

From Termination to Cost (in Object-Oriented Languages)

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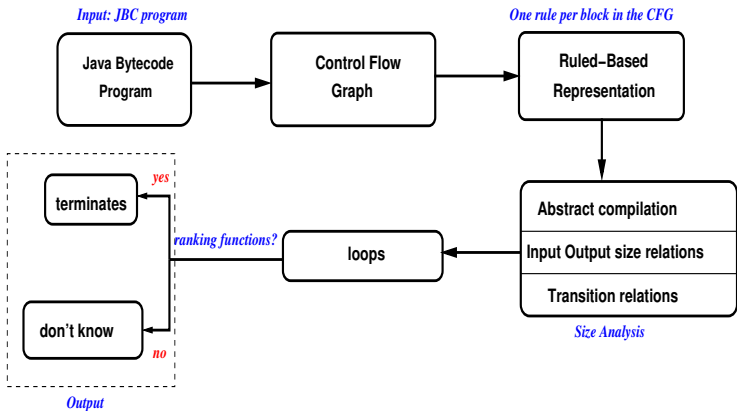
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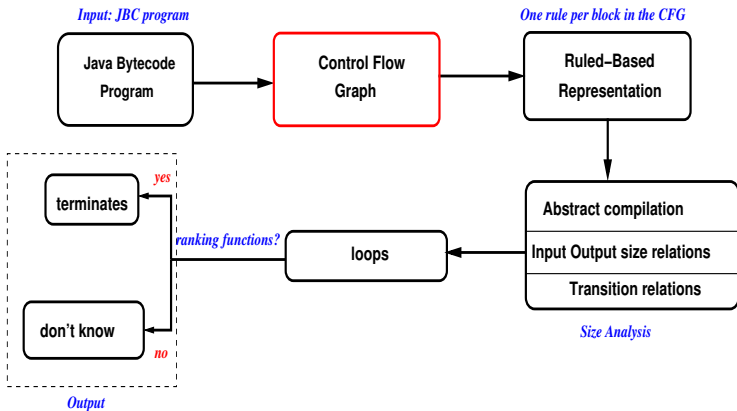
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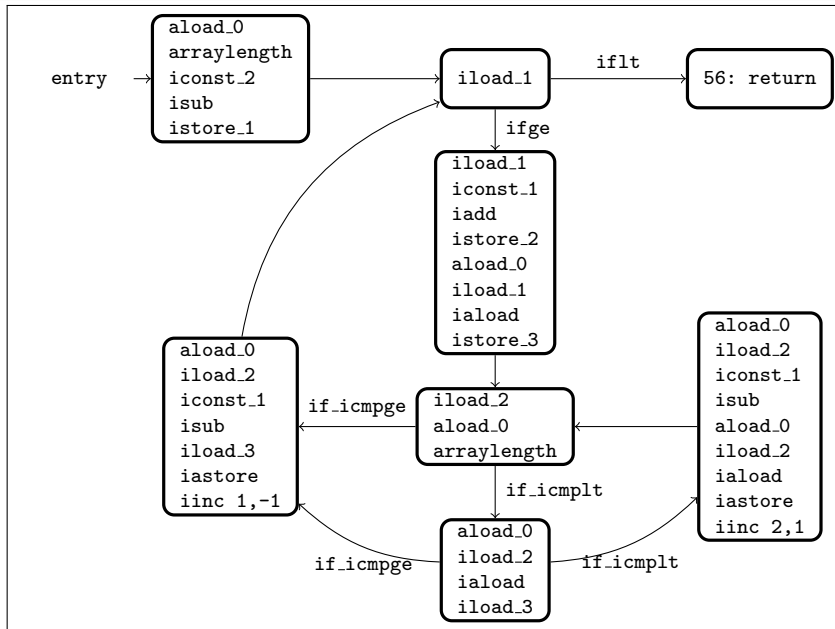
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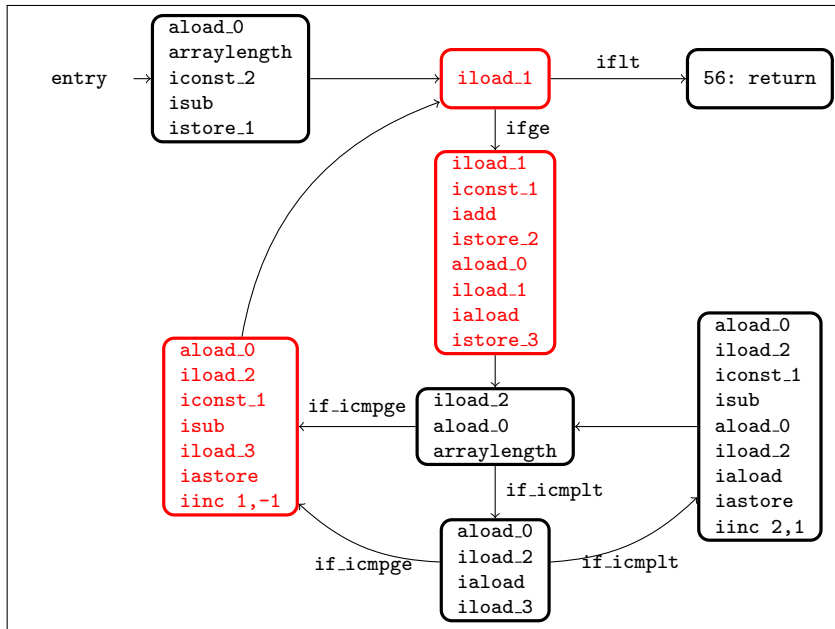
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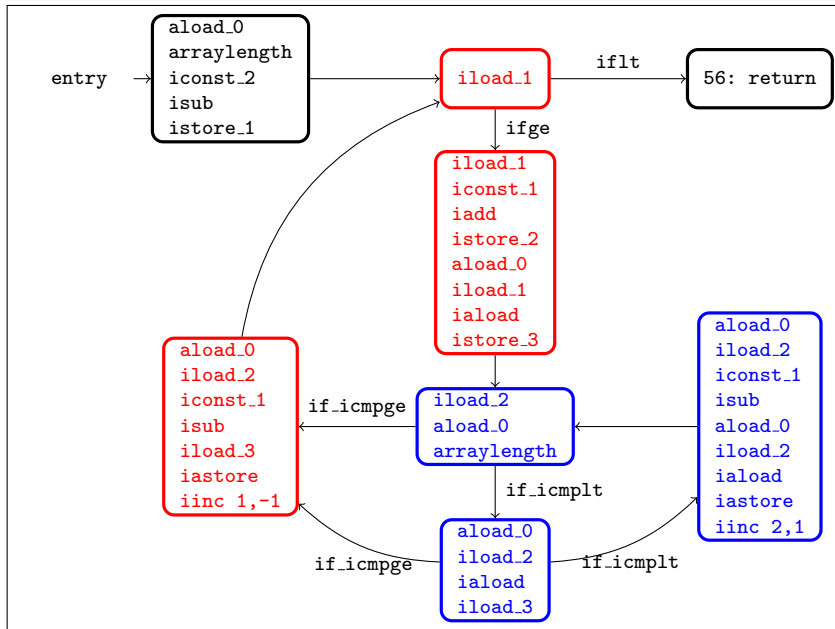
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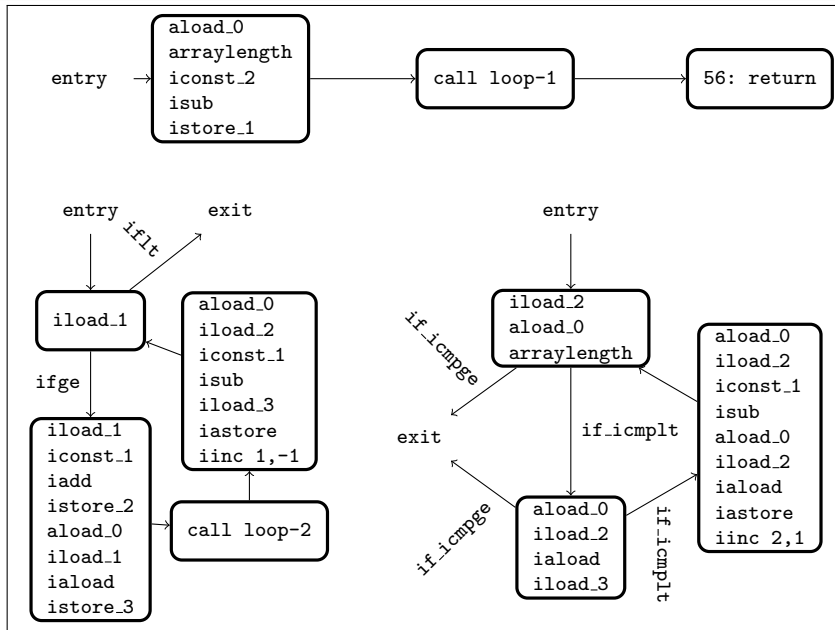
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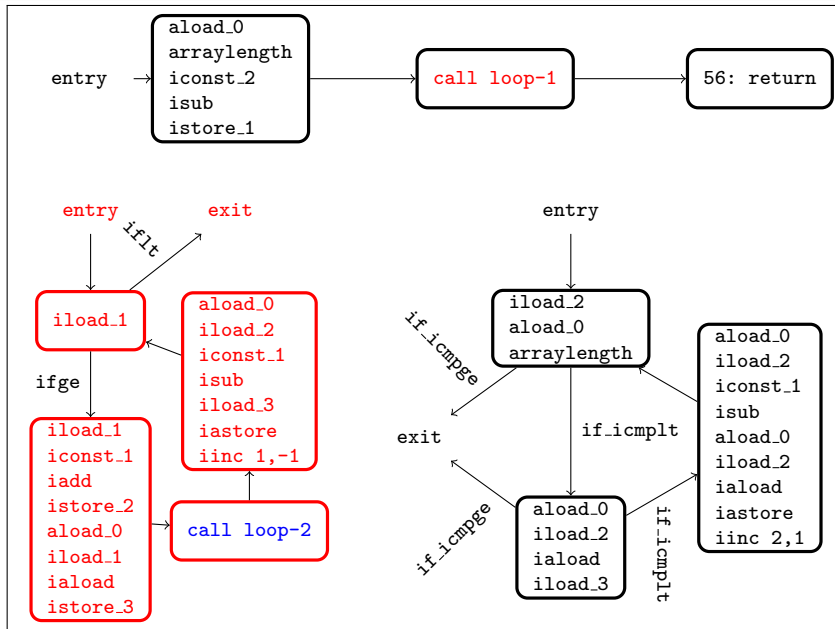
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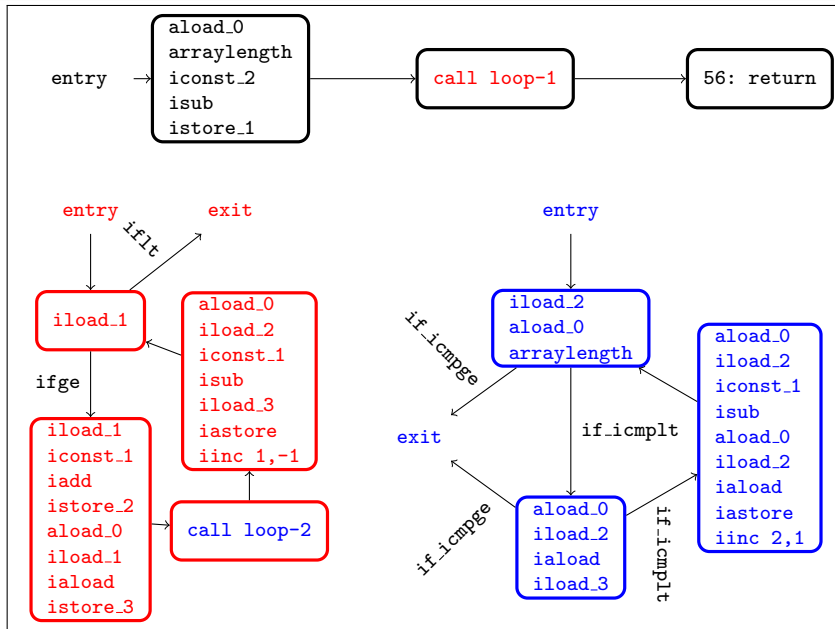
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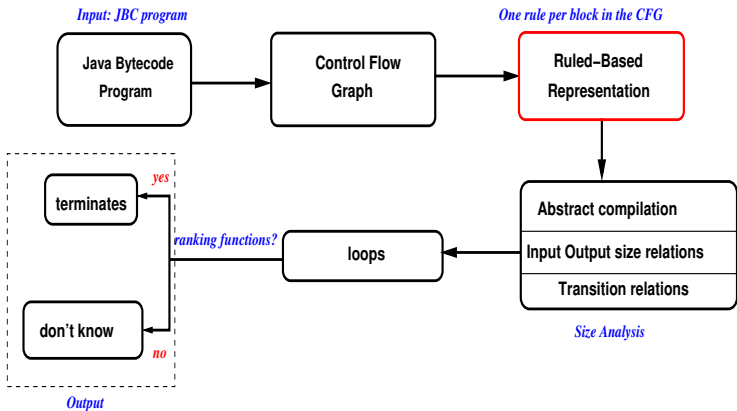
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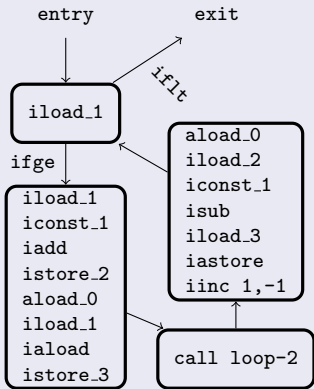
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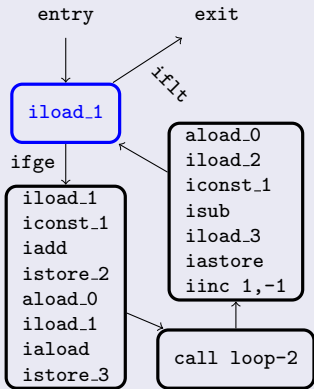


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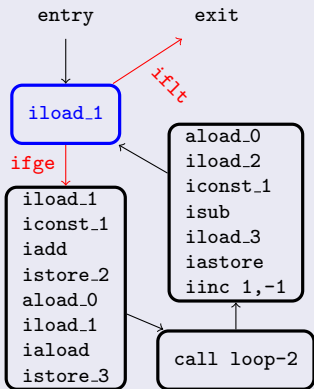
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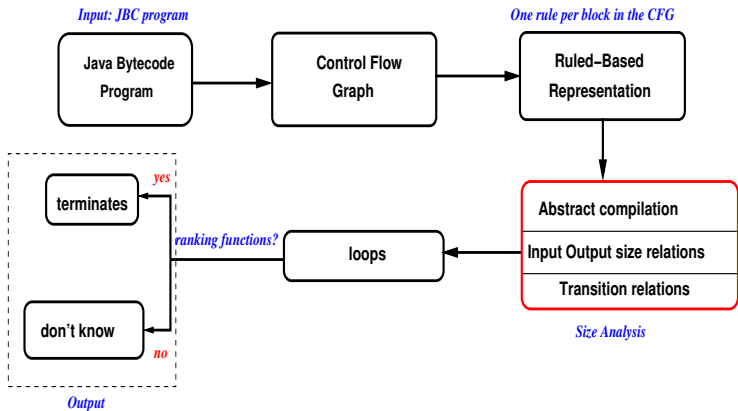
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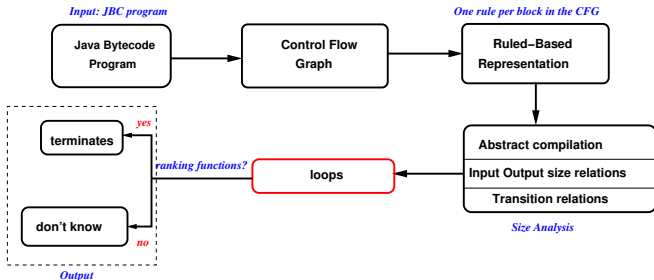
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cost equation systems

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The second case
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We add **18** units which correspond to comparison, instructions before and after the while

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The cost of executing the while. The constraint $j = i + 1$ is the initial value of j

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and the cost of executing the for loop again after decreasing i

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the first equation captures the case where we do not enter the loop because the **first condition** does not hold

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Partial Evaluation:
equations are converted into directly recursive form by applying the well-known technique of partial evaluation

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 - Also related are the notions of local reasoning [OHearnRY'01] and **separation logic** [Reynolds'02].

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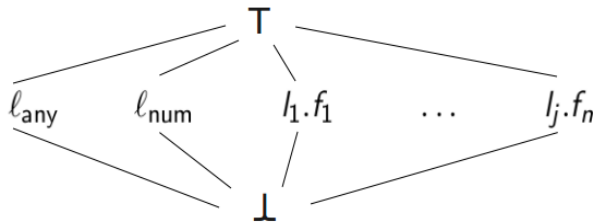
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reference constancy analysis

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$R(S, f)/W(S, f)$

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$x.f.size = l_1.f$ and $y.size = l_2$

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proving condition 2

$W(S, f) = \emptyset$; or $W(S, f) = \{\ell\}$ and ℓ is of the form $l_j.f_1 \dots f_n$.

Transformation of a Scope S and a Field f

Generate new unique variable names \bar{v} for the local heap locations ap to be tracked in the scope S .

- 1 **Add arguments:** each head or call $p(\langle \bar{x} \rangle, \langle \bar{y} \rangle)$ such that $p \in S$ is converted to $p(\langle \bar{x} \cdot \bar{v}_r \rangle, \langle \bar{y} \cdot \bar{v}_w \rangle)$
 - 1 if $W(S, f) = \emptyset$ then $\bar{v}_r = \{v_{ap.f} \mid R(S, f)\}$
 - 2 if $W(S, f) = \{\ell\}$ then $\bar{v}_r = \{v_{ap.f}\}$
- 2 **Replicate field accesses:**
 - 1 each $y.f = x \in S$ produces assignment $v_{ap.f} = x$ if $AP(y) = ap \neq l_{any}$
 - 2 each $x = y.f \in S$ produces assignment $x = v_{ap.f}$ if $AP(y) = ap \neq l_{any}$
- 3 **Handle external calls:** external calls $q(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in S$ are transformed into $q(\langle \bar{x} \cdot \rho(\bar{v}'_r) \rangle, \langle \bar{y} \cdot \rho(\bar{v}'_w) \rangle)$

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 $s_1 := s_0, getSize(\langle s_1 \rangle, \langle s_1 \rangle),$
 $s_2 := 1, s_1 := s_1 - s_2, setSize(\langle s_0, s_1 \rangle, \langle \rangle),$
 $loop(\langle this, x, y, i \rangle, \langle r \rangle).$
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What is it different in reference fields?

- Replicating instructions is not a good idea:
 - assume an instruction like $y.ref := x$ is followed by $v_{ref} := x$.
 - replicating instructions makes $y.ref$ and v_{ref} alias,
 - therefore, the path-length relations of v_{ref} affected by those of $y.ref$
 - updates to $y.ref$ will force losing path-length information about v_{ref} ,
 - replace $y.ref := x$ by $v_{ref} := x$, not replicate
- The locality condition is not always appropriate:
 - clearly, when loops traverse data structures
 - we want to keep track of reference fields which are used as **cursors** for traversing them
 - reference fields which are part of the data structure itself, seldomly affect termination or cost
 - require that the field signature is both read and written
 $(R(S, f)) = (W(S, f)) = \{\ell\}$

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class Test {  
  static void m(Iter x, Aux y, Aux z)  
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termination of while loop can be proven

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static int m$1(Ref x, Ref y) {
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  y.f--; v ++; return v; }
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