



Semantics of Programming Languages Assignment 9

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Disjunctive Completion

Consider the following program `twentyone` with program points $\{1, 2\}$ and variables $Var = \{x, y, z\}$, whose values are integers (i. e., $Val = \mathbb{Z}$).

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x := 17; y := 4; z := 21;
1:
  x++; y--;
2:
  z := x + y; goto 1;
```

Exercise 9.1 (5) Perform a parity-analysis for the program `twentyone`: Specify the *acc*-equations, the abstract *acc*[#]-equations and their abstract operations, and compute the least fixpoint. Why does this analysis not find out that `z` is always odd?

Exercise 9.2 (5) Make the above parity-analysis more precise (in particular, it should yield that `z` is odd) by considering a larger abstract domain.

Hint: Think of a way to represent disjunctions of the abstract elements from exercise 9.1.

Exercise 9.3 (5) A more ambitious goal for analyses is to find constant expressions in programs (constant propagation). Consider transitions from program point p to p' which are labeled by either of the following statements:

- $x := c$; for some $x \in Var$ and $c \in \mathbb{Z}$,
- $x := y + c$; for some $x, y \in Var$ and $c \in \mathbb{Z}$, or
- $x := y + z$; for some $x, y, z \in Var$.

For each of these transitions, give the collecting semantics *acc* and the abstract semantics *acc*[#] for the abstract domain $Var \rightarrow D_{\mathbb{Z}}$, where $D_{\mathbb{Z}} = \mathbb{Z} \cup \{\perp, \top\}$ is the flat lattice of the integers. Argue that an analysis based on *acc*[#] is not precise enough to find out that `z` is constant in program `twentyone`.

Exercise 9.4 (5) Outline a disjunctive version of constant propagation, i. e., specify an abstract domain and abstract operations analogously to exercise 9.2. Try to perform this analysis on program `twentyone`. What goes wrong?

Exercise 9.5 (5) Show that it is undecidable whether an abstraction is \top .

More precisely, prove that there is an abstraction α into an abstract domain $\langle D^\#, \sqsubseteq \rangle$ such that the following question is undecidable: Given a program P and a program point p in P , is $\alpha(\text{acc}(p)) = \top$?