

Rigorous Software Development

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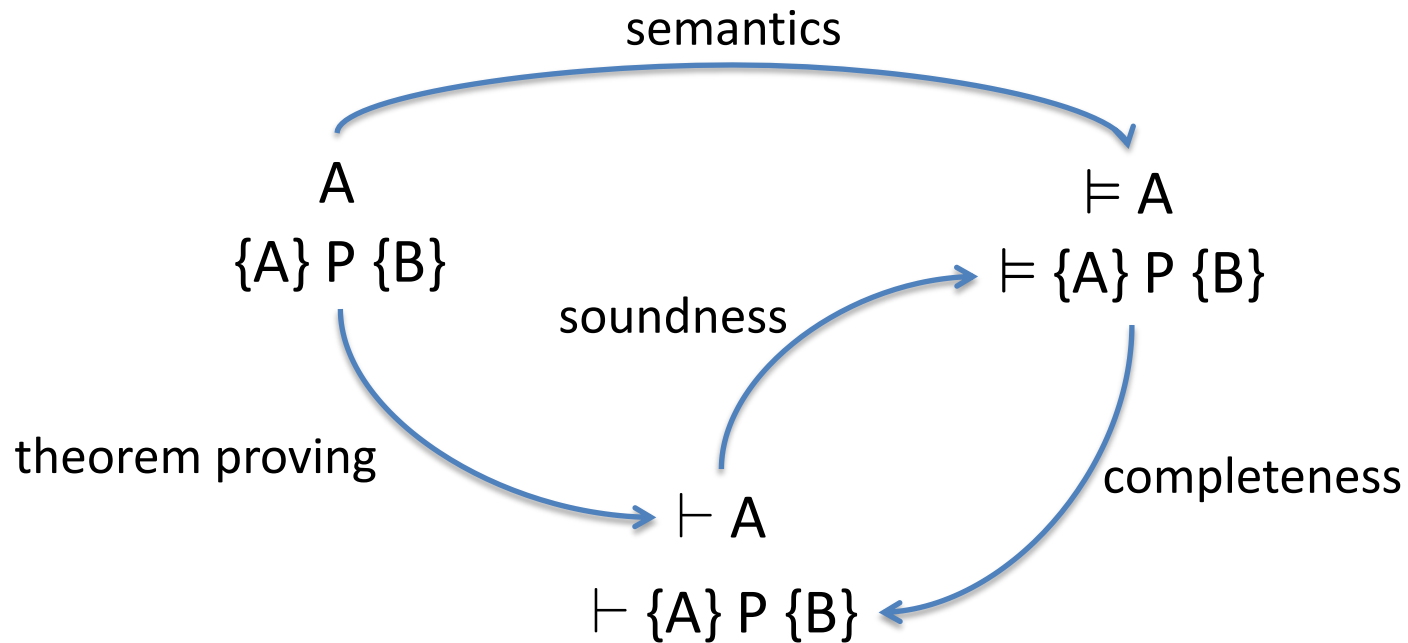
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Invariant Generation

- Tools such as Dafny enable automated program verification by
 - automatically generating verification conditions and
 - automatically checking validity of the generated VCs.
- The user still needs to provide the invariants.
 - This is often the hardest part.
- Can we generate invariants automatically?

Axiomatic vs. Operational Semantics



Programs as Systems of Constraints

1: **assume** $y \geq z$;

2: **while** $x < y$ **do**

$x := x + 1$;

3: **assert** $x \geq z$

$\rho_1 = \text{move}(\ell_1, \ell_2) \wedge y \geq z \wedge \text{skip}(x, y, z)$

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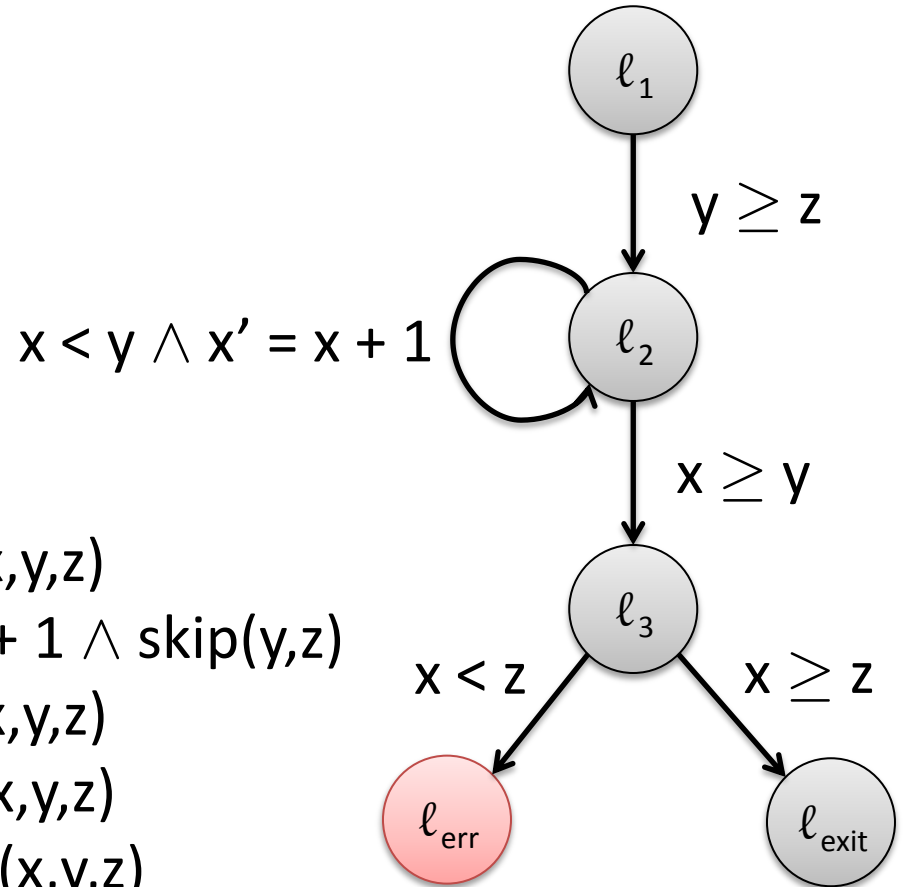
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$\rho_5 = \text{move}(\ell_3, \ell_{\text{exit}}) \wedge x \geq z \wedge \text{skip}(x, y, z)$

$\text{move}(\ell_1, \ell_2) = \text{pc} = \ell_1 \wedge \text{pc}' = \ell_2$

$\text{skip}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_1' = x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_n' = x_n$



Program $P = (V, init, R, error)$

- V : finite set of **program variables**
- $init$: **initiation condition** given by a formula over V
- R : a finite set of **transition constraints**
 - transition constraint $\rho \in R$ given by a formula over V and their primed versions V'
 - we often think of R as disjunction of its elements
$$R = \rho_1 \vee \dots \vee \rho_n$$
- $error$: **error condition** given by a formula over V

Programs as Systems of Constraints

$P = (V, init, R, error)$

$V = \{pc, x, y, z\}$

$init = pc = l_1$

$R = \{\rho_1, \rho_2, \rho_3, \rho_4, \rho_5\}$ where

$\rho_1 = move(l_1, l_2) \wedge y \geq z \wedge skip(x, y, z)$

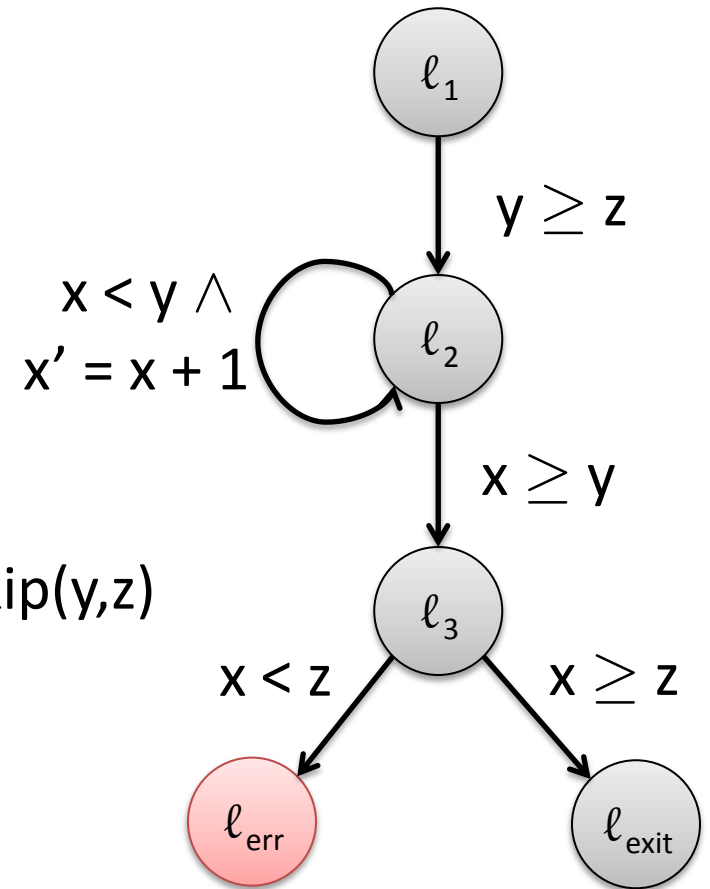
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$\rho_5 = move(l_3, l_{exit}) \wedge x \geq z \wedge skip(x, y, z)$

$error = pc = l_{err}$



Programs as Transition Systems

- **states** Q are valuations of program variables V
- **initial states** Q_{init} are the states satisfying the initiation condition $init$
$$Q_{init} = \{q \in Q \mid q \models init\}$$
- **transition relation** \rightarrow is the relation defined by the transition constraints in R
$$q_1 \rightarrow q_2 \quad \text{iff} \quad q_1, q_2' \models R$$
- **error states** Q_{err} are the states satisfying the error condition $error$
$$Q_{err} = \{q \in Q \mid q \models error\}$$

Partial Correctness of Programs

- a state q is **reachable** in P if it occurs in some computation of P

$$q_0 \rightarrow q_1 \rightarrow q_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow q \quad \text{where } q_0 \in Q_{init}$$

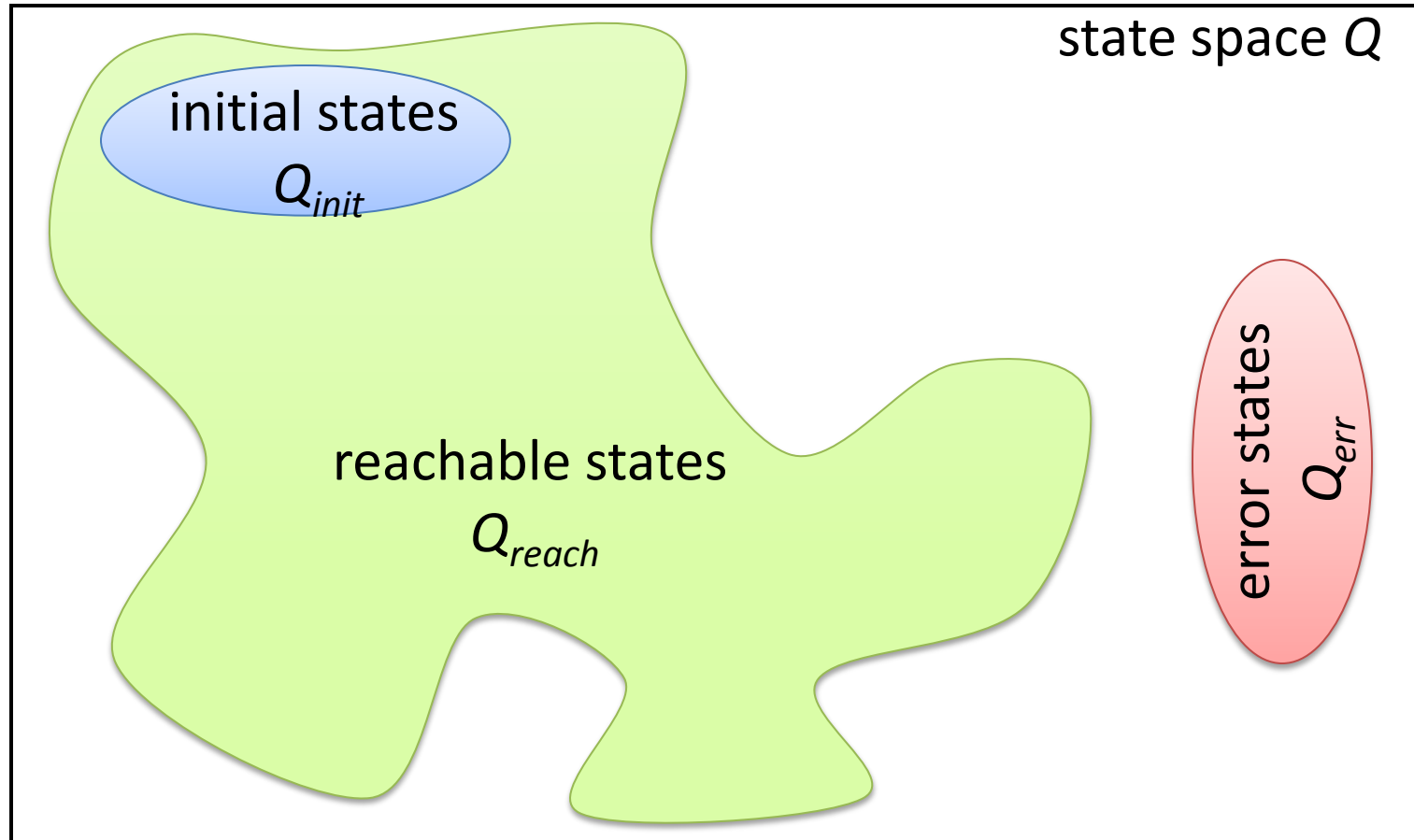
- denote by Q_{reach} the set of all reachable states of P
- a program P is **safe** if no error state is reachable in P

$$Q_{reach} \cap Q_{err} = \emptyset$$

or, if Q_{reach} is expressed as a formula $reach$ over V

$$\models reach \wedge error \Rightarrow \text{false}$$

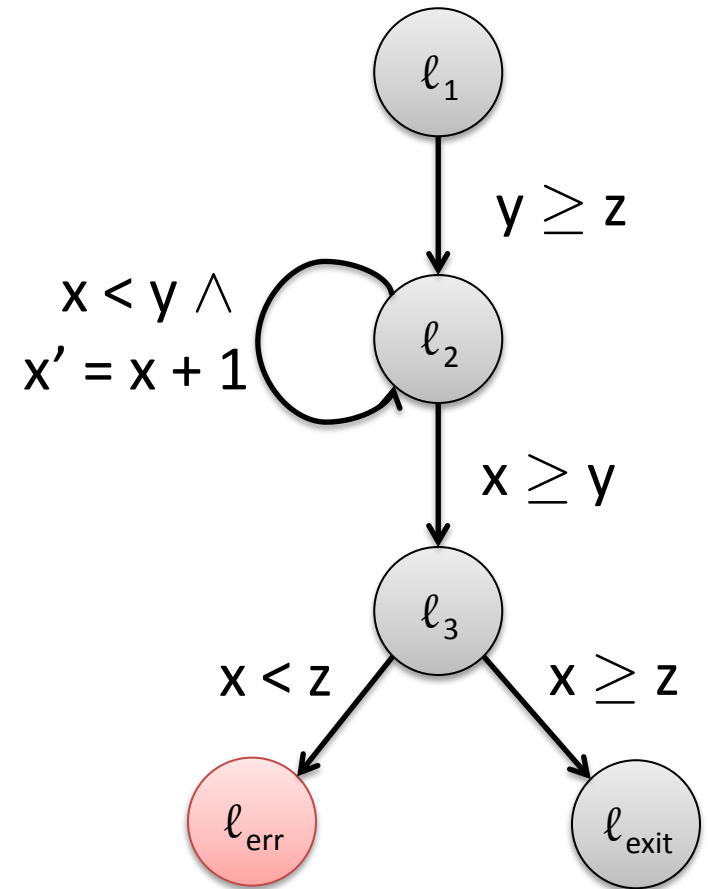
Partial Correctness of Programs



Example: Reachable States of a Program

```
1: assume  $y \geq z$ ;  
2: while  $x < y$  do  
    $x := x + 1$ ;  
3: assert  $x \geq z$ 
```

Reachable states

$$\begin{aligned} reach = & pc = l_1 \vee \\ & pc = l_2 \wedge y \geq z \vee \\ & pc = l_3 \wedge y \geq z \wedge x \geq y \vee \\ & pc = l_{\text{exit}} \wedge y \geq z \wedge x \geq y \end{aligned}$$


What is the connection with invariants?

Can we compute *reach*?

Invariants of Programs

- an **invariant** Q_I of a program P is a superset of its reachable states:

$$Q_{reach} \subseteq Q_I$$

- an invariant Q_I is **safe** if it does not contain any error states:

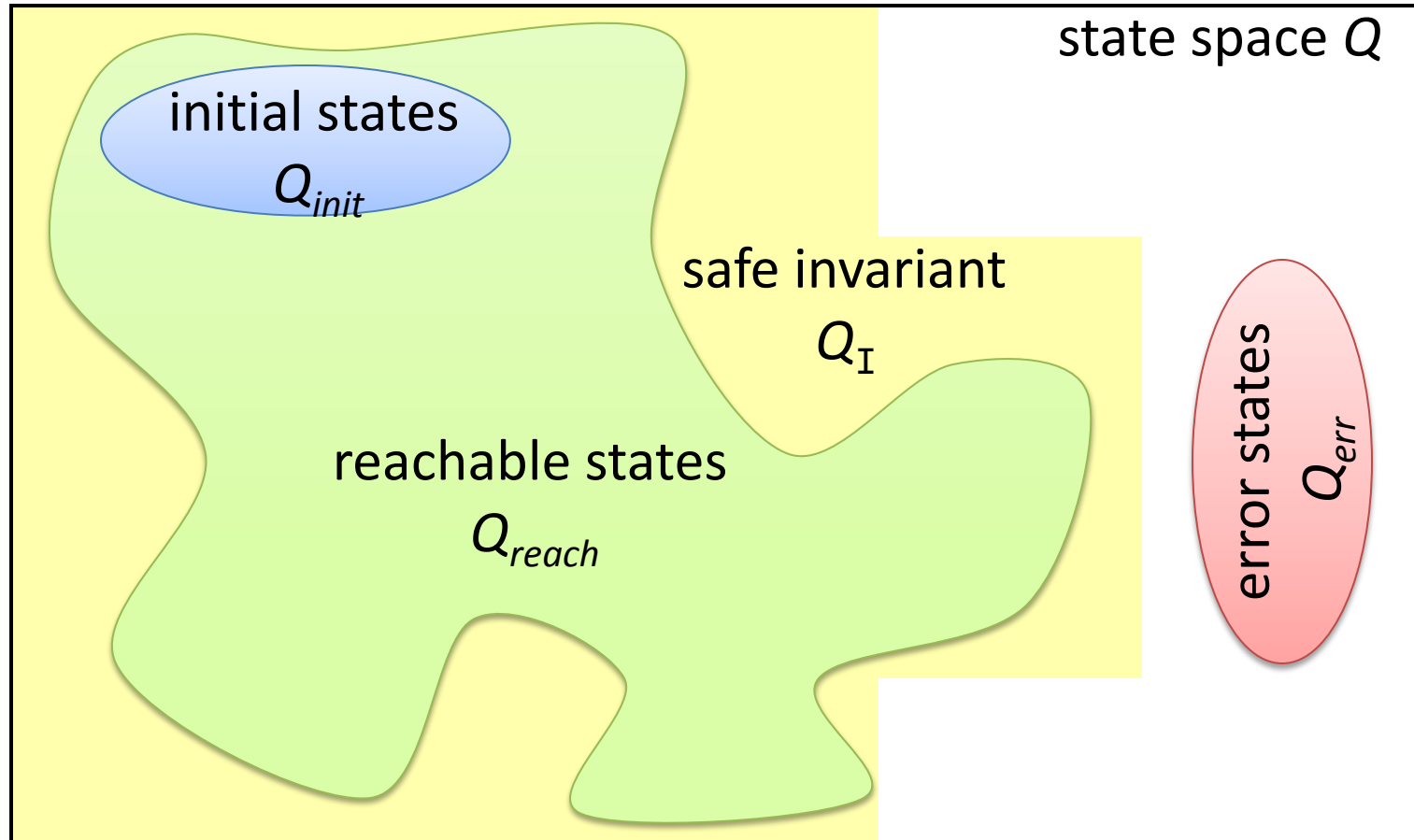
$$Q_I \wedge Q_{err} = \emptyset$$

or if Q_I is expressed as a formula I over V

$$\models I \wedge error \Rightarrow \text{false}$$

- *reach* is the “smallest” invariant of P .
- In particular, if P is safe then so is *reach*.

Partial Correctness of Programs



Strongest Postconditions

- The **strongest postcondition** $post(\rho, A)$ holds for any state q that is a ρ -successor state of some state satisfying A :

$$q' \models post(\rho, A) \quad \text{iff} \quad \exists q \in Q. q \models A \wedge q, q' \models \rho$$

or equivalently

$$post(\rho, A) = (\exists V. A \wedge \rho) [V/V']$$

- Compute *reach* by applying *post* iteratively to *init*

Example: Application of *post*

- $A = pc = \ell_2 \wedge y \geq z$
- $\rho = \text{move}(\ell_2, \ell_2) \wedge x < y \wedge x' = x + 1 \wedge \text{skip}(y, z)$
- $\text{post}(\rho, A)$

$$= (\exists V. A \wedge \rho) [V/V']$$

$$= (\exists pc \ x \ y \ z. pc = \ell_2 \wedge y \geq z \wedge pc = \ell_2 \wedge pc' = \ell_2 \wedge x < y \wedge x' = x + 1 \wedge y' = y \wedge z' = z) [pc/pc', x/x', y/y', z/z']$$

$$= (y' \geq z' \wedge pc' = \ell_2 \wedge x' - 1 < y') [pc/pc', x/x', y/y', z/z']$$

$$= y \geq z \wedge pc = \ell_2 \wedge x \leq y$$

Iterating *post*

- $reach^i(\rho, A) = \begin{cases} A, & \text{if } i = 0 \\ post(post^{i-1}(\rho, A)) & \text{if } i > 0 \end{cases}$
- $reach = init \vee post(R, init) \vee post(R, post(R, init)) \vee \dots$
 $= \bigvee_{i \geq 0} post^i(R, init)$
- i 'th disjunct of $reach$ represents all states reachable from Q_{init} in i computation steps.

Finite iteration of *post* may suffice

- Fixed point is reached after n steps if

$$\models \bigvee_{i=0}^{n+1} post^i(R, init) \Rightarrow \bigvee_{i=0}^n post^i(R, init)$$

Example Iteration

$$\rho_1 = \text{move}(\ell_1, \ell_2) \wedge y \geq z \wedge \text{skip}(x, y, z)$$

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$$\text{post}^0(R, \text{init}) = \text{init} = \text{pc} = \ell_1$$

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$$\text{post}^2(R, \text{init})$$

$$= \text{post}(\rho_2, \text{post}(R, \text{init})) \vee \text{post}(\rho_3, \text{post}(R, \text{init}))$$

$$= \text{pc} = \ell_2 \wedge y \geq z \wedge x \leq y \vee \text{pc} = \ell_3 \wedge y \geq z \wedge x \geq y$$

$$\text{post}^3(R, \text{init}) =$$

$$\text{post}(\rho_2, \text{post}^2(R, \text{init})) \vee \text{post}(\rho_3, \text{post}^2(R, \text{init})) \vee$$

$$\text{post}(\rho_4, \text{post}^2(R, \text{init})) \vee \text{post}(\rho_5, \text{post}^2(R, \text{init}))$$

$$= \text{pc} = \ell_2 \wedge y \geq z \wedge x \leq y \vee \text{pc} = \ell_3 \wedge y \geq z \wedge x = y \vee$$

$$\text{pc} = \ell_{\text{exit}} \wedge y \geq z \wedge x \leq y \vee \text{false}$$

Example Iteration

$$\begin{aligned} post^3(R, init) &= \\ &= pc = \ell_2 \wedge y \geq z \wedge x \leq y \vee pc = \ell_3 \wedge y \geq z \wedge x \geq y \vee \\ &\quad pc = \ell_{\text{exit}} \wedge y \geq z \wedge x \leq y \\ post^4(R, init) &= post^3(R, init) \end{aligned}$$

Fixed point:

$$\begin{aligned} reach &= \\ &= post^0(R, init) \vee post^1(R, init) \vee post^2(R, init) \vee post^3(R, init) \\ &= pc = \ell_1 \vee \\ &\quad pc = \ell_2 \wedge y \geq z \vee \\ &\quad pc = \ell_3 \wedge y \geq z \wedge x \geq y \vee \\ &\quad pc = \ell_{\text{exit}} \wedge y \geq z \wedge x \leq y \end{aligned}$$

Checking Safety

- An **inductive invariant** I contains the initial states and is closed under successors:

$$\models \mathit{init} \Rightarrow I \quad \text{and} \quad \models \mathit{post}(R, I) \Rightarrow I$$

- A program is safe if there exists a safe inductive invariant.
- reach is the **strongest** inductive invariant.

Inductive Invariants for Example Program

- weakest inductive invariant: true
 - set of all states
 - contains error states
- strongest inductive invariant: *reach*
$$\text{pc} = \ell_1 \vee \text{pc} = \ell_2 \wedge y \geq z \vee$$
$$\text{pc} = \ell_3 \wedge y \geq z \wedge x \geq y \vee \text{pc} = \ell_{\text{exit}} \wedge y \geq z \wedge x \geq y$$
- slightly weaker inductive invariant:
$$\text{pc} = \ell_1 \vee \text{pc} = \ell_2 \wedge y \geq z \vee$$
$$\text{pc} = \ell_3 \wedge y \geq z \wedge x \geq y \vee \text{pc} = \ell_{\text{exit}}$$
- Can we drop another conjunct in one of the disjuncts?

Inductive Invariants for Example Program

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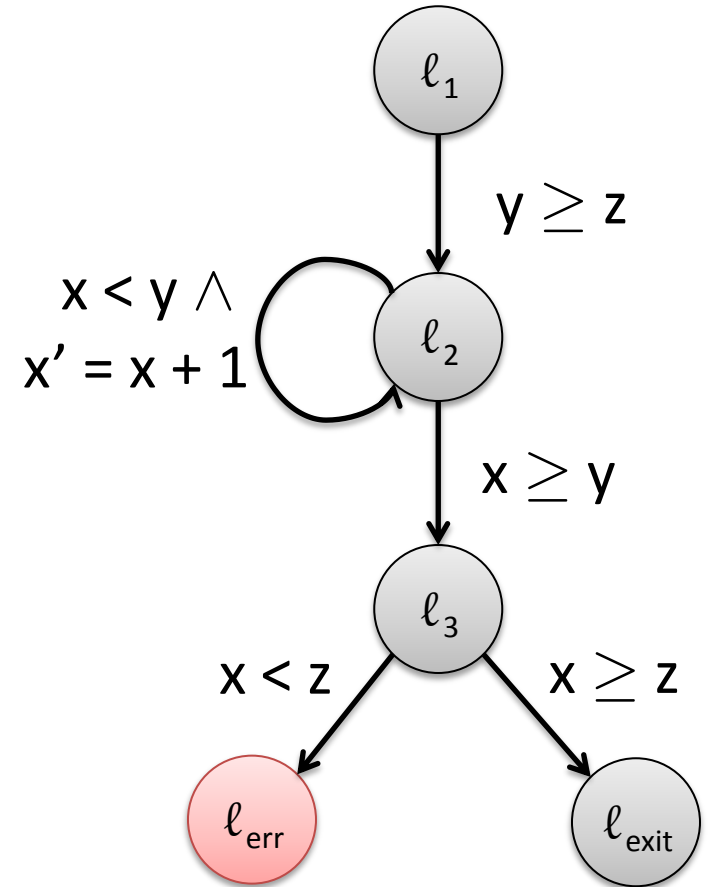
Safe inductive invariant:

$$\text{pc} = \ell_1 \vee$$

$$\text{pc} = \ell_2 \wedge y \geq z \vee$$

$$\text{pc} = \ell_3 \wedge y \geq z \wedge x \geq y \vee$$

$$\text{pc} = \ell_{\text{exit}}$$



Computing Inductive Invariants

- We can compute the strongest inductive invariants by iterating *post* on *init*.
- Can we ensure that this process terminates?
- In general no: checking safety of programs is undecidable.
- But we can compute weaker inductive invariants
 - conservatively abstract the behavior of the program
 - iterate an abstraction of *post* that is guaranteed to terminate.

Abstracting *post*

- instead of iteratively applying *post*, use over-approximation $post^\#$ such that always

$$post(\rho, F) \models post^\#(\rho, F)$$

- decompose computation of $post^\#$ into two steps:
 - first, apply *post* and
 - then, over-approximate the result
- define abstraction function α such that

$$F \models \alpha(F)$$

- for a given abstraction function α define

$$post^\#(\rho, F) = \alpha(post(\rho, F))$$

Abstracting *reach* by *reach*[#]

- instead of computing *reach*, compute *reach*[#] such that

$$reach \models reach^{\#}$$

- check whether *reach*[#] contains an error state
if $\models reach^{\#} \wedge error \Rightarrow \text{false}$ then
 $\models reach \wedge error \Rightarrow \text{false}$, i.e. program is safe
- compute *reach*[#] by applying iteration

$$\begin{aligned} reach^{\#} &= \alpha(\text{init}) \vee \\ &\quad post^{\#}(R, \alpha(\text{init})) \vee \\ &\quad post^{\#}(R, post^{\#}(R, \alpha(\text{init}))) \vee \dots \\ &= \bigvee_{i \geq 0} (post^{\#})^i(R, \text{init}) \end{aligned}$$

- consequence: $reach \models reach^{\#}$

Predicate Abstraction

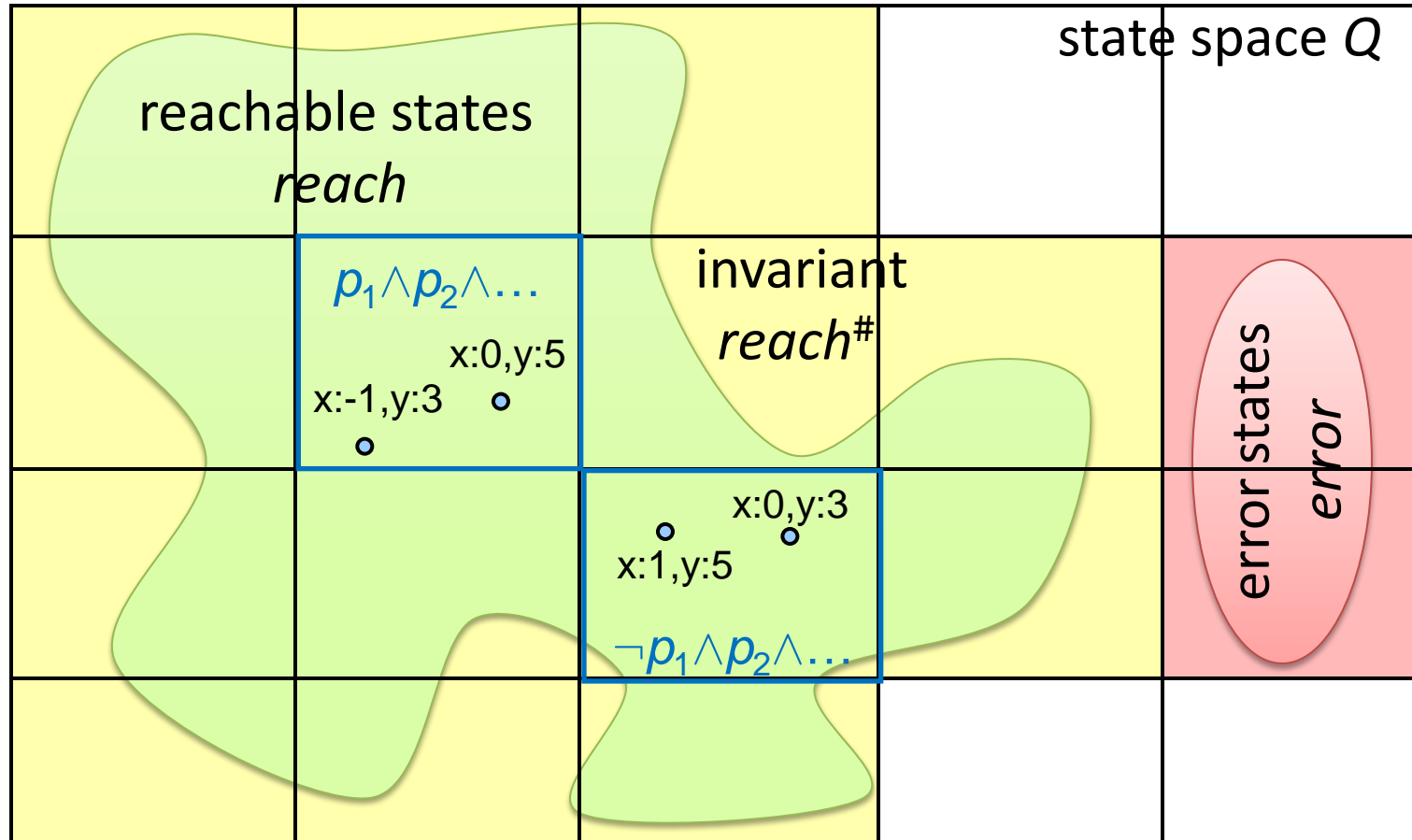
- construct abstraction α using a given set of building blocks, so-called **predicates**
- **predicate** = formula over program variables V
- fix finite set of predicates $Preds = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$
- over-approximate F by conjunction of predicates in $Preds$

$$\alpha(F) = \bigwedge \{ p \in Preds \mid F \models p \}$$

- computation of $\alpha(F)$ requires n theorem prover calls ($n =$ number of predicates)

Predicate Abstraction

$$p_1 \equiv x \leq 0 \quad p_2 \equiv y > 0 \quad \dots$$



Example: compute

$$\alpha(\text{pc} = \ell_2 \wedge y \geq z \wedge x + 1 \leq y)$$

- $Preds = \{\text{pc} = \ell_1, \dots, \text{pc} = \ell_{err}, y \geq z, x \leq y\}$

	$\text{pc} = \ell_1$	$\text{pc} = \ell_2$	$\text{pc} = \ell_3$	$\text{pc} = \ell_{exit}$	$\text{pc} = \ell_{err}$	$y \geq z$	$x \leq y$
$\text{pc} = \ell_2 \wedge$ $y \geq z \wedge$ $x + 1 \leq y$	$\not\models$	\models	$\not\models$	$\not\models$	$\not\models$	\models	\models

- result of abstraction = conjunction of implied predicates

$$\alpha(\text{pc} = \ell_2 \wedge y \geq z \wedge x + 1 \leq y) = \text{pc} = \ell_2 \wedge y \geq z \wedge x \leq y$$

Trivial Abstraction

- Result of applying predicate abstraction is *true* if none of the predicates is implied by F

$$\alpha(F) = \textit{true}$$

“predicates are too specific”

- This is always the case if $Preds = \emptyset$

Algorithm AbstReach

begin

$\alpha := \lambda F. \bigwedge \{ p \in \text{Preds} \mid \models F \Rightarrow p \}$

$\text{post}^\# := \lambda \rho F. \alpha(\text{post}(\rho, F))$

$\text{reach}^\# := \alpha(\text{init})$

$\text{Tree} := \emptyset$

$\text{Worklist} := \{\text{reach}^\#\}$

while $\text{Worklist} \neq \emptyset$ **do**

$F :=$ **choose from** Worklist

$\text{Worklist} := \text{Worklist} \setminus \{F\}$

for each $\rho \in R$ **do**

$F' := \text{post}^\#(\rho, F)$

if $F' \not\equiv \text{reach}^\#$ **then**

$\text{reach}^\# := \text{reach}^\# \vee F'$

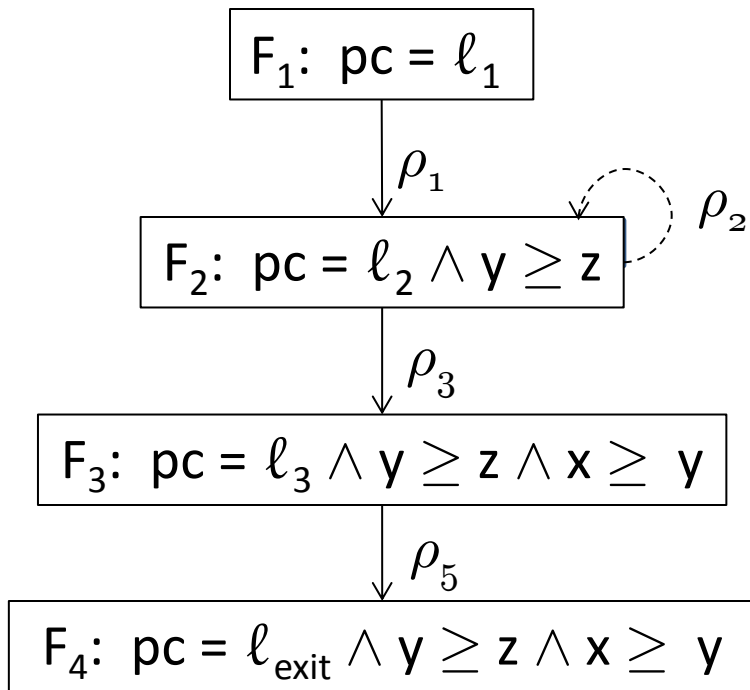
$\text{Worklist} := \text{Worklist} \cup \{F'\}$

$\text{Tree} := \text{Tree} \cup \{(F', \rho, F)\}$

return $(\text{reach}^\#, \text{Tree})$

end

Abstract Reachability Graph



$$F_1 = \alpha(\text{init})$$

$$F_2 = \text{post}^\#(\rho_1, F_1)$$

$$\text{post}^\#(\rho_2, F_2) \models F_2$$

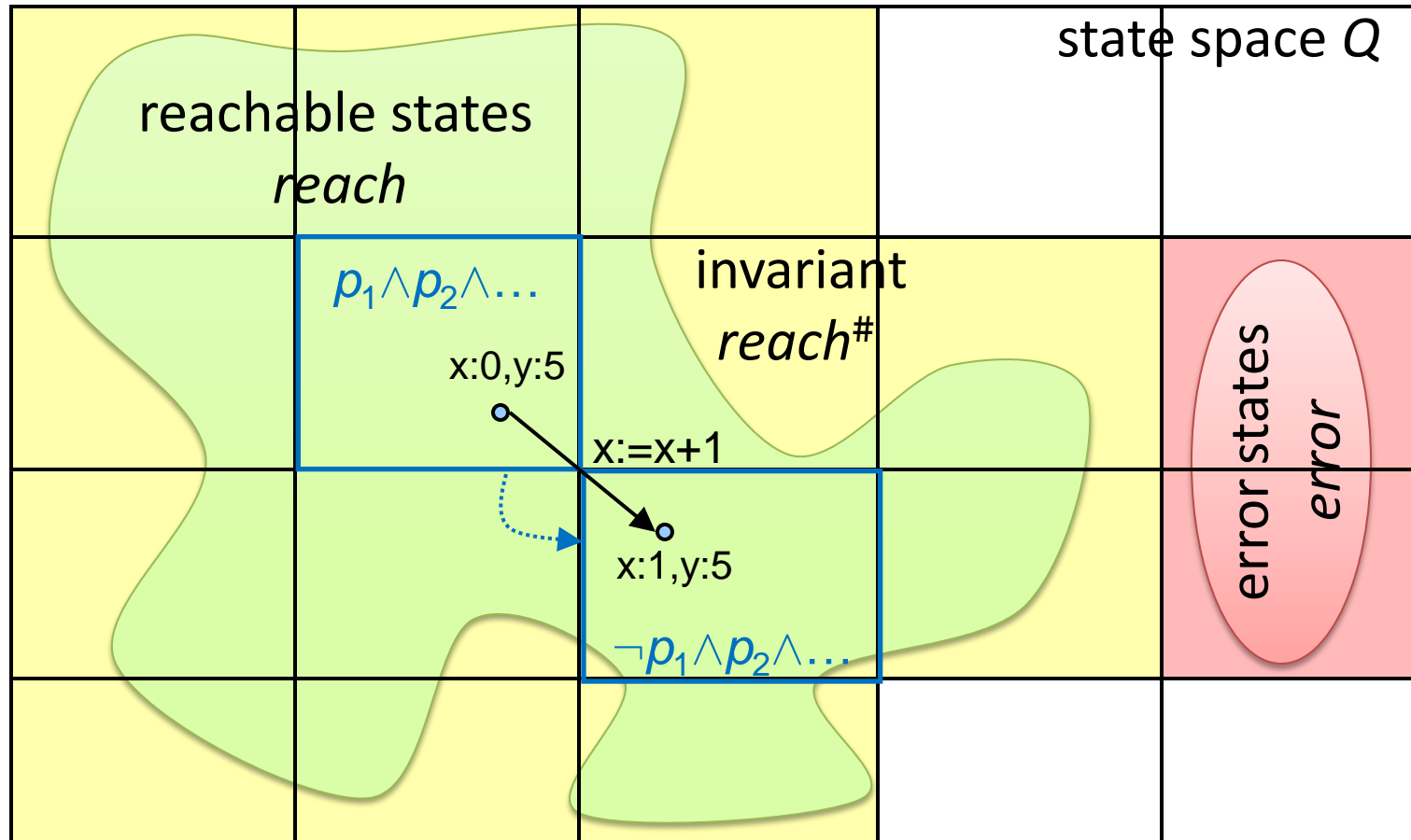
$$F_3 = \text{post}^\#(\rho_3, F_2)$$

$$F_4 = \text{post}^\#(\rho_5, F_3)$$

- $\text{Preds} = \{\text{false}, pc = \ell_1, \dots, pc = \ell_{\text{err}}, y \geq z, x \leq y\}$
- nodes $F_1, \dots, F_4 \in Q_{\text{reach}}^\#$
- labeled edges $\in \text{Tree}$
- dotted edge: entailment relation (here: $\text{post}^\#(\rho_2, F_2) \models F_2$)

Abstract Reachability Graph

$$p_1 \equiv x \leq 0 \quad p_2 \equiv y > 0 \quad \dots$$



Example: Computing *reach*[#]

- $Preds = \{false, pc = \ell_1, \dots, pc = \ell_{err}, y \geq z, x \leq y\}$
- over-approximation of the set of initial states *init*:

$$F_1 = \alpha(\textit{init}) = pc = \ell_1$$

- apply $post^\#$ on F_1 and each program transition ρ_i

$$F_2 = post^\#(\rho_1, F_1) = \alpha(\underbrace{pc = \ell_2 \wedge y \geq z}_{post(\rho_1, F_1)}) = pc = \ell_2 \wedge y \geq z$$

$$post^\#(\rho_2, F_1) = \dots = post^\#(\rho_5, F_1) = \bigwedge\{false, \dots\} = false$$

Example: Computing *reach*[#]

- application of $\rho_1, \rho_4,$ and ρ_5 on F_2 results in *false*
(since ρ_1, ρ_4, ρ_5 are applicable only if $pc = \ell_1$ or $pc = \ell_3$ holds)

- for ρ_2 we obtain

$$\text{post}^\#(\rho_2, F_2) = \alpha(pc = \ell_2 \wedge y \geq z \wedge x \leq y) = pc = \ell_2 \wedge y \geq z \wedge x \leq y$$

result is F_2 , which is already subsumed by *reach*[#]

- for ρ_3 we obtain

$$\text{post}^\#(\rho_3, F_2) = \alpha(pc = \ell_3 \wedge y \geq z \wedge x \geq y)$$

$$= pc = \ell_3 \wedge y \geq z \wedge x \geq y$$

$$= F_3$$

add new node F_3 to *reach*[#], new edge to *Tree*

Example: Computing $reach^\#$

- application of ρ_1 , ρ_2 , and ρ_3 on F_3 results in *false*
- for ρ_5 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \text{post}^\#(\rho_5, F_3) &= \alpha(\text{pc} = \ell_{\text{exit}} \wedge y \geq z \wedge x \geq y) \\ &= \text{pc} = \ell_{\text{exit}} \wedge y \geq z \wedge x \geq y \\ &= F_4 \end{aligned}$$

new node F_4 in $reach^\#$, new edge in *Tree*

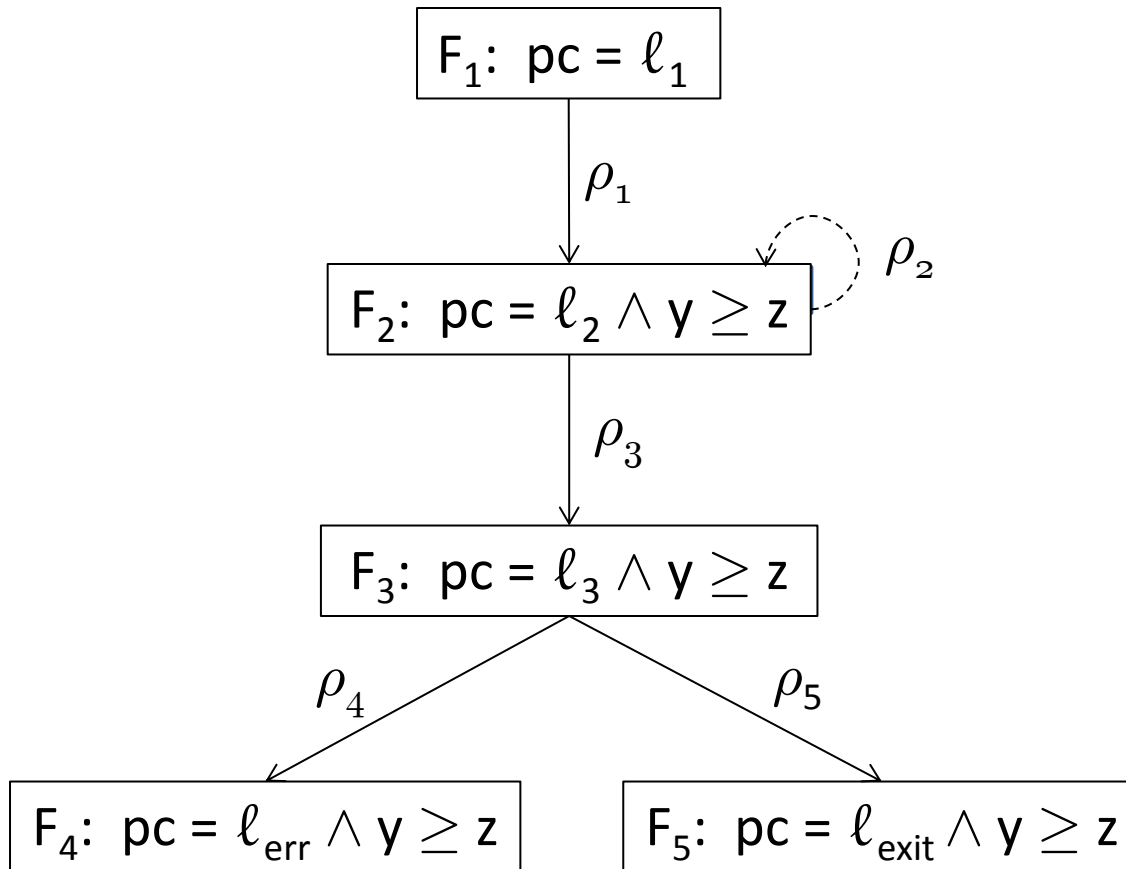
- for ρ_4 (assertion violation) we obtain

$$\text{post}^\#(\rho_4, F_3) = \alpha(\text{pc} = \ell_{\text{err}} \wedge y \geq z \wedge x \geq y \wedge x < z) = \textit{false}$$

- any further application of program transitions does not compute any additional reachable states
- thus, $reach^\# = F_1 \vee F_2 \vee F_3 \vee F_4$
- since $reach^\# \wedge \text{pc} = \ell_{\text{err}} \models \textit{false}$ the program is proved safe.

Abstract Reachability Graph

with $Preds = \{false, pc = \ell_1, \dots, pc = \ell_{err}, y \geq z\}$



$$F_1 = \alpha(init)$$

$$F_2 = post^\#(\rho_1, F_1)$$

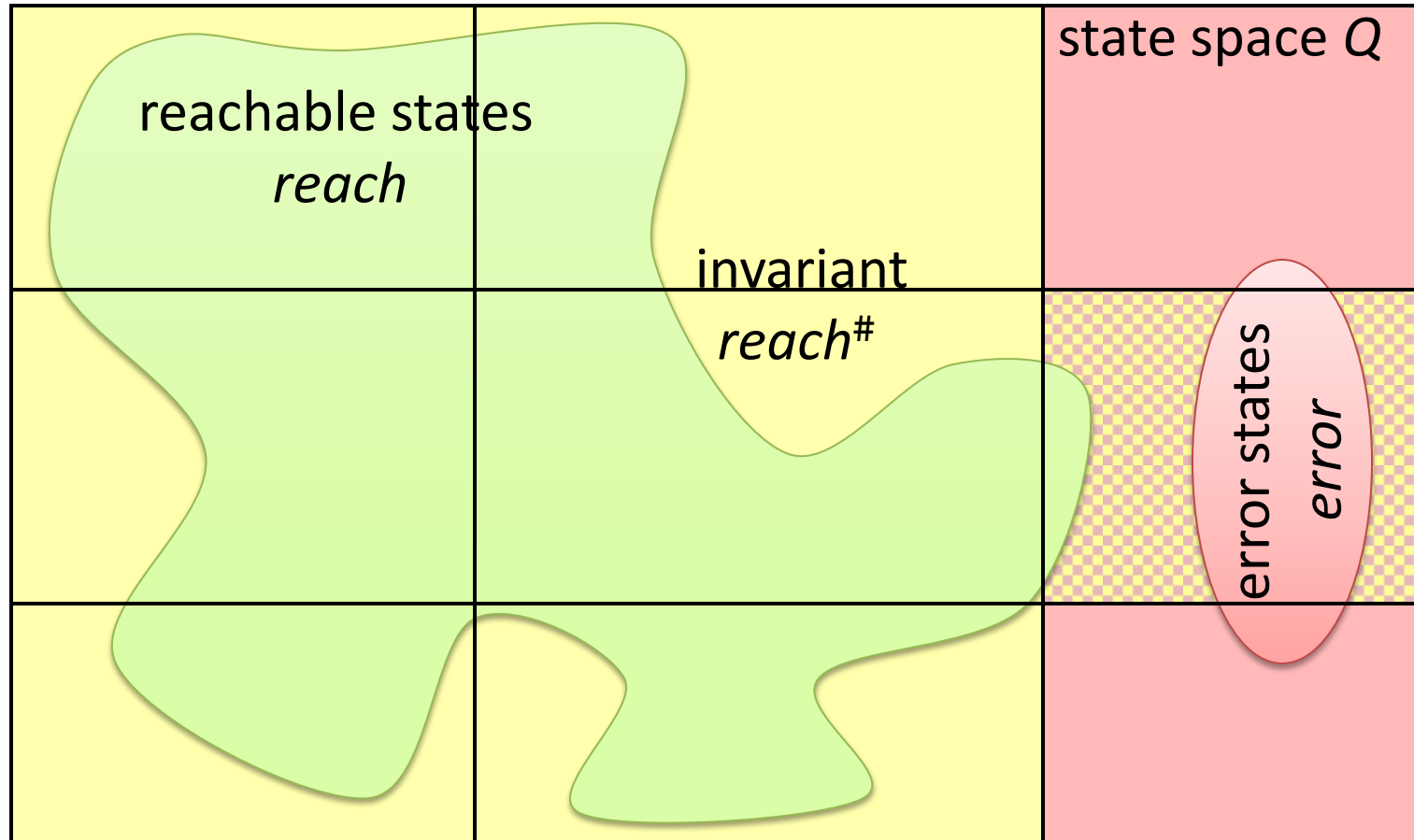
$$post^\#(\rho_2, F_2) \models F_2$$

$$F_3 = post^\#(\rho_3, F_2)$$

$$F_4 = post^\#(\rho_4, F_3)$$

$$F_5 = post^\#(\rho_5, F_3)$$

Too Coarse Abstraction



Finding the Right Predicates

- omitting just one predicate (in the example: $x \geq y$) may lead to an over-approximation $reach^\#$ such that

$$reach^\# \wedge error \neq false$$

that is, algorithm `AbstReach` fails to prove safety of the program without the predicate $x \geq y$.

- How can we find the right predicates?

Counterexample Path

- Tree relation records sequence of transitions leading to F_4
 - apply ρ_1 to F_1 and obtain F_2
 - apply ρ_3 to F_2 and obtain F_3
 - apply ρ_4 to F_3 and obtain F_4
- counterexample path: sequence of transitions ρ_1, ρ_3, ρ_4
- Using this path and the functions α and $post^\#$ for the current set of predicates we obtain

$$F_4 = post^\#(\rho_4, post^\#(\rho_3, post^\#(\rho_1, \alpha(init))))$$

- that is, F_4 is the over-approximation of the post-condition computed along the counterexample path.

Analysis of Counterexample Path

- check if the counterexample path also leads to the error states when no over-approximation is applied
- compute

$$\begin{aligned} & post(\rho_4, post(\rho_3, post(\rho_1, init))) \\ &= post(\rho_4, post(\rho_3, pc = \ell_2 \wedge y \geq z)) \\ &= post(\rho_4, pc = \ell_2 \wedge y \geq z \wedge x \geq y) \\ &= false \end{aligned}$$

- by executing the program transitions ρ_1 , ρ_3 , and ρ_4 it is not possible to reach any error state.
- conclude that the over-approximation is too coarse when dealing with the above path.

Refinement of Abstraction

- need a more precise over-approximation that will prevent $reach^\#$ from including error states.
- need a more precise over-approximation that will prevent α from including states that lead to error states along the path ρ_1, ρ_3, ρ_4 .
- need a refined abstraction function and a corresponding $post^\#$ such that the execution of `AbstReach` along the counterexample path does not compute a set of states that contains some error states

$$post^\#(\rho_4, post^\#(\rho_3, post^\#(\rho_1, \alpha(init)))) \wedge error \models false$$

Over-Approximation along Counterexample Path

- goal: $post^\#(\rho_4, post^\#(\rho_3, post^\#(\rho_1, \alpha(init)))) \wedge error \models false$
- find formulas F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4 such that

$$init \models F_1$$

$$post(\rho_1, F_1) \models F_2$$

$$post(\rho_3, F_2) \models F_3$$

$$post(\rho_4, F_3) \models F_4$$

$$F_4 \wedge error \models false$$

- thus, F_1, \dots, F_4 guarantee that no error state can be reached but may still approximate, i.e., allow additional states
- example choice for F_1, \dots, F_4

$$F_1 = pc = \ell_1$$

$$F_3 = pc = \ell_3 \wedge x \geq z$$

$$F_2 = pc = \ell_2 \wedge y \geq z,$$

$$F_4 = false$$

Refinement of Predicate Abstraction

- given formulas F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4 such that

$$init \models F_1$$

$$post(\rho_1, F_1) \models F_2$$

$$post(\rho_3, F_2) \models F_3$$

$$post(\rho_4, F_3) \models F_4$$

$$F_4 \wedge error \models false$$

- add atoms of F_1, \dots, F_4 to *Preds*.
- refinement guarantees that counterexample path ρ_1, ρ_3, ρ_4 is eliminated.

CEGAR: Counter-Example Guided Abstraction Refinement Loop

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function AbstRefineLoop
begin
  Preds :=  $\emptyset$ ;
  repeat
    (reach#, Tree) := AbstReach(Preds)
    if exists  $F \in reach^{\#}$  such that  $F \wedge error \neq false$  then
      path := MakePath(F, Tree)
      if FeasiblePath(path) then
        return "counterexample path: path"
      else
        Preds := Preds  $\cup$  RefinePath(path)
    else
      return "program is safe"
  end
```

Path Computation

function MakePath

input

F_{err} - reachable abstract error state formula

Tree – abstract reachability tree

begin

path := empty sequence

$F' := F_{\text{err}}$

while exist F and ρ such that $(F, \rho, F') \in \text{Tree}$ **do**

 path := $\rho \cdot \text{path}$

$F' := F$

return path

end

Feasibility of a Path

```
function FeasiblePath
  input  $\rho_1 \dots \rho_n$  - path
  begin
     $F := post(\rho_1 \circ \dots \circ \rho_n, init)$ 
    if  $F \wedge error \models false$  then
      return true
    else
      return false
  end
```

Counterexample-Guided Predicate Discovery

function RefinePath

input

$\rho_1 \dots \rho_n$ – infeasible path

begin

$F_1, \dots, F_{n+1} :=$ compute such that

$init \models F_1$ and

$post(\rho_1, F_1) \models F_2$ and ... $post(\rho_n, F_n) \models F_{n+1}$ and

$F_{n+1} \wedge error \models false$

return $\{F_1, \dots, F_{n+1}\}$

end

omitted: particular algorithm for finding the F_1, \dots, F_{n+1}