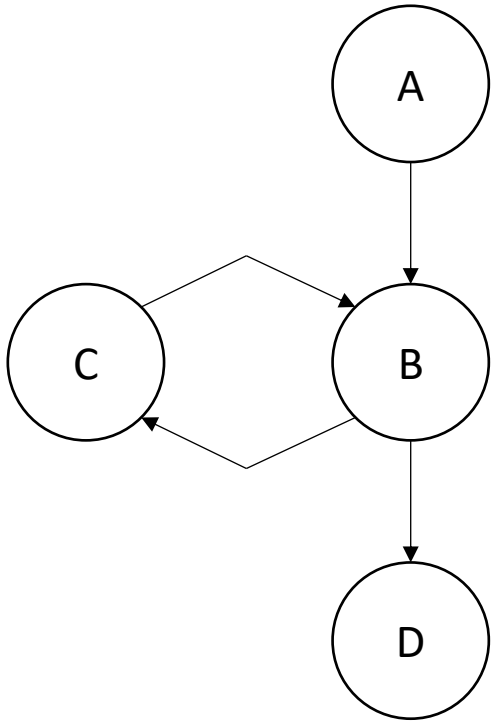

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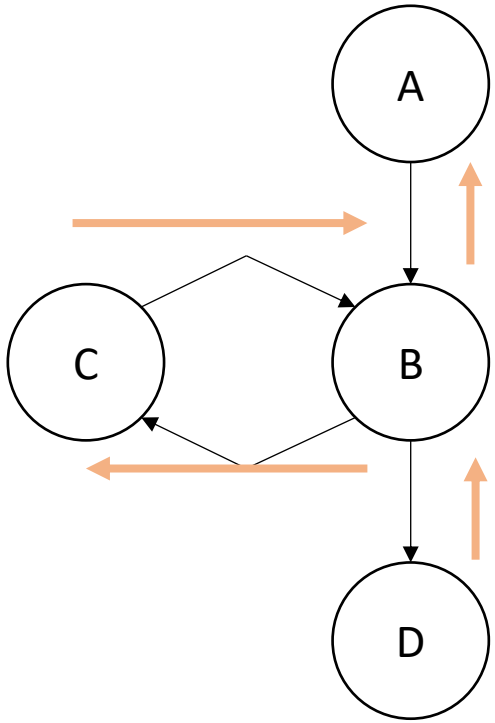

updates in backwards flow

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UEVar *needs to assume a[x] is any memory location that it cannot prove non-aliasing*

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VarKill *also needs to know about aliasing*

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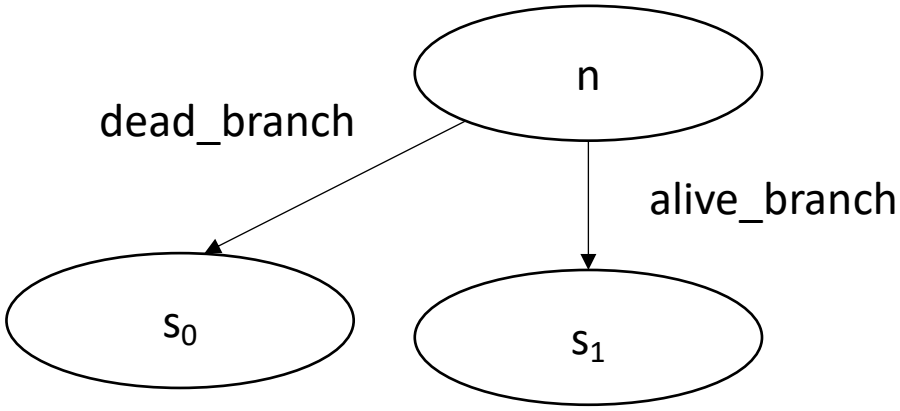
could come from arguments, etc.



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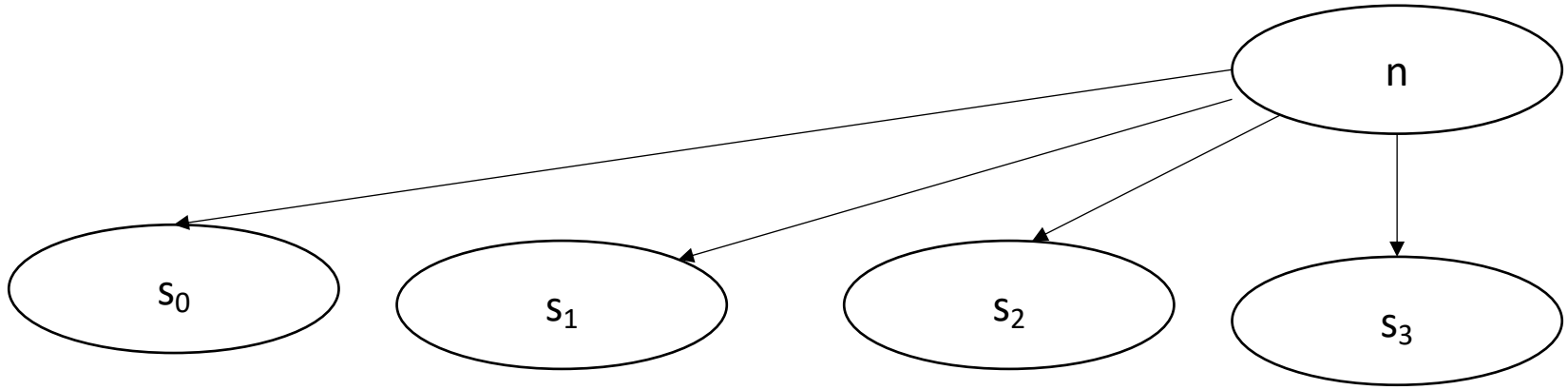
consider first class labels (or functions):

```
br label_reg
```

where label_reg is a register that contains a register

need to branch to all possible basic blocks!



The Data Flow Framework

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$$f(x) = Op_{v \text{ in } (succ \mid preds)} c_0(v)\ op_1\ (f(v)\ op_2\ c_2(v))$$

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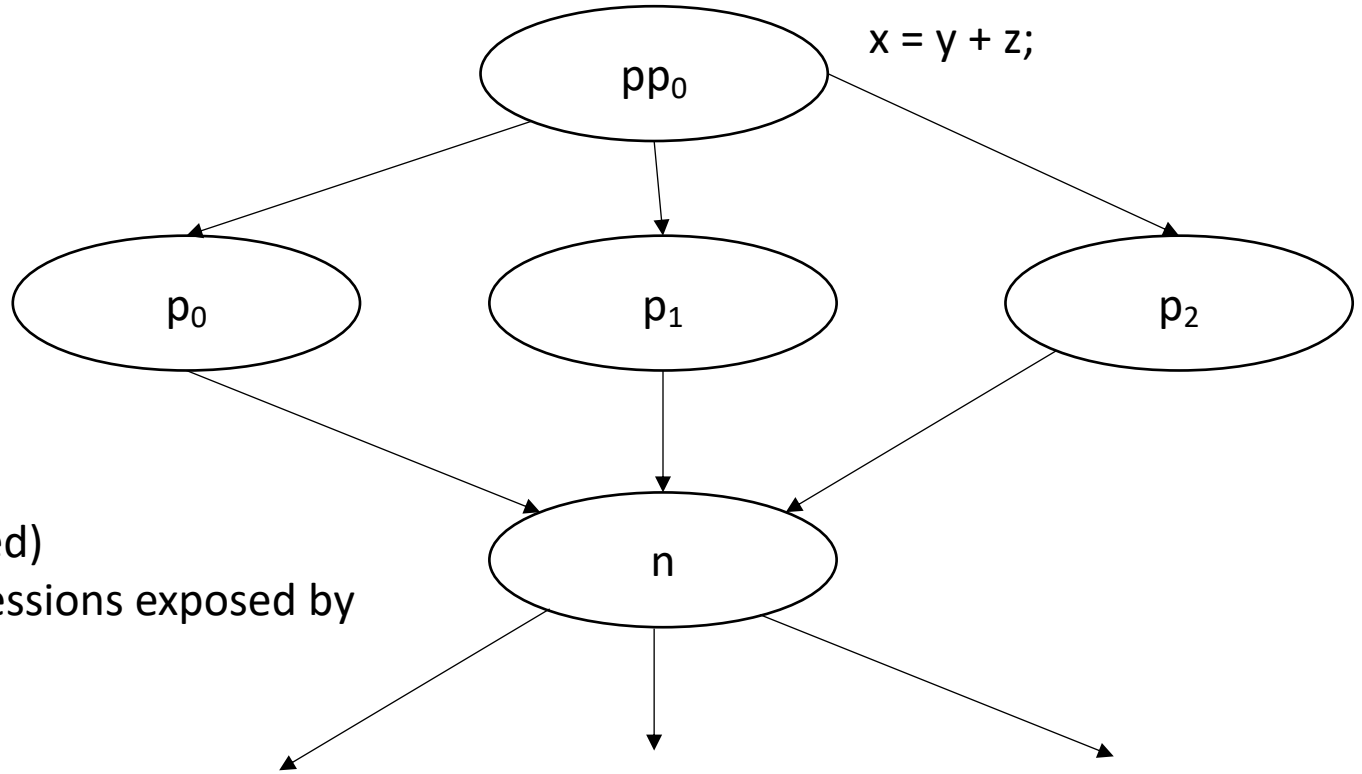

Any expression
that is available (and not killed)
the parents, along with expressions exposed by
all the parents.

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***Application**: you can add availExpr(n) to local optimizations in n, e.g. local value numbering*

Anticipable Expressions

$$AntOut(n) = \bigcap_{s \text{ in } succ} UEExpr(s) \cup (AntOut(s) \cap \overline{ExprKill(s)})$$

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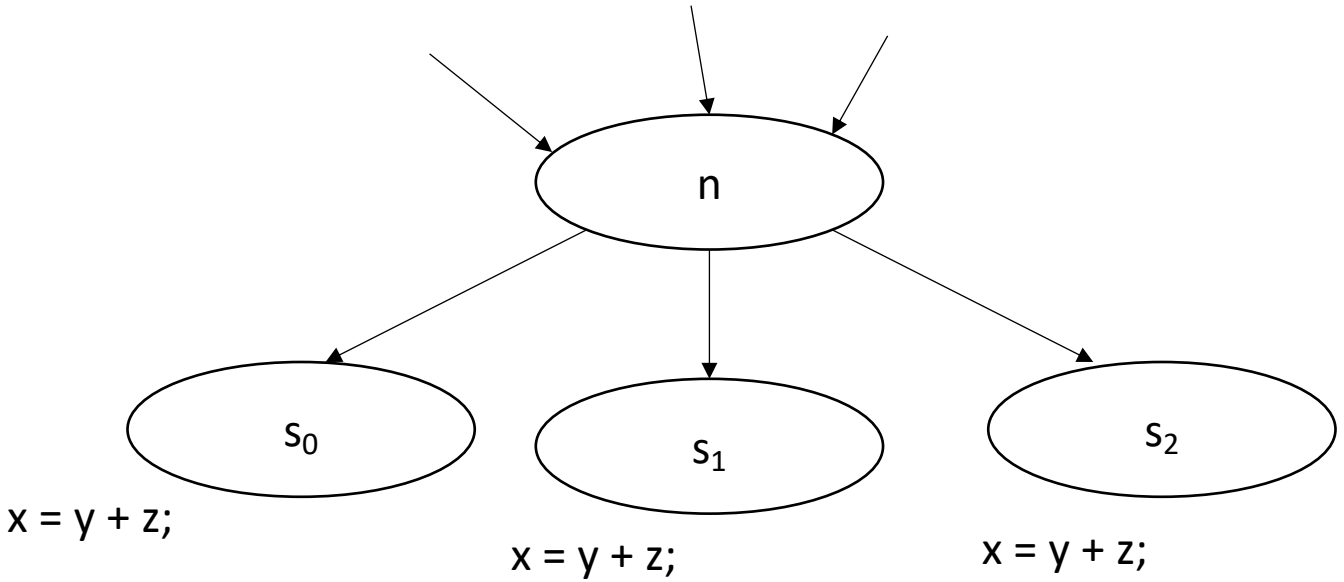

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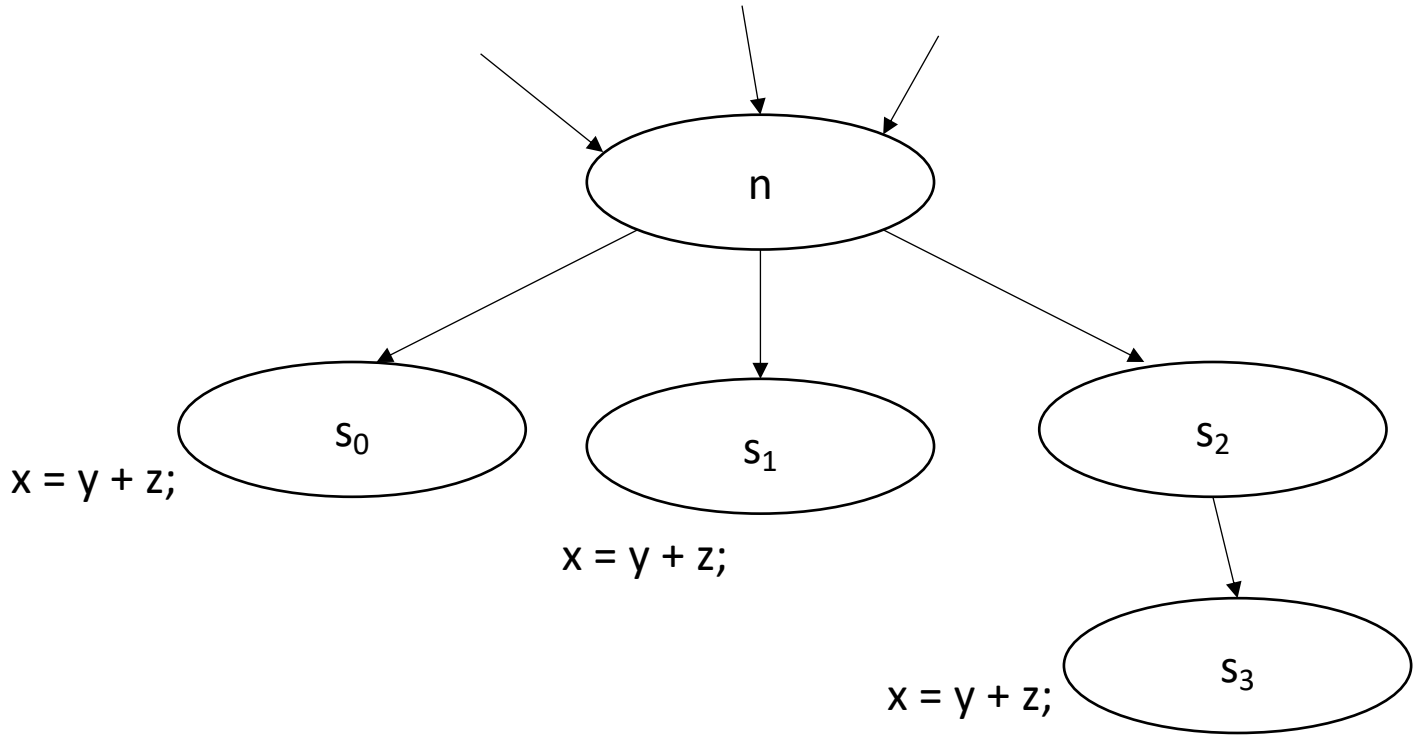

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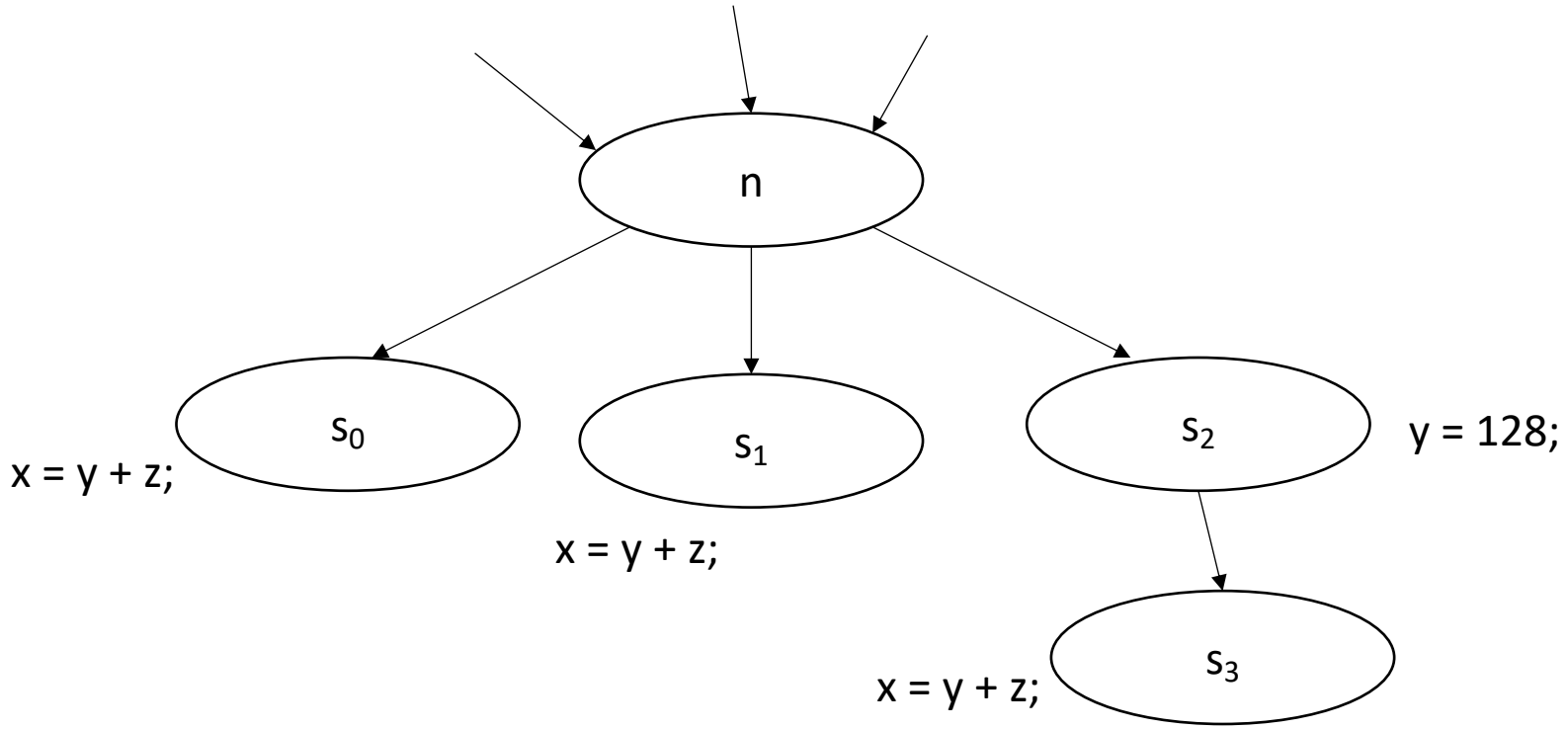

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***Application**: you can hoist AntOut expressions to compute as early as possible*

potentially try to reduce code size: -Oz

More flow algorithms:

Check out chapter 9 in EAC: Several more algorithms.

“Reaching definitions” have applications in memory analysis

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Intermediate representations

- What have we seen so far?
  - 3 address code
  - AST
  - data-dependency graphs
  - control flow graphs

- At a high-level:
  - 3 address code is good for **data-flow** reasoning
  - control flow graphs are good for... **control flow** reasoning

What we want: an IR that can reasonably capture both control and data flow

Static Single-Assignment Form (SSA)

- Every variable is defined and written to *once*
  - We have seen this in local value numbering!

- Control flow is captured using ϕ instructions

ϕ instructions

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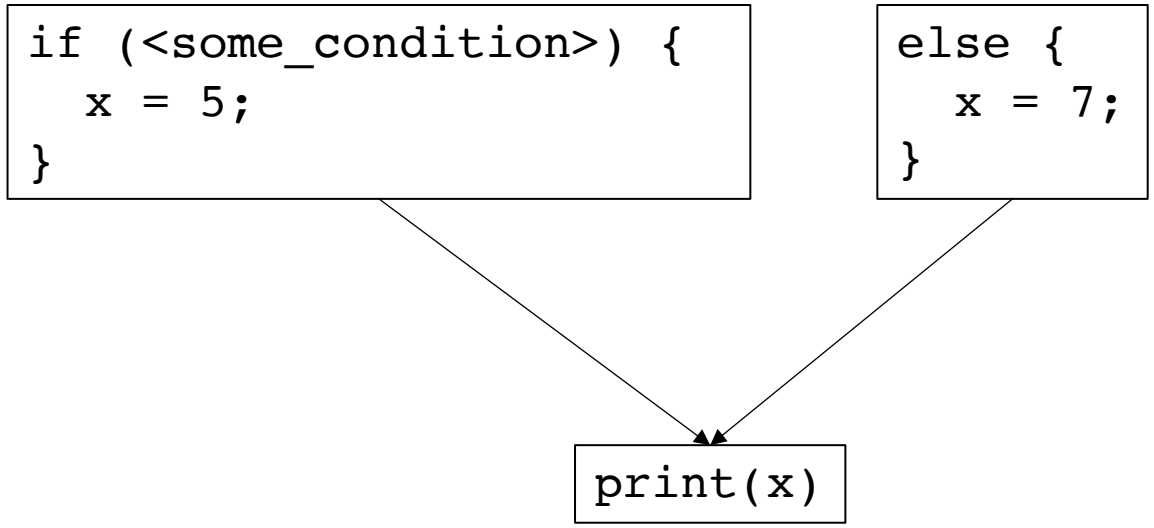

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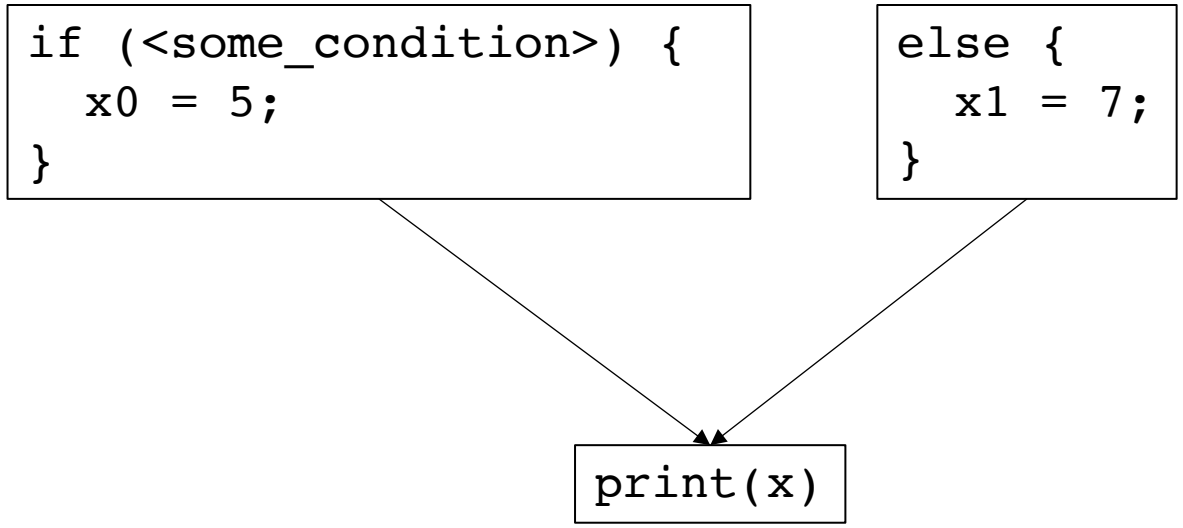
number the variables



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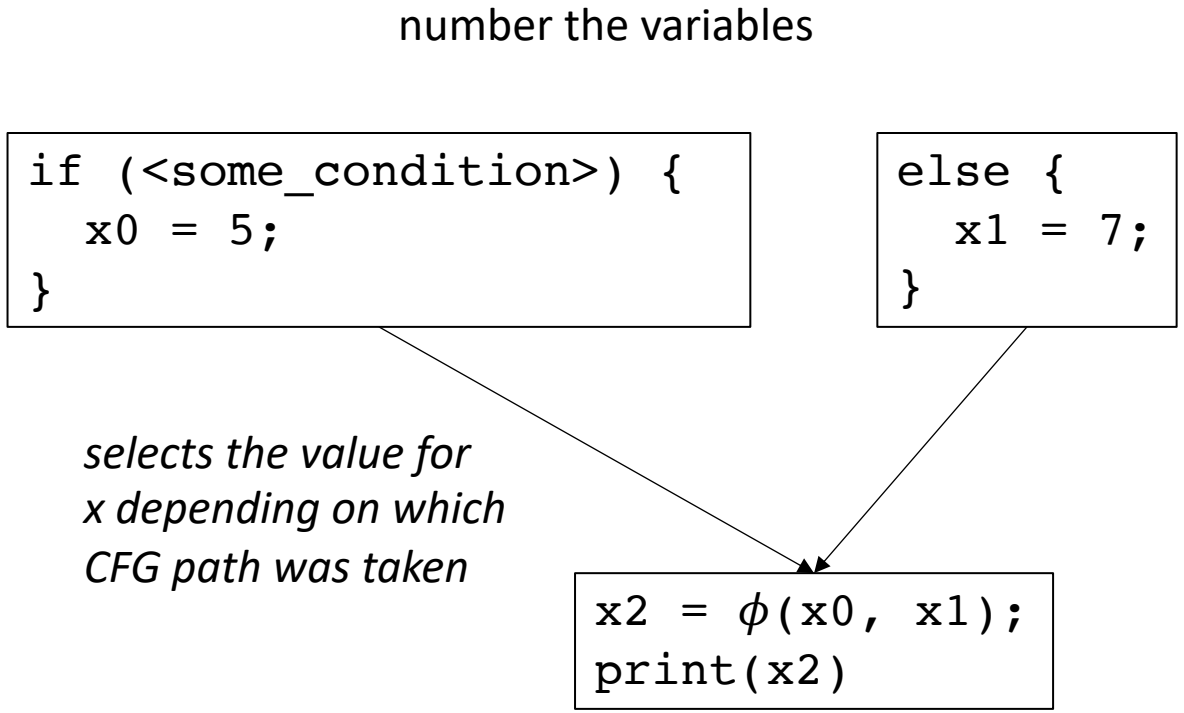

ϕ instructions

- $x_n = \phi(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3...)$;

- selects one of the values depending on the previously executed basic block. Implementations will define how the value is selected:
  - LLVM: couples values with labels
  - EAC book: uses left-to-right ordering of parents in visual CFG

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Conversion into SSA

Different algorithms depending on how many ϕ instructions

The fewer ϕ instructions, the more efficient analysis will be

Two phases:

- inserting ϕ instructions
- variable naming

Maximal SSA

Straightforward:

- For each variable, for each basic block: insert a ϕ instruction with placeholders for arguments
- local numbering for each variable using a global counter
- instantiate ϕ arguments

Maximal SSA

Example

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  y4 = ϕ(...);
  x5 = y4;
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else {
  x6 = ϕ(...);
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fill in ϕ arguments by considering CFG

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Optimized?

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  x8 = 6;
  y9 = 100;
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```

Hand Optimized SSA

```
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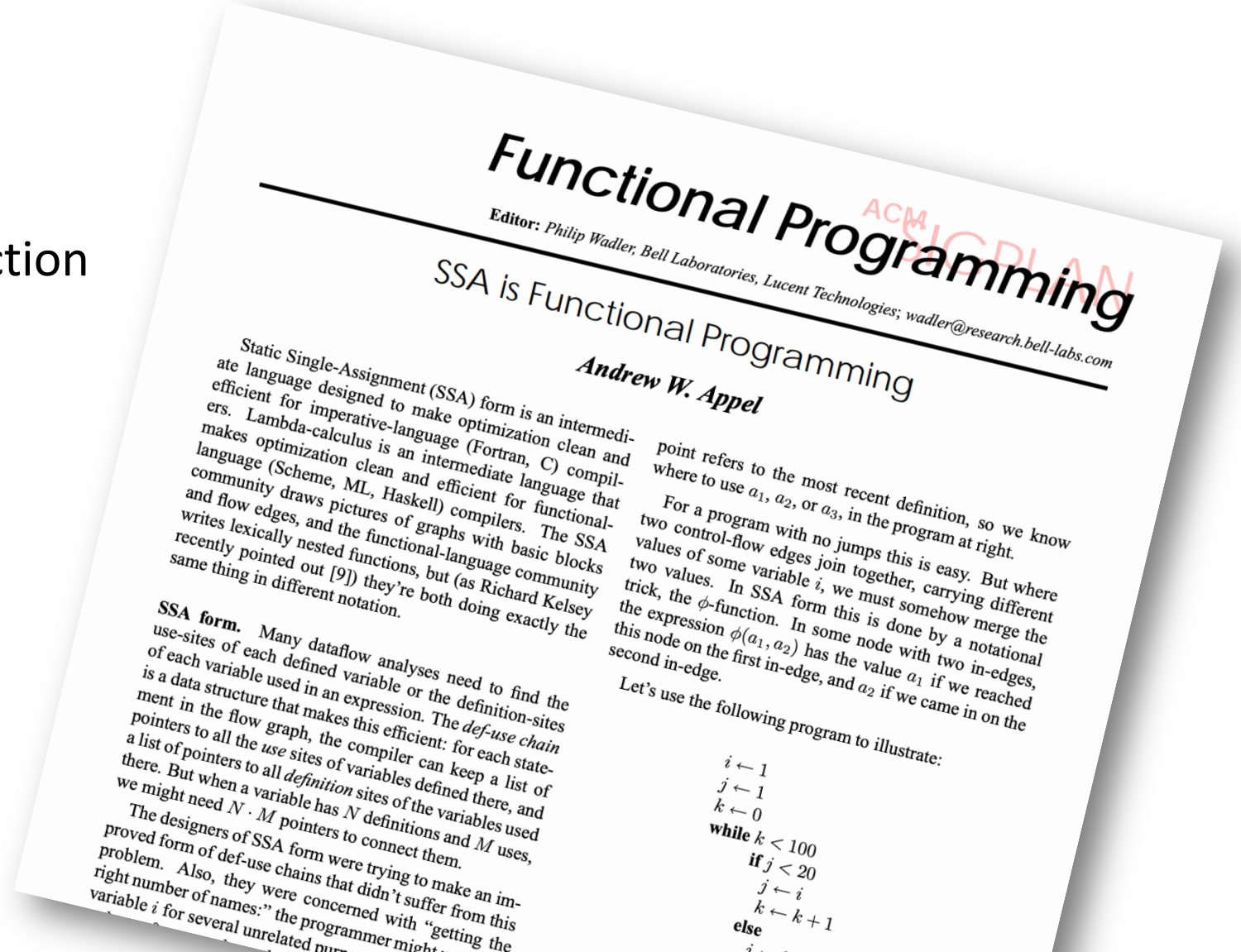

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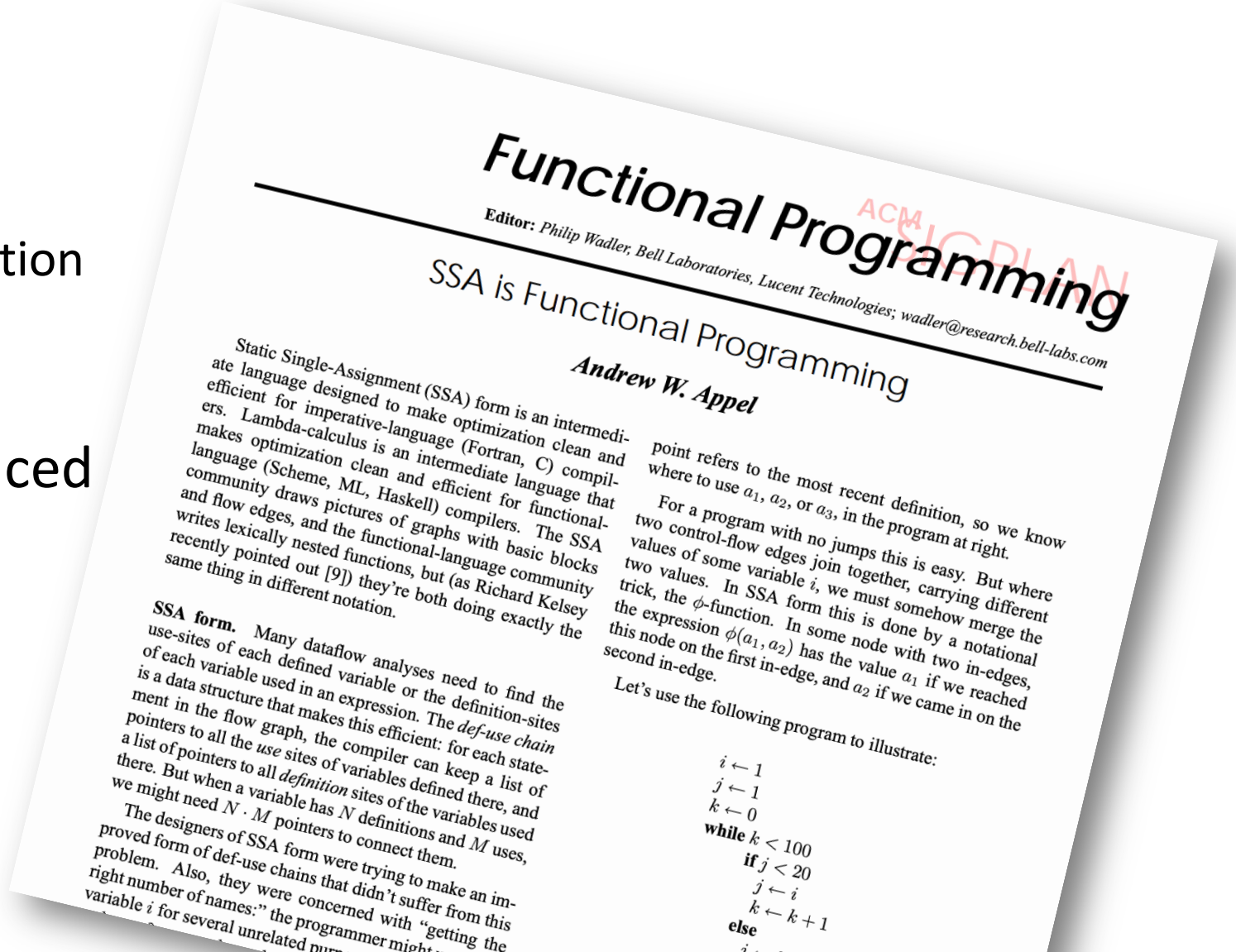

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- EAC book describes a different “Maximal SSA”
  - Insert ϕ instruction at every join node
  - Naming becomes more difficult

Appel Maximal SSA

```
x0 = 1;
y1 = 2;

if (<condition>) {
  x3 = φ(x0);
  y4 = φ(y1);
  x5 = y4;
}

else {
  x6 = φ(x0);
  y7 = φ(y1);
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EAC Maximal SSA

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- EAC book describes:
  - Minimal SSA
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  - **Semipruned SSA: We will discuss this one**

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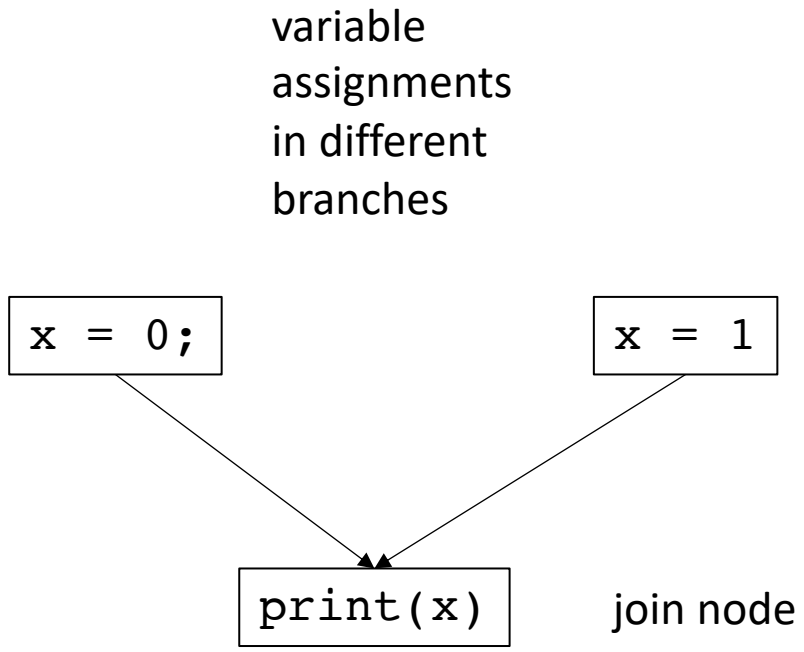

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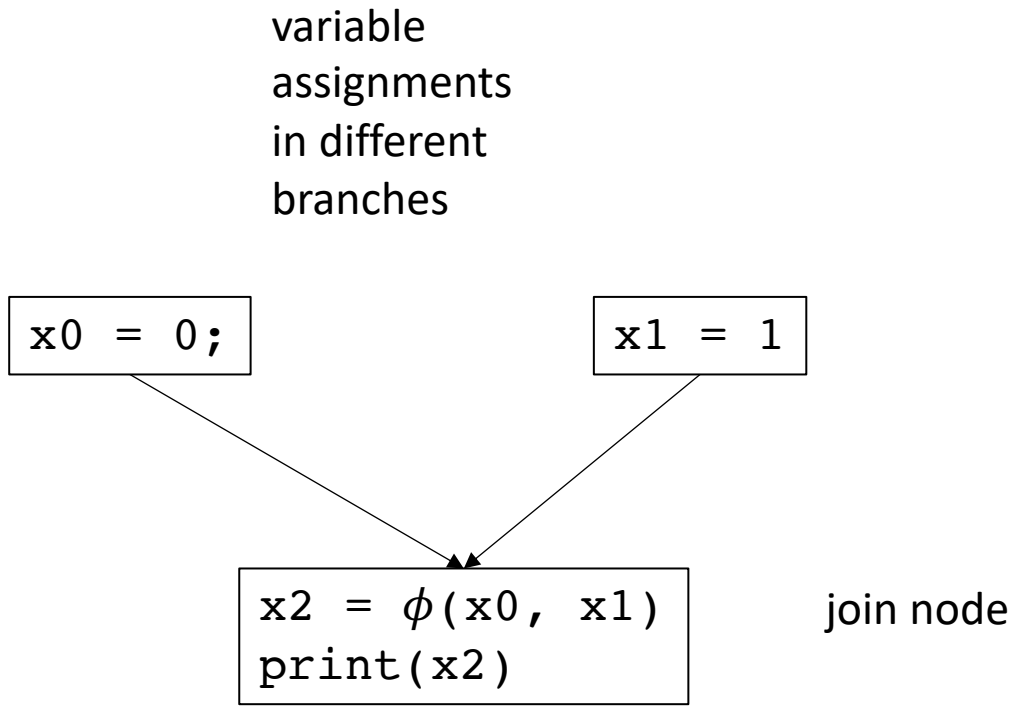

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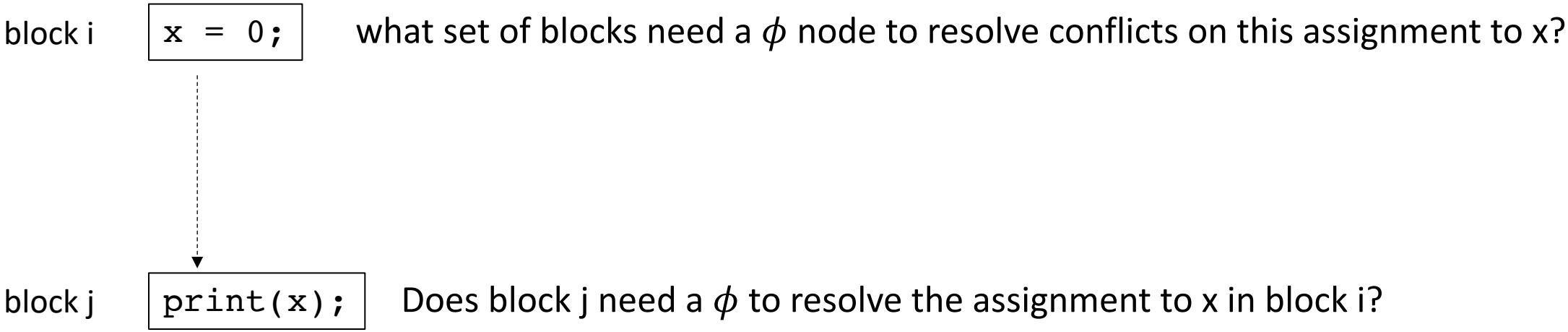

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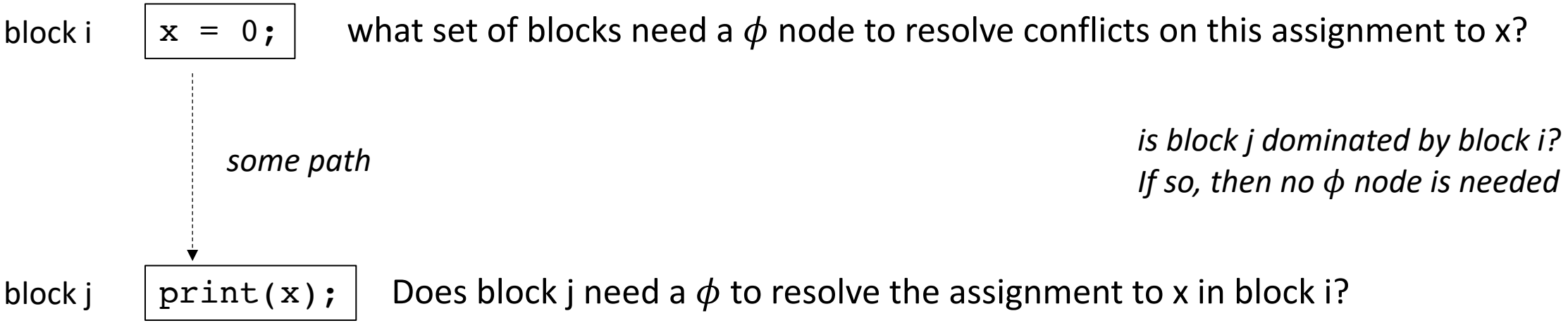

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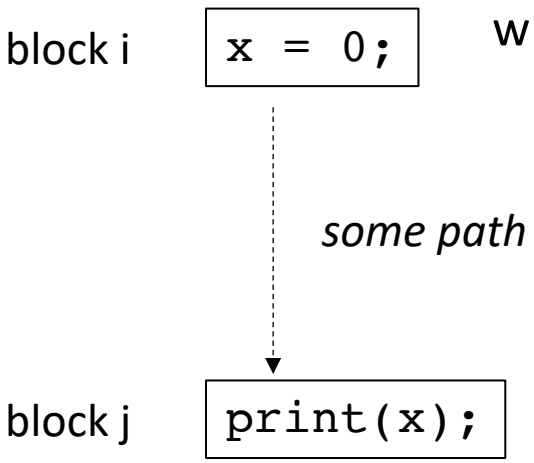

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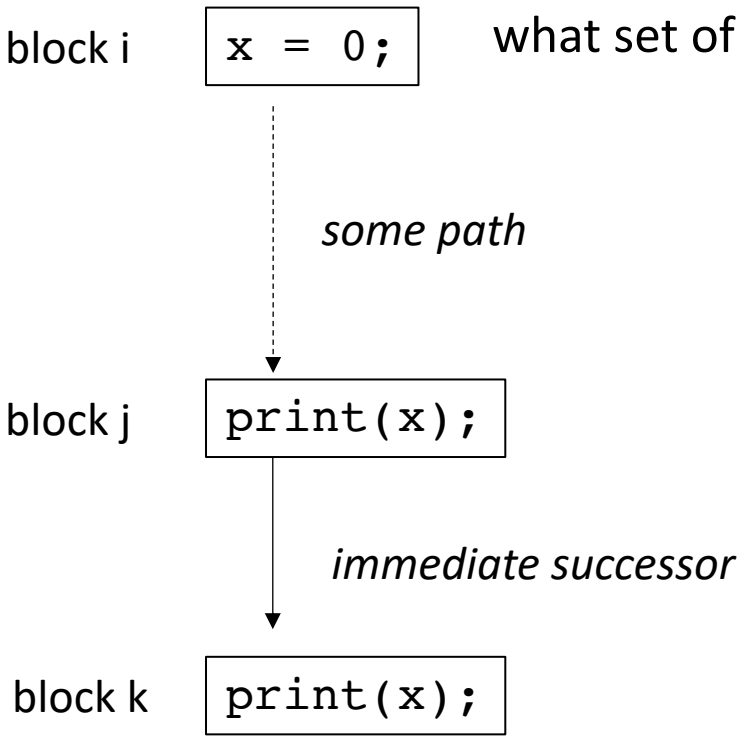

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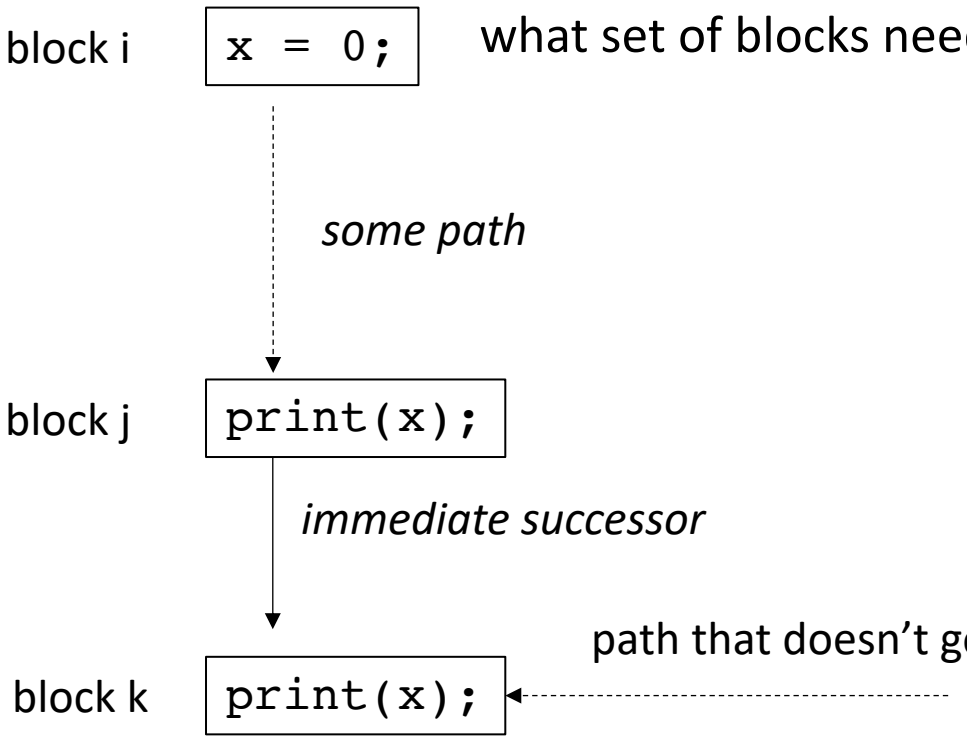

Say block k is not dominated by block i.
Then there exists another in-edge to block k.

If x is assigned along a path not through block i,
then a ϕ node is needed

Dominance frontier

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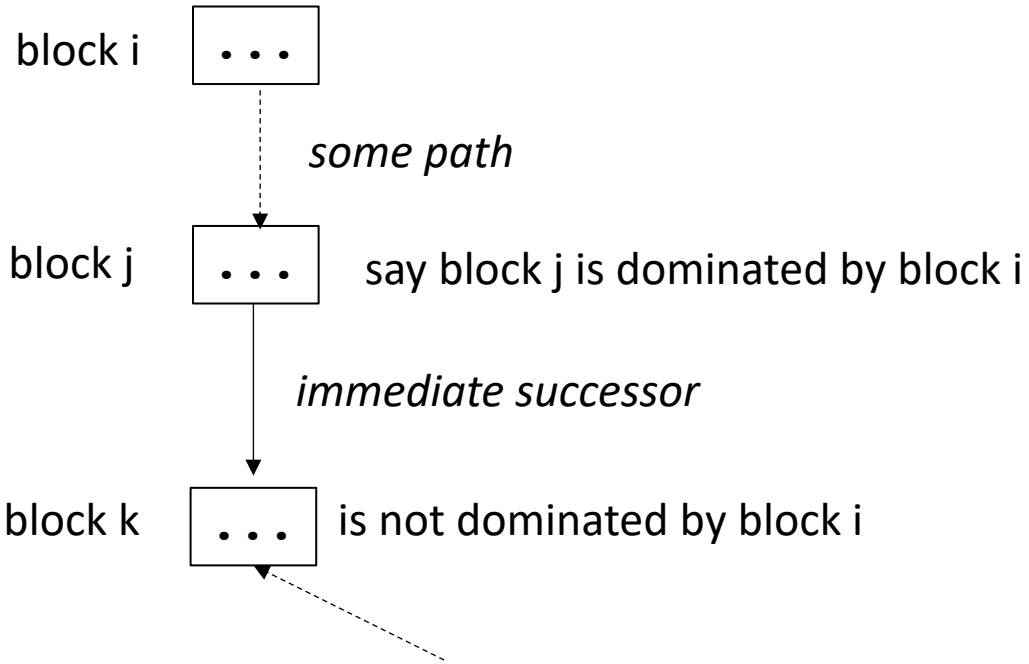
- For a block i, the set of blocks B in i's dominance frontier lie just "outside" the blocks that i dominates.



example: block k is in the dominance frontier of block i

Dominance frontier

- a viz using coloring (thanks to Chris Liu!)

- Efficient algorithm for computing in EAC section 9.3.2 using a dominator tree. Please read when you get the chance!

Note that we are using strict dominance: nodes don't dominate themselves!

Node	Dominators
B0	
B1	B0,
B2	B0, B1,
B3	B0, B1,
B4	B0, B1, B3,
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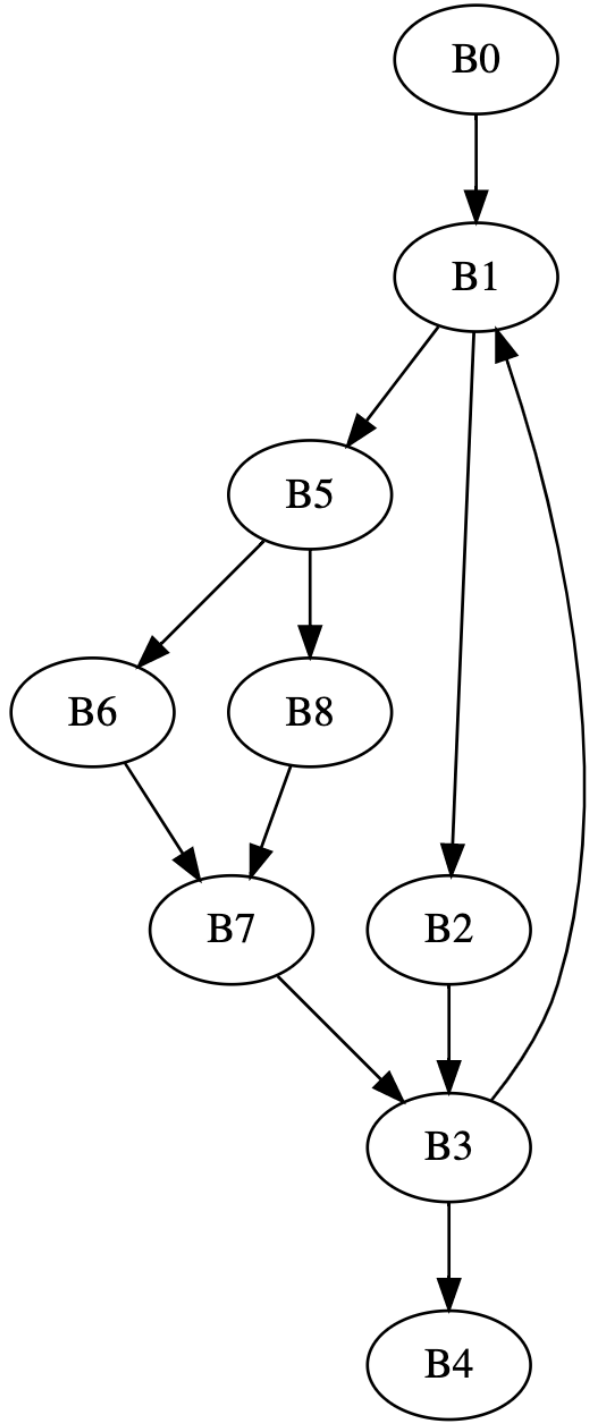

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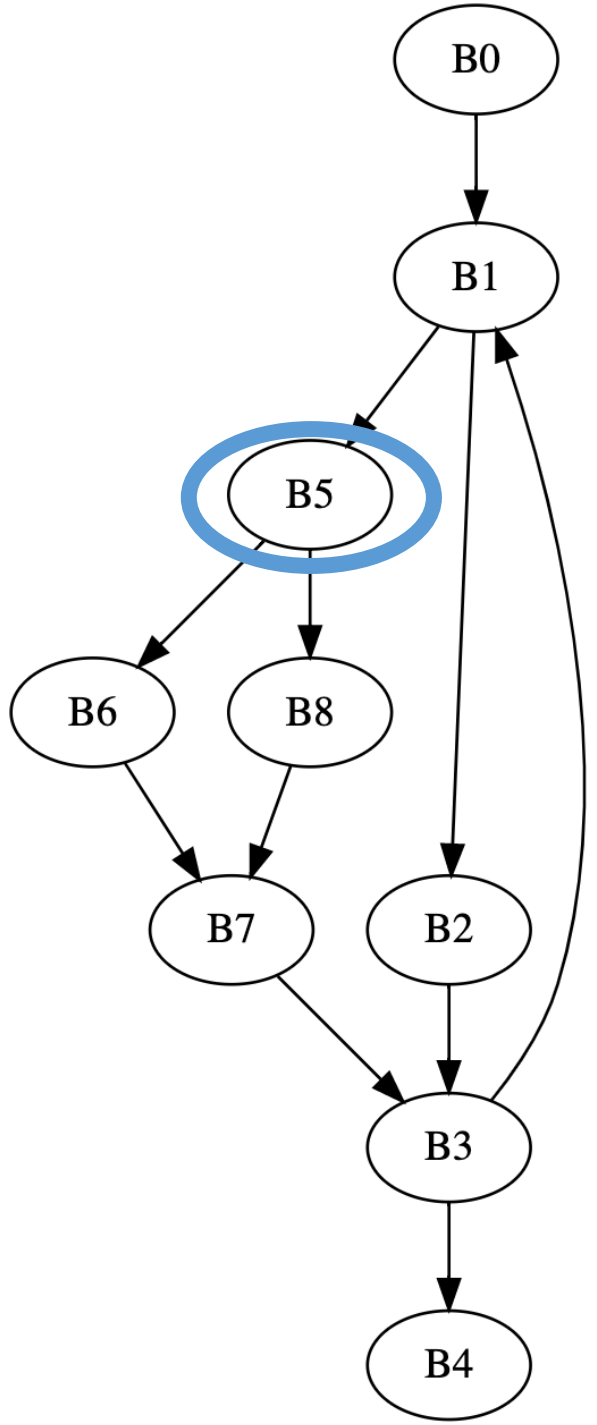

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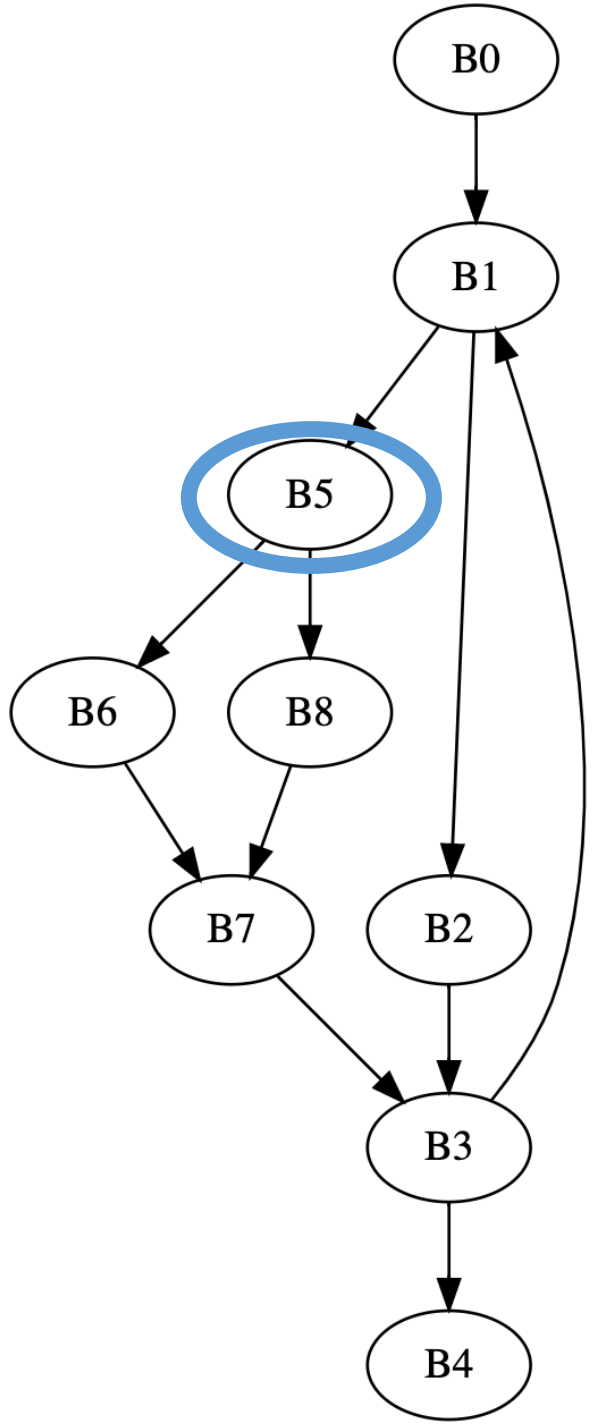

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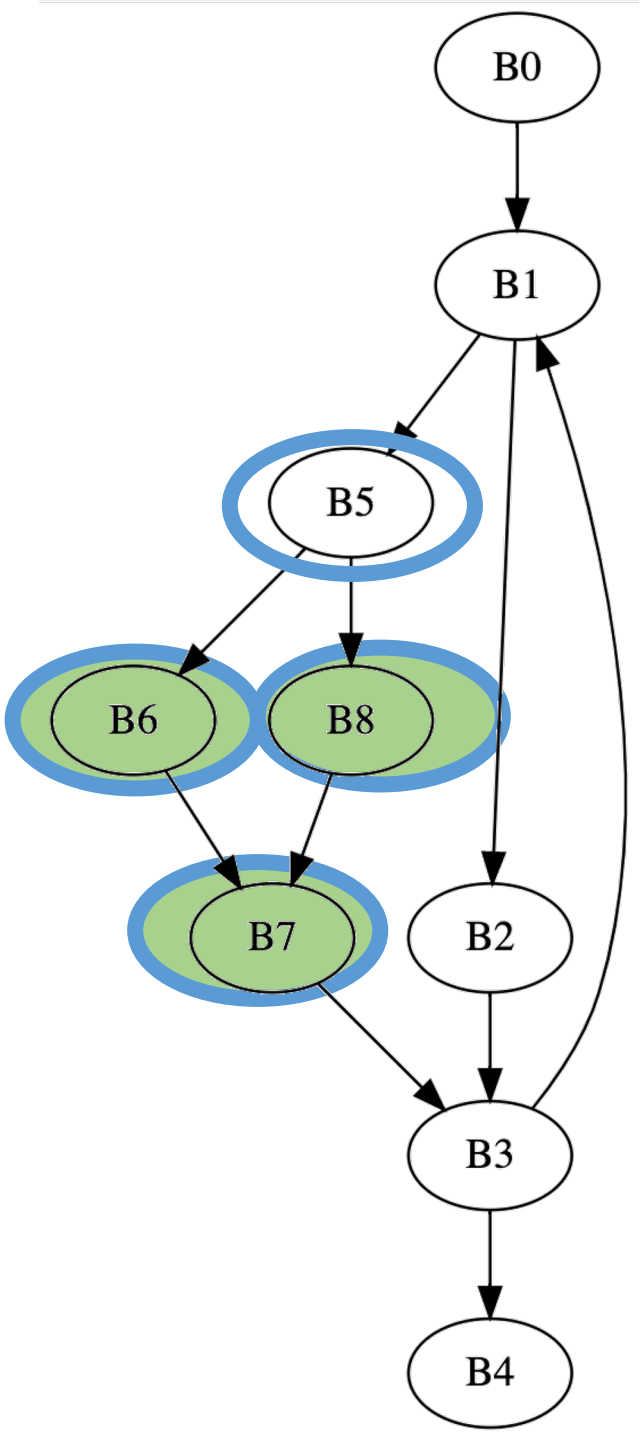

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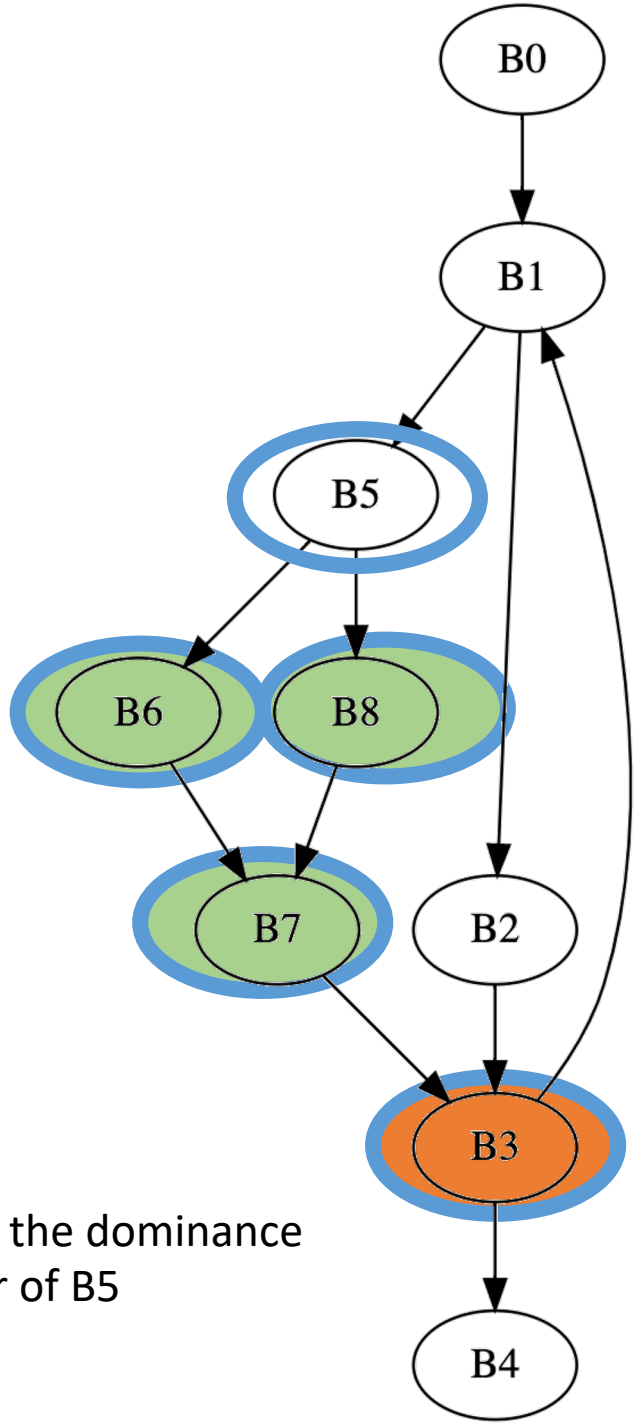

B3 is in the dominance frontier of B5

Node	Dominators
B0	
B1	B0,
B2	B0, B1,
B3	B0, B1,
B4	B0, B1, B3,
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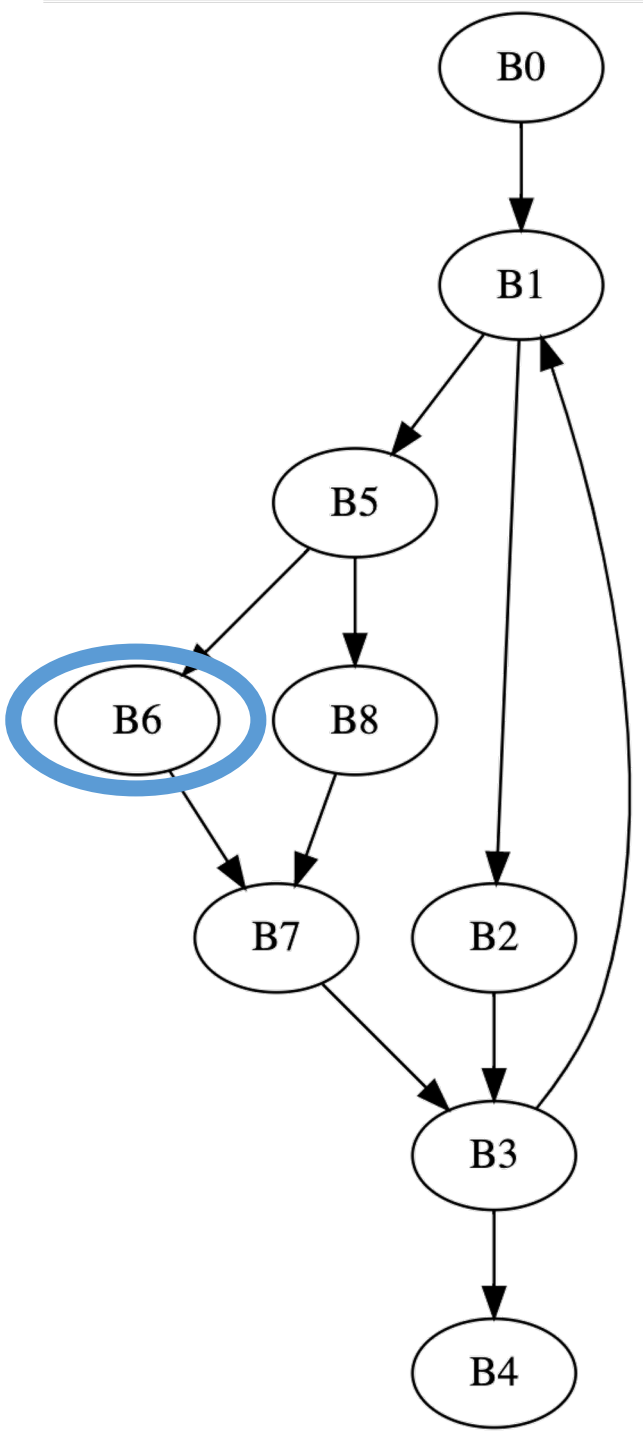

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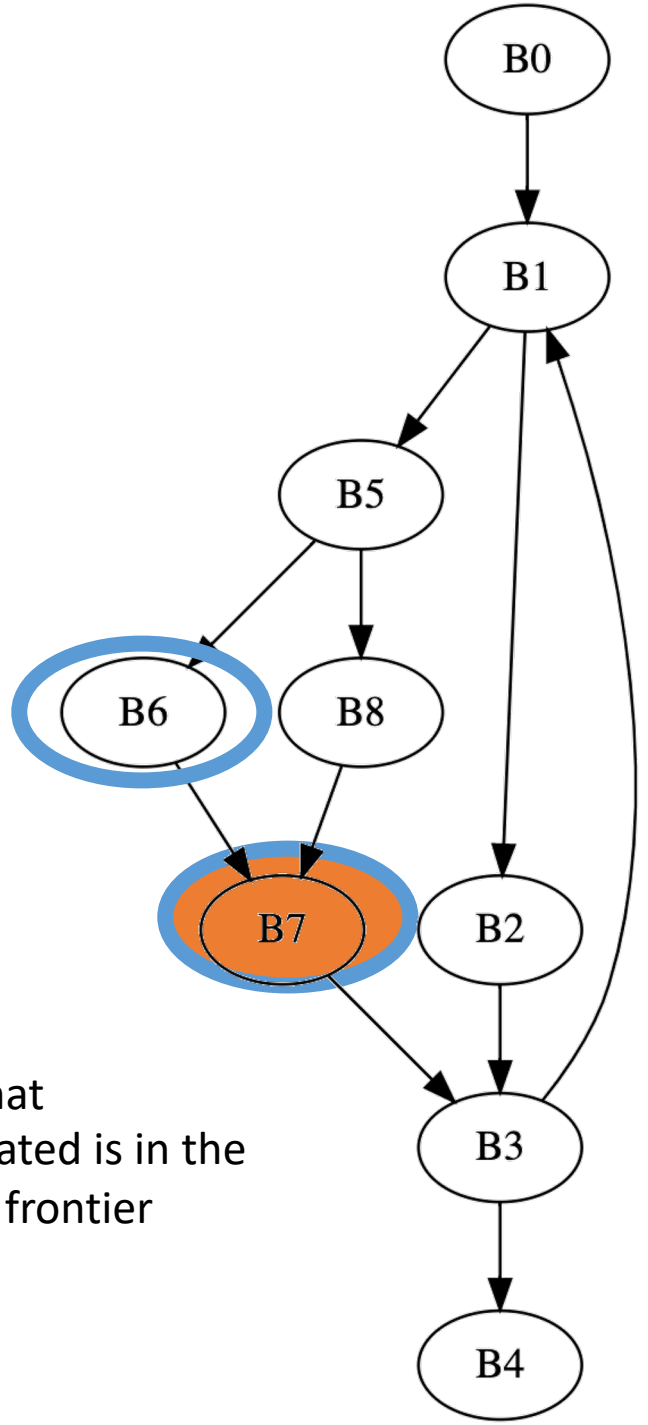

Any child that
isn't dominated is in the
dominance frontier

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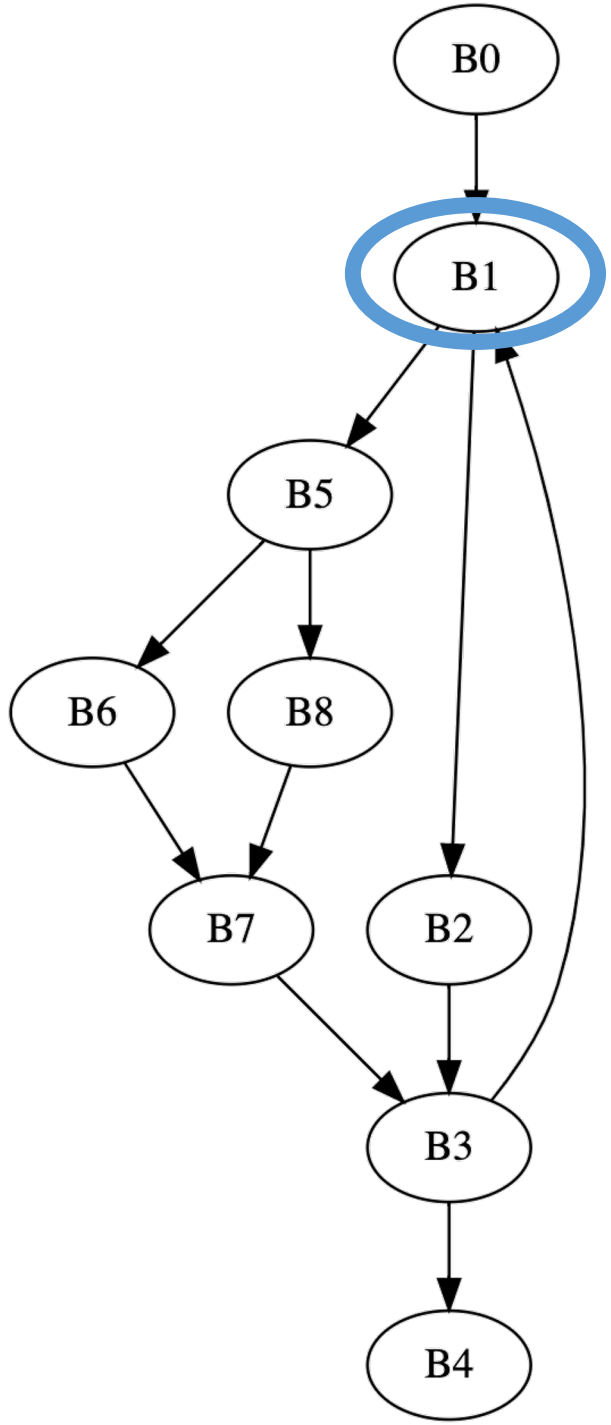

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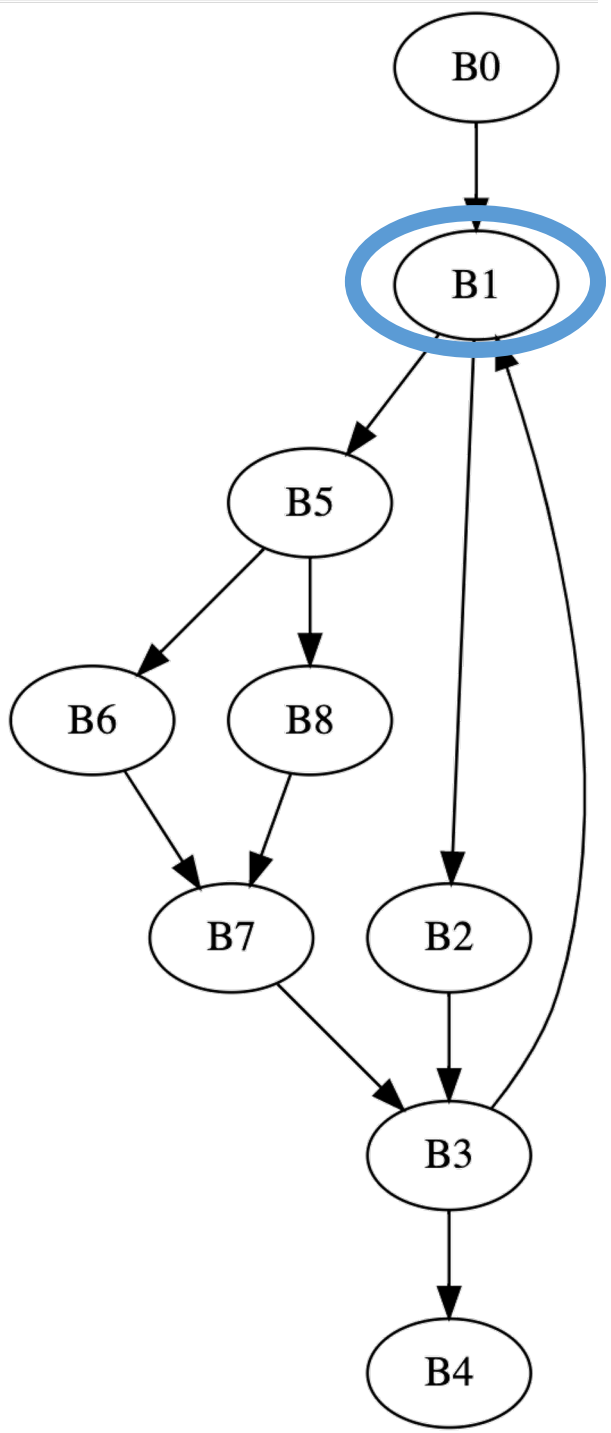

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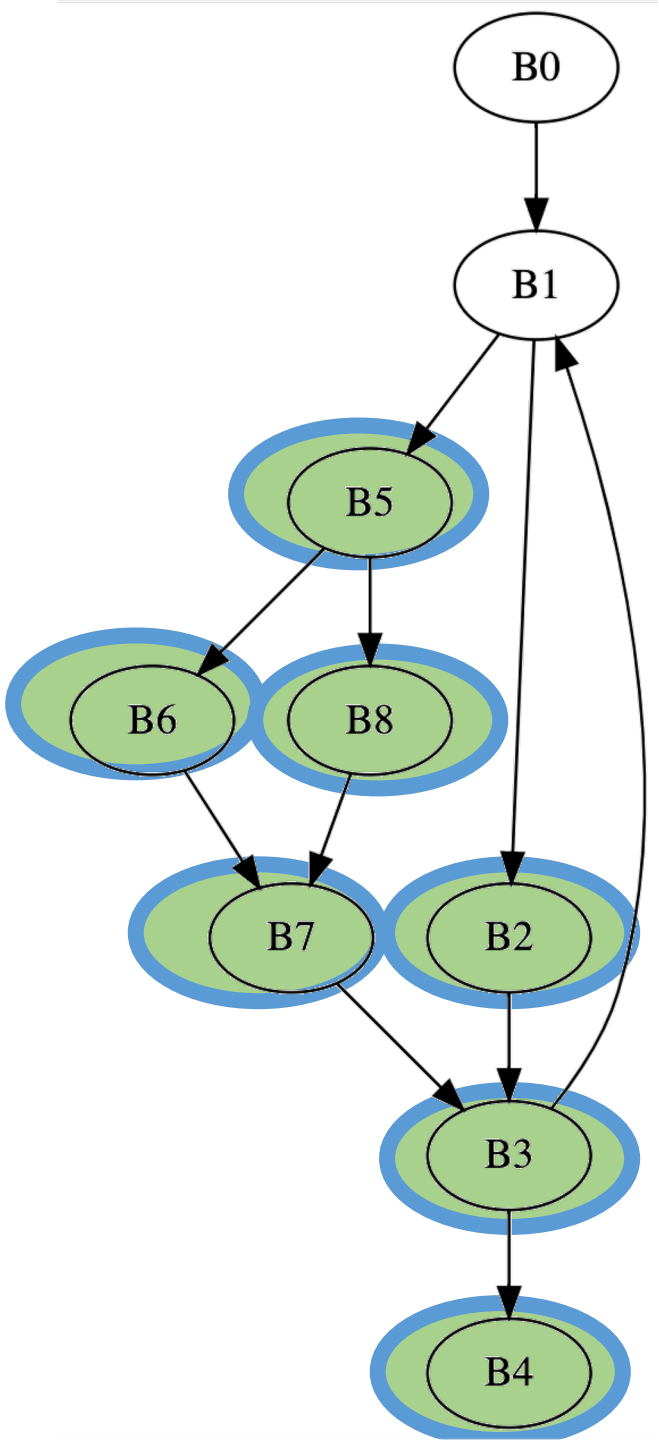

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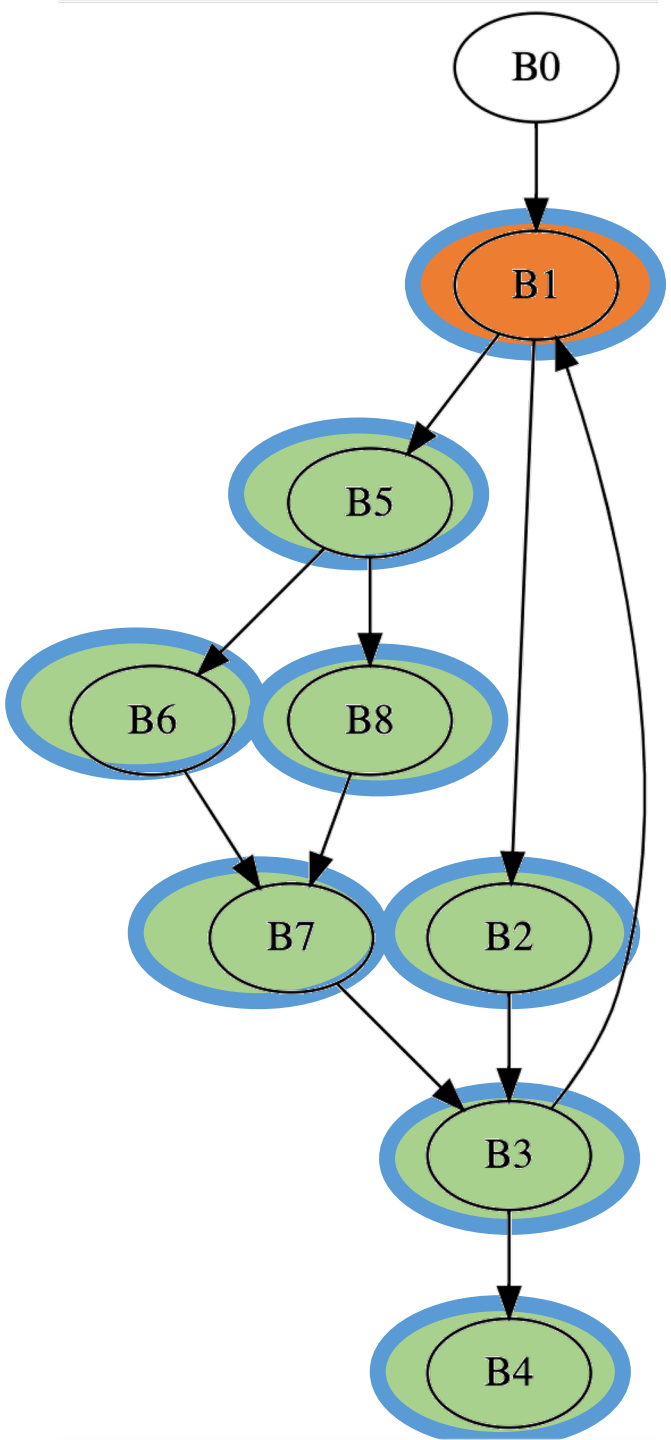

Node	Dominator Frontier
B0	{}
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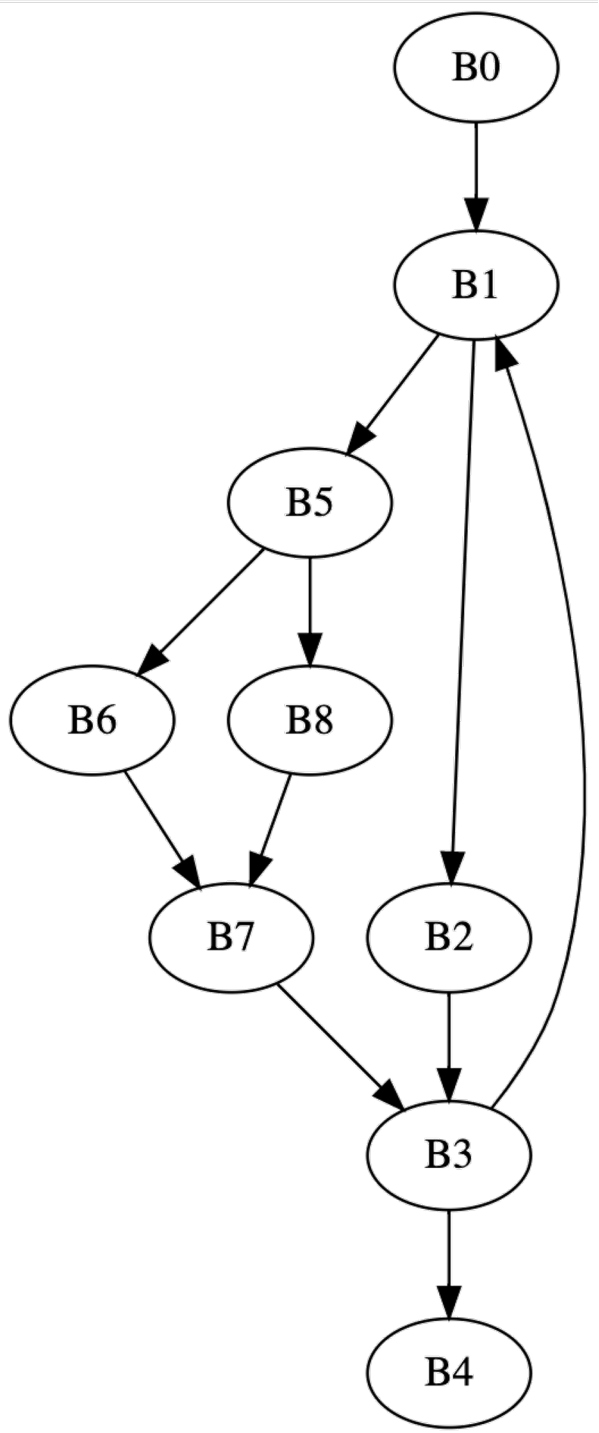

Dominance Frontier

- Intuition: a variable declared in block b may need to resolve a conflict in the dominance frontier of b
  - Because it may have been assigned a new value in another path

```
B0: i = ...;

B1: a = ...;
    c = ...;
    br ... B2, B5;

B2: b = ...;
    c = ...;
    d = ...;

B3: y = ...;
    z = ...;
    i = ...;
    br ... B1, B4;

B4: return;
```

```
B5: a = ...;
    d = ...;
    br ... B6, B8;

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B7: b = ...;

B8: c = ...;
    br B7;
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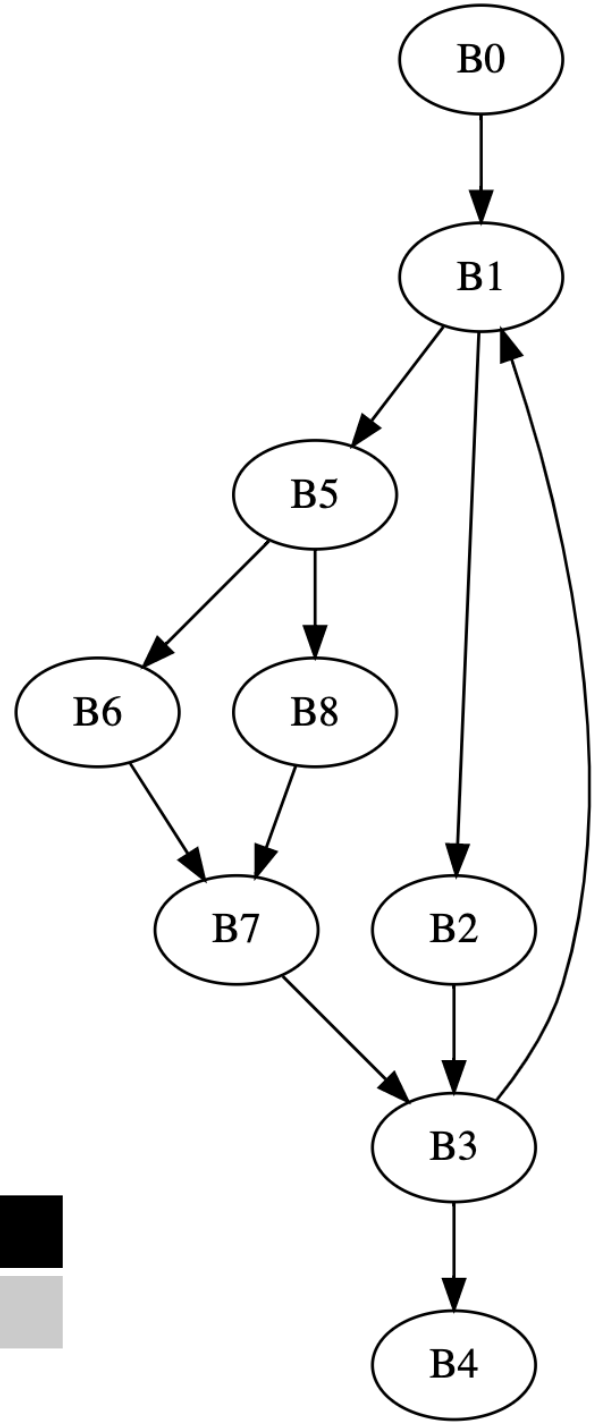

Var	a	b	c	d	i	y	z
Blocks							

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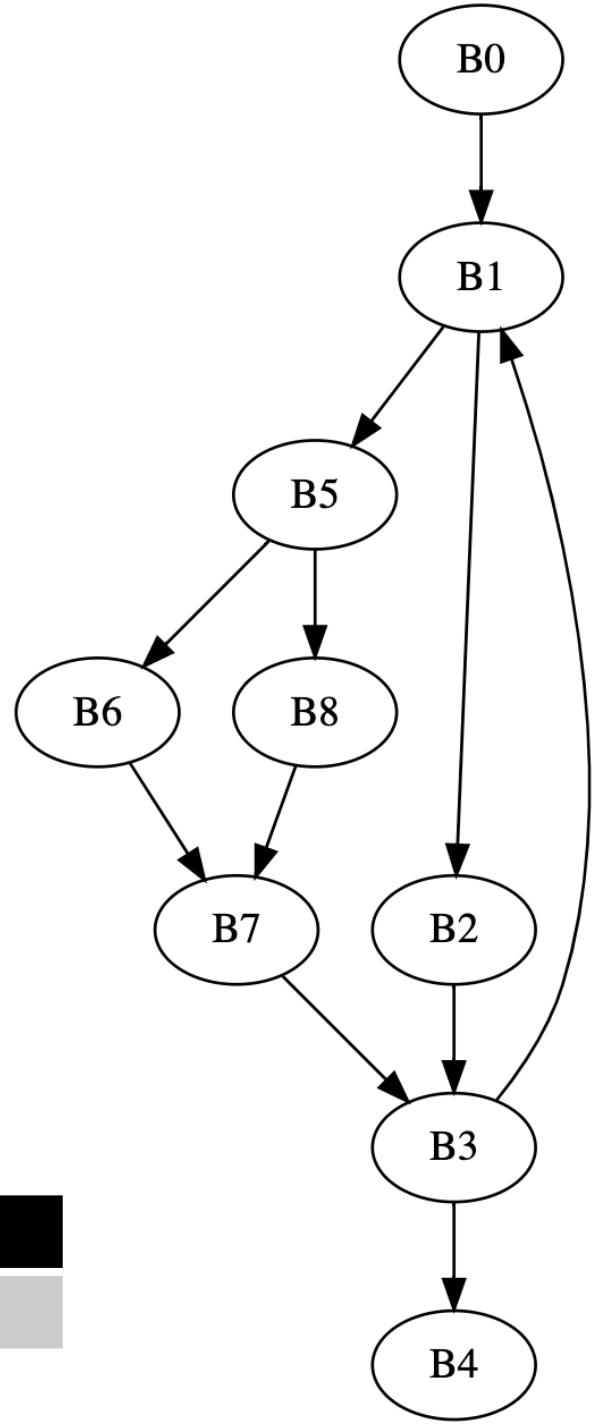

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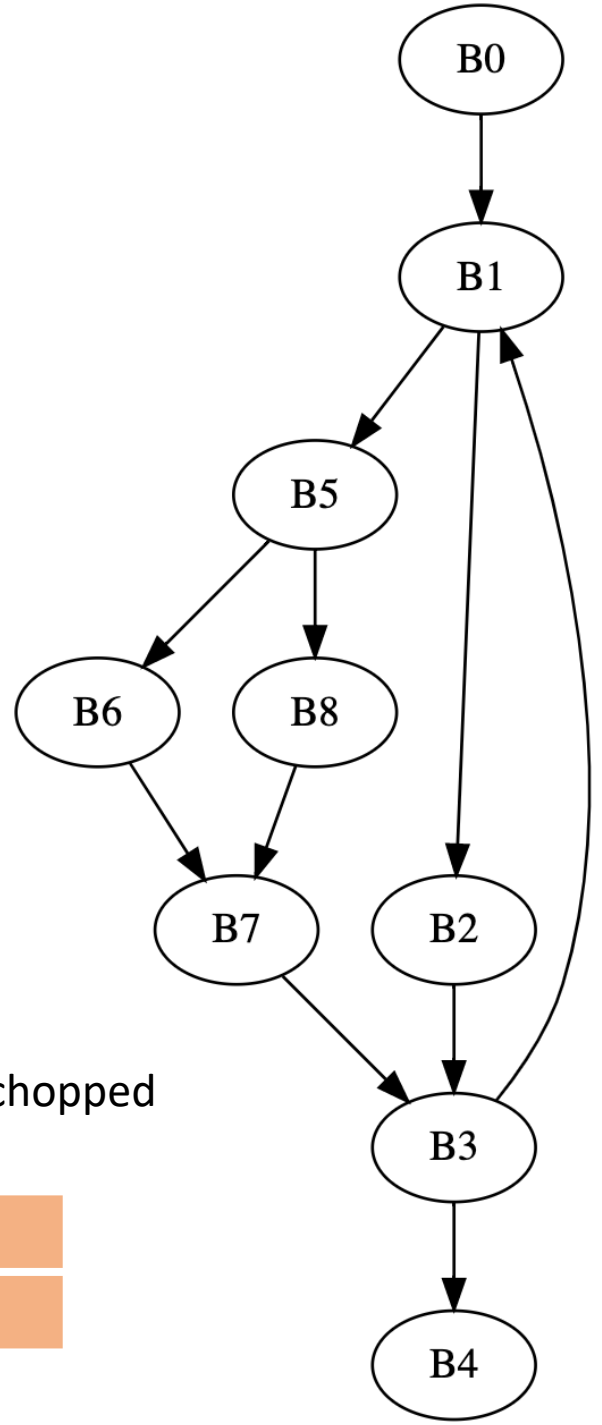

local variables can be chopped

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Var	a
Blocks	B1,B5

for each variable v:
  for each block b that writes to v:
    ϕ is needed in the DF of b

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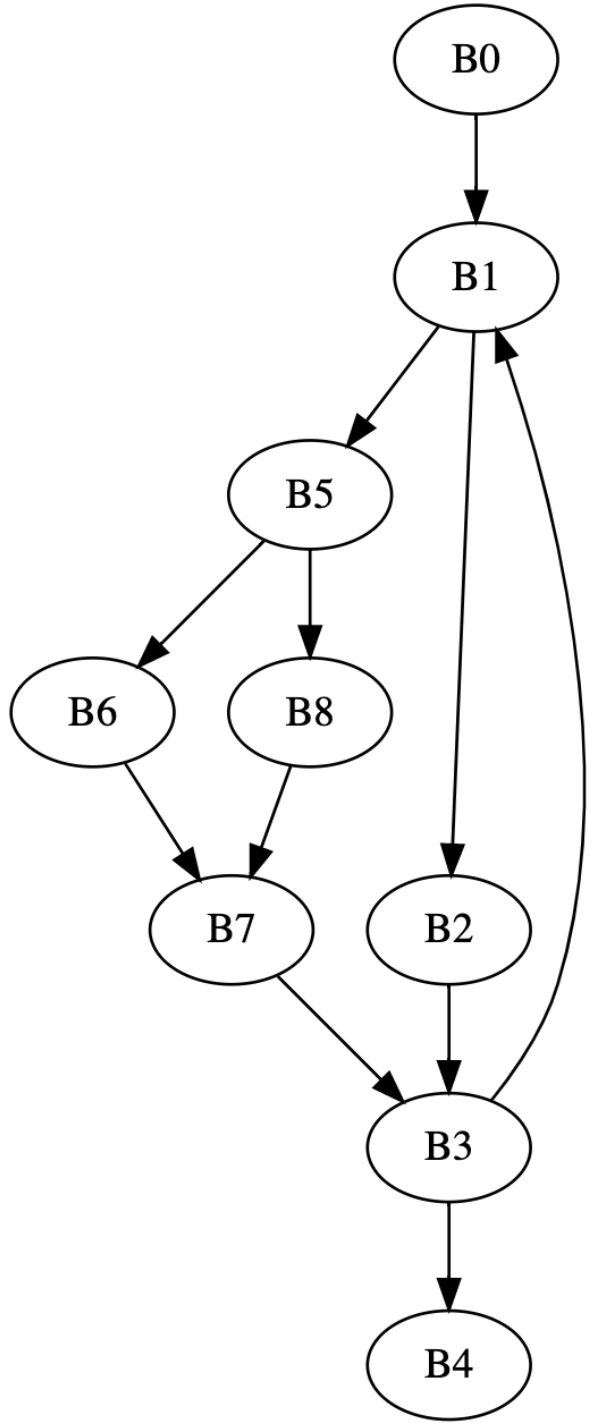

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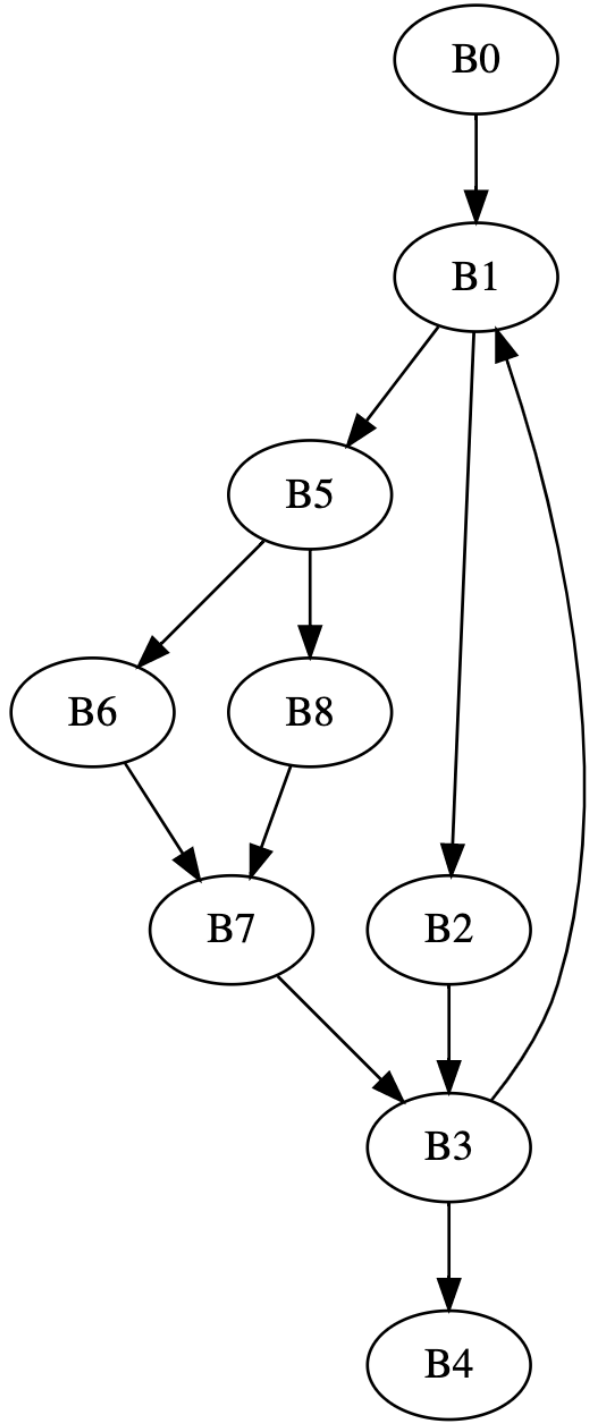

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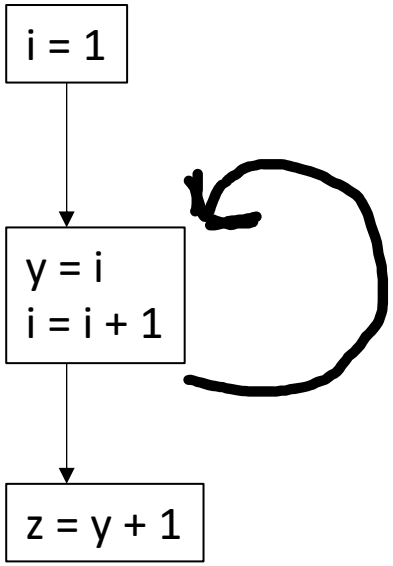

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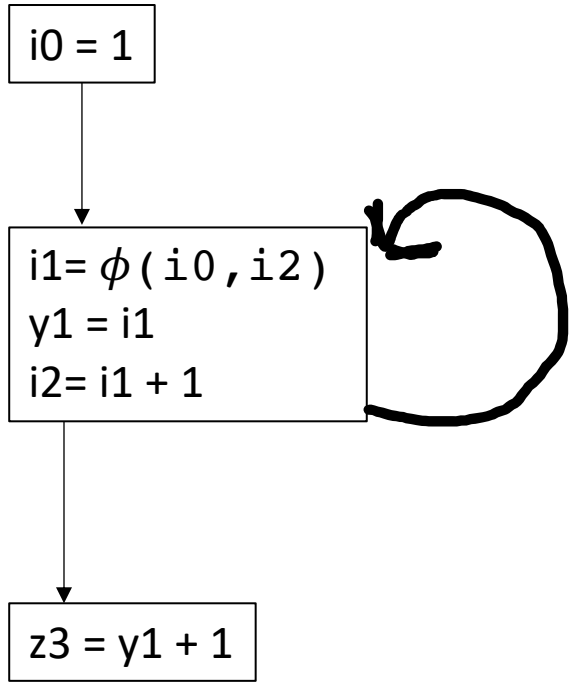

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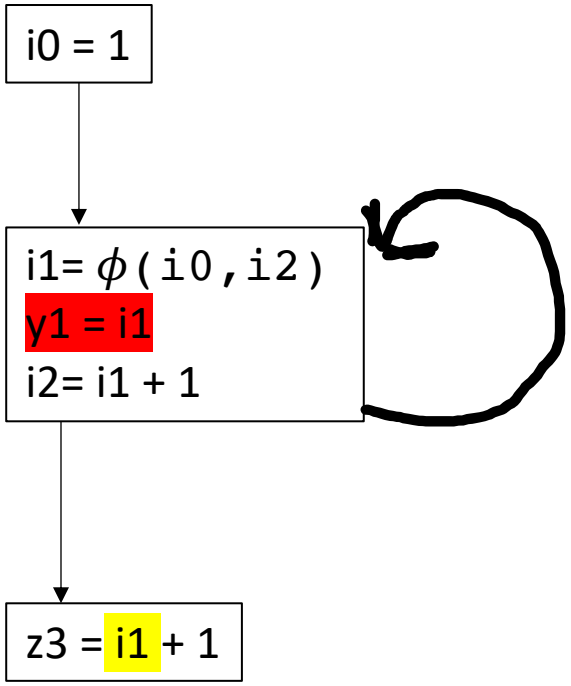

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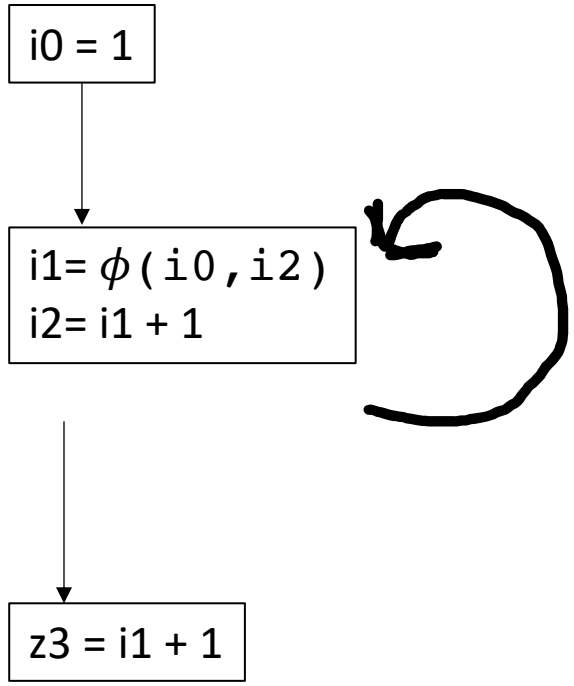

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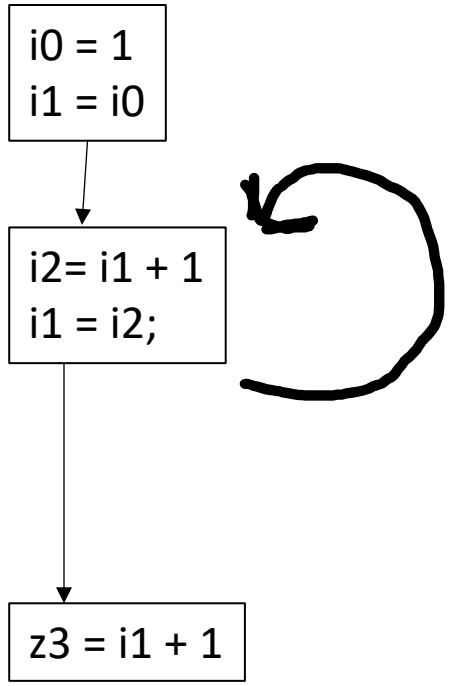

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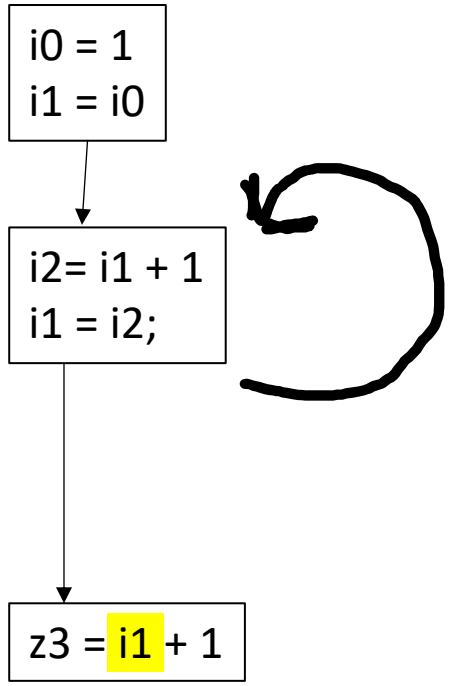

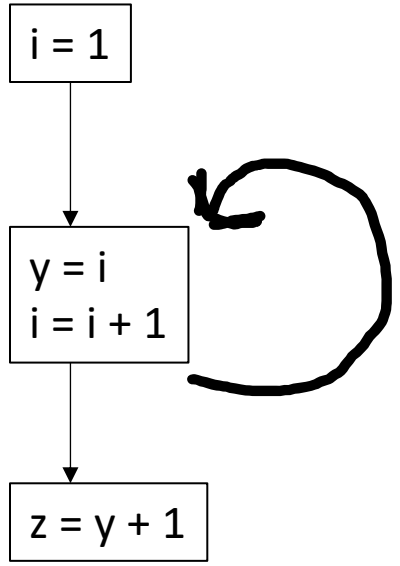

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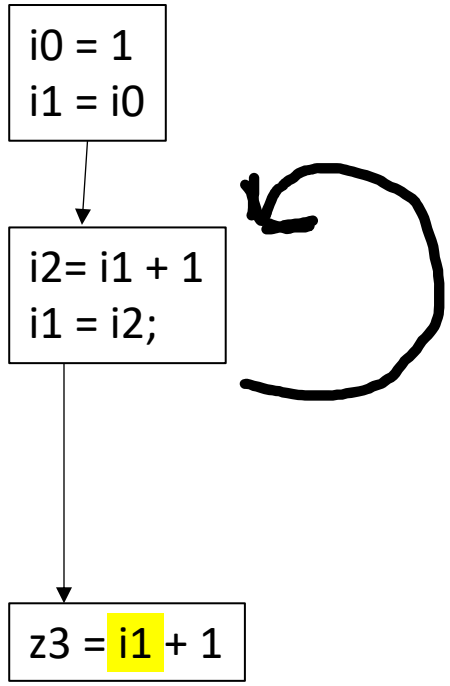

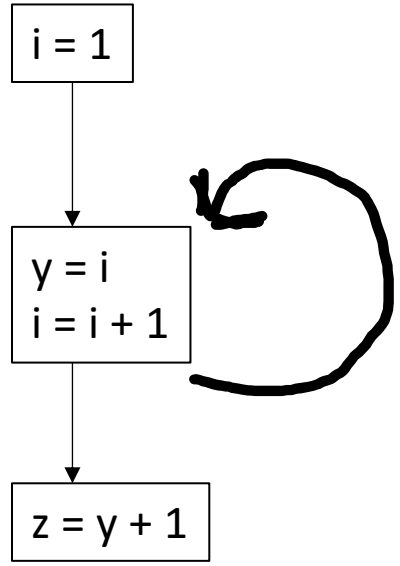

Similar problem called the Swap problem

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Let’s back up

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- Converting out of SSA is difficult!
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What about across basic blocks?

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if (<some condition> {
   y = 5;
}
else {
   y = z;
}
w = y;
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To do this, we're going to use a lattice

- An object in abstract algebra
- Unique to each analysis you want to implement
  - Kind of like the flow function

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For constant propagation:

take the symbols to be integers

Simple meet operations for integers:
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  $c_i \wedge c_j = \bot$

else:
$c_i \wedge c_j = c_j$

Constant propagation

- Map each SSA variable x to a lattice value:
  - Value(x) = ⊤ if the analysis has not made a judgment
  - Value(x) = $\mathbf{c_i}$ if the analysis found that variable x holds value c_i
  - Value(x) = ⊥ if the analysis has found that the value cannot be known

Constant propagation algorithm

Initially:

Assign each SSA variable a value c based on its expression:

- a constant c_i if the value can be known
- $\bot$ if the value comes from an argument or input
- $\top$ otherwise, e.g. if the value comes from a ϕ node

Then, create a “uses” map

This can be done in a single pass

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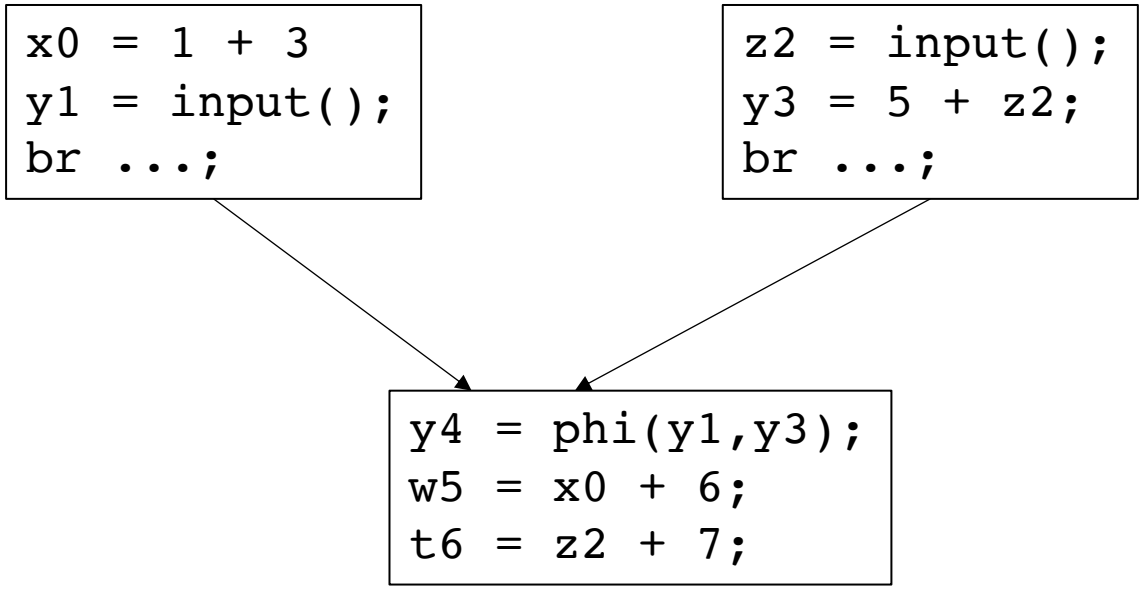


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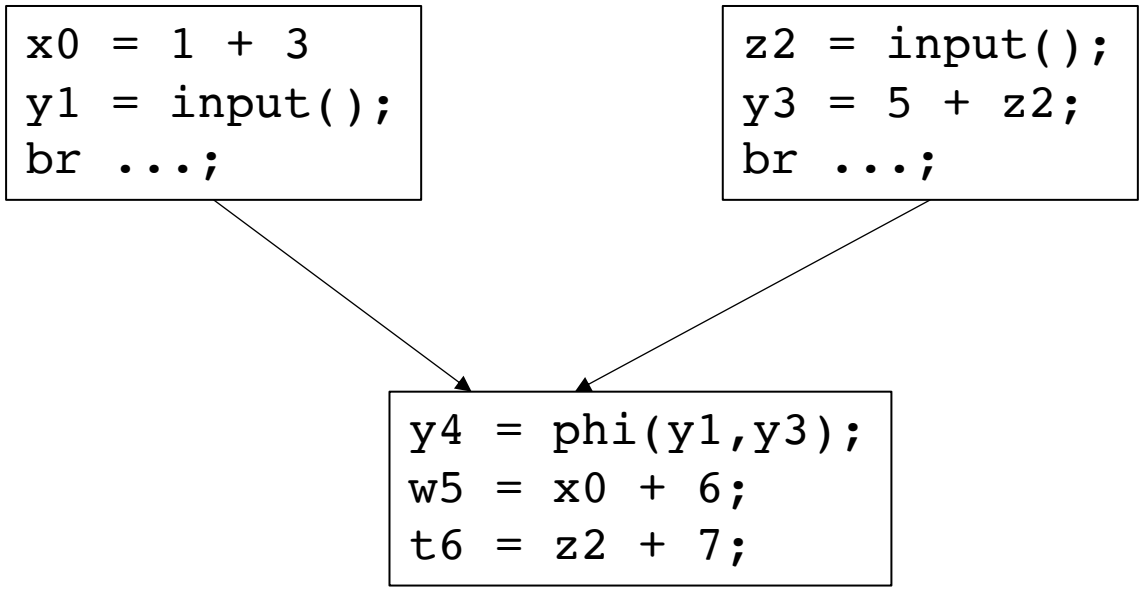
  y1 : B
  z2 : B
  y3 : T
  y4 : T
  w5 : T
  t6 : T
}
```

Example:

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Value {
  x0 : 4
  y1 : B
  z2 : B
  y3 : T
  y4 : T
  w5 : T
  t6 : T
}
```

```
Uses {
  x0 : [w5]
  y1 : [y4]
  z2 : [y3, t6]
  y3 : [y4]
  y4 : []
  w5 : []
  t6 : []
}
```

Constant propagation algorithm

worklist based algorithm:

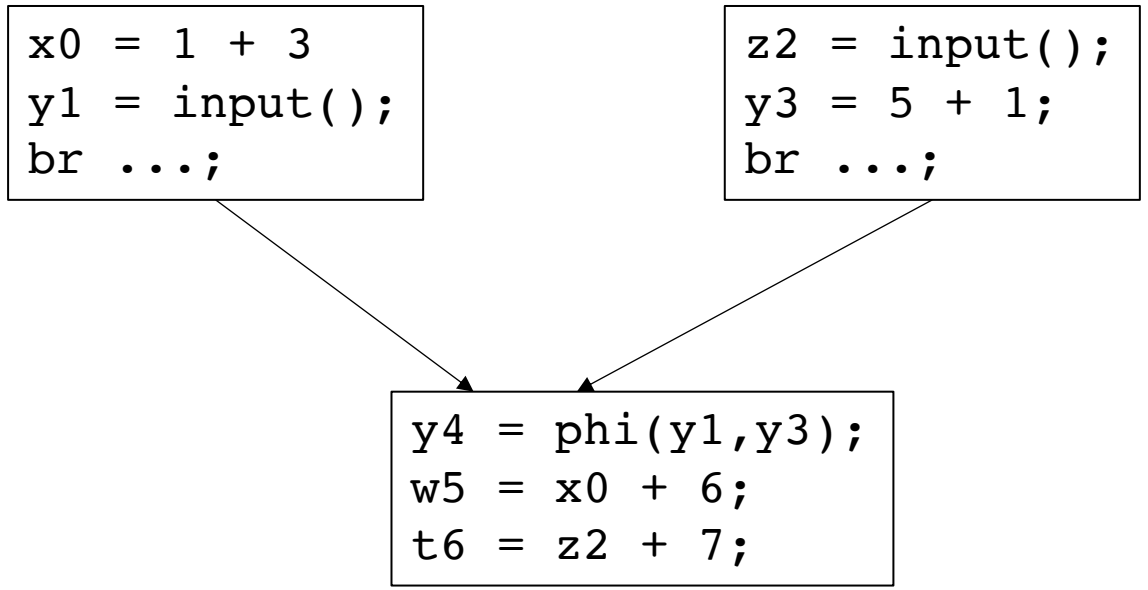
All variables **NOT** assigned to T get put on a worklist

iterate through the worklist:

For every item *n* in the worklist, we can look up the uses of *n*

evaluate each use *m* over the lattice

Example:




```
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  y1 : B
  z2 : B
  y3 : 6
  y4 : T
  w5 : T
  t6 : T
}
```

```
Uses {
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  y1 : [y4]
  z2 : [t6]
  y3 : [y4]
  y4 : []
  w5 : []
  t6 : []
}
```

Worklist: `[x0,y1,z2,y3]`

Constant propagation algorithm

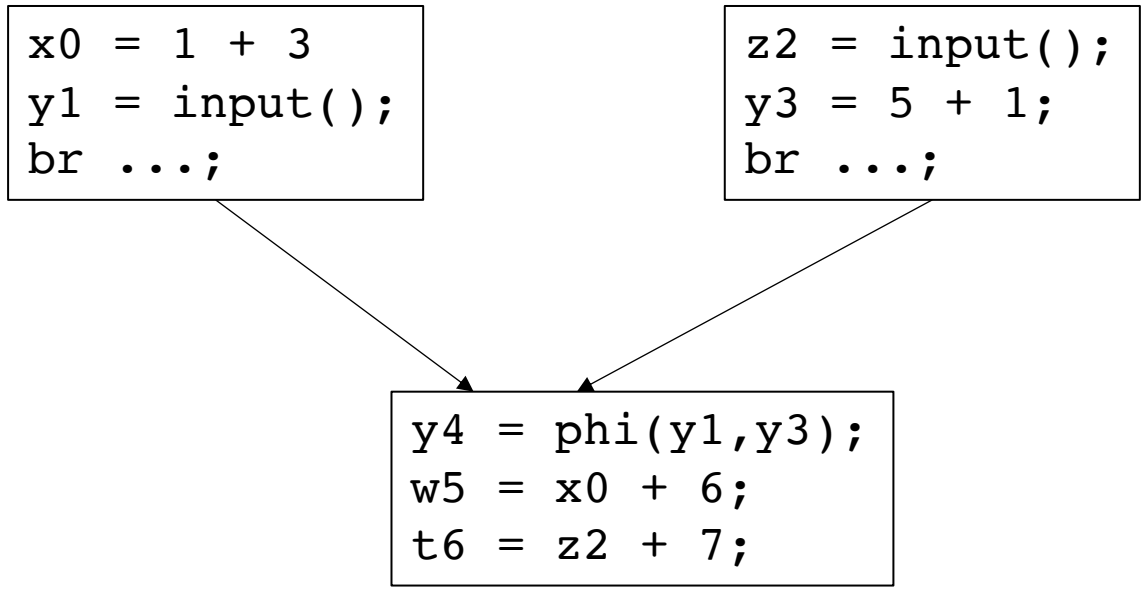
for each item in the worklist, evaluate all of it's uses *m* over the lattice (unique to each optimization)

Example: *m = n*x*

if (Value(n) is ⊥ or Value(x) is ⊥)

Value(m) = **⊥;**
Add m to the worklist if Value(m) has changed;
break;

Example:



Worklist: [x0,y1,z2,y3]

```
Value {
  x0 : 4
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  z2 : B
  y3 : 6
  y4 : T
  w5 : T
  t6 : T
}
```

```
Uses {
  x0 : [w5]
  y1 : [y4]
  z2 : [t6]
  y3 : [y4]
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  t6 : []
}
```
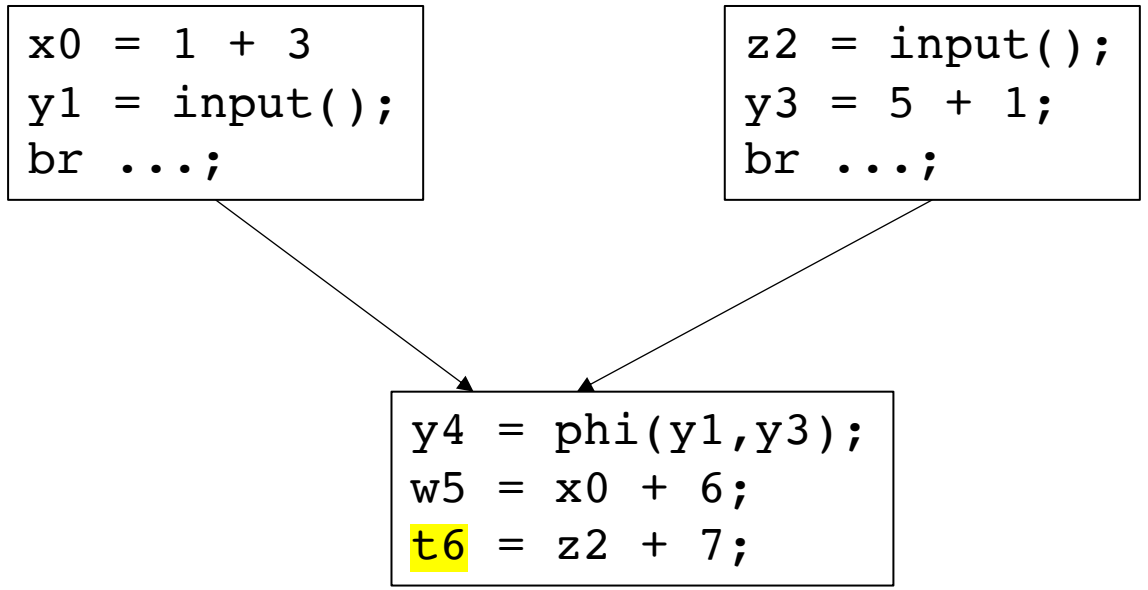

Example:



Worklist: [x0,y1,z2,y3,t6]

```
Value {
  x0 : 4
  y1 : B
  z2 : B
  y3 : 6
  y4 : T
  w5 : T
  t6 : B
}
```

```
Uses {
  x0 : [w5]
  y1 : [y4]
  z2 : [t6]
  y3 : [y4]
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  w5 : []
  t6 : []
}
```

Constant propagation algorithm

evaluate m over the lattice (unique to each optimization)

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if (Value(n) is ⊥ or Value(x) is ⊥)

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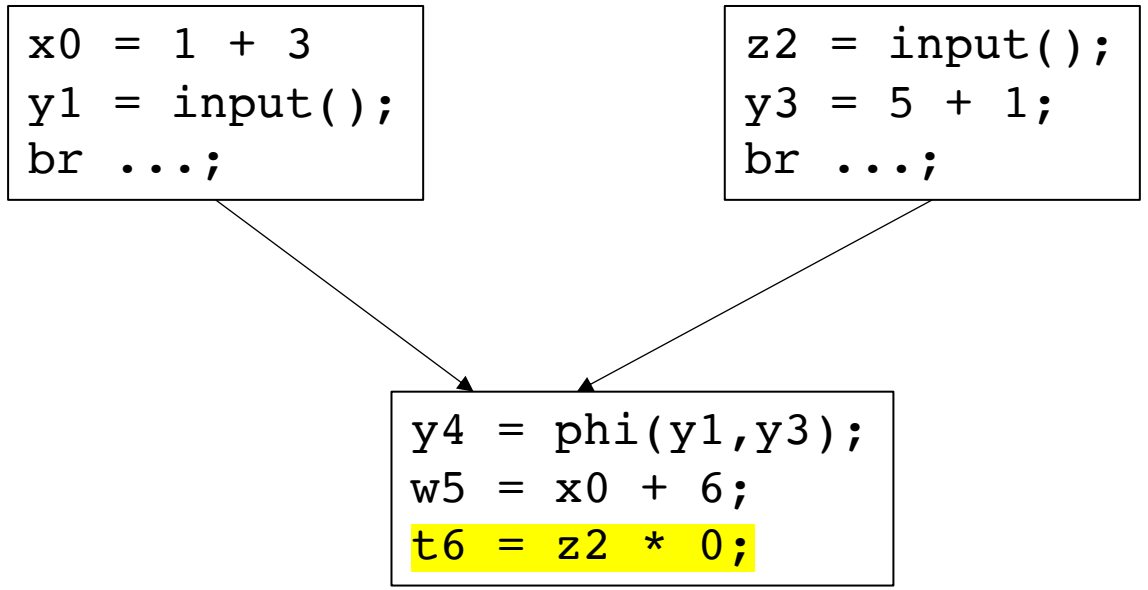
break;

Can we optimize this for special cases?

Example:



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```
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}
```

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Uses {
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}
```

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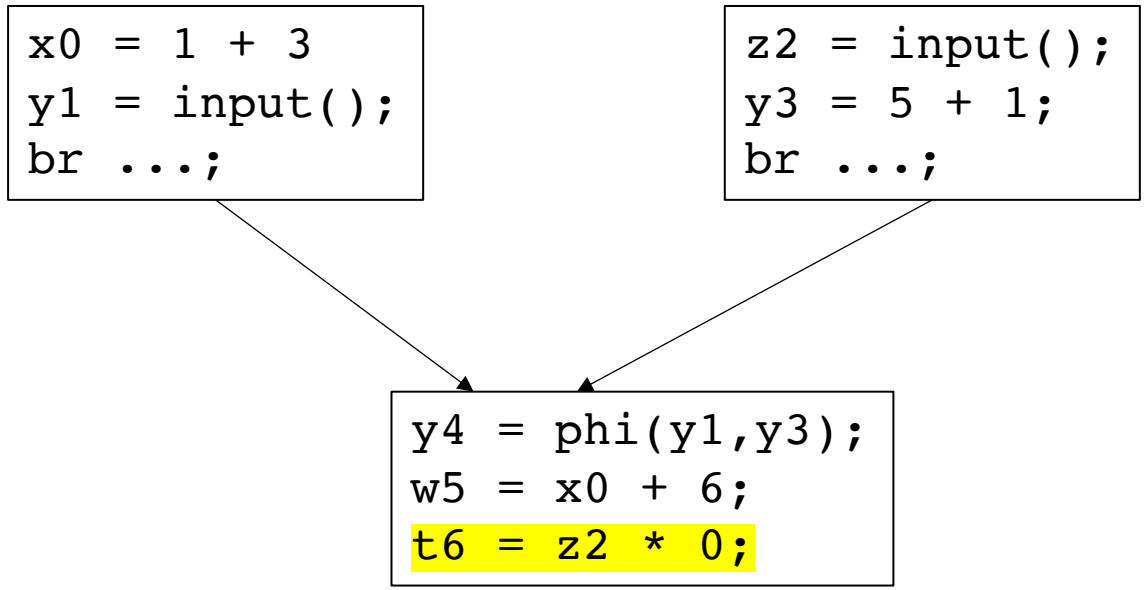


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}
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```
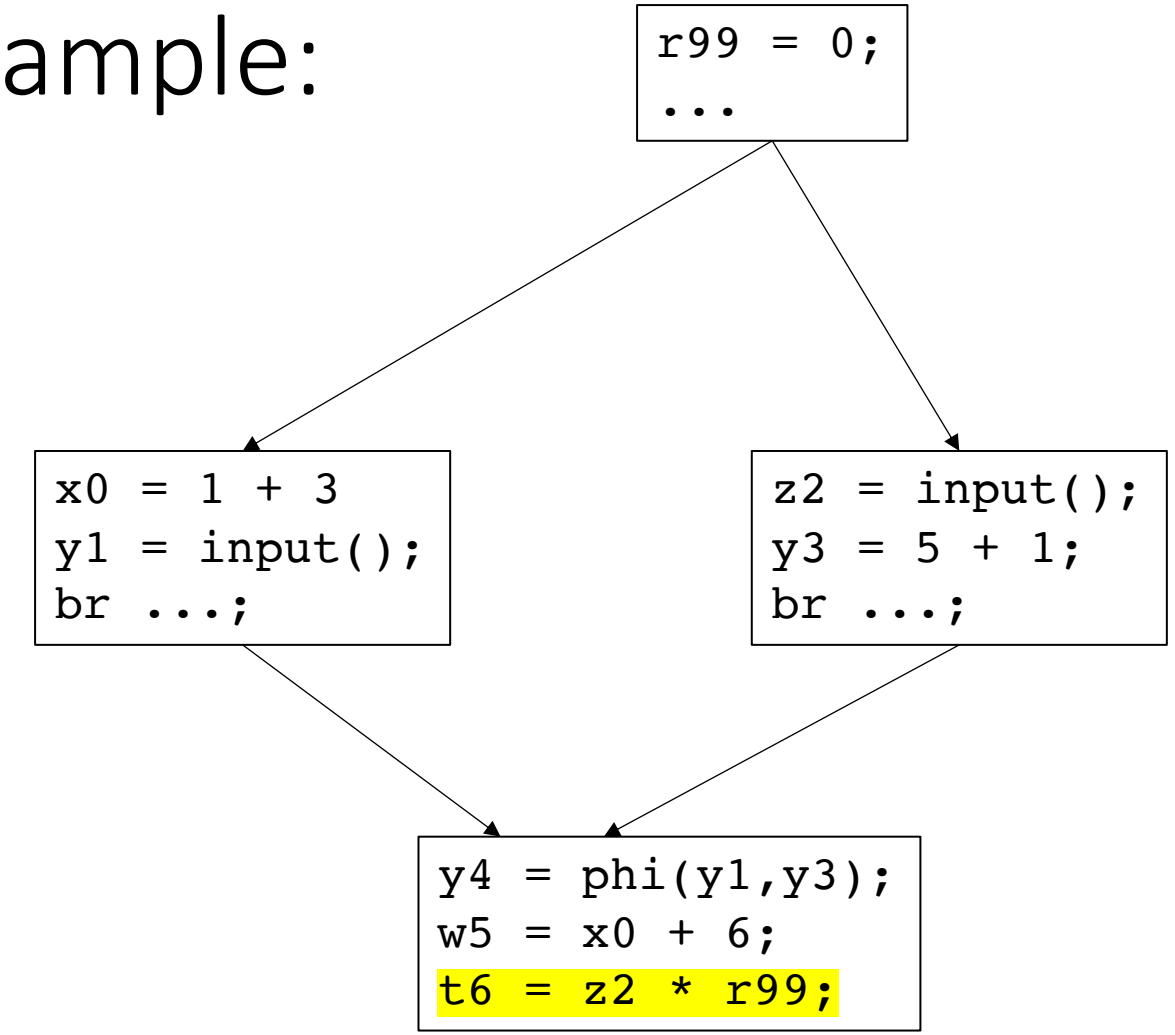

Worklist: [x0,y1,z2,y3]

Can't this be done
at the expression level?

Example:




```
Value {
  x0 : 4
  y1 : B
  z2 : B
  y3 : 6
  y4 : T
  w5 : T
  t6 : T
  r99 : 0
}

Uses {
  x0 : [w5]
  y1 : [y4]
  z2 : [t6]
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Worklist: [x0,y1,z2,y3]

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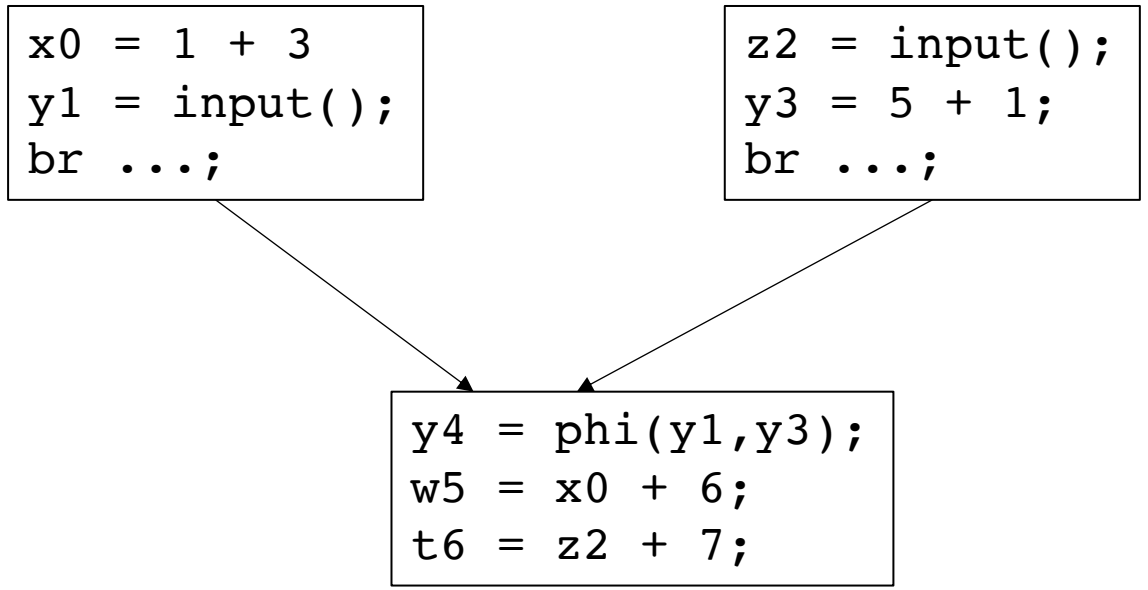


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Worklist: `[x0,y1,z2,y3]`

Constant propagation algorithm

evaluate m over the lattice (unique to each optimization)

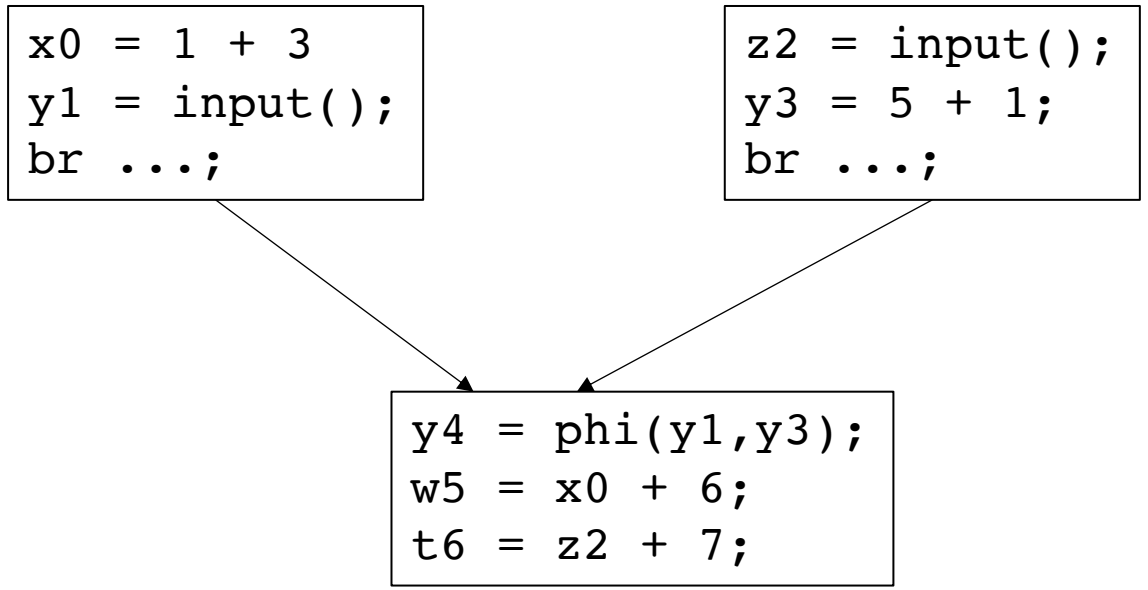
Example: *m = n*x*

// continued from previous slide

if (Value(n) has a value and Value(x) has a value)

  Value(m) = **evaluate**(Value(n), Value(x))**;**
  Add m to the worklist if Value(m) has changed;
  break;

Example:



Worklist: [x0,y1,y3,w5]

```
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  y1 : B
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  y3 : 6
  y4 : T
  w5 : T
  t6 : T
}
```

```
Uses {
  x0 : [w5]
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  z2 : [t6]
  y3 : [y4]
  y4 : []
  w5 : []
  t6 : []
}
```

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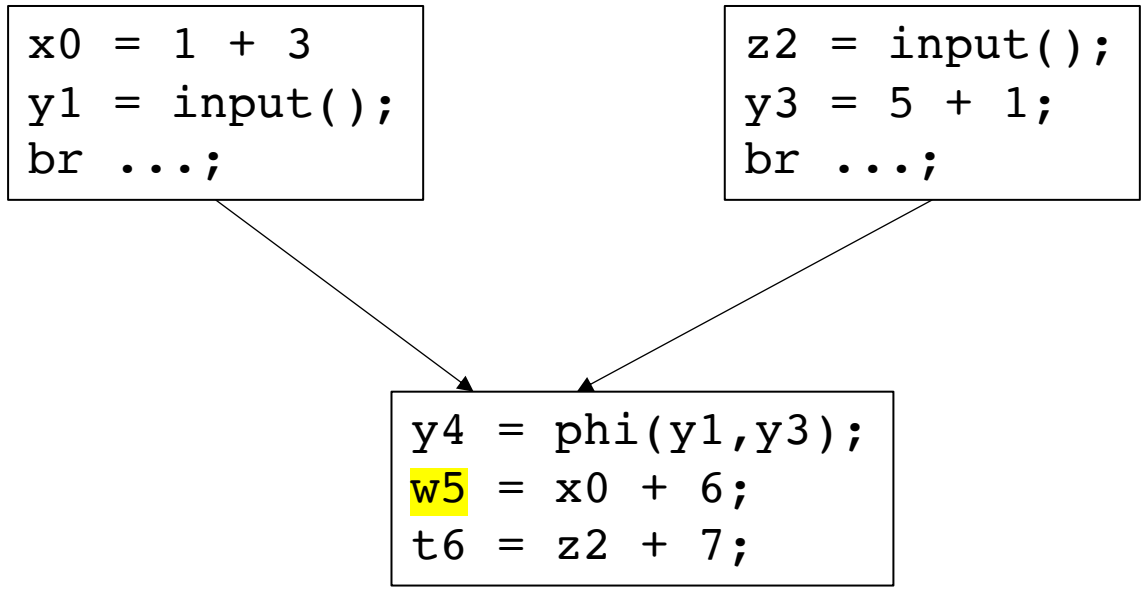

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  t6 : T
}
```

```
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}
```

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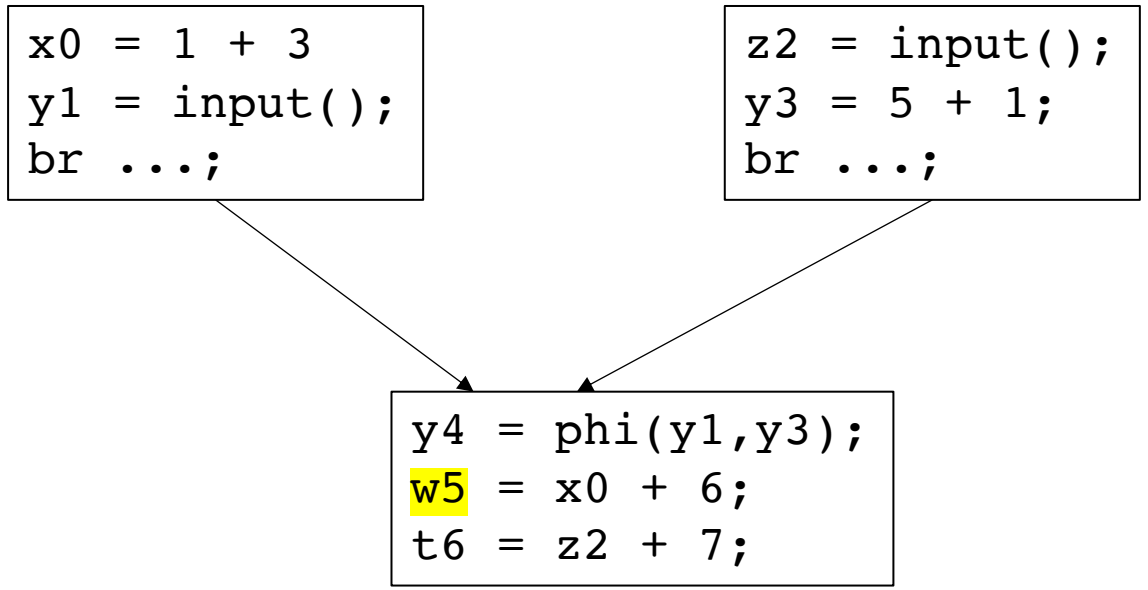

Worklist: [x0,y1,y3]

```
Value {
  x0 : 4
  y1 : B
  z2 : B
  y3 : 6
  y4 : T
  w5 : 10
  t6 : T
}
```

```
Uses {
  x0 : [w5]
  y1 : [y4]
  z2 : [t6]
  y3 : [y4]
  y4 : []
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  t6 : []
}
```

The elephant in the room

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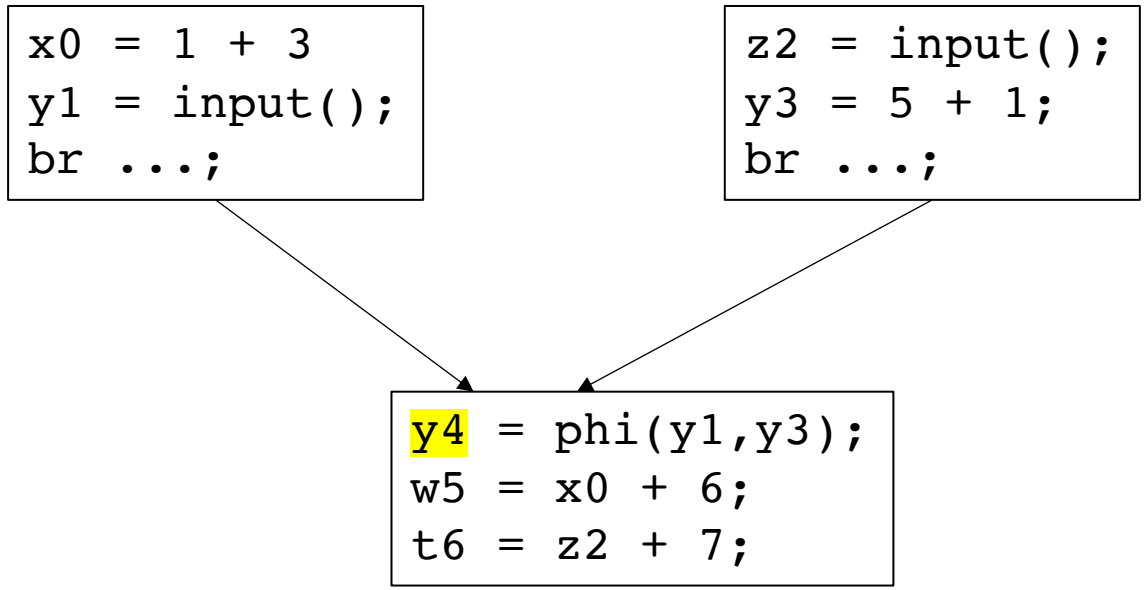
Example:



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evaluate m over the lattice:

Example: $m = \phi(x_1 , x_2)$

Value(m) = $x_1 \wedge x_2$

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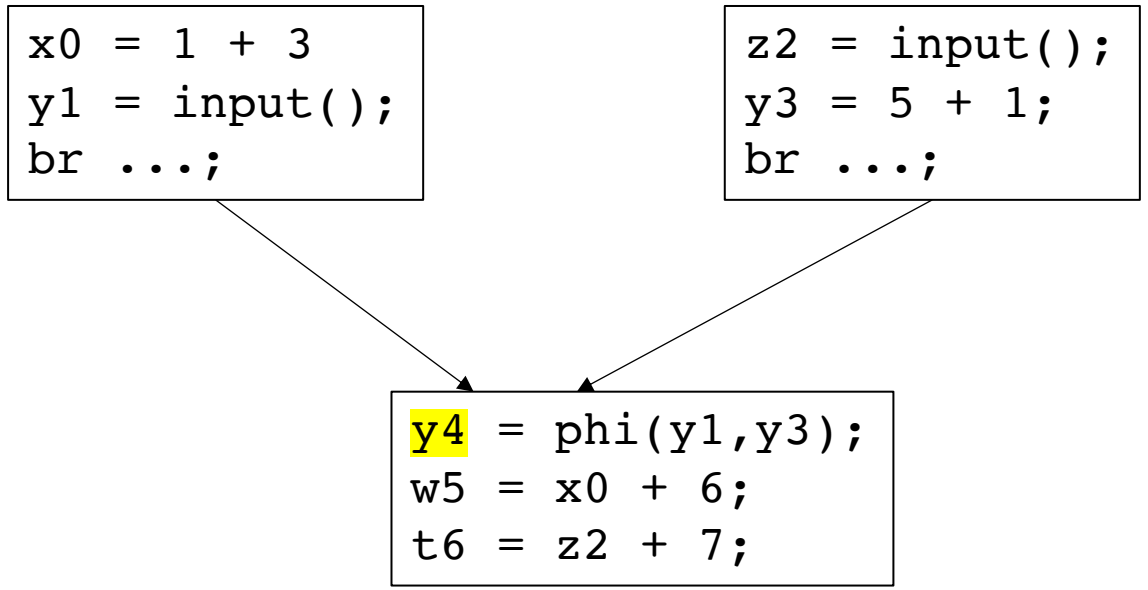

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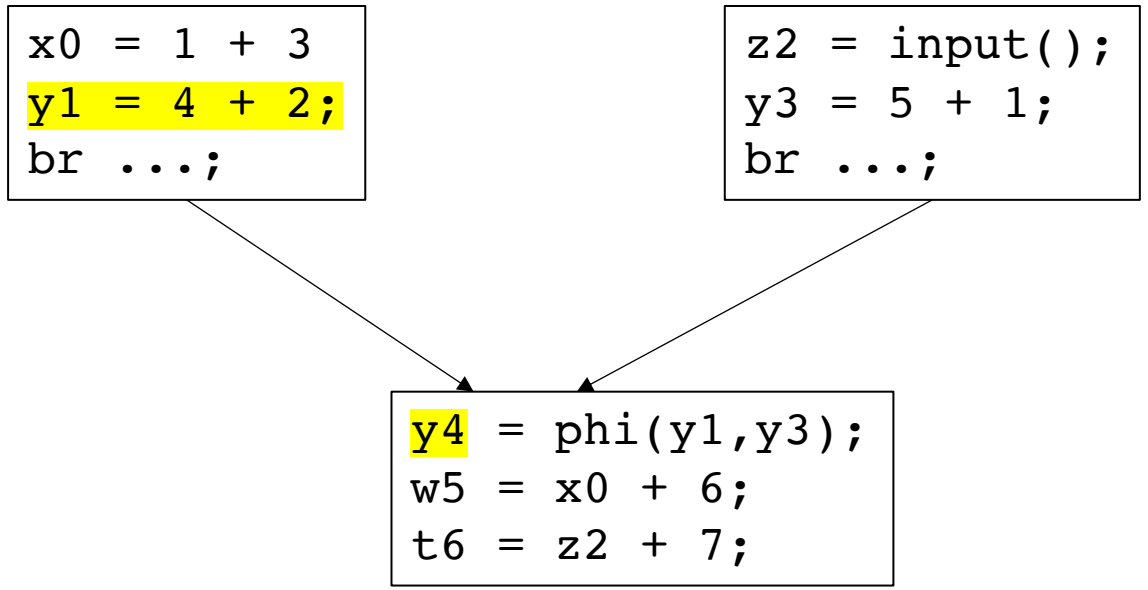

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Issue here: potentially assigning a value that might not hold

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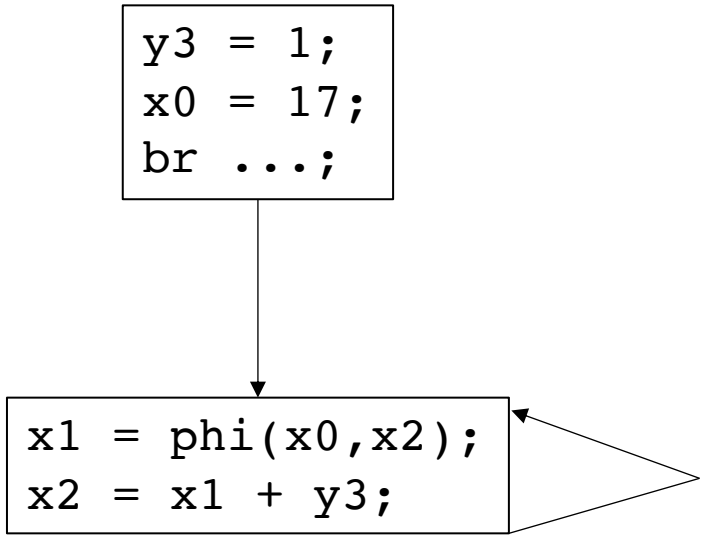
Example loop:



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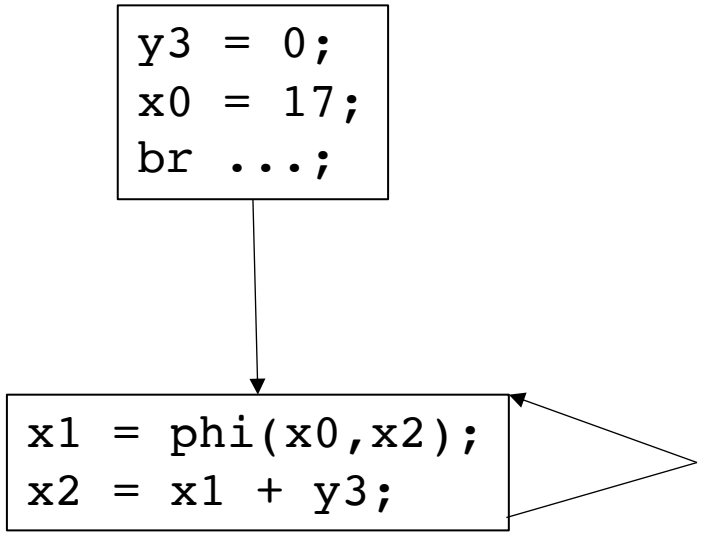
Example loop:



optimistic analysis: Assume unknowns will be the target value for the optimization. Correct later

pessimistic analysis: Assume unknowns will NOT be the target value for the optimization.

Pros/cons?

A simple lattice

- A set of symbols: {c_1, c_2, c_3 ...}
- Special symbols:
  - Top : T
  - Bottom : ⊥
- Meet operator: ∧

Lattices are an abstract algebra construct, with a few properties:

$\bot \wedge x = \bot$
$T \wedge x = x$
Where x is any symbol

For Loop unrolling

take the symbols to be integers

Simple meet operations for integers:
if c_i != c_j :
$c_i \wedge c_j = \bot$

else:
$c_i \wedge c_j = c_j$

A simple lattice

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⊥ ∧ x = ⊥
⊤ ∧ x = x
Where x is any symbol

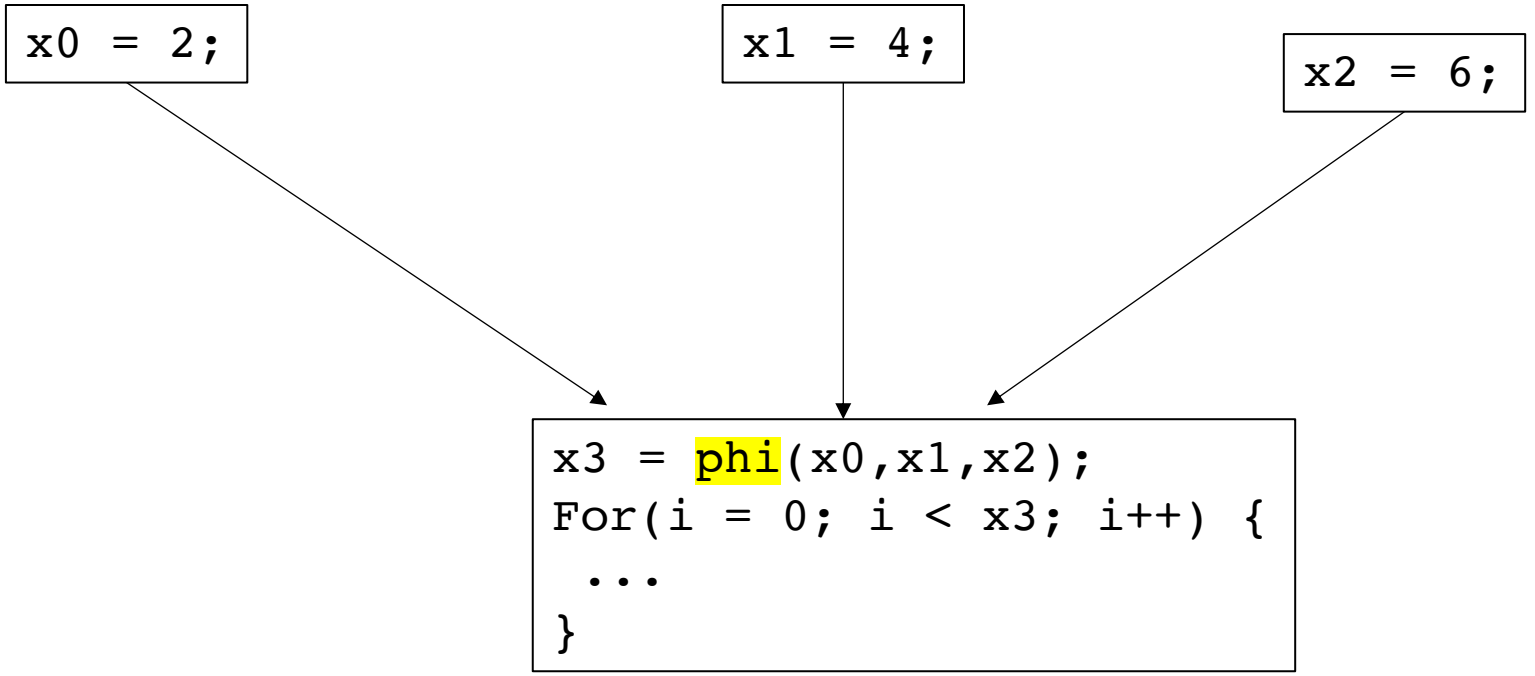
For Loop unrolling

take the symbols to be integers representing the GCD

$c_i \wedge c_j = GCD(c_i, c_j)$

Another lattice

- Given loop code:
  - Is it possible to unroll the loop N times?



Another lattice

- Value ranges

Track if `i,j,k` are guaranteed to be between 0 and 1024.

Meet operator takes a union of possible ranges.

```
int * x = int[1024];
x[i] = x[j] + x[k];
```

Have a nice weekend!

- See you in office hours or in a week!