

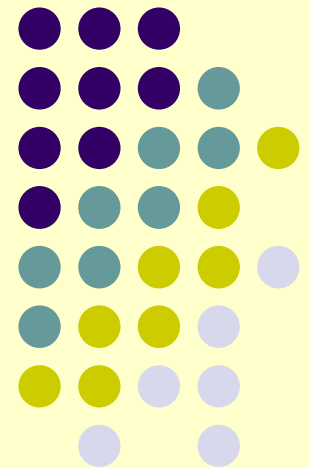
Declarative Static Program Analysis with Doop

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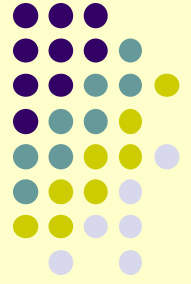
17-355/17-665/17-819: Program Analysis

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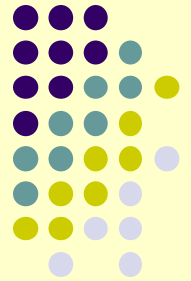
Overview



- Declarative pointer analysis
 - Specified as logical rules in Datalog
 - Supports various forms of context-sensitivity
- Efficient implementation
 - Datalog execution model
 - Optimization of Datalog queries
- Why do we care?
 - Easy to understand, modify, and optimize
 - Best analysis performance available today



Pointer Analysis



- What objects can a variable point to?

objects represented
by allocation sites

program

```
void foo() {  
    Object a = new A1();  
    Object b = id(a);  
}
```

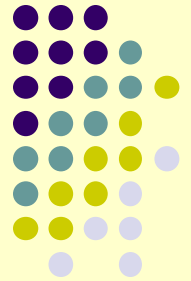
```
void bar() {  
    Object a = new A2();  
    Object b = id(a);  
}
```

```
Object id(Object a) {  
    return a;  
}
```

points-to

foo:a		new A1()
bar:a		new A2()





Pointer Analysis

- What objects can a variable point to?

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void foo() {
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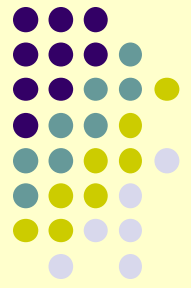
void bar() {
 Object a = new A2();
 Object b = id(a);
}

Object id(Object a) {
 return a;
}

points-to

foo:a	new A1()
bar:a	new A2()
id:a	new A1(), new A2()





Pointer Analysis

- What objects can a variable point to?

program

```
void foo() {  
    Object a = new A1();  
    Object b = id(a);  
}
```

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}
```

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Object id(Object a) {  
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```

points-to

foo:a	new A1()
bar:a	new A2()
id:a	
foo:b	
bar:b	

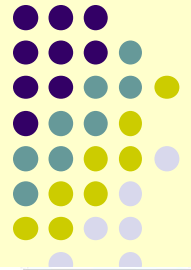
remember for later:
context-sensitivity is what
makes an analysis precise

context-sensitive points-to

foo:a	new A1()
bar:a	new A2()
id:a (foo)	new A1()
id:a (bar)	new A2()
foo:b	new A1()
bar:b	new A2()



Pointer Analysis: A Complex Domain



flow-sensitive
field-sensitive
heap cloning
context-sensitive
binary decision diagrams
inclusion-based
unification-based
on-the-fly call graph
k-cfa
object sensitive
field-based
demand-driven



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1 [Semi-sparsely flow-sensitive pointer analysis](#)

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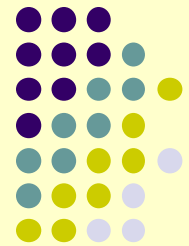
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Algorithms Found In a 10-Page Pointer Analysis Paper



```

procedure exhaustive_aliasing(G)
  G:
  begin
    1.
    2.
    3.
    4.
  end
  Figure 1: Ex
  3.3 e
  3.4 e
  end
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  Figure 4: Reintroduce aliases for naive falsification
  Figure 5: Iteration for the incremental algorithm
  Figure 7: Procedures for falsifying aliases which are no-
  
```

variation points
unclear

every variant a
new algorithm

correctness
unclear

incomparable in
precision

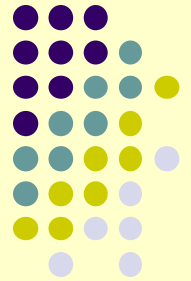
```

/* Alias falsification for deleting a pointer assignment
corresponding to step 1 in Figure 2 */
procedure falsify_for_deleting_assign(N)
  N: a pointer assignment to be deleted;
begin
  procedure update_for_adding_assign(N,M)
    1. N: a pointer assignment to be added;
       M: the statement after which statement N is added;
    2. begin
    3. 1. make N as a successor of M, and leave N without
       any successors;
       2. create an empty worklist;
       3. aliases_intro_by_assignment(N, YES);
       4. repropagate_aliases(M, worklist);
       5. reiterate_worklist(worklist, YES);
       6. for each may_hold(M, AA, PA = (o1, o2)) = YES,
          and may_hold(N, AA, PA) = NO
          add (M, AA, PA) to worklist;
       7. reiterate_worklist(worklist, FALSIFIED);
    end
  end
  Figure 8: Procedure for falsifying aliases that are po-
  tentially affected by adding a pointer assignment
  exit node of the function called by N respectively;
  3. aliases_propagated_at_call(N, 0^7, 0, FALSIFIED);
  4. for each may_hold(N, AA, PA) = YES
     /* If the called function may generate new aliases
        from the reaching aliases implied by PA */
     if ∃ AA' ∈ bind(N, E, PA), such that some
        PA' (≠ AA') is generated from AA' at exit X
        aliases_propagated_at_call(N, AA, PA,
        FALSIFIED);
  5. if a function becomes unreachable from the main pro-
     gram after the call node is deleted, steps 3 and 4
     are repeated on those calls within each of the
     reachable functions.
  6. reiterate_worklist(worklist, FALSIFIED);
end

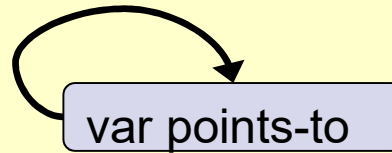
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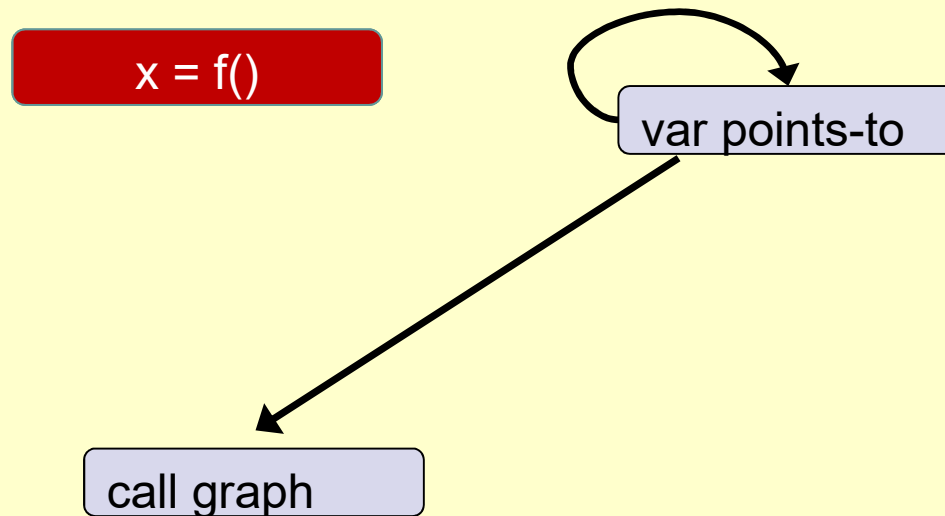
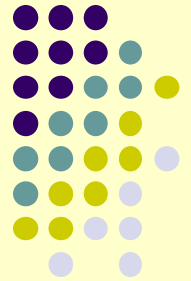
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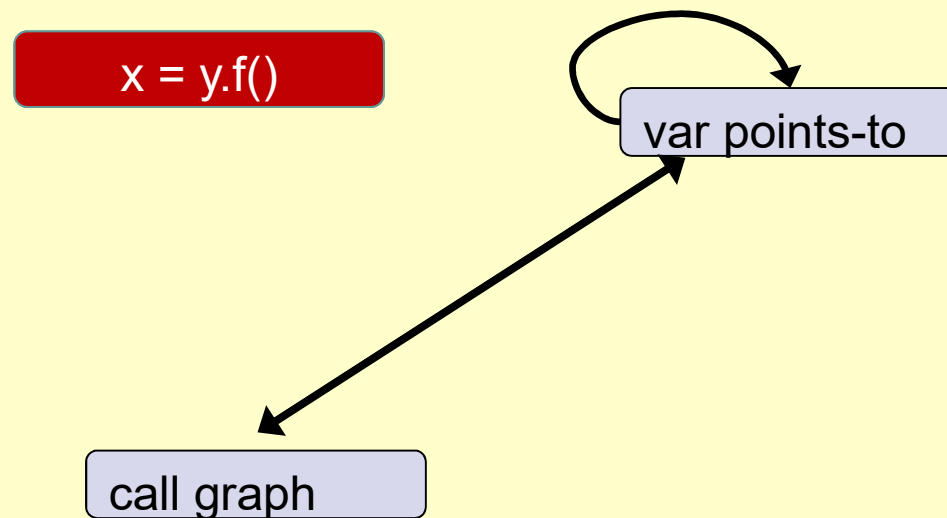
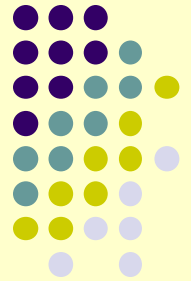
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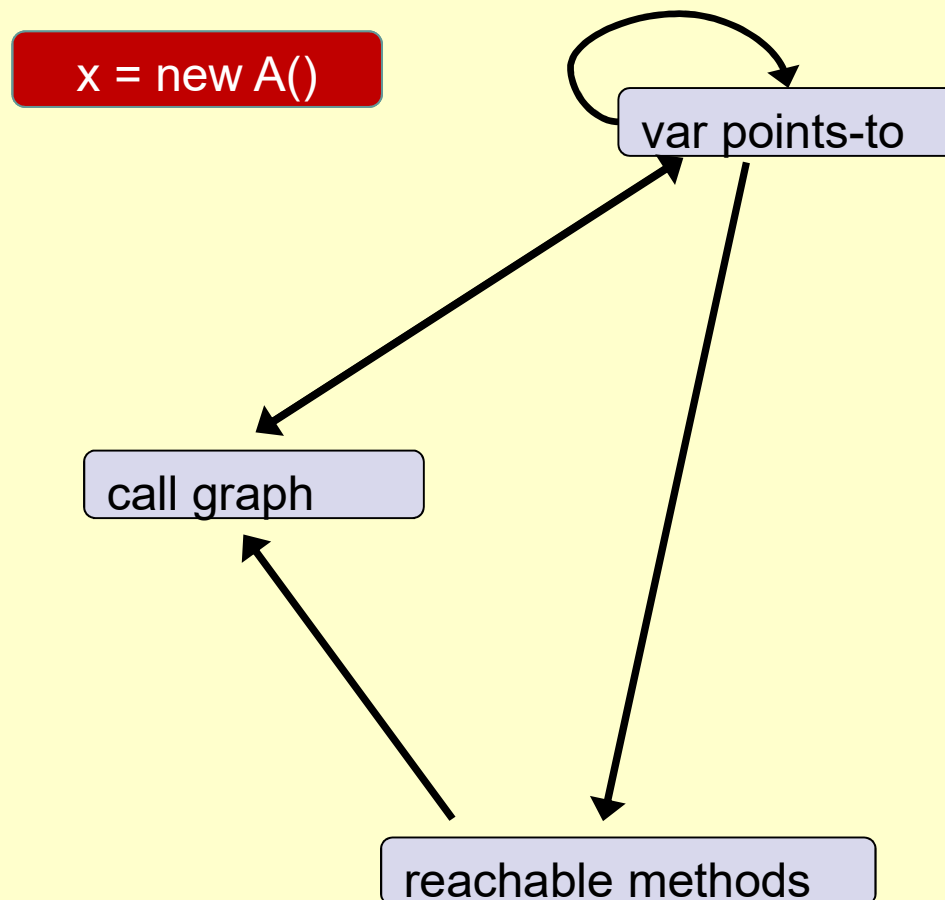
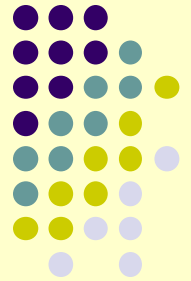
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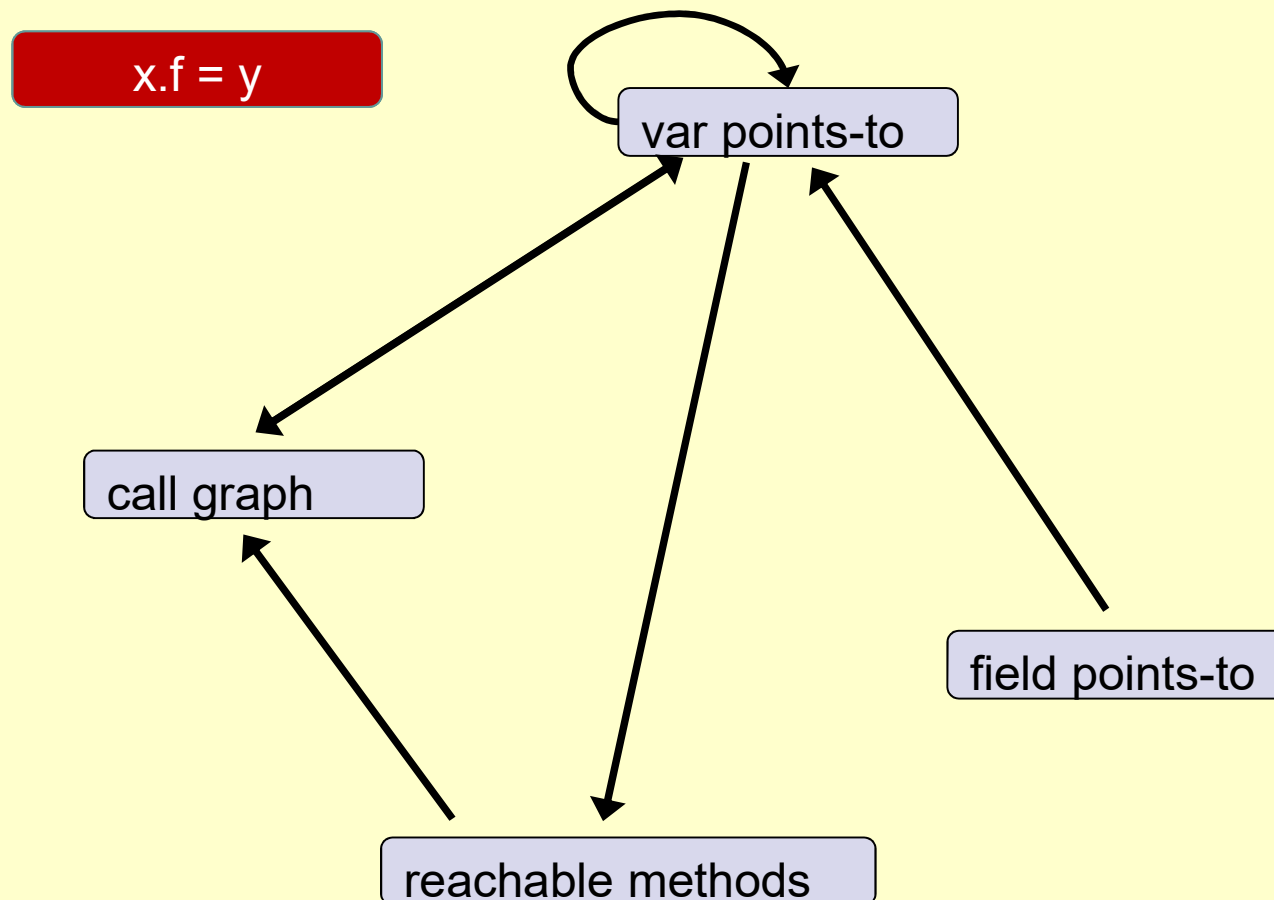
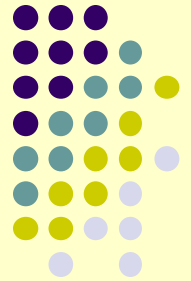
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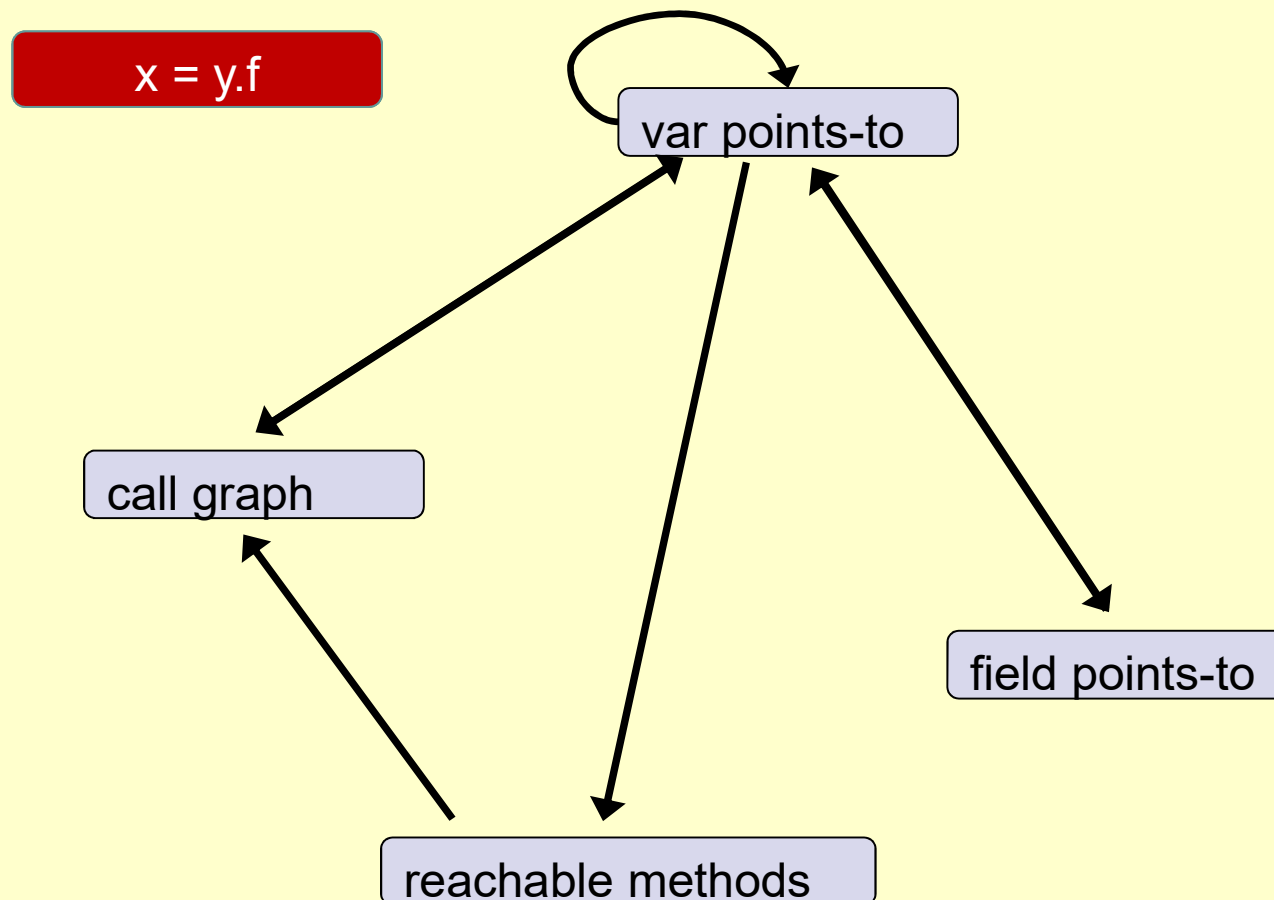
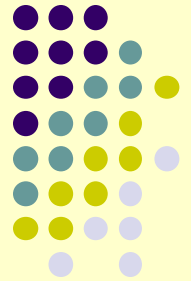
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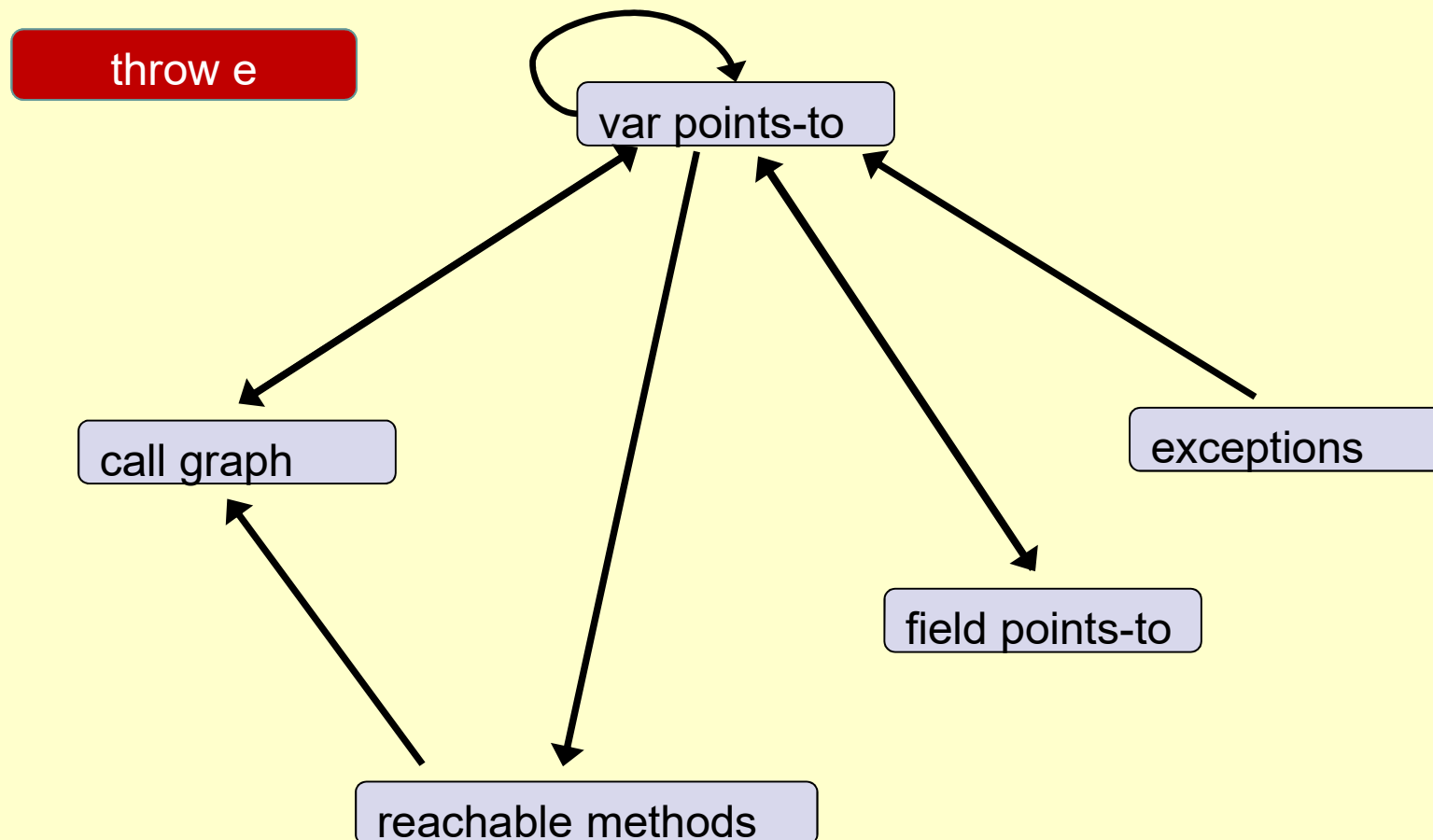
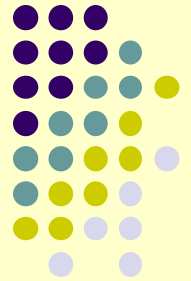
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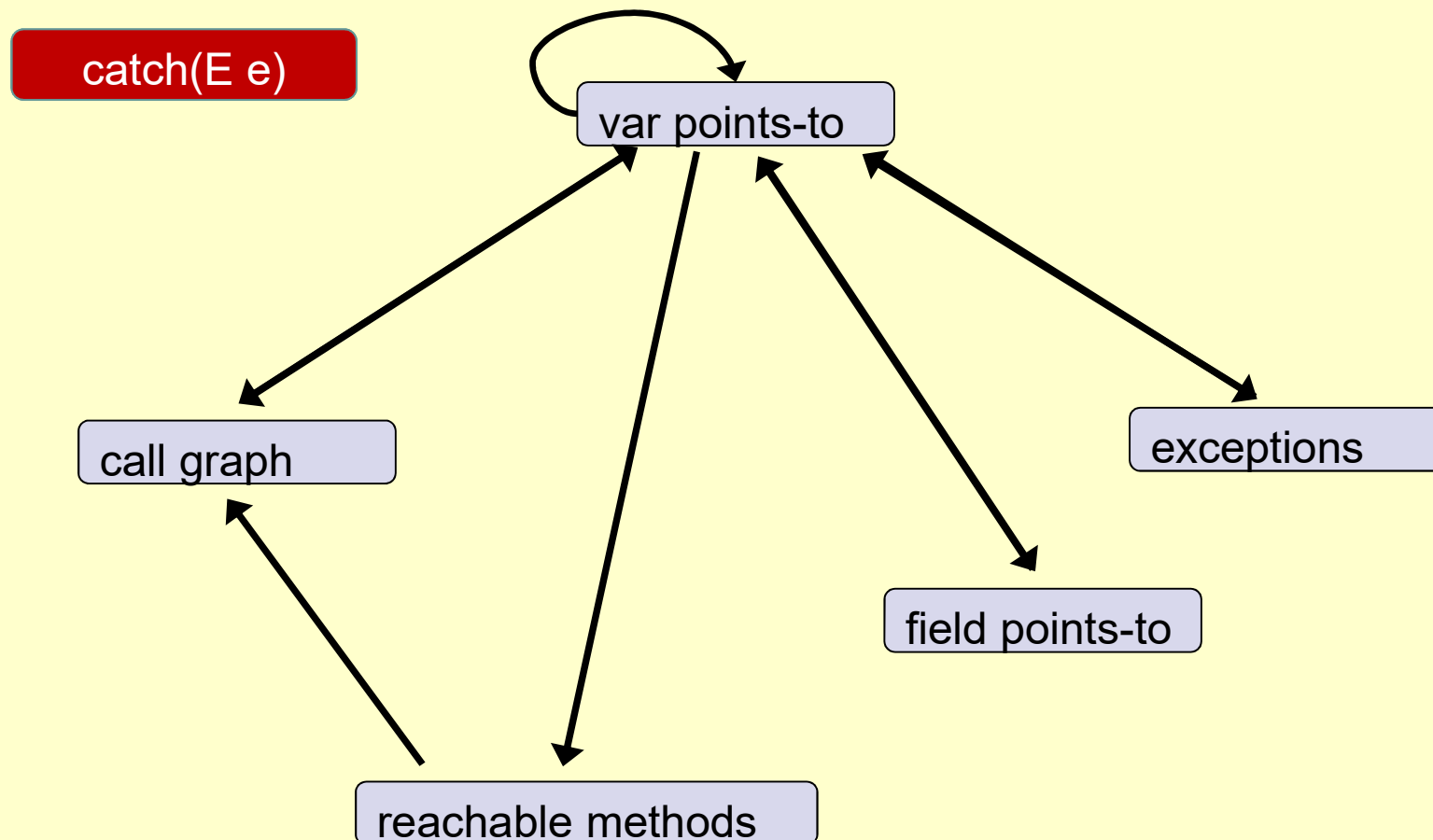
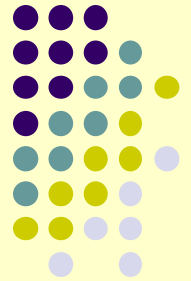
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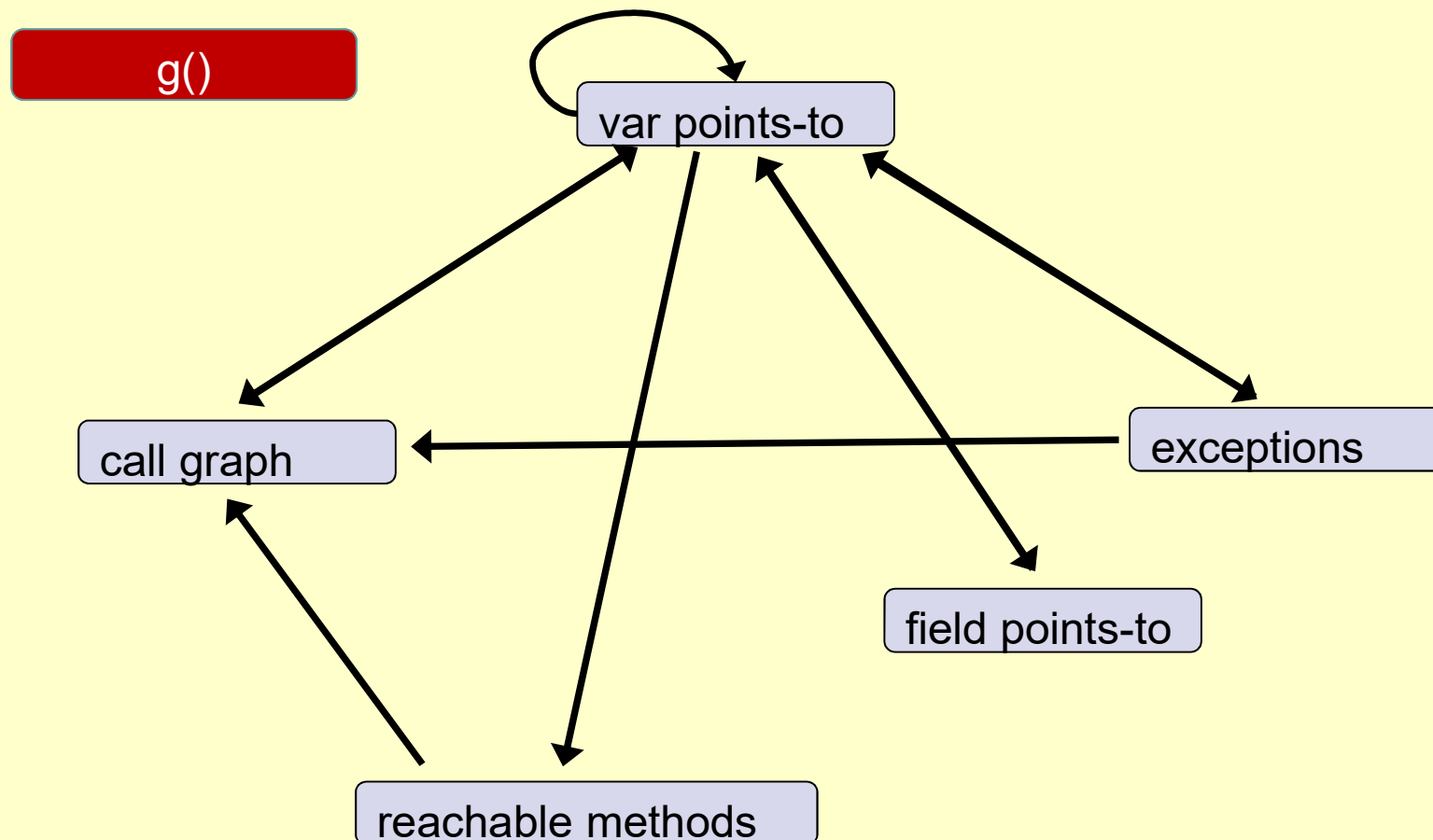
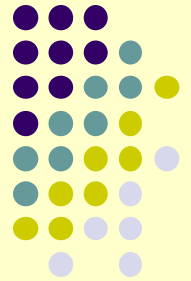
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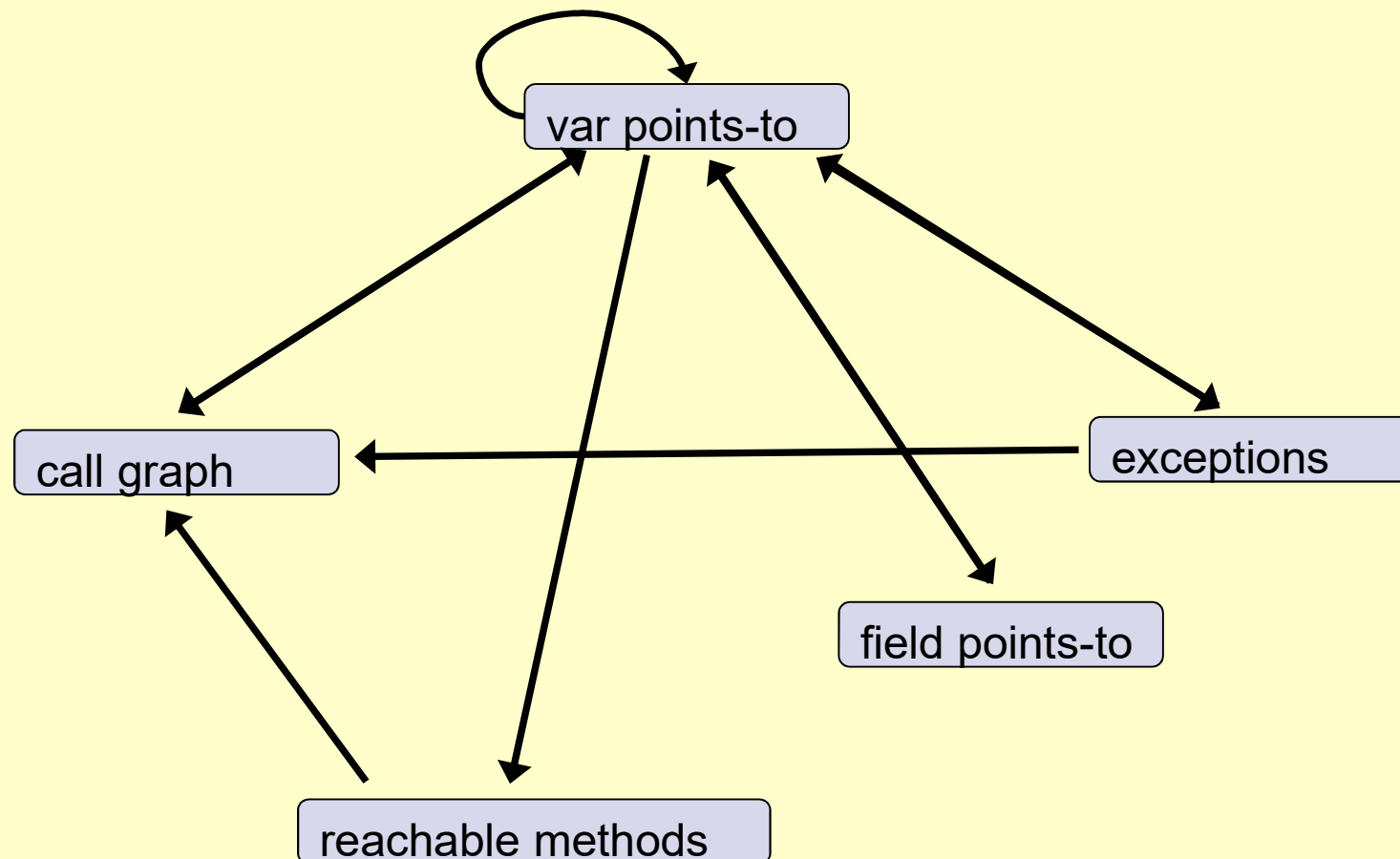
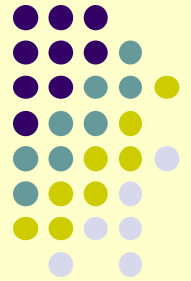
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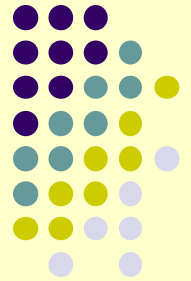
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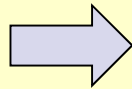


Datalog: Declarative Mutual Recursion

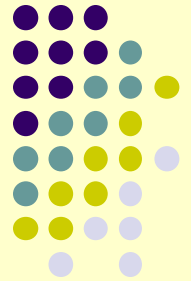


source

```
a = new A();  
b = new B();  
c = new C();  
a = b;  
b = a;  
c = b;
```



Datalog: Declarative Mutual Recursion



source

```
a = new A();  
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```

Alloc

```
a | new A()  
b | new B()  
c | new C()
```

Move

```
a | b  
b | a  
c | b
```

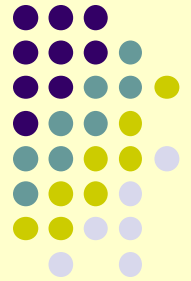
rules

```
VarPointsTo(var, obj) <-  
  Alloc(var, obj).
```

```
VarPointsTo(to, obj) <-  
  Move(to, from),  
  VarPointsTo(from, obj).
```



Datalog: Declarative Mutual Recursion



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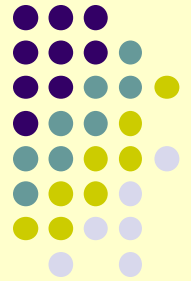
head

```
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```

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Datalog: Declarative Mutual Recursion



source

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```

Alloc

```
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c | new C()
```

VarPointsTo

Move

```
a | b  
b | a  
c | b
```

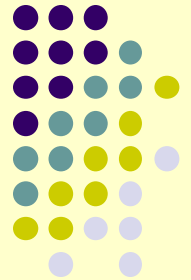
head relation

```
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```

```
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  Move(to, from),  
  VarPointsTo(from, obj).
```



Datalog: Declarative Mutual Recursion



source

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b = new B();  
c = new C();  
a = b;  
b = a;  
c = b;
```

Alloc

```
a | new A()  
b | new B()  
c | new C()
```

VarPointsTo

Move

```
a | b  
b | a  
c | b
```

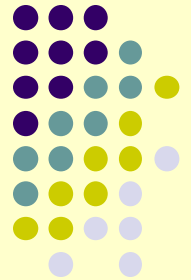
bodies

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```

```
VarPointsTo(to, obj) <-  
  Move(to, from),  
  VarPointsTo(from, obj).
```



Datalog: Declarative Mutual Recursion



source

```
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c = new C();  
a = b;  
b = a;  
c = b;
```

Alloc

```
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b | new B()  
c | new C()
```

VarPointsTo

Move

```
a | b  
b | a  
c | b
```

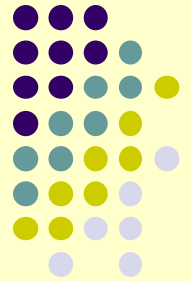
body relations

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Alloc

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VarPointsTo

Move

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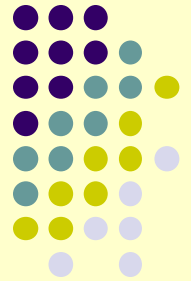
join variables

```
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```

```
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```



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Alloc

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Move

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```

VarPointsTo

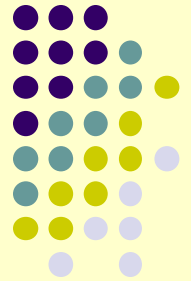
recursion

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Datalog: Declarative Mutual Recursion



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```

Alloc

a		new A()
b		new B()
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VarPointsTo

a		new A()
b		new B()
c		new C()

Move

a		b
b		a
c		b

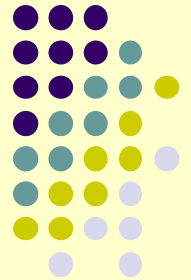
1st rule result

```
VarPointsTo(var, obj) <-  
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```

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VarPointsTo

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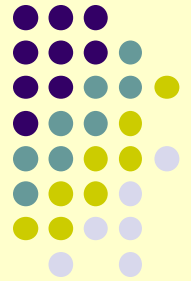
2nd rule evaluation

```
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Datalog: Declarative Mutual Recursion



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Alloc

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c		new C()

Move

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b		a
c		b

VarPointsTo

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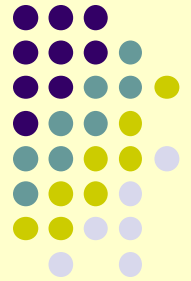
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Datalog: Declarative Mutual Recursion



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```

Alloc

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b | new B()  
c | new C()
```

Move

```
a | b  
b | a  
c | b
```

VarPointsTo

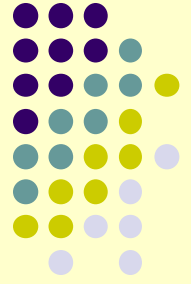
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Datalog: Properties

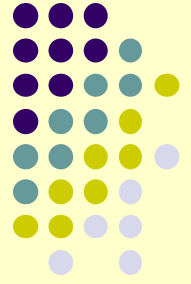


- Limited logic programming
 - SQL with recursion
 - Prolog without complex terms (constructors)
- Captures PTIME complexity class
- Strictly declarative
 - as opposed to Prolog
 - conjunction commutative
 - rules commutative
 - increases algorithm space
 - enables different execution strategies, aggressive optimization

Less programming, more specification



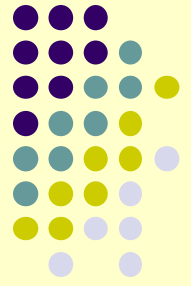
The DOOP Framework



- Datalog-based pointer analysis framework for Java
- Declarative: what, not how
- Sophisticated, very rich set of analyses
 - subset-based analysis, fully on-the-fly call graph discovery, field-sensitivity, context-sensitivity, call-site sensitive, object sensitive, thread sensitive, context-sensitive heap, abstraction, type filtering, precise exception analysis
- Support for full semantic complexity of Java
 - jvm initialization, reflection analysis, threads, reference queues, native methods, class initialization, finalization, cast checking, assignment compatibility

<http://doop.program-analysis.org>

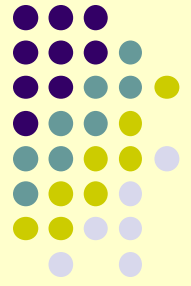




Some Doop Contributions

- Expressed complete, complex pointer analyses in Datalog
 - core specification: ~1500 logic rules
 - parameterized by a handful of rules per analysis flavor
- Synthesized efficient algorithms from specification
 - order of magnitude performance improvement
 - allowed to explore more analyses than past literature
- Approach: heuristics for searching algorithm space
 - targeted at recursive problem domains
- Demonstrated scalability with explicit representation
 - Contrast: previous work used BDDs (bddbddb, Paddle)





Not Expected

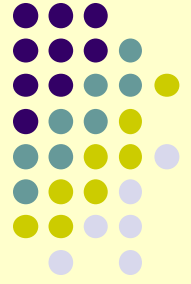
- Expressed complete, complex pointer analyses in Datalog

“[E]ncoding all the details of a complicated program analysis problem [on-the-fly call graph construction, handling of Java features] purely in terms of subset constraints may be difficult or impossible.” (Lhotak)

- Scalability and Efficiency

“Efficiently implementing a 1H-object-sensitive analysis without BDDs will require new improvements in data structures and algorithms”

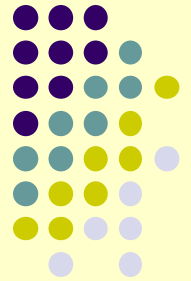




How Datalog Executes*

***Note: we will focus on bottom-up execution, as used in Doop. A top-down execution strategy is possible, and is useful for other applications of Datalog**



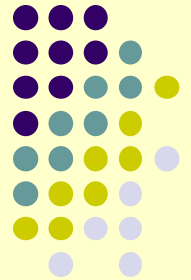


Naïve Datalog Execution

- Execute each rule against all facts in the current database
- Add the resulting facts to the database
- Repeat until no more facts are added
- Efficiency problem
 - Facts inferred in the first iteration are re-inferred in all subsequent iterations
 - In second iteration, need only consider rule instantiations based on at least one new fact



Semi-Naïve Datalog Execution



- Execute program incrementally
 - For each rule r , for each fact f produced in relation R in the previous round, generate all facts inferable via rule r , fact f , and all current facts for relations other than R

- Example

- Original program

```
VarPointsTo(to, obj) <-  
  Move(to, from),  
  VarPointsTo(from, obj).
```

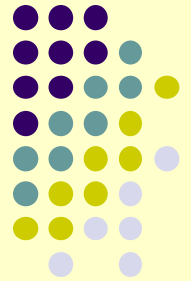
- Semi-Naïve rewriting

```
 $\Delta$ VarPointsTo(to, obj) <-  
  Move(to, from),  
   $\Delta$ VarPointsTo(from, obj).
```

- Note that we don't have a similar Δ rule for Move, because Move represents program text and we never get more facts there



Semi-Naïve Datalog Execution



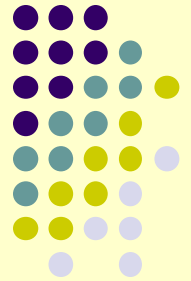
- Rewritten program

```
VarPointsTo(var, obj) <-  
    AssignHeapAllocation(var, obj).  
 $\Delta$ VarPointsTo(to, obj) <-  
    Move(to, from),  
     $\Delta$ VarPointsTo(from, obj).
```

- Initial facts

```
AssignHeapAllocation("y", "o1").  
AssignHeapAllocation("z", "o2").  
  
Move("x", "y").  
Move("y", "z").
```





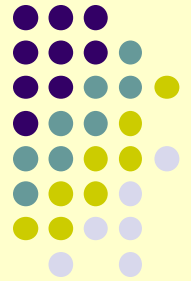
Practice: Semi-Naïve Execution

```
VarPointsTo(var, obj) <-  
  AssignHeapAllocation(var, obj).  
  
VarPointsTo(to, obj) <-  
  LoadField(base, field, to),  
  VarPointsTo(base, baseobj),  
  FieldPointsTo(baseobj, field, obj).  
  
FieldPointsTo(baseobj, field, obj) <-  
  StoreField(base, field, from),  
  VarPointsTo(base, baseobj),  
  VarPointsTo(from, obj).
```

```
AssignHeapAllocation("x", "o1").  
AssignHeapAllocation("y", "o2").  
  
LoadField("x", "f", "x"). % x.f = x  
StoreField("x", "f", "y"). % y = x.f
```

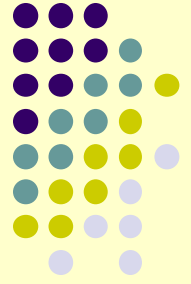


Practice: Writing Reachability Analysis



- `Reachable(meth)` % method implementation meth is reachable
 - `VarPointsTo(var, obj)` % var may point to an object allocated at obj
 - `Alloc(var, obj, meth)` % obj: var = new ...(...) in meth
 - `VCall(base, sig, inMeth)` % virtual call: base.sig(...) in "inMeth"
 - `Lookup(obj, sig, meth)` % looks up the method implementation for allocation
 % site obj and method signature sig
-
- var, base - variable
 - obj - object allocation site
 - meth, inMeth - method implementation
 - sig - method name and signature
-
- Give rules for `Reachable` and `VarPointsTo`, assuming `Alloc`, `VCall`, and `Lookup` are given



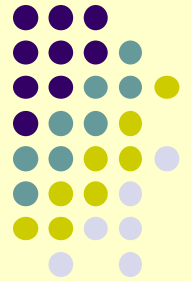


Encoding Context-Sensitive Pointer Analysis in Datalog

[PLDI'10, POPL'11, CC'13, PLDI'13, PLDI'14]



Recall: Context-Sensitivity (call-site sensitivity)



- What objects can a variable point to?

program

```
void foo() {  
    Object a = new A1();  
    Object b = id(a);  
}  
  
void bar() {  
    Object a = new A2();  
    Object b = id(a);  
}  
  
Object id(Object a) {  
    return a;  
}
```

points-to

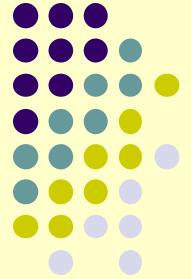
foo:a	new A1()
bar:a	new A2()
id:a	new A1(), new A2()
foo:b	new A1(), new A2()
bar:b	new A1(), new A2()

call-site-sensitive points-to

foo:a	new A1()
bar:a	new A2()
id:a (foo)	new A1()
id:a (bar)	new A2()
foo:b	new A1()
bar:b	new A2()



Object-Sensitivity



program

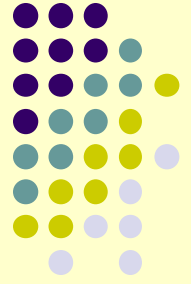
```
class S {  
    Object id(Object a) { return a; }  
    Object id2(Object a) { return id(a); }  
}  
class C extends S {  
    void fun1() {  
        Object a1 = new A1();  
        Object b1 = id2(a1);  
    }  
}  
class D extends S {  
    void fun2() {  
        Object a2 = new A2();  
        Object b2 = id2(a2);  
    }  
}
```

1-call-site-sensitive points-to

fun1:a1	new A1()
fun2:a2	new A2()
id2:a (fun1)	new A1()
id2:a (fun2)	new A2()
id:a (id2)	new A1(), new A2()
id2:ret (*)	new A1(), new A2()
fun1:b1	new A1(), new A2()
fun2:b2	new A1(), new A2()



Object-Sensitivity



program

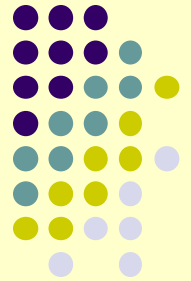
```
class S {
  Object id(Object a) { return a; }
  Object id2(Object a) { return id(a); }
}
class C extends S {
  void fun1() {
    Object a1 = new A1();
    Object b1 = id2(a1);
  }
}
class D extends S {
  void fun2() {
    Object a2 = new A2();
    Object b2 = id2(a2);
  }
}
```

1-object-sensitive points-to

fun1:a1	new A1()
fun2:a2	new A2()
id2:a (C1)	new A1()
id2:a (D1)	new A2()
id:a (C1)	new A1()
id:a (D1)	new A2()
id2:ret (C1)	new A1()
fun1:b1	new A1()
fun2:b2	new A2()



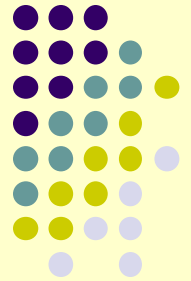
A General Formulation of Context-Sensitive Analyses



- *Every context-sensitive flow-insensitive analysis there is (ECSFIATI)*
 - ok, almost every
 - most not handled are strictly less sophisticated
 - and also many more than people ever thought
- Also with on-the-fly call-graph construction
- In 9 easy rules!



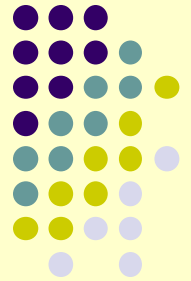
Simple Intermediate Language



- We consider Java-bytecode-like language
 - allocation instructions (Alloc)
 - local assignments (Move)
 - virtual and static calls (VCall, SCall)
 - field access, assignments (Load, Store)
 - standard type system and symbol table info (Type, Subtype, FormalArg, ActualArg, etc.)



Rule 1: Allocating Objects (Alloc)

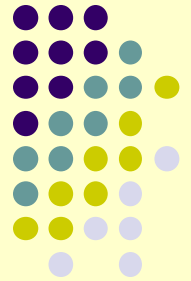


```
VarPointsTo(var, ctx, obj, hctx)  
<-  
  Alloc(var, obj, meth),  
  Reachable(meth, ctx).  
where hctx = Record(obj, ctx)
```

obj: var = new Something();



Rule 2: Variable Assignment (Move)

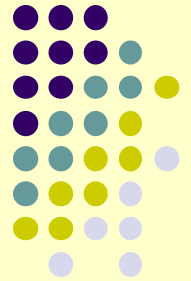


```
VarPointsTo(to, ctx, obj, hctx)
<-
  Move(to, from),
  VarPointsTo(from, ctx, obj, hctx).
```

to = from



Rule 3: Object Field Write (Store)



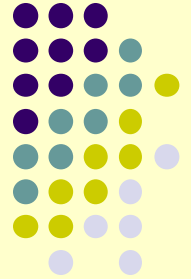
```
FldPointsTo(baseObj, baseHCtx, fld, obj, hctx)
<-
  Store(base, fld, from),
  VarPointsTo(from, ctx, obj, hctx),
  VarPointsTo(base, ctx, baseObj, baseHCtx).
```

base . fld = from

↓ ↓
baseObj obj

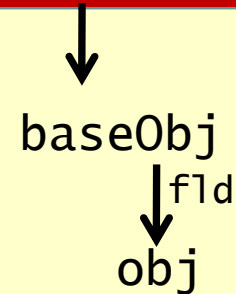


Rule 4: Object Field Read (Load)

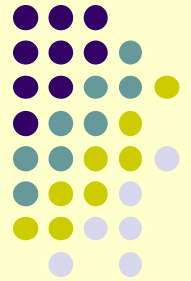


```
VarPointsTo(to, ctx, obj, hctx)
<-
  Load(to, base, fld),
  FldPointsTo(baseObj, baseHCtx, fld, obj, hctx),
  VarPointsTo(base, ctx, baseObj, baseHCtx).
```

to = base.fld



Rule 5: Static Method Calls (SCall)

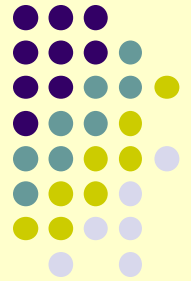


```
Reachable(toMeth, calleeCtx),  
CallGraph(invo, callerCtx, toMeth, calleeCtx)  
<-  
  SCall(toMeth, invo, inMeth),  
  Reachable(inMeth, callerCtx).  
where calleeCtx = MergeStatic(invo, callerCtx)
```

invo: toMeth(..)



Rule 6: Virtual Method Calls (VCall)

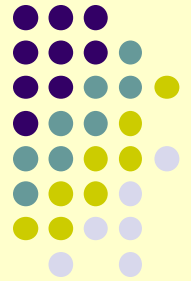


```
Reachable(toMeth, calleeCtx),  
VarPointsTo(this, calleeCtx, obj, hctx),  
CallGraph(invo, callerCtx, toMeth, calleeCtx)  
<-  
  VCall(base, sig, invo, inMeth),  
  Reachable(inMeth, callerCtx),  
  VarPointsTo(base, callerCtx, obj, hctx),  
  LookUp(obj, sig, toMeth),  
  ThisVar(toMeth, this).  
where calleeCtx = Merge(obj, hctx, invo, callerCtx)
```

invo: base.sig(..)

obj
↓ sig
toMeth





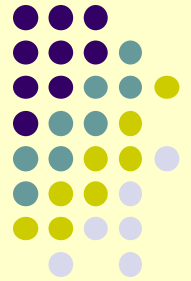
Rule 7: Parameter Passing

```
InterProcAssign(to, calleeCtx, from, callerCtx)
<-
  CallGraph(invo, callerCtx, meth, calleeCtx),
  ActualArg(invo, i, from),
  FormalArg(meth, i, to).
```

invo: meth(.., from, ..) → meth(.., to, ..)



Rule 8: Return Value Passing

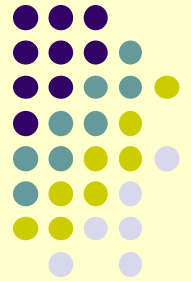


```
InterProcAssign(to, callerCtx, from, calleeCtx)
<-
  CallGraph(invo, callerCtx, meth, calleeCtx),
  ActualReturn(invo, to),
  FormalReturn(meth, from).
```

invo: $to = \text{meth}(\dots) \rightarrow \text{meth}(\dots) \{ \dots \text{return from;} \}$



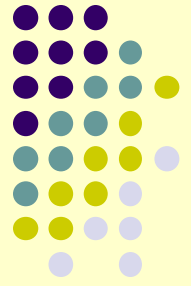
Rule 9: Parameter/Result Passing as Assignment



```
VarPointsTo(to, toCtx, obj, hctx)
<-
  InterProcAssign(to, toCtx, from, fromCtx),
  VarPointsTo(from, fromCtx, obj, hctx).
```



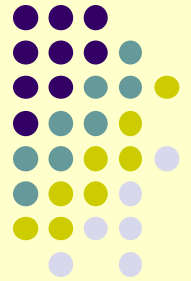
Can Now Express Past Analyses Nicely



- 1-call-site-sensitive with context-sensitive heap:
 - $Context = HContext = Instr$
- Functions:
 - $Record(obj, ctx) = ctx$
 - $Merge(obj, hctx, invo, callerCtx) = invo$
 - $MergeStatic(invo, callerCtx) = invo$



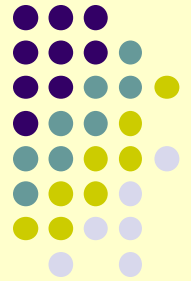
Can Now Express Past Analyses Nicely



- 1-object-sensitive+heap:
 - $Context = HContext = Instr$
- Functions:
 - $Record(obj, ctx) = ctx$
 - $Merge(obj, hctx, invo, callerCtx) = obj$
 - $MergeStatic(invo, callerCtx) = callerCtx$



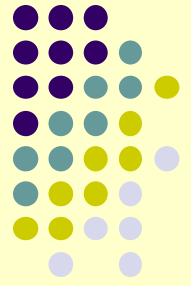
Can Now Express Past Analyses Nicely



- PADDLE-style 2-object-sensitive+heap:
 - $Context = Instr^2$, $HContext = Instr$
- Functions:
 - **Record**(obj, ctx) = first(ctx)
 - **Merge**(obj, hctx, invo, callerCtx) = pair(obj, first(callerCtx))
 - **MergeStatic**(invo, callerCtx) = callerCtx

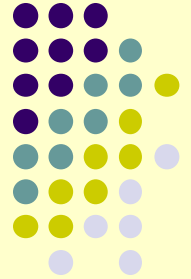


Lots of Insights and New Algorithms (all with major benefits)



- Discovered that the same name was used for two past algorithms with very different behavior
- Proposed a new kind of context (*type-sensitivity*), easily implemented by uniformly tweaking **Record/Merge** functions
- Found connections between analyses in functional/OO languages
- Showed that merging different kinds of contexts works great (*hybrid context-sensitivity*)

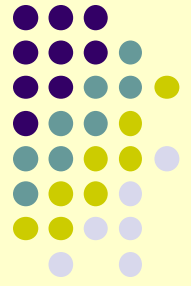




Impressive Performance, Implementation Insights

[OOPSLA'09, ISSTA'09]



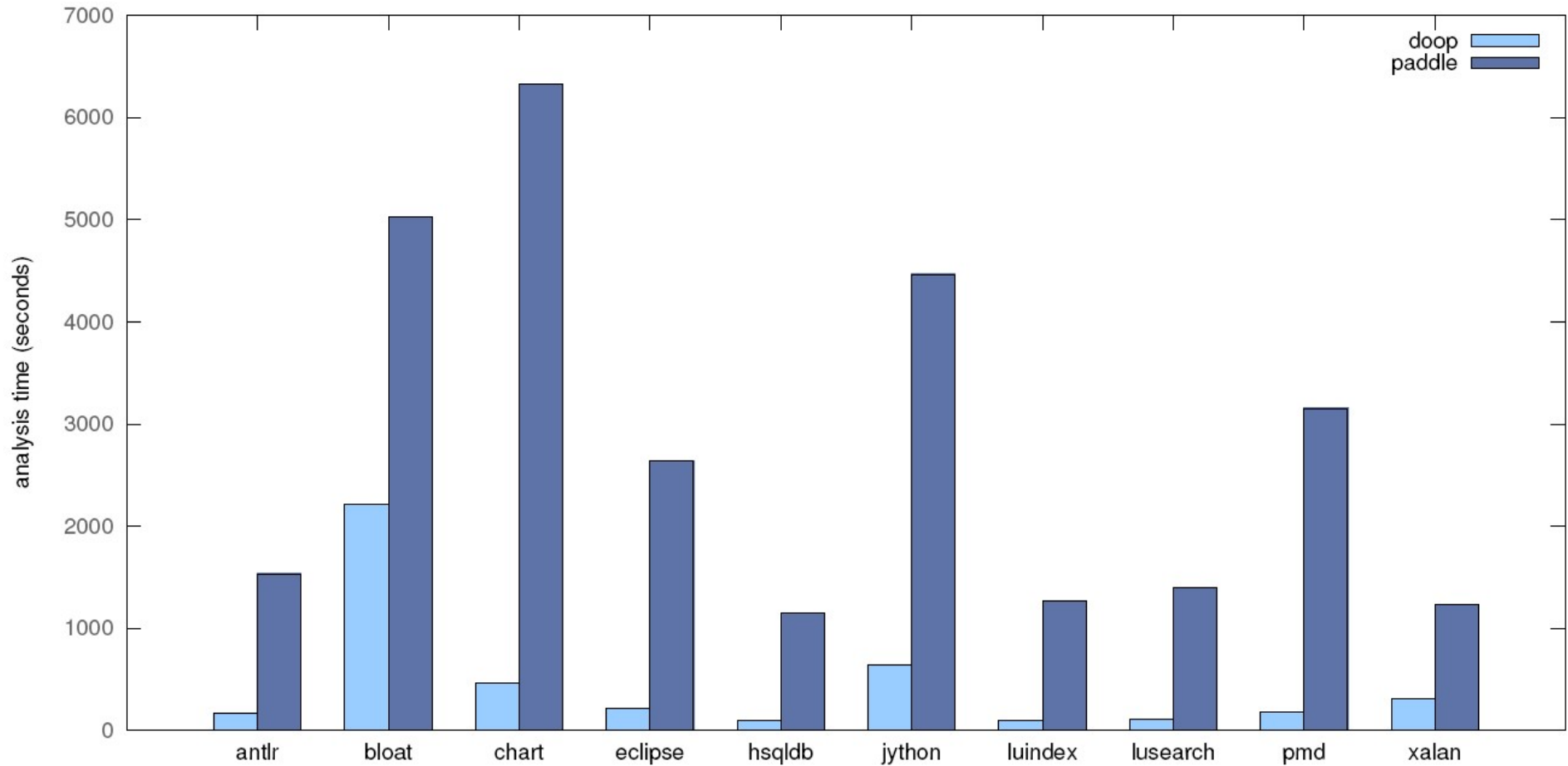
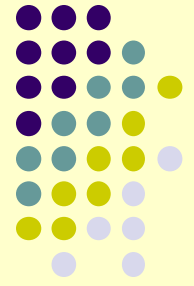


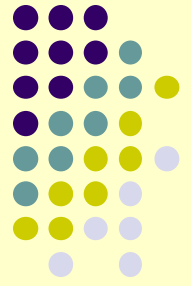
Impressive Performance

- Compared to Paddle
 - most complete, scalable past framework
 - includes analyses with a context sensitive heap
- Large speedup for fully equivalent results
 - 15.2x faster for 1-obj, 16.3x faster for 1-call, 7.3x faster for 1-call+heap, 6.6x faster for 1-obj+heap
- Large speedup for more precise results!
 - 9.7x for 1-call, 12.3x for 1-call+heap, 3x for 1-obj+heap
- Scaling to analyses Paddle cannot handle
 - 2-call+1-heap, 2-object+1-heap, 2-call+2-heap



1-call-site-sensitive+heap



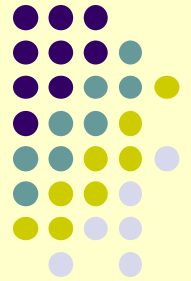


Where Is The Magic?

- Surprisingly, in very few places
 - 4 orders of magnitude via optimization methodology for highly recursive Datalog!
 - straightforward data processing optimization (indexes), but with an understanding of how Datalog does recursive evaluation
 - no BDDs
 - are they needed for pointer analysis?
 - simple domain-specific enhancements that increase both precision and performance in a direct (non-BDD) implementation



Identifying Performance Problems



- Inefficient Datalog:

```
VarPointsTo(?var, ?obj) <-  
  AssignObjectAllocation(?var, ?obj).
```

```
VarPointsTo(?to, ?obj) <-  
  Assign(?from, ?to), VarPointsTo(?from, ?obj).
```

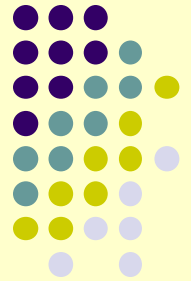
- LogicBlox Datalog indexes on the *last* variable in a relation
- This code joins on the *first* variables of Assign, VarPointsTo

- After re-ordering variables:

```
VarPointsTo(?obj, ?var) <-  
  AssignObjectAllocation(?obj, ?var).
```

```
VarPointsTo(?obj, ?to) <-  
  Assign(?to, ?from), VarPointsTo(?obj, ?from).
```





More Challenging

- Specification

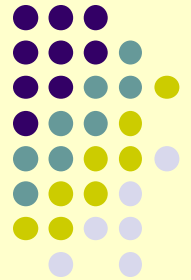
```
FieldPointsTo(?obj, ?field, ?baseobj) <-  
  StoreField(?from, ?field, ?base),  
  VarPointsTo(?baseobj, ?base),  
  VarPointsTo(?obj, ?from).
```

- Semi-naïve executions

```
 $\Delta$ FieldPointsTo(?obj, ?field, ?baseobj) <-  
  StoreField(?from, ?field, ?base),  
   $\Delta$ VarPointsTo(?baseobj, ?base),  
  VarPointsTo(?obj, ?from).
```

```
 $\Delta$ FieldPointsTo(?obj, ?field, ?baseobj) <-  
  StoreField(?from, ?field, ?base),  
  VarPointsTo(?baseobj, ?base),  
   $\Delta$ VarPointsTo(?obj, ?from).
```





Folding

- Original

```
FieldPointsTo(?obj, ?field, ?baseobj) <-  
  StoreField(?from, ?field, ?base),  
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  VarPointsTo(?obj, ?from).
```

- Implemented with an extra relation

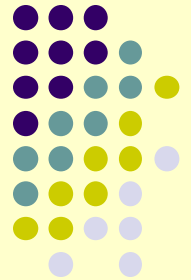
- and an extra index

```
FieldPointsTo(?obj, ?field, ?baseobj) <-  
  StoreObjectField(?baseobj, ?field, ?from)  
  VarPointsTo(?obj, ?from).
```

```
StoreObjectField(?baseobj, ?field, ?from)  
  StoreField(?from, ?field, ?base),  
  VarPointsTo(?baseobj, ?base),
```



Optimization Practice

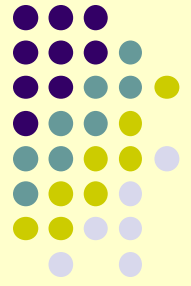


- Original

```
VarPointsTo(?obj, ?to) <-  
  LoadField(?to, ?base, ?field),  
  VarPointsTo(?baseobj, ?base),  
  FieldPointsTo(?obj, ?field, ?baseobj).
```

- Optimize the variable order of LoadField and add folds
 - You may not change variable order in other relations

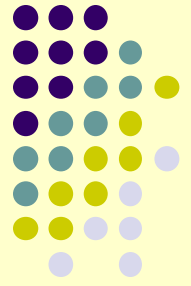




Optimization Insight

- For highly recursive Datalog programs,
relation deltas produced by semi-naive evaluation should bind all the variables needed to index into other relations
- Can require complex reasoning
 - whole program optimization
 - human needs to be in the loop in the search of algorithm space!

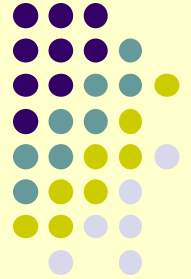




Algorithmic Enhancements

- BDDs are necessary if one is not careful about precision
- We introduced simple algorithmic enhancements to avoid redundancy
 - static initializers handled context-insensitively
 - on-the-fly exception handling
- Better analyses, as well as faster!

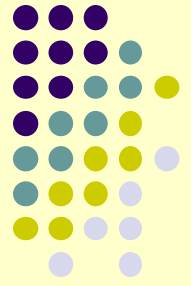




Conclusions, Future Work



Declarative Program Analysis



- Doop is probably the most complete points-to analysis framework for Java
 - aids exploration
 - competitive performance
- Already yielded new algorithms, implementation techniques
- Latest: flow-sensitive, LLVM, client analyses
- Future: commercialization as program comprehension service

