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ABSTRACT

Our newfound ability to analyze source code in massive software repositories such as GitHub has led to an uptick in data-driven solutions to software engineering problems. Source code analysis is often realized as traversals over source code artifacts represented as graphs. Since the number of artifacts that are analyzed is huge, in millions, the efficiency of the source code analysis technique is very important. The performance of source code analysis techniques heavily depends on the order of nodes visited during the traversals: the traversal strategy. For instance, selecting the best traversal strategy and optimizing it for a software engineering task, that infers the temporal specification between pairs of API method calls, could reduce the running time on a large codebase from 64% to 96%. While, there exists several choices for traversal strategy, like depth-first, post-order, reverse post-order, etc., there exists no technique to choose the most time-efficient strategy for traversals. In this paper, we show that a single traversal strategy does not fit all source code analysis scenarios. Somewhat more surprisingly, we demonstrate that given the source code expressing the analysis task (in a declarative form) one can compute static characteristics of the task, which together with the runtime characteristics of the input, can help predict the most time-efficient traversal strategy for that (analysis task, input) pair. We also demonstrate that these strategies can be realized in a manner that is effective in accelerating ultra-large-scale source code analysis. Our evaluation shows that our technique successfully selected the most time-efficient traversal strategy for 99.99%-100% of the time and using the selected traversal strategy and optimizing it, the running times of a representative collection of source code analysis in our evaluation were considerably reduced by 1%-28% (13 minutes to 72 minutes in absolute time) when compared against the best performing traversal strategy. The overhead imposed by collecting additional information for our approach is less than 0.2% of the total running time for a large dataset that contains 287K Control Flow Graphs (CFGs) and less than 0.01% for an ultra-large dataset that contains 162M CFGs.
CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION

The availability of open source repositories like GitHub is driving data-driven solutions to software engineering problems, e.g. specification inference by Nguyen et al. [28], discovering programming patterns by Thummalapenta and Xie [32], suggesting bug fixes by Livshits and Zimmermann [26] and Li et al. [25], etc. These software engineering tasks analyze different source code representations, such as text, abstract syntax trees (ASTs), control flow graphs (CFGs), at massive scale. The performance of source code analysis over graphs heavily depends on the order of the nodes visited during the traversals: the traversal strategy. While graph traversal is a well-studied problem, and various traversal strategies exist; e.g., depth-first, post-order, reverse post-order, etc, no single strategy works best for different kinds of analyses and different kinds of graphs. Our contribution is hybrid traversal selection, a novel source code analysis optimization technique for source code analyses expressed as graph traversals. This work was done collaboratively with Dr. Hridesh Rajan, Dr. Hoan A Nguyen, and Ganesha Upadhaya. Consequently, Chapters 1, 2, 4, and 6 - 14 in this thesis are based on that collaborative work.

Motivation and Key Observations. To motivate, consider a software engineering task that infers the temporal specifications between pairs of API method calls, i.e., a call to $a$ must be followed by a call to $b$ [16, 30, 35, 36]. A data-driven approach for inference is to look for pairs of API calls that frequently go in pairs in the same order at API call sites in the client methods’ code. Such an approach contains (at least) three source code analyses on the control flow graph (CFG) of each client method: 1) identifying references of the API classes and call sites of the API methods which can be done using reaching definition analysis [29]; 2) identifying the pairs of API calls ($a, b$) where $b$ follows $a$ in the client code which can be done using post-dominator analysis [1]; and 3)
collecting pairs of temporal API calls by traversing all nodes in the CFG—let us call this collector analysis. These analyses need to be run on a large number of client methods to produce temporal specifications with high confidence.

Implementing each of these analyses involves traversing the CFG of each client method. The traversal strategy could be chosen from a set of standard strategies e.g depth-first search (DFS), post-order (PO), reverse post-order (RPO), worklist with post-ordering (WPO), worklist with reverse post-ordering (WRPO) and any order (ANY). In ANY order traversal strategy, nodes can be visited in any order. In post-order traversal, the successors of any node are visited before visiting the node, while in reverse post-order traversal, the predecessors of any node are visited before visiting the node. In Worklist with Post-Order and Worklist with reverse post-order, the nodes are visited in the order they appear in the worklist. A worklist is a data structure used to keep track of
nodes to be visited. In WPO, worklist is initialized with post-ordering of nodes, while in WRPO, the worklist is initialized with nodes in the reverse post-order.

Figure 1.1 shows the performance of each of these three analyses when using standard traversal strategies. These runs are analyzing the CFG of a method in the DaCapo benchmark [5]. Actual implementation of this method is not important, but it suffices to know that the CFG, which we shall refer to as Graph A, has 50 nodes and has branches but no loops. Figure 1.1 shows that, for graph A, the WRPO performs better than other strategies for the reaching definition analysis while the WPO outperforms the others for the post-dominator analysis and the ANY traversal works best for the collector analysis.

No Traversal Strategy Fits All. The performance results are somewhat expected, but require understanding the subtleties of the analyses. Reaching definition analysis is a forward data-flow analysis where the output at each node in the graph is dependent on the outputs of their predecessor nodes. So, DFS, RPO and WRPO by nature are the most suitable. However, worklist is the most efficient strategy here because it visits only the nodes that are yet to reach fixpoint unlike other strategies that also visit notes that have already reached fixpoint. Post-dominator analysis, on the other hand, is a backward analysis meaning that the output at each node in the graph is dependent on the outputs of their successor nodes. Therefore, the worklist with post-ordering is the most efficient traversal. For the collector analysis, any order traversal works better than other traversal strategies for graph A. This is because for this analysis the output at each node is not dependent on the output of any other nodes and hence it is independent of the order of nodes visited. The any order traversal strategy does not have the overhead of visiting the nodes in any particular order like DFS, PO, RPO nor the overhead to maintain the worklist. Therefore any order traversal performs better than other traversal strategies.

Properties of Input Graph Determine Strategy. For the illustrative example discussed above, DFS and RPO were worse than WRPO for the reaching definition analysis and PO was worse than WPO for post-dominator because they require one extra iteration of analysis to be performed and realize that fixpoint has been reached. However, since graph A does not have any loops, if
the graph A’s nodes are visited in such a way that each node is visited after its predecessors for reaching definition analysis and after its successors for post-dominator analysis, then the additional iteration is actually redundant. Given that graph A has no loops, one could optimize RPS or PO to bypass the extra iteration and fixpoint checking. Thus, the optimized RPS or PO would run the same number of iterations as the respective worklist-based ones and finish faster than them because the overhead of maintaining the list is eliminated.

The potential gains of selecting a suitable traversal strategy can be significant. To illustrate, consider Figure 1.2 that shows the performance of our entire illustrative example (inferring temporal specifications) on a large corpus of 287,000 CFGs extracted from the DaCapo benchmark dataset [5]. Figure 1.2 shows the bar chart for the total running times of the three analyses. The Best strategy is an ideal one where we can always choose the most efficient with all necessary optimizations. The bar chart confirms that fixing a traversal strategies for running different analyses on different types of graphs is not efficient. Selecting and optimizing traversal strategy for each analysis on each graph is desirable. Such a strategy could reduce the running time on a large dataset from 64% (against DFS) to 96% (against RPO).

Our approach relies on our observations that a suitable traversal strategy is dependent on both the source code analyses and input graphs’ properties. The former are static properties and the latter are runtime properties. More importantly, depending on the properties of analyses and
graphs, existing traversals could be optimized to improve their performance. We have evaluated our technique using a set of 21 source code analysis that includes control and data-flow analysis, and analysis to find bugs. The evaluation is performed on two datasets: a dataset containing well-maintained projects from DaCapo benchmark (contains a total of 287K graphs), and a ultra-large dataset containing more than 380K projects from GitHub (contains a total of 162M graphs). Our evaluation shows that our technique successfully selected the most time-efficient traversal strategy for 99.99%–100% of the time and using the selected traversal strategy and optimizing it, the running times of a representative collection of source code analysis in our evaluation were considerably reduced by 1%-28% (13 minutes to 72 minutes in absolute time) when compared against the best performing traversal strategy. The overhead imposed by our approach is negligible (less than 0.2% of the total running time for a large dataset and less than 0.01% for an ultra-large dataset).

The rest of the thesis is organized as follows. Chapter 2 lists the contributions of our work. Chapter 3 gives a brief background on topics that are important for the understanding of this work, such as Graph and its traversal, various traversal strategies, Program analysis, Control and Data flow analysis. Section 4.1 describes our system For expressing source code analysis as traversals, while Section 4.2 presents the factors that influence the selection of the optimal traversal strategy for any given traversal. Section 4.3 lists all the candidate traversal strategies while Section 4.4 describes our decision tree to select traversal strategy and also presents an example analysis and graph and walks through the decision tree. Chapter 5 gives the implementation detail on how we extended Boa language to have hybrid capability. Chapter 6 presents our experimental setup and the dataset used. Chapter 7 provides the evaluation and the analysis that we did on running time comparison between hybrid and various other strategies. Chapter 8 presents the correctness of analysis using Hybrid approach. Chapter 9 presents the Hybrid’s traversal strategy prediction precision. Chapter 10 analyses our decision tree’s distribution while Chapter 11 analyses the importance of our traversal optimization. Chapter 12 discusses the two case studies that we implemented using our formalism for source code analysis and their results. Chapter 13 discusses about the threat to validity while
Chapter 14 discusses related work. Chapter 15 concludes and gives some possible ideas for future work.
CHAPTER 2. CONTRIBUTIONS

In this work, we develop hybrid traversal selection, a novel program analysis optimization technique for BigCode analyses expressed as graph traversals. Our approach relies on our observations that a suitable traversal strategy is dependent on both the program analyses and input graphs’ properties. The former are static properties and the latter are dynamic properties. More importantly, depending on the properties of analyses and graphs, existing traversals could be optimized to improve their performance. Hybrid traversal selection relies on several technical underpinnings:

2.1 Traversal declaration and traverse expression

Programmers can declare their program analyses as one or more traversal declarations and run them using traverse expression. The runtime implementation of the traverse expression selects a suitable traversal strategy based on the traversal declaration and the input graph. Main benefit of these linguistic abstractions is that they abstract away traversal related code so that the traversal strategy can be replaced as needed by the analysis runtime. We extended the Boa language and infrastructure [12] to support control flow graphs, graph traversal and program analysis as graph traversal.

2.2 Data-flow and loop sensitivity analyses for traversals

We show that traversal strategy selection depends on three critical properties of the traversal: data-flow sensitivity, loop sensitivity, and traversal direction. We propose algorithms for computing these properties. Our analysis system implements these algorithms. These properties are computed statically and their values are stored as metadata to be utilized by the traversal selection at runtime.
2.3 Graph cyclicity

We have observed that the traversal strategy selection depends on one dynamic property of the input which is *graph cyclicity*. This property partitions the set of graphs into three categories: those that are sequential, those with branches but no cycles, and those with cycles. Our system computes this property at graph construction time and stores it as an attribute in the runtime graph representation.

2.4 Decision tree for traversal strategy selection

We have devised a *decision tree* for traversal strategy selection that given data-flow sensitivity, loop sensitivity, and traversal direction properties of the analysis and the cyclicity property of the input graph produces a selection for traversal strategy. While the tree is utilized by our automated system, it could also be used by a programmer for manual traversal selection.

Hybrid traversal selection has two direct benefits. First, it improves the efficiency of BigCode analysis thus speeding up data-driven science in this important area. Second, it frees up programmers from having to write traversal related code and then optimizing it based on the analysis and the graph at hand.

2.5 Evaluation contribution

We have evaluated our technique using a set of 21 source code analysis that includes control and data-flow analysis, and analysis to find bugs. The evaluation is performed on two datasets: a dataset containing well-maintained projects from DaCapo benchmark (contains a total of 287K graphs), and an ultra-large dataset containing more than 380K projects from GitHub (contains a total of 162M graphs). Our evaluation shows that our technique successfully selected the most time-efficient traversal strategy for 99.99%–100% of the time and using the selected traversal strategy and optimizing it, the running times of a representative collection of source code analysis in our evaluation were considerably reduced by 1%-28% (13 minutes to 72 minutes in absolute time) when
compared against the best performing traversal strategy. The case studies show that hybrid traversal reduces 80–175 minutes in running times for two software engineering tasks. The overhead imposed by our approach is negligible (less than 0.2% of the total running time for a large dataset and less than 0.01% for an ultra-large dataset).

In summary, this paper makes the following contributions:

- It describes a system for expressing source code analysis as traversals. The constructs and operations in the system allows different source code analysis to be expressed in a manner that allows automatic selection of the best traversal strategies.

- It defines a set of novel properties about the traversal expressed in our system. It also describes algorithms for analysing traversals for inferring these properties.

- It describes a novel decision tree for selecting the most suitable traversal strategy. The static and runtime properties also allows certain optimizations to be performed on the selected traversal strategy to further improve the performance.

- It demonstrates the potentially broad range of applications of hybrid traversal selection for optimizing source code analysis such as available expressions, local may alias, live variable, nullness analysis, post dominator, reaching definitions, resource status, very busy expression, etc.
CHAPTER 3. BACKGROUND

This chapter gives a brief background on topics that are important for the understanding of this work.

3.1 Graph

A graph is a structure amounting to a set of objects in which some pairs of the objects are in some sense “related”. The objects correspond to mathematical abstractions called vertices (also called nodes) and each of the related pairs of vertices is called an edge. The edges of graphs may also be imbued with directedness. A normal graph in which edges are undirected is said to be undirected. Otherwise, if arrows may be placed on one or both endpoints of the edges of a graph to indicate directedness, the graph is said to be directed. One can formally define an undirected graph as $G=(N, E)$ consisting of the set $N$ of nodes and the set $E$ of edges, which are unordered pairs of elements of $N$. The formal definition of a directed graph is similar, the only difference is that the set $E$ contains ordered pairs of elements of $N$.

3.2 Graph traversal

In computer science, graph traversal refers to the process of visiting each vertex in a graph. Such traversals are classified by the order in which the vertices are visited. Graph traversal may require that some vertices be visited more than once, since it is not necessarily known before transitioning to a vertex that it has already been explored. As graphs become more dense, this redundancy becomes more prevalent, causing computation time to increase; as graphs become more sparse, the opposite holds true. Thus, it is usually necessary to remember which vertices have already
been explored by the algorithm, so that the vertices are revisited as infrequently as possible. This may be accomplished by associating each vertex of the graph with a “visitation” state during the traversal, which is then checked and updated as the algorithm visits each vertex. If the vertex has already been visited, it is ignored and the path is pursued no further; otherwise, the algorithm checks/updates the vertex and continues down its current path.

3.3 Graph traversal strategies

The two most common traversal patterns are breadth-first traversal and depth-first traversal.

3.3.1 Depth-first search

A depth-first search (DFS) is an algorithm for traversing a finite graph. DFS visits the child vertices before visiting the sibling vertices; that is, it traverses the depth of any particular path before exploring its breadth. A stack is generally used when implementing the algorithm. The algorithm begins with a chosen “root” vertex; it then iteratively transitions from the current vertex to an adjacent, unvisited vertex, until it can no longer find an unexplored vertex to transition to from its current location. The algorithm then backtracks along previously visited vertices, until it finds a vertex connected to yet more uncharted territory. It will then proceed down the new path as it had before, backtracking as it encounters dead-ends, and ending only when the algorithm has backtracked past the original “root” vertex from the very first step.

3.3.2 Breadth-first search

A breadth-first search (BFS) is another technique for traversing a finite graph. BFS visits the neighbor vertices before visiting the child vertices, and a queue is used in the search process. This algorithm is often used to find the shortest path from one vertex to another
3.4 Program analysis

In computer science, program analysis is the process of automatically analyzing the behavior of computer programs regarding a property such as correctness, robustness, safety and liveness. Program analysis focuses on two major areas: program optimization and program correctness. The former focuses on improving the program’s performance while reducing the resource usage while the latter focuses on ensuring that the program does what it is supposed to do. Program analysis can be performed without executing the program (static program analysis) or during runtime (dynamic program analysis) or in a combination of both.

3.5 Control-flow and data-flow analysis

The purpose of control-flow analysis is to obtain information about which functions can be called at various points during the execution of a program. The collected information is represented by a Control Flow Graph (CFG) where the nodes are instructions of the program and the edges represent the flow of control. By identifying code blocks and loops, CFG becomes a starting point for compiler optimizations.

Data-flow analysis is a technique designed to gather information about the values at each point of the program and how they change over time. This technique is often used by compilers to optimize the code. One of the most known examples of data-flow analysis is taint checking which considers all variables containing user supplied data that are considered “tainted”, i.e. insecure and preventing those variables from being used until they have been sanitized. This technique is often used to prevent SQL injection attacks.

A simple way to perform data-flow analysis of programs is to set up data-flow equations for each node of the control flow graph and solve them by repeatedly calculating the output from the input locally at each node until the whole system stabilizes, i.e., it reaches a fixpoint.
3.6 Graph traversal for program analysis

The efficiency of performing program analysis on graphs is influenced by the order at which the nodes are visited. A few different iteration orders for solving data-flow equations are discussed below.

3.6.1 Random order

This iteration order does not know whether the data-flow equations solve a forward or backward data-flow problem. Therefore, the performance is relatively poor compared to specialized iteration orders.

3.6.2 Postorder

This is a typical iteration order for backward data-flow problems. In postorder iteration, a node is visited after all its successor nodes have been visited. Typically, the postorder iteration is implemented with the depth-first strategy.

3.6.3 Reverse postorder

This is a typical iteration order for forward data-flow problems. In reverse-postorder iteration, a node is visited before any of its successor nodes has been visited, except when the successor is reached by a back edge.
CHAPTER 4. HYBRID TRAVERSAL SELECTION FOR EFFICIENT SOURCE CODE ANALYSIS

In this chapter, we first provide a brief overview of our technique, followed by an overview of the constructs used for expressing source code analyses. We then describe the properties, analyses, and a decision tree that are the technical underpinnings of our selection technique.

Figure 4.1: Overview of the Hybrid approach for selecting and optimizing graph traversal strategy.

Figure 4.1 provides an overview of our approach and its key components. Inputs to our approach are source code analysis that contains one or more traversals (Section 4.1), and a graph. Output of our technique is an optimal traversal strategy for every traversal in the analysis. For selecting an optimal traversal strategy for a traversal, our technique computes a set of static properties of the analysis (Section 4.2), such as data-flow sensitivity, loop sensitivity, and extracts a runtime property about the graph that defines the cyclicity in the graph (sequential/branch/loop). Upon computing the static and runtime properties, our approach selects a traversal strategy from a set of candidate strategies (Section 4.3) for each traversal in the analysis (Section 4.4) and optimizes
it (Section 4.5). The static properties of the traversals are computed only once for each analysis, whereas graph cyclicity is determined for every input graph.

4.1 A system for expressing source code analysis as traversals

A source code analysis is performed on various source code artifacts such as source code text, intermediate representations like abstract syntax trees (ASTs), graph-based representations like control flow graphs (CFGs) and call graphs (CGs), etc. In our system, source code analysis such as control- and data-flow analysis are expressed as traversals over CFGs.

**Definition 1** A control flow graph (CFG) is a directed graph $G = (N, E, n_{\text{start}}, N_{\text{end}})$ with a set of nodes $N$ representing the program statements and a set of edges $E \subseteq N \times N$ representing the control flow relation between the program statements. A CFG has a single start node, $n_{\text{start}}$, and a set of end nodes, $N_{\text{end}}$.

For any node $n \in N$, $n.preds$ is a set of immediate predecessors, $n.succs$ is a set of immediate successors, $n.stmt$ provides the program statement at the node, and $n.id$ is a unique identifier of the node. Here on, we use graph to refer to CFG.

A source code analysis over a graph visits nodes in the graph in certain order and collects information at nodes (aka, analysis facts or outputs). For instance, the reaching definition analysis over a CFG, visits every node in the CFG and collects the variable definitions at nodes as analysis facts. An analysis may require multiple traversals over a graph and each traversal may visit nodes multiple times (for fixpoint). For instance, the reaching definition analysis requires two traversal of the CFG: an initialization traversal for collecting the variable definitions at nodes as analysis facts, and a propagation traversal for propagating the analysis facts along the graph. The initialization traversal visits every node exactly once, whereas the propagation traversal may visit the nodes multiple times until a fixpoint is reached and the analysis facts at nodes does not change further.

In our system, a source code analysis over a graph is expressed by defining and invoking one or more traversals. A traversal is defined using a special traversal block:
t := traversal(n : Node) : T {tbody}

In this traversal block definition, \( t \) is the name of the traversal that takes a single parameter \( n \) representing the graph node that is being visited. A traversal may define a return type \( T \) representing the output type. The output type can be a primitive or a collection data type. A block of code that generates the traversal output at a graph node is given by \( \text{tbody} \). The \( \text{tbody} \) may contain common statements and expressions, such as variable declarations, assignments, conditional statements, loop statements, and method calls, along with some special expressions discussed in this chapter.

A traversal can be invoked using a special \texttt{traverse} expression:

\[
\text{traverse}(g, t, d, df, ls, fp)
\]

A \texttt{traverse} expression takes six parameters: \( g \) is the graph to be traversed, \( t \) is the traversal to be invoked, \( d \) is the traversal direction and \( df, ls, fp \) are optional parameters. \( df \) is of boolean type which indicates whether the analysis is data flow sensitive or not. \( ls \) is also a boolean variable, indicating whether the analysis is loop sensitive or not. If \( df \) is not provided, Algorithm 1 in Section 3.2.1 will be used to compute this property. Similarly, if \( ls \) is not provided, Algorithm 2 in Section 3.2.3 will be used to compute this property. \( fp \) is a variable name of the user defined fixpoint function. A traversal direction is a value from the set \{\texttt{FORWARD}, \texttt{BACKWARD}, \texttt{ITERATIVE}\}, where \texttt{FORWARD} is used to represent a forward analysis (predecessors of a node are processed before the node), \texttt{BACKWARD} is used to represent a backward analysis (successors of a node are processed before the node), and \texttt{ITERATIVE} is used to represent a sequential analysis (visits nodes as they appear in the nodes collection). A user defined fixpoint function can be defined using the \texttt{fixp} block:

\[
fp := \text{fixp}(...) : \text{bool} \{ \text{fbody} \}
\]

In this \texttt{fixp} block, \texttt{fixp} is a keyword for defining a fixpoint function. A fixpoint function can take any number of parameters, and it must always return a boolean. The body of the fixpoint function is defined in the \( \text{fbody} \) block. A fixpoint function can be assigned a name, which can be passed in the \texttt{traverse} expression.

**Accessing Facts of Other Nodes.** We also provide a special expression \texttt{output(n, t)} for querying the traversal output associated with a graph node \( n \), in the traversal \( t \).
Table 4.1: List of constructs and their syntax.

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<td>Fixpoint</td>
<td>$fp := \text{fixp}(...): \text{bool} { \text{fbody} }$</td>
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<tr>
<td>Output</td>
<td>$\text{output}(n, t)$</td>
<td>$\text{output}$ is used for querying the traversal output associated with a graph node $n$, in the traversal $t$.</td>
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Data Types and Collections. Our system for expressing source code analysis as traversals provides primitive and collection data types. Primitive types include: bool, int, string and collection types include: Set and Seq, where Set is a collection with distinct and unordered elements, whereas, Seq is a collection with distinct and ordered elements. A set of operations that can be performed on collection types is described in Table 4.2.

To summarize, we described a system for expressing source code analysis as traversals over graphs using two special constructs: traversal for defining a traversal, and traverse for invoking a defined traversal. A traversal may visit graph nodes multiple times (in case of fixpoint) and it can be invoked using several parameters specifying the direction of the traversal, a user defined fixpoint function, etc. A traversal output associated with graph nodes can be queried using a special expression $\text{output(0)}$. To be able to express a variety of source code analysis, our system provides primitive and collection datatypes with well-defined operations. Later in this chapter we demonstrate how the constructs and operations of the system enables determining properties of the source code analysis expressed in our system, such that optimal traversal strategies can be automatically selected.
Table 4.2: Operations on collections.

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<td>add(C, e)</td>
<td>Adding an element e to collection C</td>
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<tr>
<td>addAll(C1, C2)</td>
<td>Adding all elements from collection C2 to collection C1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>remove(C, e)</td>
<td>Removing an element e from collection C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>removeAll(C1, C2)</td>
<td>Removing all elements from collection C1 that are also present in collection C2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get(C, i)</td>
<td>Element at index i from collection C is accessed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>has(C, e)</td>
<td>Checking if collection C has element e</td>
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<tr>
<td>equals(C1, C2)</td>
<td>Checking if collection C1 and collection C2 have the same elements</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C1 = C2</td>
<td>Assigning collection C2 to collection C1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>union(C1, C2)</td>
<td>Returns the union of the elements in collection C1 and collection C2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>intersection(C1, C2)</td>
<td>Returns the intersection of the elements in collection C1 and collection C2</td>
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An Example: Post dominator analysis. We now describe how to use our system to express source code analysis as traversals using an example source code analysis. Post dominator analysis is a backward control flow analysis that collects node ids of all nodes that post dominates every node in the CFG [1]. This analysis can be expressed using our system as shown in Listing 4.1.

Listing 4.1: Post dominator analysis: an example source code analysis expressed using our system.

```java
1 allNodes: Set<int>;
2 initT := traversal(n: Node) {
3   add(allNodes, n.id);
4 }
5 domT := traversal(n: Node): Set<int> {
6   Set<int> dom;
7   if (output(n, domT) != null) {
8     dom = output(n, domT);
9   } else {
10      if (node.id == exitNodeId) {
11        dom = {};
12      } else {
13        dom = allNodes;
14      }
15   }
```
foreach (s : n.succs)
    dom = intersection(dom, output(s, domT))
add(dom, n.id);
return dom;
}

fp := fixp(Set<int> curr, Set<int> prev): bool {
if(equals(curr, prev))
    return true;
return false;
}

traverse(g, initT, ITERATIVE);
traverse(g, domT, BACKWARD, fp);

Listing 4.1 mainly defines two traversals initT (lines 2-4) and domT (lines 5-20), and invokes them using traverse expressions (lines 26 and 27). Line 21-25 defines a fixpoint function using fixp block, which is used in the traverse expression in line 27. Line 1 defines a variable allNodes of collection type Set, where Set<int> defines a collection type Set with elements of type int. Line 3 uses an operation add (defined in Table 4.2) on collection allNodes. The common statements and expressions used in the language to express the analysis are not described in our system, however all standard statements and expressions are allowed. For instance, if-else statements are used in lines 7-15, foreach iteration is used in lines 16-17, and so on. Lines 26 and 27 provides two flavors of invoking traversals using traverse expressions: one without a fixpoint and other with a user-defined fixpoint function. A usage of special expression output(n, domT) can be seen in line 8. The traversal initT does not define any output for CFG nodes, whereas, the traversal domT defines an output of type Set<int> for every node in the CFG. For managing the analysis output of nodes, domT traversal maintains an internal map that contains analysis output for every node, which can be queried using output(n, domT). A pre-defined variable g that represents the CFG is used in the traverse expressions in lines 26 and 27.

Figure 4.2 takes an example graph, and shows the results of initT and domT traversals. Our example graph is a CFG containing seven nodes with a branch and a loop. The initT traversal
visits nodes sequentially and adds node id to the collection allNodes. The domT traversal visits nodes in the post-order\(^1\) and computes a set of nodes that post dominate every visited node (as indicated by the set of node ids). For instance, node 7 is post dominated by itself, hence the output at node 7 is \{7\}. In Figure 4.2, under domT traversal, for each node visited, we show the key intermediate steps indicated by @ line number. These line numbers correspond to the line numbers shown in Listing 4.1. We will explain the intermediate results while visiting node 2. In the domT traversal, at line 13, the output set dom is initialized using allNodes, hence dom = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}. At line 16, node 2 has two successors: \{3, 4\}. At line 17, the set dom is updated by performing an intersection operation using the outputs of successors 3 and 4. The output of 3 and 4 are \{1, 3, 5, 6, 7\} and \{1, 2, 5, 6, 7\}. The traversal strategies chosen for initT and domT traversals is explained in Section 4.4.1.

\(^1\)The traversal strategies chosen for initT and domT traversals is explained in Section 4.4.1.
respectively. By performing the intersection of these two sets, the \( \text{dom} \) set becomes \( \{1, 5, 6, 7\} \). At line 18, the id of the visited node is added to the \( \text{dom} \) set and it becomes \( \{1, 2, 5, 6, 7\} \). Hence, the post dominator set for node 2 is \( \{1, 2, 5, 6, 7\} \). Similarly, the post dominator set for other nodes can be calculated.

4.2 Static and runtime properties

While it is known in the literature that choosing a right traversal strategy for the source code analysis can significantly improve the performance. For example, Atkinson and Griswold [2] have developed a hybridized iterative-worklist algorithm that processes fewer blocks than the traditional algorithm. Despite these advances, how to choose a right traversal strategy, what factors influence the selection of the right traversal strategy, what properties of the analysis and graph are important, and how to determine them, were not known.

In this section, we describe the factors that influence the selection of the optimal traversal strategy for any given traversal. These factors include: the static properties of the analysis and the runtime properties of the graph. We also describe how the challenge of computing these properties is solved with the help of the constructs and operations proposed in our system of expressing source code analysis as traversals Section (4.1).

4.2.1 Data-flow sensitivity

The data-flow sensitivity property of a traversal models the dependence of the traversal outputs of nodes in the input graph. A traversal is data-flow sensitive if the output of a node is computed using the outputs of other nodes. For instance, in the reaching definition data-flow analysis, the outputs of nodes are computed using the outputs of predecessors and in live variable data-flow analysis, the outputs of nodes are computed using the outputs of successors. Hence, both reaching definition and live variable analysis are data-flow sensitive. The term data-flow sensitive is different from the traditional term flow-sensitive, that is used in the literature [8]. In literature, a problem is
“flow-sensitive” if information about control internal to subroutines is used to compute the final set of data flow facts, while our definition of data-flow sensitive is given below.

**Definition 2** $P_{\text{DataFlow}}$ (*Data-flow sensitivity*). Given a traversal $t$ with body $tbody$, a map $O$ that collects and maintains the traversal output of nodes ($O$ is indexed using node ids), and $F$, a function representing the computation of $O[.]$ in the traversal body $tbody$, if for any node $n$, its output $O[n]$ is computed by applying $F$ over one or more of $O[n']$, where $n' \neq n$, then $t$ is data-flow sensitive. That is $P_{\text{DataFlow}}$ is true otherwise false.

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**Algorithm 1:** Algorithm to detect data-flow sensitivity

Input: $t := \text{traversal}(n : \text{Node}) : T \{ tbody \}$

Output: true/false

1. $A \leftarrow \text{getAliases}(tbody, n)$;
2. foreach $stmt \in tbody$ do
3.    if $stmt = \text{output}(n', t')$ then
4.        if $t' == t$ and $n' \notin A$ then
5.            return true;
6.    return false;

---

### 4.2.2 Computing data-flow sensitivity

To determine the data-flow sensitivity property of a traversal, the operations performed in the traversal needs to be analyzed to check if the output of a node is computed using the outputs of other nodes. In our system of expressing analysis as traversals, the only way to access the output of a node is via `output()` expression, hence given a traversal $t := \text{traversal}(n : \text{Node}) : T \{ tbody \}$ as input, Algorithm 1 parses the statements in the traversal body $tbody$ to identify method calls of the form $\text{output}(n', t')$ that fetches the output of a node $n'$ in the traversal $t'$. If such method calls exists, they are further investigated to determine if $n'$ does not point to $n$ and $t'$ points to $t$. If such method calls exists, it means that the traversal output for the current node $n$ is computed using the traversal outputs of other nodes ($n'$) and hence the traversal is data-flow sensitive. For performing the points to check, Algorithm 1 assumes that an alias environment is computed by
using must alias analysis [22]. Algorithm 1 requires that the must alias analysis computes all names in the \texttt{tbody} that must alias each other at any program point. The must alias information ensures that Algorithm 1 never classifies a data-flow sensitive traversal as data-flow insensitive. A \texttt{tbody} may contain more than one \texttt{output()} statement, however Algorithm 1 requires only one \texttt{output()} statement that fetches the output of other nodes than the current node, to classify the traversal as data-flow sensitive. The control and loop statements in the \texttt{tbody} do not have any impact on Algorithm 1 for computing the data-flow sensitivity property.

**Worked out example.** For instance, consider the \texttt{domT} traversal shown in Listing 4.1. Let’s apply Algorithm 1 to determine if \texttt{domT} traversal is data-flow sensitive or not. Here \texttt{domT} is the \( t \). We first compute the aliases of \( n \) in \texttt{domT} traversal. Only \( n \) is an alias of \( n \) (every variable is an alias of itself) in \texttt{domT} traversal. Then for each statement in \texttt{domT} traversal, we apply line 3-5 in Algorithm 1. Consider the line 17 of the \texttt{domT} traversal. Here, there is a statement \texttt{output(s, domT)} which if of the form \texttt{output(n', t')}. Here \texttt{domT} which is \( t' \), is equal to \( t \) and \( s \) which is \( n' \) is not an alias of \( n \). Hence we return true, indicating \texttt{domT} is data-flow sensitive.

Intuitively, in line 16 and 17, a variable \texttt{dom} holds the traversal output of a node \( n \) and it is computed by applying an intersection operation on the traversal outputs of successors of \( n \). Here, the function \( F \) is intersection over the outputs of all successors of a node and hence it is dependent on output of other nodes.

### 4.2.3 Loop sensitivity

The loop sensitivity property models the effect of the loops in the input graph. If an input graph contains loops and if the traversal is affected by the loop, the traversal may require multiple iterations to compute the output of nodes. In the multiple iterations, the traversal outputs of nodes either shrinks or expands to reach a fixpoint. Hence, we define a traversal as loop sensitive, if the traversal output of nodes in subsequent iterations shrinks or expands. The term loop-sensitive is different from the iteration dependences, that is used in the literature [6]. In literature, Iteration
dependences arise when two different iterations access the same memory location and one or both accesses are a memory write, while our definition of loop-sensitive is given below.

**Definition 3** $P_{\text{Loop}}$ (Loop sensitivity). Given a traversal $t$, a map $O$ that collects and maintains the traversal output of nodes ($O$ is indexed using node ids), and $O^i[n]$ represents the output of node $n$ in the $i^{th}$ iteration, if $O^{i+1}[n] \ll O^i[n]$ or $O^{i+1}[n] \gg O^i[n]$, then $t$ is loop sensitive, i.e. $P_{\text{Loop}}$ is true otherwise false. The relation $\ll$ represents shrink and it is given by, $O^{i+1}[n] \ll O^i[n]$, if $|O^{i+1}[n]| < |O^i[n]|$, and the relation $\gg$ represents expand and it is given by, $O^{i+1}[n] \gg O^i[n]$, if $|O^{i+1}[n]| > |O^i[n]|$, where $|C|$ is the cardinality of the output collection $C$.

Since the loop sensitivity property is defined only for data-flow sensitive traversals, we know that the traversal output of nodes in each iteration is computed using the traversal output of other nodes (possible neighbors), we have $O^i[n] = F(O^i[n'])$ and $O^{i+1}[n] = F(O^{i+1}[n'])$, where $n, n'$ are any two nodes such that $n' \neq n$. By substituting these in the shrink relation $O^{i+1}[n] \ll O^i[n]$, we get, $F(O^{i+1}[n']) \ll F(O^i[n'])$. For this relation to be true, 1) the output of any node $n'$ in any two subsequent iterations $i$ and $i + 1$ must shrink and 2) the function $F$ has the shrink property. Similarly, for expand relation, 3) the output of any node $n'$ in any two iterations $i$ and $i + 1$ must expand and 4) the function $F$ has the expand property. As we know $F$ represents the function in the traversal body that computes the outputs of nodes, if $F$ has the property of shrink or expand, then the traversal can be classified as loop sensitive.

To give an example, consider the $\text{domT}$ traversal shown in Listing 4.1. Since $\text{domT}$ is data-flow sensitive, we can check the loop sensitivity property. There are two functions that contributes to the traversal output of any node $n$ in $\text{domT}$ traversal body. These are intersection (line 16) and add (line 17). For $\text{domT}$ to be loop sensitive, we require that both intersection and add have either shrink or expand property. However, intersection has the shrink property and add has the expand property, hence we cannot classify $\text{domT}$ to be loop sensitive.
Algorithm 2: Algorithm to detect loop sensitivity

**Input:** \( t := \text{traversal}(n: \text{Node}): \text{T} \{ \text{tbody} \} \)

**Output:** true/false

1. \( V \leftarrow \{\} \) // set of output variables related to \( n \);
2. \( V' \leftarrow \{\} \) // set of output variables not related to \( n \);
3. \( \text{expand} \leftarrow \text{false} \);
4. \( \text{shrink} \leftarrow \text{false} \);
5. \( \text{gen} \leftarrow \text{false} \);
6. \( \text{kill} \leftarrow \text{false} \);
7. \( A \leftarrow \text{getAliases}(n) \);

8. **foreach** \( \text{stmt} \in \text{tbody} \) **do**

9.  **if** \( \text{stmt is } v = \text{output}(n', t') \) **then**

10.  **if** \( t' == t \) **then**

11.   **if** \( n' \in A \) **then**

12.     \( V \leftarrow V \cup v; \)

13.   **else**

14.     \( V' \leftarrow V' \cup v; \)

15. **foreach** \( \text{stmt} \in \text{tbody} \) **do**

16.  **if** \( \text{stmt = union}(c_1, c_2) \) **then**

17.   **if** \( (c_1 \in V \text{ and } c_2 \in V') \lor (c_1 \in V' \text{ and } c_2 \in V) \) **then**

18.     \( \text{expand} \leftarrow \text{true} \);

19. **if** \( \text{stmt = intersection}(c_1, c_2) \) **then**

20.   **if** \( (c_1 \in V \text{ and } c_2 \in V') \lor (c_1 \in V' \text{ and } c_2 \in V) \) **then**

21.     \( \text{shrink} \leftarrow \text{true} \);

22. **if** \( \text{stmt = add}(c_1, e) \lor \text{addAll}(c_1, c_2) \) **then**

23.   **if** \( c_1 \in V \) **then**

24.     \( \text{gen} \leftarrow \text{true} \);

25. **if** \( \text{stmt = remove}(c_1, e) \lor \text{removeAll}(c_1, c_2) \) **then**

26.   **if** \( c_1 \in V \) **then**

27.     \( \text{kill} \leftarrow \text{true} \);

28. **if** \( (\text{expand and gen}) \lor (\text{shrink and kill}) \) **then**

29.   **return** \( \text{true} \);

30. **else**

31.  **return** \( \text{false} \);
4.2.4 Computing loop sensitivity

In general, computing the loop sensitivity property statically is challenging in the absence of an input graph, however the constructs and operations of our system enables static inference of this property.

A traversal is loop sensitive, if the output of any node in any two subsequent iterations either shrinks or expands. To determine if the traversal output expands or shrinks in the subsequent iterations, the operations performed in the traversal needs to be analyzed. Table 4.2 provides several operations that can be performed on the traversal outputs. The operations add, addAll, and union always expands the output and the operations remove, removeAll, and intersection always shrinks the output.

Given a traversal $t := \text{traversal}(n : \text{Node}) : T \{ \text{tbody} \}$, Algorithm 2 determines the loop sensitivity of $t$. Algorithm 2 investigates the statements in the tbody to determine if the traversal outputs of nodes in multiple iterations either expands or shrinks. For doing that, first it parses the statements to collect all output variables related and not related to input node $n$ using the must alias information as in Algorithm 1. This is determined in lines 8-14, where all output variables are collected (output variables are variables that gets assigned by the output operation) and added to two sets $V$ (a set of output variables related to $n$) and $V'$ (a set of output variables not related to $n$). Upon collecting all output variables, Algorithm 2 makes another pass over all statements in the tbody to identify six kinds of operations: union, intersection, add, addAll, remove, and removeAll. These operations are defined in Table 4.2. In lines 16-18, the algorithm looks for union operation, where one of the variables involved is an output variables related to $n$ and the other variable involved is not related to $n$. These conditions are simply the true conditions for the data-flow sensitivity, where the output of the current node is computed using the outputs of other nodes (neighbors). Similarly, in lines 19-21, the algorithm looks for intersection operation. The lines 22-27 identifies add and remove operations that adds or removes elements from the output related to node $n$. Finally, if there exists union and add operations, the output of a node always expands, and if there exists

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2 The operations not listed here do not expand or shrink the output.
intersection and remove operations, the output of a node always shrinks. For a data-flow traversal to be loop sensitive, the output of nodes must either expand or shrink, not both (lines 28-29).

Worked Out Example. Consider the domT traversal shown in Listing 4.1. Lets apply Algorithm 2 to determine if domT traversal is loop-sensitive or not. Here domT is the t. We first compute the aliases of n. Only n is an alias of n (every variable is an alias of itself) in domT traversal. Then for each statement in domT traversal, we apply line 9-14 in Algorithm 2 to compute v and v'. There is only one statement of form v = output(n', t') in Listing 4.1 (line 8). Here dom maps to v, domT maps to t' and n maps to n. Since domT is also t, line 12 in Algorithm 2 gets executed. At the end of line 14, V contains dom and V' is empty. We once again analyze every statement in domT traversal to search for union, intersection, add, addAll, remove, removeAll statement (line 15-27). We have intersection (line 17) and add (line 18) statement in domT traversal, which sets variable shrink and gen to true. Line 28 in Algorithm 2 checks if either both expand and kill are true or shrink and kill are true. Since both these conditions are not met, the algorithm return domT as loop-insensitive.

4.2.5 Graph cyclicity

So far we have described the two static properties of the analysis that influences the traversal strategy selection. A property of the input graph also influences the selection. This property is the cyclicity in the graph. Based on the cyclicity, we classify graphs into four categories: {sequential, branch only, loop w/o branch, loop w/ branch}. In case of sequential graphs, all nodes in the graph have no more than one successor and predecessor. In case of graphs with branches, nodes may have more than one successor and predecessor. In case of graphs with loops, there exists cycles in the graph. The graph cyclicity is determined during the construction of the graph.

In a source code analysis, traversal output of nodes may depend on each other. For instance, in forward data-flow analysis, output of a node is computed using the outputs of its predecessors. Similarly, in the backward data-flow analysis, output of the successors is required. Graph cyclicity plays an important role in the selection of the appropriate traversal strategy. In case of graphs with branches and loops, the outputs of all dependent nodes of a node (predecessors or successors) may
not be available at the time of visiting the node, hence a traversal strategy must be selected that guarantees that the outputs of all dependent nodes of a node are available prior to computing the node’s output.

4.3 Traversal strategies - candidates

We have picked seven traversal strategies as candidates for choosing an optimal traversal strategy for given a traversal and an input graph. The selected candidate strategies were arrived at by carefully reviewing compilers textbooks, implementations, and source code analysis frameworks. We also made sure that the selected candidate strategies are applicable to any graphs and analysis. We did not consider strategies like chaotic iteration based on Weak Topological Ordering because they are effective only for computing fixed points of continuous function over lattices of infinite height [7]. The selected traversal strategies are describe below:

- **Any order (ANY):** In this traversal strategy, nodes can be visited in any order. In our implementation, we visit the nodes in the order they appear in the nodes list \( N \) (Definition 1).

- **Increasing order of node ids (INC):** In this traversal strategy, the nodes are visited in the increasing order of their node ids. The node ids are assigned during the construction of the graph. For instance, while constructing a CFG, the node ids are assigned in the control flow order.

- **Decreasing order of node ids (DEC):** In this traversal strategy, the nodes are visited in the reverse order of their node ids (decreasing order of node ids).

- **Post-Order (PO):** In this traversal, the successors of any node are visited before visiting the node.

- **Reverse Post-Order (RPO):** In this traversal, the predecessors of any node are visited before visiting the node.
• **Worklist with Post-Order (WPO):** In this traversal, the nodes are visited in the order they appear in the worklist. A worklist is a data structure used to keep track of nodes to be visited. In WPO, worklist is initialized with post-ordering of nodes. The worklist is maintained as follows: whenever a node from the worklist is removed and visited, all its successors (for forward traversals) or predecessors (for backward traversals) are added to the worklist [2].

• **Worklist with Reverse Post-Order (WRPO):** In this traversal, the nodes are visited in the order they appear in the worklist. The worklist is initialized with nodes in the reverse post-order.

![Traversal strategy selection decision tree](image-url)

Figure 4.3: Traversal strategy selection decision tree.
4.4 Decision tree for traversal strategy selection

At this point, we know the factors that influence the traversal strategy selection: the static properties of the analysis, and the runtime property of the graph. Our goal is to check these properties in certain order to quickly decide the best traversal strategy for a given analysis and a graph, such that only relevant properties are checked and the overhead of static/runtime check is minimized\(^3\). To that end, we carefully devised a decision tree as shown in Figure 4.3 for traversal strategy selection.

The leaf nodes of the tree are one of the seven traversal strategies and non-leaf nodes are static/runtime checks. The decision tree has eleven paths marked \(P_1\) through \(P_{11}\). Given a traversal and an input graph, one of the eleven paths will be taken to decide the best traversal strategy. The longest paths \(P_5\), \(P_6\), \(P_7\), and \(P_8\) requires five checks and the shortest path \(P_{11}\) requires only one check. The static checks are marked green and the runtime checks are marked red. The static properties that are checked are: data-flow sensitivity (\(P_{DataFlow}\)), loop sensitivity (\(P_{Loop}\)), and traversal direction. The runtime property that is checked is the graph cyclicity: sequential, branch, loop w/ branch, and loop w/o branch. We now provide rationale for arranging the decision tree as shown in Figure 4.3.

The first property that is checked is the data-flow sensitivity of the traversal. This is a static property determined by analyzing the traversal that indicates whether the traversal output of any node is dependent on the traversal output of its neighbors (successors or predecessors). This property is defined in Definition 2 and an algorithm to compute this property is given in Algorithm 1. The rationale for checking this property first is that, if a traversal is data-flow insensitive (\(P_{DataFlow}\) is false), irrespective of the type of the input graph, the traversal can finish in a single iteration (no fixpoint computation is necessary). In such cases, visiting nodes in any order will be efficient, hence we assign any order (ANY) traversal strategy (path \(P_{11}\)).

\(^3\)Our evaluation shows that the overhead is less than 0.2% of the total running time for a large dataset and less than 0.01% for an ultra-large dataset.
For traversals that are data-flow sensitive \((P_{DataFlow} \text{ is } true)\), further checks are performed to determine the best traversal strategy. Next property that is checked is the input graph cyclicity. This is because the loop sensitive property is applicable to only graphs with loops.

- **Sequential Graphs (paths \(P_1\) and \(P_2\)):** In this type of graphs, no branches or loops exists, and all nodes have a single successor and predecessor. At this point, we know that the traversal is data-flow sensitive and it requires output of the neighbors to compute the output for any node. As sequential graphs have only one neighbor (successor or predecessor), a traversal strategy that visits the neighbor prior to visiting any node is sufficient to produce an optimal traversal order. To determine which neighbor (successor or predecessor), we check the traversal direction property. For \textit{FORWARD} traversal direction, predecessor of the node must be visited before the node and for \textit{BACKWARD} traversal direction, successor of the node must be visited before the node. These two traversal orders are provided by our \textit{INC} and \textit{DEC} traversal strategies. The corresponding paths in the decision tree are: \(P_1\) and \(P_2\).

- **Graphs with branches (paths \(P_3\) and \(P_4\)):** In this type of graphs, branches exists, however loops don’t exists, which means that a node may have more than one successor or predecessor. At this point, we know that our traversal is data-flow sensitive and it requires output of all neighbors (successors or predecessors) to compute the output for any node, we need a traversal order that ensures that all successors and predecessors are visited prior to visiting any node. This traversal order is given by the post-order (\textit{PO}) and reverse post-order (\textit{RPO}) traversal strategies. To pick between \textit{PO} and \textit{RPO}, we check the traversal direction. For \textit{FORWARD} traversal direction, we need to visit all predecessors of any node prior to visiting the node, hence we pick the \textit{RPO} traversal strategy. For \textit{BACKWARD} traversal direction, we need to visit all successors of any node prior to visiting the node, hence we pick the \textit{PO} traversal strategy.

- **Graphs with loops (paths \(P_5\) to \(P_{10}\)):** In this type of graphs, loops exists and in addition branches may also exists. We first need to check if the traversal is sensitive to the loop (the
loop sensitive property). At this point, we know that our analysis is data-flow sensitive and the input graph has loop based control flow.

- **Loop sensitive (paths \( P_9 \) and \( P_{10} \))**: When the traversal is loop sensitive, for correctly propagating the output, the traversal visits nodes multiple times until a fixpoint condition is satisfied (user may provide a fixpoint function). No iterative traversal strategy can guarantee that fixpoint will be reached in a single traversal of the nodes, hence we adopt a worklist based traversal strategy that visits only required nodes (property of the worklist strategy). The worklist traversal strategy requires that the worklist (a data structure) is initialized with nodes. For picking the best order of nodes for initialization, we further investigate the traversal direction. We know that, for **FORWARD** traversal direction, **RPO** traversal strategy gives the best order of nodes and for **BACKWARD** traversal direction, **PO** traversal strategy gives the best order of nodes, we pick worklist strategy with reverse post-order **WRPO** for **FORWARD** and worklist strategy with post-order **WPO** for **BACKWARD** traversal directions.

- **Loop insensitive (paths \( P_5 \) to \( P_8 \))**: When the traversal is loop insensitive, the selection problem reduces to the sequential and branch case that is discussed previously, because for loop insensitive traversal, the loops in the input graph is irrelevant and what remains relevant is the existence of the branches.

### 4.4.1 An example

In this section, we explain the decision tree using an example source code analysis and a graph. The example analysis that we choose is the *Post Dominator Analysis* shown in Listing 4.1 and the graph that we choose is shown in Figure 4.2. The *Post Dominator Analysis* contains two traversals: \( \text{initT} \) and \( \text{domT} \). The \( \text{initT} \) traversal is data-flow insensitive (\( P_{\text{DataFlow}} \) is false) and loop insensitive (\( P_{\text{Loop}} \) is false). The \( \text{domT} \) traversal is data-flow sensitive (\( P_{\text{DataFlow}} \) is true) and loop insensitive (\( P_{\text{Loop}} \) is false). The traversal directions of \( \text{initT} \) and \( \text{domT} \) are **ITERATIVE** and **BACKWARD** respectively.
Our example graph shown in Figure 4.2 has branches and loops, meaning the graph has nodes with more than one successor or predecessor and has cycles.

For selecting the best traversal strategies for \texttt{initT} and the graph with loops and branches, we check the data-flow sensitivity property of the traversal. As \texttt{initT} is data-flow insensitive, \texttt{ANY} traversal strategy is picked as shown by the path $P_{11}$ in Figure 4.3 and no further checks are required. The traversal strategy \texttt{ANY} represents nodes visited in any order. Figure 4.4 shows the path taken for \texttt{initT} traversal.

For selecting the best traversal strategies for \texttt{domT} and the graph with branch and loop, we check the data-flow sensitivity property of the traversal. As \texttt{domT} is data-flow sensitive, the next property to be checked is the graph cyclicity. As our input graph has loops, the next property to be checked is whether \texttt{domT} is loop sensitive i.e., sensitive to the loops present in the graph. Since \texttt{domT} is loop-insensitive, we ignore the loops present in the graph and investigate the rest of the graph.

Figure 4.4: Paths taken for \texttt{initT} traversal and \texttt{domT} traversal.
structure. As our graph contains branches, the next property to be checked is the traversal direction. The traversal direction for \( \text{domT} \) is BACKWARD, we pick \( PO \) traversal strategy for \( \text{domT} \) traversal, as shown by the path \( P_6 \) in Figure 4.3. The traversal strategy post-order (\( PO \)) visits all successors of a node before visiting that node. This is most suitable for backward analysis like \( \text{domT} \), because backward analysis analyzes successors of a node prior to analyzing the node. Figure 4.4 shows the path taken for \( \text{domT} \) traversal.

### 4.5 Optimizing the selected traversal strategy

Checking the static and dynamic properties not only determines the best traversal strategies, it also helps to perform several optimizations to the selected traversal strategies. In the traversal based program analysis with a fixpoint function, in addition to the analysis traversal, two additional traversals of all nodes are required: one traversal to re-compute the analysis results at graph nodes, and another traversal to perform the fixpoint check to ensure that results at nodes have stabilized. The fixpoint check traversal compares the outputs of two traversals of each nodes. The two additional traversals can be eliminated and we formulate them as two optimizations, as described below:

- **Opt1** : Eliminating the result re-computation traversal: A traversal that re-computes the results at graph nodes for enabling a fixpoint traversal to compare the two results (the analysis traversal result and the re-computation result) can be eliminated, if it is known that results have stabilized and not going to change.

- **Opt2** : Eliminating the fixpoint check traversal: A fixpoint check traversal that checks the results of the two traversals at graph nodes can be eliminated, if it is known that results are stabilized and not going to change.

The same static and dynamic checks that are performed to determine a traversal strategies also helps to determine if the optimizations can be performed. For instance, consider path \( P_1 \) in our decision tree shown in Figure 4.3. This path selects INC traversal strategy that visits nodes in the increasing order of the node ids. While selecting this strategy, we came to know that the analysis is
data-flow sensitive (which means the analysis output of neighbors (predecessors or successors) is required for computing the output of a node), the graph is sequential, (which means there is only one successor or predecessor), and the analysis is a forward analysis (which means the output of the predecessor is required to compute the output of a node). Together, we know that if a traversal strategy ensures that the predecessor is visited before visiting any node, the analysis output can be computed in one traversal and no fixpoint check is necessary. The traversal strategy selected for this path is INC and it ensures this property. Hence, both Opt1 and Opt2 can be applied to the selected traversal strategy to further improve the performance. As we show in our evaluation (Chapter 11), upto 60% of the analysis time can be saved by performing these optimizations. In our decision tree shown in Figure 4.3, all paths from $P_1$ to $P_8$ are eligible for both the optimizations. The paths $P_9$ and $P_{10}$ uses a worklist-based traversal strategy that visits only relevant nodes (relevant nodes are the nodes whose outputs have changed from the last visit) and must perform a fixpoint check every time a node is visited, hence the optimizations cannot be performed. Finally, for path $P_{11}$, the optimizations are not applicable, because data-flow insensitive traversals requires only one traversal to compute the results and no fixpoint check is performed.

Figure 4.5 shows the iterations made over the graph (both $domT$ and fixpoint) to get the post dominator of each node without optimization. “Before domT traversal” shows the initial post dominator set of each node i.e., the initial output of each node before analysis started. “1st iteration of domT traversal” shows the post dominator set of each node after iterating the graph once and applying the $domT$ analysis. “2nd iteration of domT traversal” shows the post dominator set of each node after iterating the graph once more and applying the $domT$ analysis. The number of iterations that has to be made is decided by the fixpoint function. Fixpoint basically compares each node’s current $pdom$ with previous iterations $pdom$. In the “1st Fixpoint traversal”, fixpoint function compared $pdom$ of “Before domT traversal” and “1st iteration of domT traversal”. All nodes returned False as no $pdom$ matched. Hence domT required one more traversal. In the “2nd Fixpoint traversal”, fixpoint function compared $pdom$ of “1st iteration of domT traversal” and “2nd iteration of domT traversal”. Here all nodes returned True as all $pdom$ matched. Therefore no more iteration of
Figure 4.5: Iterations needed to compute post dominator without optimization.

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<tr>
<th>Nodes visit order</th>
<th>Before domT traversal</th>
<th>1st iteration of domT traversal</th>
<th>2nd iteration of domT traversal</th>
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<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>pdom = {}</td>
<td>pdom = {7}</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>pdom = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7}</td>
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<td>pdom = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7}</td>
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domT was needed. One point to note is that, post dominator was actually correctly computed in the “1st iteration of domT traversal”. But since the fixpoint function returned False, we performed one more iteration of domT traversal which returned the same post dominator set and fixpoint reached.

Since our approach has chosen a traversal strategy such that the post dominator will be reached in the “1st iteration of domT traversal”, it does not perform the “2nd iteration of domT traversal” even though the fixpoint returns False. This is [Opt1].

Since the post dominator will be reached in the “1st iteration of domT traversal”, we do not need to perform the fixpoint check to ensure that. This is [Opt2]. Figure 4.6 shows the iterations made over the graph to get the post dominator of each node with optimization.

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Figure 4.6: Iterations needed to compute post dominator with optimization.
CHAPTER 5. IMPLEMENTATION ON BOA FRAMEWORK

5.1 Boa language and infrastructure

Boa [12, 14, 15] is a domain-specific language and infrastructure that eases mining software repositories. Boa’s infrastructure leverages distributed computing techniques to execute queries against hundreds of thousands of software projects very efficiently. Boa provide users a domain-specific language tailored for software repository mining and allows them to submit queries via their web-based interface. These queries are then automatically parallelized and executed on a cluster, analyzing a dataset containing almost 700,000 projects, history information from millions of revisions, millions of Java source files, and billions of AST nodes. The language also provides an easy to comprehend visitor syntax to ease writing source code mining queries [13]. The underlying infrastructure contains several optimizations, including query optimizations to make single queries faster as well as a fusion optimization to group queries from multiple users into a single query. In the upcoming sections, we will see how we extended the Boa language and infrastructure to support control flow graphs, graph traversal and program analysis as graph traversal and describe our proposed syntax for writing source code analysis.

5.2 Source code analysis using traversal construct

Users must also be able to easily express source code analysis tasks. For users who are intimately familiar with compilers and interpreters, the visitor pattern is well understood. Our traversal pattern is quite similar to it, except that our traversal pattern is for graphs. Without traversal pattern, it generally requires writing a significant amount of boiler-plate code whose length is proportional to the complexity of the source code analysis being written. In this section, we describe how we
Listing 5.1: Example traversal construct that traverses a CFG and collects each nodes id in a global variable

```java
allnodeIds := traversal(node: CFGNode) : string {
    add(cfgnode_ids, string(node.id));
    return string(node.id);
}
```

extended Boa language to support control flow graphs, graph traversal and program analysis as graph traversal and describe our proposed syntax for writing source code analysis.

5.2.1 Traversal type and traverse statement

The new traversal syntax is shown in Listing 5.1. This syntax is exactly in line with what we described in Section 4.1. The top-level syntax for a analysis task is a traversal type. During traversal of the graph, the body of the traversal is executed when visiting a node of the graph type. The result of this code is a collection of all node IDs in a global variable.

To begin a analysis task, users write a traverse statement

```java
traverse(cfg , TraversalDirection.BACKWARD , TraversalKind.DFS , allnodeIds);
```

that has four parts: the graph to traverse, the traversal direction, the traversal strategy type and a traversal. When this statement executes, a traversal starts at the start node of the CFG using traversal allnodeIds.

Listing 5.2: Implementation code of traversal without fixpoint.

```java
public final void dfsBackward(final CFGNode node , java.util.HashMap<Integer, String> nodeVisitStatus) throws Exception {
    outputMap.put(node.id , allnodeIds(node));
    nodeVisitStatus.put(node.getId() , "visited");
    for (CFGNode pred : node.getPredecessorsList()) {
        if (nodeVisitStatus.get(pred.getId()).equals("unvisited"))
            dfsBackward(pred, nodeVisitStatus);
    }
}
```

```java
public final void traverse(final boa.graphs.cfg.CFG cfg , final Traversal.TraversalDirection direction , final Traversal.TraversalKind kind) throws Exception {
```
Listing 5.3: Continued from Listing 5.2.

```java
try {
    if (preTraverse(cfg)) {
        java.util.HashMap<Integer, String> nodeVisitStatus = new java.util.HashMap<Integer, String>();
        CFGNode[] nl = cfg.nodes();
        for (int i = 0; i < nl.length; i++) {
            nodeVisitStatus.put(nl[i].getId(), "unvisited");
        }
        switch (kind) {
            case TraversalKind.DFS:
                switch (direction) {
                    case TraversalDirection.BACKWARD:
                        dfsBackward(cfg.getExitNode(), nodeVisitStatus);
                        break;
                    case TraversalDirection.FORWARD:
                        ..... break;
                    default: break;
                }
                break;
            default: break;
        }
    } catch (Exception e) { return; }
}
```

### 5.2.2 Implementation of traversal without fixpoint

Listing 5.2 and 5.3 shows the implementation code that shows how the traverse calls each node of the CFG using the specified traversal strategy and stores the output of each node. Lines 13 - 17 initializes the visit status for all the nodes in the given CFG. Lines 18 - 28 applies the specified traversal strategy. At line 2, we can see the variable `outputMap`, which is a map that maintains the output of each node after applying the allNodeIds traversal.
5.2.3 Post-dominator analysis using traversal construct

The traversal can also take a user defined fixpoint function as another parameter and the traversal of the CFG will continue till all its node attain the fixpoint.

Listing 5.4: Traverse call with fixpoint function.

```c
traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.BACKWARD, TraversalKind.POSTORDER, cfgPdom, fixp1);
```

Listing 5.5: Example traversal construct that computes post dominator.

```c
1 cfgPdom := traversal(node: CFGNode): T {
2    cur_value : T;
3    if(node.id==exitId) {
4        self_dom: set of string;
5        cur_value = self_dom;
6    }
7    else
8        cur_value = cfgnode_ids;
9
10   if(def(getvalue(node))) {
11      cur_value = getvalue(node);
12  }
13
14  preds:=node.successors;
15  foreach(i:int;def(preds[i])) {
16      pred_value := getvalue(preds[i]);
17      if(def(pred_value)) {
18          cur_value = intersect(cur_value, pred_value);
19      }
20  }
21
22  gen_kill := getvalue(node, allnodeIds);
23  if(def(gen_kill)) {
24      add(cur_value, gen_kill);
25  }
26
27  return cur_value;
28 }
```
Listing 5.5 shows a traversal that computes post-dominators of a node. This traversal requires a fixpoint and hence the traverse that calls this traversal contains a user defined fixpoint function `fixp1` as shown in Listing 5.4.

Listing 5.6 shows the user defined fixpoint function.

Listing 5.6: User defined fixpoint function.

```java
fixp1 := fixp (curr, prev : T) : bool {
    if (len (difference (curr, prev)) == 0)
        return true;
    return false;
};
```

### 5.2.4 Implementation of traversal with fixpoint

Listing 5.7: Implementation code of traversal with fixpoint.

```java
public abstract class BoaAbstractTraversal<T1> {
    public java.util.HashMap<Integer, T1> outputMapObj;
    public java.util.HashMap<Integer, T1> prevOutputMapObj;

    public T1 getValue(final CFGNode node) throws Exception {
        return (T1) outputMapObj.get(node.getId());
    }

    public final void postorderBackward(final CFGNode node, java.util.HashMap<Integer, String> nodeVisitStatus) throws Exception {
        nodeVisitStatus.put(node.getId(), "visited");
        for (CFGNode succ : node.getSuccessorsList()) {
            if (nodeVisitStatus.get(succ.getId()).equals("unvisited"))
                postorderBackward(succ, nodeVisitStatus);
        }
        outputMapObj.put(node.id, cfgPdom(node));
    }

    public final void traverse(final boa.graphs.cfg.CFG cfg, final Traversal.TraversalDirection direction, final Traversal.TraversalKind kind, final BoaAbstractFixP fixp) {
```
switch (kind.getNumber()) {
  case 12:
    boolean fixp_flag;
    do {
      prevOutputMapObj = new java.util.HashMap<Integer,T1>(outputMapObj);
      java.util.HashMap<Integer,String> nodeVisitStatus = new java.util.HashMap<Integer,String>();
      CFGNode[] nl = cfg.nodes();
      for(int i=0; i<nl.length; i++) {
        nodeVisitStatus.put(nl[i].getId(),"unvisited");
      }
      postorderBackward(cfg.getEntryNode(), nodeVisitStatus);
      fixp_flag = true;
      for(CFGNode node : nl) {
        boolean curFlag = outputMapObj.containsKey(node.getId());
        boolean prevFlag = prevOutputMapObj.containsKey(node.getId());
        if(curFlag) {
          if(outputMapObj.containsKey(node.getId()) && prevOutputMapObj.containsKey(node.getId())) {
            fixp_flag = fixp_flag && fixp.invoke((T1)outputMapObj.get(node.getId()),(T1)prevOutputMapObj.get(node.getId()));
          } else {
            fixp_flag = false; break;
          }
        }
      }
    } while(!fixp_flag);
  break;
  default: break;
}

Listing 5.7 and 5.8 lists the implementation code that shows how the traverse calls each node of the CFG using the specified traversal strategy and how the traversal continues till the fixpoint is reached. Line 2-3 shows two variables, outputMapObj and prevOutputMapObj. outputMapObj maintains the current output of the nodes ie., output of the nodes in the current traversal iteration while prevOutputMapObj maintains the previous output of the nodes ie., output of the nodes in the previous
traversal iteration. At line 23, we can see that prevOutputMapObj is initialized with the values of outputMapObj. At this point of time, where the traversal have not yet started, both outputMapObj and prevOutputMapObj have the same values. Then at line 29, the traversal starts and at line 15, outputMapObj gets updated with the current traversal iteration’s output. After a iteration of a traversal is completed, line 31-41 applies the user defined fixpoint, which basically checks if both outputMapObj and prevOutputMapObj have the same values for every node. If not, line 22-41 repeats till the fixpoint is reached. Line 5-7 shows the getValue function that returns the current traversal output of the specified node. This function is used in line 11 in Listing 5.5.

5.3 Putting it all together

Listing 5.9: Code to compute post-dominator using Boa language.

```plaintext
1 p: Project = input;
2 cfgnode_ids: set of string;
3 type T = set of string;
4 exitId : int;
5 cfg: CFG;
6
7 clone := function (data : T) : T { 
8     s: set of string;
9     s = union(s, data);
10     return s;
11 }
12 allnodeIds := traversal (node: CFGNode) : string {
13     add (cfgnode_ids, string (node.id));
14     return string (node.id);
15 }
16
cfgPdom := traversal (node: CFGNode): T {
17     cur_value : T;
18     if (node.id == exitId) {
19         self_dom: set of string;
20         cur_value = self_dom;
21     }
22     else
23         cur_value = cfgnode_ids;
```
if (def(getvalue(node))) {
    cur_val1 := getvalue(node);
    cur_value = clone(cur_val1);
}

preds := node.successors;
foreach (i:int; def(preds[i])) {
    pred_value := getvalue(preds[i]);
    if (def(pred_value))
        cur_value = intersect(cur_value, pred_value);
}

gen_kill := getvalue(node, allnodeIds);
if (def(gen_kill))
    add(cur_value, gen_kill);

return cur_value;
};

fixp1 := fixp(curr, prev: T) : bool {
    if (len(difference(curr, prev)) == 0)
        return true;
    return false;
};

controlDependenceVisitor := visitor {
    before node: Method -> {
        cfg = getcfg(node);
        exitId = len(cfg.nodes) - 1;
        clear(cfgPdom); clear(cfgnode_ids); clear(allnodeIds);
        traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.BACKWARD, TraversalKind.Hybrid, allnodeIds);
        traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.BACKWARD, TraversalKind.Hybrid, cfgPdom, fixp1);
    }

    visit(p, controlDependenceVisitor);
}

Listing 5.9 and 5.10 lists the complete code for post dominator analysis. Lines 12-15 contains the allNodeIds traversal that collects all CFG node IDs. Lines 16 - 40 contains the cfgPdom traversal that computes the post-dominator. Lines 41-45 contains the user defined fixpoint function fixp1.
Lines 46-54 is the Boa visitor. Line 47 - 53 contains a set of operation that is done before visiting each method in the input dataset. At line 48, `getcfg` method is used which returns the control flow graph of the given method. Line 55 contains the traverse call to `allNodeIds` with CFG, traversal direction and traversal strategy. Line 58 contains the traverse call to `cfgPdom` with an additional fixpoint parameter.

Listing 5.11: Code to query post-dominator set of a node.

```java
result := traversal(node: CFGNode) {
  cur_val := getValue(node, cfgPdom);
  if(def(cur_val))
    m[string(node.id)] <<= string(cur_val);
}
```

After these two traversal are complete, the `cfgPdom` contains the post-dominator set for each node. We can query it using `getValue` function by supplying `cfgPdom` and the node we want to get the post-dominator set. Listing 5.11 shows the code snippet to get each node’s output of `cfgPdom` traversal.
CHAPTER 6. EMPIRICAL EVALUATION

We conducted an empirical evaluation on a set of 21 basic source code analyses and 2 public massive code datasets to evaluate several factors about our hybrid approach for selecting and optimizing traversal strategies. First, we show the benefit of using our optimized selected traversal over standard ones by evaluating the reduction in running times of our hybrid approach over the standards ones (Chapter 7). Then, we evaluate the correctness of the analysis results using our hybrid approach to show that the decision analyses and optimizations in our approach does not affect the correctness of the source code analyses (Chapter 8). We also evaluate the precision of our selection algorithm by measuring how often the hybrid approach selects the most time-efficient traversal (Chapter 9). Finally, we evaluate how the different components in the approach and different kinds of static and runtime properties impact the overall performance? This is done in Chapter 10 and Chapter 11, and via various insight analysis of our results.

6.1 Analyses, datasets and experiment setting

6.1.1 Analyses.

We collected source code analyses that traverse control flow graphs from textbooks and source code analysis tools. We also made sure that the analyses list covers all the static properties discussed in Section 4.2, i.e., data-flow sensitivity, loop sensitivity and traversal direction. We ended up with 21 source code analyses as shown in Table 6.1. They include 10 basic ones (analyses 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15 and 19) from textbooks [1, 29] and 11 tothers for detecting source code bugs, and code smells from the Soot framework [34] (analyses 3, 4, 5, 13, 17 and 18), and FindBugs tool [3] (analyses 6, 7, 16, 20 and 21). Table 6.1 also shows the number of traversals each analysis contains.
Table 6.1: List of source code analyses and the properties of their involved traversals.

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<tr>
<th>Analysis</th>
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<td></td>
<td>Flw</td>
<td>Lp</td>
<td>Dir</td>
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<td>1 Copy propagation (CP)</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>—</td>
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<tr>
<td>2 Common sub-expression detection (CSD)</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>—</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 Dead code (DC)</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>—</td>
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<tr>
<td>4 Loop invariant code (LIC)</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>—</td>
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<td>5 Upsafety analysis (USA)</td>
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<td>—</td>
<td>—</td>
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<tr>
<td>6 Valid FileReader (VFR)</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>—</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7 Mismatched wait/notify (MWN)</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>—</td>
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<tr>
<td>8 Available expression (AE)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>✓</td>
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<td>—</td>
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<td>9 Dominator (DOM)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>✓</td>
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<td>10 Local may alias (LMA)</td>
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<td>—</td>
<td>—</td>
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<tr>
<td>15 Reaching definition (RD)</td>
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<td>✓</td>
<td>—</td>
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<td>16 Resource status (RS)</td>
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<td>✓</td>
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<td>—</td>
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<td>17 Very busy expression (VBE)</td>
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<td>✓</td>
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<td>—</td>
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Table 6.2: Statistics of the generated control flow graphs from two datasets.

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<tr>
<th>Dataset</th>
<th>All graphs</th>
<th>Sequential</th>
<th>Branches</th>
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</tr>
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<td>DaCapo</td>
<td>287K</td>
<td>186K (65%)</td>
<td>73K (25%)</td>
<td>28K (10%)</td>
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<tr>
<td>GitHub</td>
<td>161,523K</td>
<td>111,583K (69%)</td>
<td>33,324K (21%)</td>
<td>16,617K (10%)</td>
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</table>

and their static properties as described in Section 4.2. The sets of traversals cover all types of static properties for flow-sensitivity, loop-sensitivity and direction (forward, backward and iterative). All analyses are intra-procedural. We implemented all twenty one of these analysis using Boa language [12]. The source code of these analyses are provided in the appendix. In Table 6.1, Ts denotes total number of traversals, $t_i$ denotes properties of traversal $i$-th, Flw denotes data-flow sensitive, Lp denotes loop sensitive, Dir denotes traversal direction where $-$, $\rightarrow$ and $\leftarrow$ mean iterative, forward and backward, respectively.

6.1.2 Datasets.

We ran the analyses on two datasets: DaCapo 9.12 benchmark [5], DaCapo for short, and a ultra-large-scale dataset containing projects from GitHub from Boa. DaCapo dataset contains the
Table 6.3: Time contribution of each phase (in milliseconds).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Analysis</th>
<th>Avg. Time DaCapo</th>
<th>Avg. Time GitHub</th>
<th>Total DaCapo</th>
<th>Total GitHub</th>
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<td>CP</td>
<td>0.21</td>
<td>0.008</td>
<td>53</td>
<td>0.21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CSD</td>
<td>0.19</td>
<td>0.012</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>0.19</td>
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<td>DC</td>
<td>0.19</td>
<td>0.010</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>0.19</td>
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<tr>
<td>LIC</td>
<td>0.21</td>
<td>0.006</td>
<td>69</td>
<td>0.20</td>
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<td>USA</td>
<td>0.19</td>
<td>0.006</td>
<td>90</td>
<td>0.19</td>
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<td>VFR</td>
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<td>0.007</td>
<td>42</td>
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<td>MWN</td>
<td>0.18</td>
<td>0.006</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>0.18</td>
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<td>AE</td>
<td>0.18</td>
<td>0.007</td>
<td>43</td>
<td>0.18</td>
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<tr>
<td>DOM</td>
<td>0.21</td>
<td>0.008</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>0.21</td>
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<td>LMA</td>
<td>0.18</td>
<td>0.008</td>
<td>76</td>
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<td>80</td>
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<td>0.007</td>
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<td>0.16</td>
<td>0.008</td>
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<td>0.012</td>
<td>34</td>
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<td>0.007</td>
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<td>0.16</td>
<td>0.006</td>
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<td>VBE</td>
<td>0.17</td>
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<td>44</td>
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<td>0.006</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>0.17</td>
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<td>UDV</td>
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<td>0.005</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>0.14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UIR</td>
<td>0.14</td>
<td>0.006</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>0.14</td>
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<td>WNIL</td>
<td>0.14</td>
<td>0.007</td>
<td>15</td>
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</table>
traversal strategy to traverse the CFG and run the analysis. The analyses on DaCapo dataset were run on a single machine with 24 GB of memory and 24-cores, running on Linux 3.5.6-1.fc17 kernel. Running analyses on GitHub dataset on a single machine would take weeks to finish, so analyses were executed on a Hadoop [Apache Software Foundation 2015a] install with 1 name node, 1 job tracker node, and 10 compute nodes. The compute nodes have a total of 148 CPU cores and 2 GB memory per core. All machines run Ubuntu 12.04LTS. The cluster has been tuned for performance, including setting the maximum number of map tasks for each compute node equal to the number of cores on that node, increasing the VM heap size to 1 GB per task, and enabling short-circuit local reads in the distributed filesystem.
CHAPTER 7. RUNNING TIME AND TIME REDUCTION

We first report the running times and then study the achieved reductions against standard traversal strategies.

7.1 Running time

Table 6.3 shows the running times for 21 analyses on the two datasets. On average (column Avg. Time), each analysis took 0.14–0.21 ms and 0.005–0.012 ms to analyze a graph in DaCapo and GitHub datasets, respectively. The variation in the average analysis time is mainly due to the difference in the machines used to run the analysis for DaCapo and GitHub datasets, as described in Section 4.1. Also, the average sizes of graphs in DaCapo are much larger than the average sizes of the graphs in the GitHub. Columns Static and Runtime show the time contributions for different components of the hybrid approach: the time for determining the static properties of each analysis which is done once for each analysis, and the time for constructing the CFG of each method and traversing the CFG which is done once for every constructed CFG. We can see that the time for collecting static information is negligible, less than 0.2% for DaCapo dataset and less than 0.01% for GitHub dataset, when compared to the total runtime information collection time, as it is performed only once per traversal. When compared to the average runtime information collection time, the static time is quite significant. However, the overhead introduced by static information collection phase diminishes as the number of CFGs increases and becomes insignificant when running on those two large datasets. This result shows the benefit of our hybrid approach when applying on ultra-large-scale analysis.
To evaluate the efficiency in running time of the hybrid approach over other traversal strategies, we ran the 21 analyses on DaCapo and GitHub datasets using hybrid approach and other candidate traversals. When comparing the hybrid approach to a standard strategy $S$, we computed the reduction rate $R = (T_S - T_H)/T_S$ where $T_S$ and $T_H$ are the running times using the standard and the hybrid strategy, respectively. Some analyses have some worst case traversal strategies which might not be feasible to run on dataset at the scale of 162 million graphs as in GitHub dataset. For example, using post-order for forward data-flow analysis will visit the CFG in the direction which is opposite to the natural direction of the analysis and hence takes a lot of time to complete the
analysis. For such combinations of analyses and traversal strategies, the map and the reducer tasks time out in the cluster setting and, thus, we did not provide the running times. The corresponding cells in Figure 7.1a are denoted with symbol –.

The result in Figure 7.1a shows that the hybrid approach helps reduce the running times in almost all cases. The values indicate the reduction in running time by adopting hybrid approach compared against the standard strategies. Most of positive reductions are from 10% (light yellow cells) or even from 50% (light green cells). More importantly, the most time-efficient and the worst traversal strategies vary across the analyses which supports the need of our hybrid traversal strategy. Over all analyses, the reduction was highest against any order and post-order (PO and WPO) strategies. The reduction was lowest against the strategy using depth-first search (DFS) and worklist with reverse post-ordering (WRPO). When compared with the next best performing traversal strategy for each analysis, hybrid approach reduces the overall execution time by about 13 minutes to 72 minutes on GitHub dataset. We do not report the overall numbers for GitHub dataset due to the presence of failed runs.

Figure 7.1b shows time reductions for different types of analyses. For data-flow sensitive ones, the reduction rates are high ranging from 32% to 84%. The running time was not improved much for non data-flow sensitive traversals, which correspond to the last three rows in Figure 7.1a with mostly one digit reductions (light orange cells). We actually perform almost as same as Any order traversal strategy for analyses in this category. This is because Any order traversal strategy is the best strategy for all the CFGs in these analyses. Hybrid approach also chooses any order traversal strategy and hence there is no scope for performance gain.

Figure 7.1c shows time reduction for different cyclicity types of input graphs. We can see that reductions over graphs with loops is highest and those over any graphs is lowest.

### 7.3 Time reduction against hand optimized analysis

Another way to extract more performance is to hand optimize the analysis. Figure 7.2 compares Hybrid approach against hand optimized analysis. Hand optimized analysis has single best optimized
Figure 7.2: Reduction in running time against hand optimized analysis.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Analysis</th>
<th>DaCapo</th>
<th>GitHub</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CP</td>
<td>9%</td>
<td>5%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CSD</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>12%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DC</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>7%</td>
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<td>LIC</td>
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<td>19%</td>
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<td>USA</td>
<td>9%</td>
<td>9%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VFR</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>9%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MWN</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>9%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AE</td>
<td>14%</td>
<td>11%</td>
</tr>
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<td>DOM</td>
<td>6%</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<td>LMA</td>
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<td>6%</td>
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<tr>
<td>LMNA</td>
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<td>LV</td>
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</table>

traversal strategy applied for each analysis. For data-flow analysis, hand optimized analysis uses WPO/WRPO guideline while for non data flow analysis, it uses ANY traversal strategy, as it is the best traversal strategy for non data-flow analysis. WPO/WRPO guideline suggests that if the direction of the traversal is backward, use WPO else use WRPO. This guideline simplifies the hybrid approach, where the decision is based on only traversal direction while Hybrid approach uses the decision tree in Figure 4.3. Figure 7.2 shows the comparison of hybrid approach against hand optimized analysis. We can see that for about half of the data-flow analysis, we gain at least 10% reduction. For analysis like RS, SS, VFR and MWN, the gain is much higher since these analyses are selective in terms of the program statements that they analyze. WPO and WRPO would not work for these analyses since in case of both WPO and WRPO, there exists a fixed cost of creating and maintaining a worklist of size equals to the number of CFG nodes. When analyses selectively analyzes a small subset of all nodes in the CFGs, this overhead becomes substantial. Our hybrid strategy is not only able to select an alternative strategy instead of WPO/WRPO for such selective analyses, whenever possible (when the input graphs do not contain loops), but also optimize WPO/WRPO (in case of input graphs with loops), such that the overheads are minimized. For non-data flow analysis, there is no gain against hand optimized analysis since ANY is the best
traversal strategy for such analysis and both Hybrid approach and hand optimized analysis applied.

ANY traversal strategy for all the graphs for non-data flow analysis.
CHAPTER 8. CORRECTNESS OF ANALYSIS RESULTS

To evaluate the correctness of analysis results, we first chose worklist as standard strategy to run analyses on DaCapo dataset to create the groundtruth of the results. We then ran analyses using our hybrid approach and compared the results with the groundtruth. In all analyses on all input graphs from the dataset, the results from our hybrid approach always exactly matched the corresponding ones in the groundtruth.
Chapter 9. Traversal Strategy Selection Precision

Figure 9.1: Scatter charts for analyses that have loop sensitive traversals.

In this experiment, we evaluated how well the hybrid approach picks the most time-efficient strategy. We ran the 21 analyses on the DaCapo dataset using all the candidate traversals and the one selected by the hybrid approach. One selection is counted for each pair of a traversal and an input graph where the hybrid approach selects a traversal strategy based on the properties of the analysis and input graph. A selection is considered correct if its running time is at least as

Table 9.1: Traversal strategy prediction precision.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Analysis</th>
<th>Precision</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DOM, PDOM, WNIL, UDV, UIR</td>
<td>100.00%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CP, CSD, DC, LIC, USA, VFR, MWN, AE, LMA, LMNA, LV, NA, RD, RS, VBE, SS</td>
<td>99.99%</td>
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</table>
good as the running time of the fastest among all candidates. The precision is computed as the ratio between the number of correct selections over the total number of all selections. As shown in Table 9.1, the selection precision is 100% for all analyses that are not loop sensitive. For analyses that involve loop sensitive traversals, the prediction precision is 99.99%.

We further analyzed the result to see what contributed to these mispredictions. Let us break the CFGs in the DaCapo dataset by the graph cyclicity: sequential CFGs, CFGs with branches and no loops, and CFGs with loops, and discuss the selection precision.

For **sequential CFGs & CFGs with branches and no loops**, the selection precision is 100%—the hybrid approach always picks the most time-efficient traversal strategy.

For **CFGs with loops**, the selection precision is 100% for loop insensitive traversals. The mispredictions occur with loop sensitive traversals on CFGs with loops. Figure 9.1 shows scatter charts for the traversal selection results for 16 analyses that are loop sensitive. In the chart, 1 indicates a correct selection and 0 indicates a misprediction. CFGs are organized along the x-axis in the increasing order of their sizes measured as the numbers of nodes. The scatter charts show that the mispredictions tend to happen with larger CFGs. The reason is that, for loop sensitive traversals, the hybrid approach picks worklist as the best strategy. The worklist approach was picked because it visits only as many nodes as needed when compared to other traversal strategies which visit redundant nodes. However using worklist imposes an overhead of creating and maintaining a worklist containing all nodes in the CFG. This overhead is negligible for small CFGs. However, when running analyses on large CFGs, this overhead could become higher than the cost for visiting redundant nodes. Therefore, selecting worklist for loop sensitive traversals on large CFGs might not always result in the best running times.

Figure 9.2 shows the Hybrid approach’s performance against the best traversal strategies for mis-predicted graphs for 16 analyses that has loop sensitive traversals. We can see that for majority of the mis-predicted graphs, Hybrid approach’s performance is comparable to the best approaches. For analyses like CP, CSD, LIC, USA, DC, LMA, AE, LMNA, VBE and RD, Hybrid running time are almost similar to the Best traversal strategy for smaller graphs. For graphs of size greater than
Figure 9.2: Hybrid approach’s performance against best approaches for mis-predicted graphs.
200, Hybrid starts to perform worse (1.5x - 2x) than the best traversal strategy. But for analyses like MWN, VFR, LV, NA, RS and SS, Hybrid performs worse even for smaller graphs that were mis-predicted. This is because of the complexity of the analyses. Since these analyses are lesser in complexity, even for small graphs that are mis-predicted, hybrid’s performance is worse. This is because hybrid chooses Worklist for these mis-predicted analyses and in these analyses, time to maintain the Worklist is much higher than the analyses itself.
CHAPTER 10. ANALYSIS ON THE DECISION TREE DISTRIBUTION

Decision tree is the key component in our hybrid approach. Given an analysis traversal and an input graph, a path along the check points in the tree will be used to determine the traversal strategy at the corresponding leaf node. There are such 11 paths leading to 11 leaf nodes as shown in Figure 4.3. In this experiment, we want to study the contribution of each path in determining strategies for CFGs from the two datasets. Two tables in Figure 10.1 show the result for 21 analyses. Background colors indicate the ranges of values: $0\%$, $(0\%, 1\%)$, $[1\%, 10\%)$ and $[10\%, 100\%]$. The result shows a trend which is consistent between two datasets.

Path P11 is visited most often because path P11 leads to ANY traversal strategy. This path is taken when we encounter data flow insensitive traversal and since at least once such traversal is present in every analyses and all graphs irrespective of the cyclicity, take this path, we see about 36\% of the graphs takes Path P11.

Path P1 is also visited about 35\% of the time. This path P1 is taken by sequential graphs and forward data flow sensitive traversal. Since we have about 70\% sequential graphs in our dataset and about 14 forward data flow sensitive traversal, Path P1 is taken 35\% of the time.

P2 was visited 10\% of the time even though there are only 4 backward analyses. This is because there are about 70\% sequential CFGs and that boosts up the number to 10\%. P3 is visited much often that P4, since P3 is for forward analyses and the analysis list have about 14 forward analyses and P4 is for backward analyses and the analysis list have only 4 backward analyses.

Paths P9 and P10 are less frequently used since only 10\% of the CFGs has loops but since there are about 16 loop sensitive traversal, they were visited 5\% and 2\% of the times respectively.
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Figure 10.2: Distribution of decisions over the paths of the decision tree for the DaCapo Dataset.
Paths P5, P6, P7 and P8 were taken less often than the others because they are only used for CFGs with loops which are only 10% of the CFGs in the datasets. In addition, these paths are taken when the traversal is data-flow sensitive and loop insensitive. Only two of our analyses contains such traversal. It is also worth to note that, from Figure 4.3, those four paths (P5–P8) are the longest paths in the tree. The fact that these longest paths are rare (less than 1% for both DaCapo and GitHub datasets) shows that most analyses and graphs are classified by our technique using fewer dynamic checks.
CHAPTER 11. ANALYSIS ON TRAVERSAL OPTIMIZATION

We evaluated the importance of optimizing the chosen traversal strategy by comparing the hybrid approach with the non-optimized version. We computed the reduction rate on the running times for the 21 analyses. Figure 11.1 shows the reduction in execution time due to traversal strategy optimization. For analyses that involve at least one data-flow sensitive traversal, the optimization helps to reduce at least 60% of running time. This is because optimizations in such traversals reduce the number of iterations of traversals over the graphs by eliminating the redundant result re-computation traversal and the unnecessary fixpoint condition checking traversal. Thus in effect, we are ignoring two traversals per graph. Since about 90% of the dataset contains sequential graph, we traverse the graph only once on this 90% due to optimization. If not optimized, we would have traversed the graph thrice and therefore we reduced two-thirds of the running time. This is the reason why we see about 60% reduction in time due to optimization.

For analyses involving only data-flow insensitive traversal, there is no reduction in execution time, as hybrid approach does not attempt to optimize. This is because, our approach mainly optimizes by removing the redundant result re-computation traversal and the unnecessary fixpoint

![Figure 11.1: Reduction in execution time of the hybrid approach due to traversal optimization.](image-url)
condition checking traversal. Both these traversals are not present in *data-flow insensitive* traversal, and hence our approach cannot optimize it further.
CHAPTER 12. CASE STUDIES

We implemented two case studies using our formalism for source code analysis and evaluated using Hybrid and WRPO traversal. We are comparing against only WRPO since it is the next best performing traversal.

12.1 API Precondition Mining (APM).

This case study mines a large corpus of API usages to derive potential preconditions for API methods \[28\]. The key idea of this work is that API preconditions would be checked frequently in a corpus with a large number of API usages, while project-specific conditions would be less frequent. This case study analysis mined the preconditions for all methods of \texttt{java.lang.String}. Boa source code for this case study can be found in http://boa.cs.iastate.edu/boa/index.php?q=boa/job/61006.

Result analysis. Figure 12.2 lists the first and second most mined pre-condition for some of the methods in String Java API. For all the methods, the most mined pre-condition is \texttt{var!}\null, which is expected, as null condition check is done on the parameters before using these parameters in the API methods. Methods like \texttt{equals}, \texttt{startsWith}, \texttt{contains}, \texttt{matches} have \texttt{var!=null &\& arg!=null} as the second most mined precondition, as these API methods take a parameter and is applied on a variable. Hence null check is performed on both of these variables. \texttt{charAt} takes an

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Figure 12.1: Running time (minutes) of the case studies on GitHub data.
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Figure 12.2: First and second most mined pre-condition for some of the methods in String Java API.

Figure 12.3: Top 10 API Usage pattern for java.util API.

index as parameter and a check on whether this index is lesser than the variable's length is made (arg < var.length). Hence this is the second most mined precondition for charAt method.

12.2 API Usage Mining (AUM).

This case study analyzes API usage code and mines API usage patterns [38]. The mined patterns help developers understand and write API usages more effectively with less errors. Our analysis mined usage patterns for java.util APIs. Boa source code for this case study can be found in http://boa.cs.iastate.edu/boa/?q=boa/job/61007.

Result analysis. Figure 12.3 lists the top 10 API Usage pattern for java.util API. Top two usage patterns are looping a collection using an iterator. Returning the size of the list and return a boolean indicating whether the collection contains any more element are the next most mined usage
patterns. The other most mined API usage patterns are related to java.util.log class (logging error, info, message).

Figure 12.1 shows that hybrid traversal helps reduce running times significantly by 80–175 minutes, which is from 6%–10% relatively.
CHAPTER 13. THREATS TO VALIDITY

Our first threat to validity is our selection of source code analysis used in our evaluation. While there exists no source for a standard set of analyses, we relied mainly on text books and source code analysis tools to select the analysis. We have selected basic control and data-flow analyses, and analyses to find bugs or code smells. We made sure to include analysis that covers all the properties of interest. For instance, our analysis set includes: both forward/backward analysis, data-flow sensitive and insensitive analysis, loop sensitive and insensitive analysis.

Our next threat to validity is our selection of ultra-large-scale datasets that provide graphs for running the analyses. The datasets do not contain a balanced distribution of different graph cyclicity (sequential, branch and loop). Both DaCapo and GitHub datasets contain majority of sequential graphs (65% and 69%, respectively) and only 10% are graphs with loops. The impact of this threat can be seen in our evaluation of the importance of paths and decisions in our decision tree. Paths and decisions along sequential graphs are taken more often. This threat is not easy to mitigate, as it is hard to find and difficult to expect a real-world code dataset to contain a balanced distribution of graphs of various types. Nonetheless, our evaluation shows that the selection and optimization of the best traversal strategy for these 35% of the graphs (graphs with branches and loops) plays an important role in improving the overall performance of the analysis over a large dataset of graphs.
CHAPTER 14. RELATED WORK

To the best of our knowledge, our proposal to leverage information about the program analysis code, and the nature of the data on which analysis is applied to select appropriate traversal strategies has not been explored previously. Below we discuss works that are related to various aspects of our proposal.

14.1 Mixing static and dynamic information.

The general philosophy of mixing static and dynamic information has a long history [17] in both the software engineering and the programming languages communities, with examples such as DSD-Crasher [11], Palus [37], segmented symbolic execution [24], guided dynamic symbolic execution [9], gradual typing [31], hybrid type checking [18], intensional polymorphism [20, 10], etc. While our proposal also mixes static information about program analysis with dynamic information about the data, none of the previous works have proposed utilizing this information for selecting appropriate traversal strategies for realizing the program analysis.

14.2 Optimizing program analysis.

Atkinson and Griswold [2] presented techniques that reduce the time and space required to perform data-flow analysis of large programs. While their techniques proposed modifications to the underlying data-flow analyses that yield improvement in performance and also proposed reclamation of the data-flow sets during data-flow analysis that result in saving space, hybrid approach gives performance gain by analyzing the user written algorithm and the input graph received.
Kildall [23] presented an algorithm which, in conjunction with various optimizing functions, provides global program optimization. Optimizing functions have been described which provide constant propagation, common sub-expression elimination, and a degree of register optimization. While their approach provides a unified approach to global program optimization, we concentrate on optimizing the process that does program optimization using the program’s structure and the algorithm’s characteristics.

14.3 Ultra-large-scale source code mining.

In terms of ultra-large-scale processing, Boa [12, 14, 15] is a language and infrastructure for analyzing ultra-large-scale software repositories. Boa provides a different kind of performance gain through its infrastructure and eases testing MSR-related hypotheses, it is not suitable for graph processing algorithms and does not leverage information from algorithms written in Boa.

Upadhyaya and Rajan [33] also tried to accelerate Ultra large scale score code mining. Their key idea is to analyze the interaction pattern between the mining task and the artifact to cluster artifacts such that running the mining task on one candidate artifact from each cluster is sufficient to produce results for other artifacts in the same cluster. Their artifact clustering criteria go beyond syntactic, semantic, and functional similarities to mining-task-specific similarity, where the interaction pattern between the mining task and the artifact is used for clustering. While their approach does task-specific clustering and extrapolates results, we try to analyze the analysis and come up with the best way to traverse the graph so that we can finish the analysis by visiting lesser number of nodes and performing lesser operations.

Dyer et al. [13] developed domain-specific language abstractions for easily writing source code mining tasks on billions of AST nodes. While their language abstractions were for AST nodes, our language features were for traversing CFGs. Another important difference is that we can specify a user-defined fixpoint for the traversals and the traversal will run till the fixpoint is reached. We can also provide the direction of traversal and the traversal can return outputs while the visitor construct in [13] does not.
14.4 Graph traversal optimization.

There have been many works that targeted graph traversal optimization through various ways. Green-Marl [21] provides performance benefits by using domain specific knowledge in applying optimizations. It uses high-level algorithmic description written in Green-Marl to exploiting the exposed data level parallelism. While Green-Marl provides performance benefits by taking the algorithm written into consideration, hybrid approach takes both algorithm and graph structure into account. And in ultra large scale dataset, containing millions of graphs with different structures, the gain that we can incur by taking graph structure into account is significant.

Pregel [27] is a MapReduce like framework that aims to bring distributed processing to graph algorithms. While Pregel’s performance gain is through parallelism and handles large graphs processing through vertex centric approach, our approach achieves performance gain by traversing the graph efficiently suitable to the algorithm.

There have also been few libraries that support parallel or distributed graph analysis: Parallel BGL [19] is a distributed version of BGL while SNAP [4] is a stand-alone parallel graph analysis package.
CHAPTER 15. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

15.1 Conclusion

In today’s software-centric world, ultra-large-scale software repositories, such as SourceForge, GitHub, and Google Code, are the new library of Alexandria. They contain an enormous corpus of software and related information. Analyzing this data requires knowledge in mining software repositories and a large amount of infrastructure. Dyer et al. [12] presented Boa, an infrastructure and a domain-specific language for mining source-code at ultra large scale. Boa substantially reduced programming efforts, thus lowering the barrier to entry. But improving the performance of source code analyses that runs on massive code bases is an ongoing challenge. Upadhyaya and Rajan [33] tried to address this challenge by analyzing the interaction pattern between the mining task and the artifact to cluster artifacts such that running the mining task on one candidate artifact from each cluster is sufficient to produce results for other artifacts in the same cluster. We try to improve the performance of source code analysis expressed as traversals over graphs like CFGs, by picking the optimal traversal strategy that defines the order of nodes visited. The selection of the best traversal strategy depends both on the properties of the analysis and the input graph on which the analysis is run. We proposed a hybrid technique for selecting and optimizing graph traversal strategies for source code analysis expressed as traversals over graphs. Our solution includes a system for expressing source code analysis as traversals, a set of static properties of the analysis and algorithms to compute them, a decision tree that checks static properties along with graph properties to select the most time-efficient traversal strategy. Our system for expressing source code analysis as traversals is inspired from the Visitors, a domain-specific language feature created by Dyer et al. [13] for easily performing mining tasks on source code. Our
evaluation shows that the hybrid technique successfully selected the most time-efficient traversal strategy for 99.99%–100% of the time and using the selected traversal strategy and optimizing it, the running times of a representative collection of source code analysis in our evaluation were considerably reduced by 1%–28% (13 minutes to 72 minutes in absolute time) when compared against the best performing traversal strategy. The case studies show that hybrid traversal reduces 80–175 minutes in running times for two software engineering tasks. One of the software engineering task is a work done by Nguyen et al. [28] to mine preconditions of APIs in large-scale code corpus. The overhead imposed by collecting additional information for our approach is less than 0.2% of the total running time for a large dataset and less than 0.01% for an ultra-large dataset.

15.2 Future work

One possible future work is to understand how the complexity of analysis affects the decision making of traversal strategies for graphs with loops. Right now, we have mis-predictions for graphs with loops. We have identified that as graph size increases, mis-prediction increases. As part of future work, we would like to explore other factors that affect the precision and expand the decision tree to predict correct strategies for large graphs with loops.

Another possible future work will be to build an agent and train it using the decision tree so that it understands and builds a model that gives much more accurate decision tree with lesser mis-predictions.

We could also expand our framework to inter-procedural analysis as we support only intra-procedural analysis right now. Expanding this will be a challenge as we will be dealing with multiple CFGs and the current algorithm for data flow sensitivity and loop sensitivity should be carefully revised. It also requires investigating if any new factors play a role in traversal strategy decision making for inter-procedural analysis.
There is another class of analysis whose output changes with the traversal used. They are called traversal sensitive analyses and we need to come up with a mechanism to handle such analyses and investigate if there is any way we can recommend a traversal to the user.

Another potential future work is to expand the decision tree to general graphs as we deal with only CFGs now. It requires investigating the factors that affect the traversal strategy decision for general graph analysis and investigate if there is any room for improvement.

We could also expand our framework such that after running the check once to select the optimal traversal, one would not have to rerun this unless the analysis technique under scrutiny has fundamentally changed. That is, one could store a cache of solutions which could be consulted prior to searching for the optimal traversal algorithm again.
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Listing A.1: Copy propagation

```plaintext
p: Project = input;
m: output collection[string][int] of string;
type T= {in: set of string , out: set of string};
type T1= {gen: string , kill: string};
cfg: CFG;
cur_node_id: int; cur_cfg_node: CFGNode;
genset: set of string; vardef: string; killset: set of string;

cfg_def := traversal ( node : CFGNode ) : T1 {
  cur_val : T1 = {"", ""};
  if(node.defVariables!="") {
    cur_val.gen = node.defVariables+"@"+string(node.id);
    cur_val.kill = node.defVariables;
  }
  return cur_val;
}

cfg_reach_def := traversal (n: CFGNode): T {
  preds := n.predecessors;
  in_set : set of string;
  out_set : set of string;
  cur_val : T = {in_set, out_set};
  if(def(getValue(n))) {
    cur_val := getValue(n);
    cur_val = clone(cur_val);
  }
  foreach ( pred_node : CFGNode = preds ) {
    pred := getValue(pred_node);
    if(def(pred))
      cur_val.in = union(cur_val.in, pred.out);
  }
  cur_val.out = setClone(cur_val.in);
  genkill := getValue(n, cfg_def);
  if(genkill.kill!="") {
    tmp_out := setClone(cur_val.out);
    foreach (tmp: string = tmp_out) {
      tmp1 := stringClone(tmp);
      str_array := splitall(tmp1,"@");
      if(str_array[0] == genkill.kill) {
        remove(cur_val.out, tmp1);
      }
    }
  }
  add(cur_val.out, genkill.gen);
```
Listing A.2: Copy propagation

```plaintext
42     add(cur_val.out, genkill.gen);
43 }
44 return cur_val;
45 }
46
47 copy_prop := traversal(n: CFGNode) : set of T1 {
48     out1 : set of T1;
49     cur_val := getValue(n, cfg_reach_def);
50     if(def(cur_val)) {
51         foreach(use:string=n.useVariables) {
52             tmp_in := setClone(cur_val.in);
53             foreach(tmp:string=tmp_in) {
54                 str_array:=splitall(tmp,"@");
55                 if(str_array[0] == use) {
56                     val : T1 = {use, tmp};
57                     add(out1, val);
58                 }
59             }
60         }
61     }
62 return out1;
63 }
64
65 fixp1 := fixp(curr, prev: T) : bool {
66     if (difference(curr.out, prev.out) == 0)
67         return true;
68     return false;
69 }
70
71 reach_def := visitor {
72     before node: Method -> {
73         clear(cfg_def);clear(cfg_reach_def);clear(copy_prop);
74         cfg = getcfg(node);
75         traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, cfg_def);
76         traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, cfg_reach_def, fixp1 );
77         traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, copy_prop);
78     }
79     visit(p, reach_def);
```
Listing A.3: Common subexpression detection

```plaintext
m: output collection[string][int] of string;
p: Project = input;
type T = {gen: set of string, id: int};
type T1 = {in: set of set of string, out: set of set of string, id : int};
allExprset: set of set of string;
cfg: CFG;
pred_id : int;
str: set of string;
str1: set of set of string;
node_expr := visitor {
    switch (node.kind) {
        case ExpressionKind.LT, ExpressionKind.OP_ADD, ExpressionKind.OP_SUB,
            ExpressionKind.OP_INC, ExpressionKind.OP_MULT, ExpressionKind.OP_DIV,
            ExpressionKind.OP_MOD, ExpressionKind.OP_DEC, ExpressionKind.GT,
            ExpressionKind.EQ, ExpressionKind.NEQ, ExpressionKind.LTEQ, ExpressionKind.GTEQ,
            ExpressionKind.LOGICAL_NOT, ExpressionKind.LOGICAL_AND, ExpressionKind.LOGICAL_OR,
            ExpressionKind.BIT_AND, ExpressionKind.BIT_OR, ExpressionKind.BIT_NOT,
            ExpressionKind.BIT_XOR, ExpressionKind.BIT_LSHIFT, ExpressionKind.BIT_RSHIFT,
            ExpressionKind.BIT_UNSIGNEDRSHIFT:
            add(str, string(node.kind));
            foreach(j:int; def(node.expressions[j])) {
                visit(node.expressions[j]);
            }
            break;
        case ExpressionKind.ASSIGN:
            foreach(j:int; def(node.expressions[j])) {
                if(j!=0) {
                    visit(node.expressions[j]);
                }
            }
            break;
        case ExpressionKind.VARACCESS:
            add(str, node.variable);
            break;
        case ExpressionKind.VARDECL:
            visit(node.variable_decls[0].initializer);
            break;
        case ExpressionKind.LITERAL:
            add(str, node.literal);
            break;
        case ExpressionKind.METHODCALL:
            clear(str);
            stop;
            default:break;
    }
}
```
Listing A.4: Common subexpression detection continued from Listing A.3

```plaintext
44 stop;
45 }
46 }
47
48 allExprT := traversal(node: CFGNode): T { 
49   cur_val : T;
50   init_set : set of string;
51   str = init_set;
52   cur_val = {str, -1};
53   if(def(node.expr)) { 
54     visit(node.expr, node_expr);
55     if(len(str)!=0) { 
56       add(allExprset, setClone(str));
57       cur_val = (setClone(str), int(node.id));
58     }
59   }
60   return cur_val;
61 }
62 }
63
64 killTraversal := traversal(node: CFGNode): set of set of string { 
65   init_set1 : set of set of string;
66   str1 = init_set1;
67   if(def(node.defVariables)) { 
68     foreach(aa:set of string=allExprset) { 
69       if(contains(aa, node.defVariables)) { 
70         add(str1, aa);
71       }
72     }
73   }
74   return setClone(str1);
75 }
76 }
77
78 avail_expr := traversal(node: CFGNode): T1 { 
79   pred_id = -1;
80   in_set : set of set of string;
81   out_set : set of set of string;
82   cur_value : T1;
83   if(node.id==0) { 
84     cur_value = {in_set, out_set, -1};
85   } else 
86     { 
87       cur_value = (setClone(allExprset), setClone(allExprset), -1);
88     }
89     if(def(getValue(node))) { 
90       cur_val1 := getValue(node);
91       cur_value = clone(cur_val1);
92   }
93   genkill := getValue(node, allExprT);
94   killset := getValue(node, killTraversal);
95   preds := node.predecessors;
96   foreach(pred_node: CFGNode=preds) {
```
Listing A.5: Common subexpression detection continued from Listing A.4

```plaintext
pred := getValue(pred_node);
if(def(pred)) {
    cur_value.in = intersection1(cur_value.in, pred.out);
    if(contains(pred.out, genkill.gen)) {
        pred_id = pred_node.id;
    }
}
cur_value.out = setClone(cur_value.in);
removeAll(cur_value.out, killset);
if(def(genkill)) {
    if(contains(cur_value.out, genkill.gen)) {
        cur_value.id = int(pred_id);
    } else {
        add(cur_value.out, genkill.gen);
        cur_value.id = int(node.id);
    }
}
return cur_value;
```
Listing A.6: Dead code

```plaintext
1 m: output collection[string][string][int] of int;
2 p: Project = input;
3
type T_gen_kill = { gen: set of string, kill: string, dummy: int };
4 type T_inout = { in: set of string, out: set of string };
5
6 cfg: CFG;
7
cfg_node: CFGNode;
8
dead_nodes: set of int;
9 prev_dead: set of int;
10 genset: set of string;
11 killset: set of string;
12
13 init := traversal(node: CFGNode): T_gen_kill {
14   cur_value: T_gen_kill;
15   cur_value = { node.useVariables, node.defVariables, 0 };
16   return cur_value;
17 };
18
19 live := traversal(node: CFGNode): T_inout {
20   in_set: set of string;
21   out_set: set of string;
22   cur_val: T_inout = { in_set, out_set };
23   succs := node.successors;
24   if (!contains(dead_nodes, int(node.id))) {
25     if (def(getValue(node))) {
26       cur_val1 := getValue(node);
27       cur_val = clone(cur_val1);
28     }
29   }
30   foreach(succ_node: CFGNode = succs) {
31     succ := getValue(succ_node);
32     if (def(succ)) {
33       cur_val.out = union(cur_val.out, succ.in);
34     }
35   }
36   cur_val.in = setClone(cur_val.out);
37   if (!contains(dead_nodes, int(node.id))) {
38     gen_kill := getValue(node, init);
39     remove(cur_val.in, gen_kill.kill);
40     cur_val.in = union(gen_kill.gen, cur_val.in);
41   }
42   return cur_val;
43 };
44
45 deadTraversal := traversal(node: CFGNode) {
46   if (node.defVariables != "") {
47     cur_val := getValue(node, live);
48   }
49 }
```
Listing A.7: Dead code continued from Listing A.6

52    cur_val := getValue(node, live);
53    if(def(cur_val)) {
54        if(!contains(cur_val.out, node.defVariables)) {
55            add(dead_nodes, int(node.id));
56        }
57    }
58    };
59  
60
61  fp1 := fixp(curr, prev: T_inout) : bool {
62      if (difference(curr.in, prev.in) == 0)
63        return true;
64      return false;
65  };  
66
67  q_all := visitor {
68    before node: Method -> {
69        cfg = getcfg(node);
70        clear(init);clear(dead_nodes);clear(live);clear(prev_dead);
71        traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, init);
72        do {
73            clear(live);
74            if(cfg.isValid==0) {
75                traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.BACKWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, live, fp1);
76            }
77            prev_dead = setIntClone(dead_nodes);
78        } while (difference2(dead_nodes, prev_dead)! = 0);
79    }
80    };  
81
82  visit(p, q_all);
Listing A.8: Loop invariant code motion

```java
0  p: Project = input;
1  m: output collection[string]int of string;
2
3  type T= {in: set of string, out: set of string};
4  type T1= {gen: string, kill: string};
5
6  cfg: CFG;
7  type Tloop = {start : int, end : int, use : set of string};
8  type finiteLoop = {start : int, end : int};
9
10  loops : set of Tloop;
11  finiteloops : set of finiteLoop;
12  codemotion : set of int;
13  flag := false;
14
15  cfg_def := traversal(node : CFGNode) : T1 {  
16    cur_val : T1 = {"", ""};
17    if(node.defVariables!="") {
18      cur_val.gen = node.defVariables +"@"+string(node.id);
19      cur_val.kill = node.defVariables;
20    }
21    return cur_val;
22  };
23
24  cfg_reach_def := traversal(n: CFGNode): T { 
25    preds := n.predecessors;
26    in_set : set of string;
27    out_set : set of string;
28    cur_val : T = {in_set, out_set};
29    if(def(getValue(n))) {
30      cur_val1 := getValue(n);
31      cur_val = clone(cur_val1);
32    }
33    foreach (pred_node : CFGNode = preds) {
34      pred := getValue(pred_node);
35      if(def(pred))
36        cur_val.in = union(cur_val.in, pred.out);
37    }
38    cur_val.out = setClone(cur_val.in);
39    genkill := getValue(n, cfg_def);
40    if(genkill.kill!="") {
41      tmp_out:=setClone(cur_val.out);
42      foreach(tmp: string=tmp.out) {
43        tmp1:=stringClone(tmp);
44        str_array:=splitall(tmp1,"@");
45        if(str_array[0] == genkill.kill) {
46          remove(cur_val.out, tmp1);
47        }
48      }
49      add(cur_val.out, genkill.gen);
50    }
51    return cur_val;
```
Listing A.9: Loop invariant code motion continued from Listing A.8

```plaintext
fixp1 := fixp(curr, prev : T) : bool {
    if (difference(curr.out, prev.out) == 0)
        return true;
    return false;
}

init := traversal(node : CFGNode){
    init_set : set of string;
    cur_val : Tloop = {-1, -1, init_set};
    if(node.name == "WHILE" || node.name == "FOR") {
        succs := node.successors;
        foreach(succ: CFGNode=succs) {
            if(succ.id > node.id + 1) {
                cur_val.start = int(node.id);
                cur_val.end = int(succ.id);
                cur_val.use = node.useVariables;
                add(loops, cur_val);
            }
        }
    }
}

loopInvariant := traversal(node : CFGNode) {
    foreach(temp:Tloop in loops) {
        flag = false;
        if(node.id > temp.start && node.id < temp.end) {
            if(len(node.useVariables))!=0) {
                cur_val := getValue(node, cfg_reach_def);
                if(def(cur_val)) {
                    foreach(use_str:string in node.useVariables) {
                        foreach(tmp_str:string in cur_val.out) {
                            str_array := splitall(tmp_str,"@"); 
                            if(str_array[0]==use_str) {
                                if(int(str_array[1]) > temp.start) {
                                    flag = true;
                                    break;
                                }
                            }
                        }
                    }
                }
            }
        }
        if(!flag) {
            add(codemotion, int(node.id));
        }
    }
}```
Listing A.10: Loop invariant code motion continued from Listing A.9

```java
reach_def := visitor {
  before node: Method -> {
    clear (cfg_def); clear (cfg_reach_def); clear (init); clear (loops); clear (codemotion); clear (loopInvariant);
    cfg = getcfg (node);
    traverse (cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, cfg_def);
    traverse (cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, init);
    traverse (cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, cfg_reach_def, fixp1);
    traverse (cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, loop_invariant);
  }
}

visit (p, reach_def);
```
Listing A.11: Upsafety analysis

```haskell
m: output collection[string][int] of string;
p: Project = input;

type T1 = {in: set of set of string, out: set of set of string};
allExprset: set of set of string;
cfg: CFG;
str: set of string;
str1: set of set of string;
upsafe: set of int;
flag := false;

node_expr := visitor {
  before node: Expression -> {
    switch (node.kind) {
      case ExpressionKind.LT, ExpressionKind.OP_ADD, ExpressionKind.OP_SUB,
          ExpressionKind.OP_INC, ExpressionKind.OP_MULT, ExpressionKind.OP_DIV,
          ExpressionKind.OP_MOD, ExpressionKind.OP_DEC, ExpressionKind.GT,
          ExpressionKind.EQ, ExpressionKind.NEQ, ExpressionKind.LTEQ, ExpressionKind.GTEQ,
          ExpressionKind.LOGICAL_NOT, ExpressionKind.LOGICAL_AND, ExpressionKind.LOGICAL_OR,
          ExpressionKind.BIT_AND, ExpressionKind.BIT_OR, ExpressionKind.BIT_NOT,
          ExpressionKind.BIT_XOR, ExpressionKind.BIT_LSHIFT, ExpressionKind.BIT_RSHIFT:
        add(str, string(node.kind));
        foreach(j: int; def (node.expressions[j])) {
          visit(node.expressions[j]);
        }
        break;
      case ExpressionKind.ASSIGN:
        foreach(j: int; def (node.expressions[j])) {
          if(j != 0) {
            visit(node.expressions[j]);
          }
        }
        break;
      case ExpressionKind.VARACCESS:
        add(str, node.variable);
        break;
      case ExpressionKind.VARDECL:
        visit(node.variable_decls[0].initializer);
        break;
      case ExpressionKind.LITERAL:
        add(str, node.literal);
        break;
      case ExpressionKind.METHODCALL:
        clear(str);
        stop;
        default: break;
    }
  }
}
```
Listing A.12: Upsafety analysis continued from Listing A.11

```plaintext
44     stop;
45 }
46
47 allExprT := traversal(node: CFGNode): set of string {
48     init_set : set of string;
49     str = init_set;
50     if(def(node.expr)) {
51         visit(node.expr, node_expr);
52         if(len(str)!=0) {
53             add(allExprset, setClone(str));
54         }
55     }
56     return setClone(str);
57 }
58
59 killTraversal := traversal(node: CFGNode): set of set of string {
60     init_set1 : set of set of string;
61     str1 = init_set1;
62     if(def(node.defVariables)) {
63         foreach(aa: set of string=allExprset) {
64             if(contains(aa, node.defVariables)) {
65                 add(str1, aa);
66             }
67         }
68     }
69     return setClone(str1);
70 }
71
72 avail_expr := traversal(node: CFGNode): T1 {
73     in_set : set of set of string;
74     out_set : set of set of string;
75     cur_value : T1;
76     if(node.id==0) {
77         cur_value = {in_set, out_set};
78     } else
79         cur_value = {setClone(allExprset), out_set};
80     if(def(getValue(node))) {
81         cur_val1 := getValue(node);
82         cur_value = clone(cur_val1);
83     }
84     preds := node.predecessors;
85     foreach(pred_node: CFGNode=preds) {
86         pred := getValue(pred_node);
87         if(def(pred))
88             cur_value.in = intersection1(cur_value.in, pred.out);
89     }
90     genkill := getValue(node, allExprT);
91     killset := getValue(node, killTraversal);
92     cur_value.out = setClone(cur_value.in);
93     removeAll(cur_value.out, killset);
```
Listing A.13: Upsafety analysis continued from Listing A.12

```plaintext
    removeAll(cur_value.out, killset);
    if(len(genkill)!=0)
        add(cur_value.out, genkill);
    return cur_value;
}

upsafety := traversal(node: CFGNode) {
    genkill := getValue(node, allExprT);
    if(len(genkill)!=0) {
        flag = false;
        preds := node.predecessors;
        foreach(pred_node: CFGNode = preds) {
            pred := getValue(pred_node, avail_expr);
            if(def(pred)) {
                if(!contains(pred.out, genkill)) {
                    flag = true;
                }
            }
        }
        if(flag) {
            add(unsafe, int(node.id));
        }
    }
}

fixp1 := fixp(curr, prev: T1) : bool {
    if(difference1(curr.out, prev.out) == 0)
        return true;
    return false;
}

def := visitor {
    before node: Method -> {
        clear(allExprT); clear(avail_expr); clear(killTraversal); clear(allExprset); clear(unsafe); clear(upsafe);
        cfg = getcfg(node);
        traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, allExprT);
        traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, killTraversal);
        traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, avail_expr, fixp1);
        traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, upsafety);
    }
}

visit(p, def);
```
Listing A.14: Valid file reader

```pascal
m: output collection[string][int] of string;
p: Project = input;
type T = {in: set of string, out: set of string};
type T1 = {gen: string, kill: string};
cfg: CFG;
cfgnode_ids: set of string;
genStr: string;
killStr: string;
obj := "";
evisitor := visitor {
    before node: Expression -> {
        switch (node.kind) {
            case ExpressionKind.METHODCALL:
                if(node.method == "open") {
                    if(len(node.expressions)>0) {
                        genStr = node.expressions[0].variable;
                    }
                } else if(node.method == "close") {
                    if(len(node.expressions)>0) {
                        killStr = node.expressions[0].variable;
                    }
                }
            default: break;
        }
    }
}
track := traversal(node: CFGNode) : T1 {
    cur_val := T1 = {"",""};
    genStr = "";
    killStr = "";
    if (def(node.expr)) {
        visit(node.expr, evisitor);
        cur_val := {genStr, killStr};
    }
    return cur_val;
}
cfg_def := traversal(node: CFGNode) : T {
    inset := set of string;
    outset := set of string;
    cur_val := T = {inset, outset};
    cur_val := getValue(node);
    cur_val := {inset, outset};
preds := node.predecessors;
    foreach(pred_node: CFGNode=preds) {
        pred := getValue(pred_node);
    }
}
```

Listing A.15: Valid file reader continued from Listing A.14

```plaintext
pred := getValue(pred_node);
if(def(pred))
  cur_val.in = union(cur_val.in, pred.out);
}
track_val := getValue(node, track);
addAll(cur_val.out, cur_val.in);
if(track_val.gen != "")
  add(cur_val.out, track_val.gen);
if(track_val.kill != "")
  remove(cur_val.out, track_val.kill);
return cur_val;
};
evisitor1 := visitor {
  before node:Expression -> {
    switch(node.kind) {
      case ExpressionKind.METHODCALL:
        if(node.method == "read" || node.method == "write") {
          if(len(node.expressions)>0) {
            obj = node.expressions[0].variable;
          }
        }
        break;
      default: break;
    }
  }
};
mismatch := traversal(node: CFGNode) : string {
  if (def(node.expr)) {
    visit(node.expr, evisitor1);
    if(obj!="") {
      cur := getValue(node, cfg_def);
      if(!contains(cur.in, obj)){
        return "mismatched";
      }
    }
  }
  return "matched";
};
fixp1 := fixp(curr, prev : T) : bool {
  if (difference(curr.out, prev.out) == 0)
    return true;
  return false;
};
q_all := visitor {
  before node: Method -> {
    clear(track); clear(cfg_def);
    cfg = getcfg(node);
    traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, track);
    traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, cfg_def, fixp1);
    traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, mismatch);
  }
};
visit(p, q_all);
```
Listing A.16: Mismatched wait and notify

```plaintext
m: output collection[string][int] of string;
p: Project = input;

type T= {in: set of string , out : set of string};
type T1= { gen : string , kill : string};
cfg: CFG;

cfgnode_ids:set of string;
genStr : string;
killStr : string;
obj := "";

evistor := visitor {
  before node:Expression => {
    switch(node.kind) {
      case ExpressionKind.METHODCALL:
        if(node.method == "lock") {
          if(len(node.expressions)>0) {
            genStr = node.expressions[0].variable;
          }
        }
        else if(node.method == "unlock") {
          if(len(node.expressions)>0) {
            killStr = node.expressions[0].variable;
          }
        }
        break;
      default: break;
    }
  }

track := traversal (node : CFGNode) : T1 {
  cur_val : T1 = {"", ""};
genStr = "";
killStr = "";
  if (def(node.expr)) {
    visit(node.expr, evisitor);
    cur_val = {genStr, killStr};
  }
  return cur_val;
}

cfg_def := traversal (node : CFGNode) : T {
  inset : set of string;
  cur_val : T = {inset, outset};
  cur_val = getValue(node);
  cur_val = {inset, outset};
preds := node.predecessors;
  foreach(pred_node:CFGNode=preds) {
    pred := getValue(pred_node);
  }
```

Listing A.17: Mismatched wait and notify continued from Listing A.16

```c
if (def(pred))
    cur_val.in = union(cur_val.in, pred.out);
}

track_val := getValue(node, track);
addAll(cur_val.out, cur_val.in);
if (track_val.gen != "")
    add(cur_val.out, track_val.gen);
if (track_val.kill != "")
    remove(cur_val.out, track_val.kill);
return cur_val;

evistor1 := visitor {
    before node: Expression -> {
        switch(node.kind) {
            case ExpressionKind.METHODCALL:
                if (node.method == "wait" || node.method == "notify") {
                    if (len(node.expressions) > 0) {
                        obj = node.expressions[0].variable;
                    }
                }
                break;
            default: break;
        }
    }
}

mismatch := traversal(node: CFGNode) : string {
    if (def(node.expr)) {
        visit(node.expr, evisor1);
        if (obj != "") {
            cur := getValue(node, cfg_def);
            if (!contains(cur.in, obj)) {
                return "mismatched";
            }
        }
    }
    return "matched";
}

fixp1 := fixp(curr, prev: T) : bool {
    if (difference(curr.out, prev.out) == 0)
        return true;
    return false;
}

q_all := visitor {
    before node: Method -> {
        clear(track); clear(cfg_def);
        cfg = getcfg(node);
        traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, track);
        traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, cfg_def, fixp1);
        traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, mismatch);
    }
}

visit(p, q_all);
```
Listing A.18: Available expression analysis

```plaintext
m: output collection[string][int] of string;
p: Project = input;

type T1 = {in: set of set of string, out: set of set of string};
allExprset: set of set of string;
cfg: CFG;

str: set of string;
str1: set of set of string;

node_expr := visitor {
  before node: Expression -> {
    switch (node.kind) {
      case ExpressionKind.LT, ExpressionKind.OP_ADD, ExpressionKind.OP_SUB, 
          ExpressionKind.OP_INC, ExpressionKind.OP_MULT, ExpressionKind.OP_DIV, 
          ExpressionKind.OP_MOD, ExpressionKind.OP_DEC, ExpressionKind.GT, 
          ExpressionKind.EQ, ExpressionKind.NEQ, ExpressionKind.LTEQ, ExpressionKind.GTEQ, 
          ExpressionKind.LOGICAL_NOT, ExpressionKind.LOGICAL_AND, ExpressionKind.LOGICAL_OR, 
          ExpressionKind.BIT_AND, ExpressionKind.BIT_OR, ExpressionKind.BIT_NOT, 
          ExpressionKind.BIT_XOR, ExpressionKind.BIT_LSHIFT, ExpressionKind.BIT_RSHIFT, 
          ExpressionKind.BIT_UNSIGNEDRSHIFT:
        add(str, string(node.kind));
        foreach (j:int; def(node.expressions[j])) {
          visit(node.expressions[j]);
        }
        break;
      }
      case ExpressionKind.ASSIGN:
        foreach (j:int; def(node.expressions[j])) {
          if(j!=0) {
            visit(node.expressions[j]);
          }
        }
        break;
      }
      case ExpressionKind.VARACCESS:
        add(str, node.variable);
        break;
      }
      case ExpressionKind.VARDECL:
        visit(node.variable_decls[0].initializer);
        break;
      }
      case ExpressionKind.LITERAL:
        add(str, node.literal);
        break;
      }
      case ExpressionKind.METHODCALL:
        clear(str);
        stop;
        default: break;
    }
  }
  stop;
};
```
Listing A.19: Available expression analysis continued from Listing A.18

```c
allExprT := traversal(node: CFGNode): set of string {
    init_set : set of string;
    str = init_set;
    if(def(node.expr)) {
        visit(node.expr, node_expr);
        if(len(str)!=0) {
            add(allExprset, setClone(str));
        }
    }
    return setClone(str);
}

killTraversal := traversal(node: CFGNode): set of set of string {
    init_set1 : set of set of string;
    str1 = init_set1;
    if(def(node.defVariables)) {
        foreach(aa: set of string = allExprset) {
            if(contains(aa, node.defVariables)) {
                add(str1, aa);
            }
        }
    }
    return setClone(str1);
}

avail_expr := traversal(node: CFGNode): T1 {
    in_set : set of set of string;
    out_set : set of set of string;
    cur_value : T1;
    if(node.id==0) {
        cur_value = {in_set, out_set};
    } else {
        cur_value = {setClone(allExprset), out_set};
        if(def(getValue(node))) {
            cur_val1 := getValue(node);
            cur_value = clone(cur_val1);
        }
        preds := node.predecessors;
        foreach(pred_node: CFGNode=preds) {
            pred := getValue(pred_node);
            if(def(pred)) {
                cur_value.in = intersection1(cur_value.in, pred.out);
            }
        }
        genkill := getValue(node, allExprT);
        killset := getValue(node, killTraversal);
        cur_value.out = setClone(cur_value.in);
        removeAll(cur_value.out, killset);
        if(len(genkill)!=0)
            add(cur_value.out, genkill);
    }
    return cur_value;
```
fixp1 := fixp(curr, prev: T1) : bool {
    if (difference1(curr.out, prev.out) == 0)
        return true;
    return false;
};

def := visitor {
    before node: Method -> {
        clear(allExprT); clear(avail_expr); clear(killTraversal); clear(allExprset);
        cfg = getcfg(node);
        traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, allExprT);
        traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, killTraversal);
        traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, avail_expr, fixp1);
    }
};

visit(p, def);
Listing A.21: Dominator analysis

0  m: output collection[string][int] of string;
1  mt: output collection[int][string] of string;
2  p: Project = input;
3
4  type T= { dom: set of string, dummy : int};
5
6  cfg: CFG;
7  cfgnode_ids:set of string;
8
9  allnode_ids := traversal(node: CFGNode) : string{
10    add(cfgnode_ids, string(node.id));
11    return string(node.id);
12  };
13
14  cfg_dom := traversal(node: CFGNode): T{
15    cur_value : T;
16    if(node.id==0) {
17      self_dom:set of string;
18      cur_value = {self_dom, 0};
19    } else
20      cur_value = {setClone(cfgnode_ids), 0};
21    if(def(getValue(node))) {
22      cur_val1 := getValue(node);
23      cur_value = clone(cur_val1);
24    }
25    preds:=node.predecessors;
26    foreach(i:int;def(preds[i])) {
27      pred_value := getValue(preds[i]);
28      if(def(pred_value)) {
29        cur_value.dom = intersection(cur_value.dom, pred_value.dom);
30      }
31    }
32    gen_kill := getValue(node, allnode_ids );
33    add(cur_value.dom, gen_kill);
34    return cur_value;
35  };
36
37  fixp1 := fixp(curr, prev : T) : bool {
38    if (difference(curr.dom, prev.dom) == 0)
39      return true;
40    return false;
41  };
42
43  q_all := visitor {
44    before node: CodeRepository -> {
45      snapshot := getsnapshot(node, "SOURCE_JAVA_JLS");
46      foreach (i: int; def(snapshot[i]))
47        visit(snapshot[i]);
48      stop;
49    }
50    before node: Method -> {
51      clear(allnode_ids);clear(cfgnode_ids);clear(cfg_dom);
Listing A.22: Dominator analysis continued from Listing A.21

```plaintext
clear(allnode_ids); clear(cfgnode_ids); clear(cfg_dom);

cfg = getcfg(node);
traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, allnode_ids);
traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, cfg_dom, fixp1);
```

visit(p, q_all);
```
Listing A.23: Local may alias

1 m: output collection[string][int] of string;
2 p: Project = input;
3 type T= {gen : string, kill : string};
4 type T1= {in : set of set of string, out : set of set of string};
5 cfg : CFG;
6
7 initPhase := traversal(node: CFGNode) : T {
8 cur_val : T = ("", ");
9 if(node.defVariables!="")
  cur_val.kill = node.defVariables;
10 if(def(node.expr)) {
11   if(node.expr.kind == ExpressionKind.VARDECL || node.expr.kind == ExpressionKind.ASSIGN) {
12     if(def(node.rhs)) {
13       if(node.rhs.kind == ExpressionKind.VARACCESS) {
14         cur_val.gen = node.rhs.variable;
15       }
16     }
17   }
18 }
19 return cur_val;
20 };
21
22 analysisPhase := traversal(node: CFGNode) : T1 {
23 inset : set of set of string;
24 outset : set of set of string;
25 cur_val : T1 = {inset, outset};
26 if(def(getValue(node))) {
27   cur_val = getValue(node);
28 }
29 preds := node.predecessors;
30 foreach(pred_node:CFGNode=preds) {
31   pred := getValue(pred_node);
32   if(def(pred))
33     cur_val.in = union1 (cur_val.in, pred.out);
34 }
35 cur_val.out = setClone(cur_val.in);
36 genkill := getValue(node, initPhase);
37 if(genkill.kill != "") {
38   foreach(tmp: set of string=cur_val.in) {
39     if(contains(tmp, genkill.kill)) {
40       tmp2:=setClone(tmp);
41       remove(cur_val.out, tmp);
42       remove(tmp2, genkill.kill);
43       if(len(tmp2)!=0) {
44         add(cur_val.out, tmp2);
45       }
46     }
47   }
48   if(genkill.gen != "") {
49     flag := false;
Listing A.24: Local may alias continued from Listing A.23

```plaintext
tmpSet := setClone(cur_val.out);
foreach(tmp:set of string=tmpSet) {
    if(contains(tmp, genkill.gen)) {
        tmp3:=setClone(tmp);
        flag = true;
        remove(cur_val.out, tmp3);
        add(tmp3, genkill.kill);
        add(cur_val.out, tmp3);
    }
}
if(flag == false) {
    tmp1 : set of string;
    add(tmp1, genkill.gen); add(tmp1, genkill.kill);
    add(cur_val.out, setClone(tmp1));
}
else {
    tmp4 : set of string;
    add(tmp4, genkill.kill);
    add(cur_val.out, setClone(tmp4));
}
return cur_val;
};

fixp1 := fixp(curr, prev: T1) : bool {
    if (difference1(curr.out, prev.out) == 0)
        return true;
    return false;
};

q_all := visitor {
    before node: Method -> {
        clear(initPhase); clear(analysisPhase);
        cfg = getcfg(node);
        traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, initPhase);
        traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, analysisPhase, fixp1);
    }
};
visit(p, q_all);
```

Listing B.1: Local must not alias

```plaintext
m: output collection[string][int] of string;
p: Project = input;

type T = {gen : string, kill : string};
type T1 = {in : set of string, out : set of string};
cfg : CFG;
local : set of string;

init := traversal(node: CFGNode) : T {
  cur_val : T = ("","");
  if(def(node.expr)) {
    if(node.expr.kind == ExpressionKind.VARDECL) {
      cur_val.kill = node.defVariables;
      if(def(node.expr.variable_decls[0].initializer)) {
        if(node.expr.variable_decls[0].initializer.kind == ExpressionKind.NEW) {
          add(local, node.defVariables+"@"+node.expr.variable_decls[0].initializer.new_type.qualified_name);
          cur_val.gen = node.defVariables+"@"+node.expr.variable_decls[0].initializer.new_type.qualified_name;
        }
      } else if(node.expr.variable_decls[0].initializer.kind == ExpressionKind.VARACCESS) {
        add(local, node.defVariables+"@var@"+node.expr.variable_decls[0].initializer.variable);
        cur_val.gen = node.defVariables+"@var@"+node.expr.variable_decls[0].initializer.variable;
      }
    } else if(node.expr.kind == ExpressionKind.ASSIGN) {
      cur_val.kill = node.defVariables;
      if(node.expr.expressions[1].kind == ExpressionKind.NEW) {
        add(local, node.defVariables+"@"+node.expr.expressions[1].new_type.qualified_name);
        cur_val.gen = node.defVariables+"@"+node.expr.expressions[1].new_type.qualified_name;
      } else if(node.expr.expressions[1].kind == ExpressionKind.VARACCESS) {
        add(local, node.defVariables+"@var@"+node.expr.expressions[1].variable);
        cur_val.gen = node.defVariables+"@var@"+node.expr.expressions[1].variable;
      }
    }
  }
}
```
Listing B.2: Local must not alias continued from Listing B.1

```plaintext
else {
    add(local, node.defVariables+"@unknown");
    cur_val.gen = node.defVariables+"@unknown";
}

return cur_val;

alias := traversal(node: CFGNode) : T1 {
    in_set : set of string;
    out_set : set of string;
    cur_val : T1;
    preds := node.predecessors;
    foreach(pred_node: CFGNode=preds) {
        pred := getValue(pred_node);
        if(def(pred))
            cur_val.in = union(cur_val.in, pred.out);
    }
    cur_val.out = setClone(cur_val.in);
    genkill := getValue(node, init);
    if(genkill.gen!="") {
        str_array:=splitall(genkill.gen,"@");
        if(str_array[1]!="var")
            add(cur_val.out, genkill.gen);
        else {
            tmp_out:=setClone(cur_val.out);
            foreach(tmp:string=tmp_out) {
                tmp1:=stringClone(tmp);
                str_array1:=splitall(tmp1,"@");
                if(str_array1[0] == str_array[2]) {
                    add(cur_val.out, str_array[0]+"@"+str_array1[1]);
                }
            }
        }
    }
    addAll(cur_val.out, cur_val.in);
    return cur_val;
}

fixp1 := fixp(curr, prev: T1) : bool {
    if (difference(curr.out, prev.out) == 0)
        return true;
    return false;
}
```
Listing B.3: Local must not alias continued from Listing B.2

85 });
86 
87 q_all := visitor {
88     before node: Method -> {
89         cfg = getcfg(node);
90         clear(local);
91         if(def(node.arguments)) {
92             foreach(i:int;def(node.arguments[i])) {
93                 add(local, node.arguments[i].name+"@argument"+string(i));
94             }
95         }
96         traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, init);
97         traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, alias, fixp1);
98     }
99 });
100 visit(p, q_all);
Listing B.4: Live variable analysis

```plaintext
m: output collection[string][string][int] of int;
p: Project = input;
type T_gen_kill = { gen: set of string, kill: string, dummy: int };  
type T_inout = { in: set of string, out: set of string };  
cfg: CFG;
cur_cfg_node: CFGNode;
genset: set of string;
killset: set of string;
init := traversal(node: CFGNode): T_gen_kill {
  cur_value: T_gen_kill;
  cur_value = { node.useVariables, node.defVariables, 0};
  return cur_value;
};
live := traversal(node: CFGNode): T_inout {
  succs := node.successors;
in_set: set of string;
out_set: set of string;
cur_val: T_inout = { in_set, out_set };  
  if(def(getValue(node))) {
    cur_val1 := getValue(node);
    cur_val = clone(cur_val1);
  }
  foreach (succ_node: CFGNode = succs) {
    succ := getValue(succ_node);
    if(def(succ)) {
      cur_val.out = union(cur_val.out, succ.in);
    }
  }
  gen_kill := getValue(node, init);
  if(def(gen_kill)) {
    remove(cur_val.out, gen_kill.kill);
    cur_val.in = union(gen_kill.gen, cur_val.out);
  }
  return cur_val;
};
fixp1 := fixp(curr, prev: T_inout): bool {
  if (difference(curr.in, prev.in) == 0)
    return true;
  return false;
};
q_all := visitor {
  before node: Method -> {
    clear(init); clear(live);
    cfg = getcfg(node);
    traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.BACKWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, init);
    traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.BACKWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, live, fixp1);
  }
};
visit(p, q_all);
```
Listing B.5: Nullness Analysis

```haskell
1 p: Project = input;
2 m: output collection[string][int] of string;
3 type T = {in: set of string, out: set of string};
4 cfg: CFG;
5 cur_node_id: int;
6 cur_cfg_node: CFGNode;
7 genset: set of string;
8 vardef: string;
9 killset: set of string;
10 local: set of string;
11 allVarT := traversal(node: CFGNode) {
    if(def(node.expr)) {
        if(node.expr.kind == ExpressionKind.VARDECL) {
            add(local, node.defVariables);
        }
    }
}

12 nullness := traversal(node: CFGNode) : T {
    in_set : set of string;
    out_set : set of string;
    cur_val : T;
    cur_val = getValue(node);
    if(node.id==0)
        cur_val = {in_set, out_set};
    else
        cur_val = {setClone(local), out_set};
    preds := node.predecessors;
    foreach(pred_node:CFGNode=preds) {
        pred := getValue(pred_node);
        if(def(pred))
            cur_val.in = intersection(cur_val.in, pred.out);
    }
    addAll(cur_val.out, cur_val.in);
    if(node.expr.kind == ExpressionKind.VARDECL) {
        if(contains(local, node.defVariables)) {
            if(node.expr.variable_decls[0].initializer.kind == ExpressionKind.LITERAL) {
                if(node.expr.variable_decls[0].initializer.literal == "null") {
                    remove(cur_val.out, node.defVariables);
                } else {
                    add(cur_val.out, node.defVariables);
                } 
            }
        }
    }
} 
```
Listing B.6: Nullness Analysis continued from Listing B.5

```java
else if (node.expr.variable_decls[0].initializer.kind == ExpressionKind.OTHER) {
    remove(cur_val.out, node.defVariables);
}
else {
    flag := false;
    foreach (use: string = node.useVariables) {
        if (contains(local, use)) {
            if (!contains(cur_val.out, use)) {
                flag = true;
                remove(cur_val.out, node.defVariables);
                break;
            }
        }
    }
    if (flag == false) {
        add(cur_val.out, node.defVariables);
    }
}
if (node.expr.kind == ExpressionKind.ASSIGN) {
    if (contains(local, node.defVariables)) {
        if (node.expr.expressions[1].kind == ExpressionKind.LITERAL) {
            if (node.expr.expressions[1].literal == "null") {
                remove(cur_val.out, node.defVariables);
            } else {
                add(cur_val.out, node.defVariables);
            }
        } else {
            flag1 := false;
            foreach (use: string = node.useVariables) {
                if (contains(local, use)) {
                    if (!contains(cur_val.out, use)) {
                        flag1 = true;
                        remove(cur_val.out, node.defVariables);
                        break;
                    }
                }
            }
            if (flag1 == false) {
                add(cur_val.out, node.defVariables);
            }
        }
    } else {
        return cur_val;
    }
```
Listing B.7: Nullness Analysis continued from Listing B.6

```plaintext
fp1 := fixp(curr, prev: T) : bool {
    if (difference(curr.out, prev.out) == 0)
        return true;
    return false;
};

reach_def := visitor {
    before node: Method -> {
        clear(allVarT); clear(nullness); clear(local);
        cfg = getcfg(node);
        traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, allVarT);
        traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, nullness, fp1);
    }
};

visit(p, reach_def);
```
Listing B.8: Post Dominator analysis

0  m: output collection[string]int of string;
1  mt: output collection[int] of string;
2  p: Project = input;
3 4  type T = { dom: set of string, dummy : int };
5 6  cfg: CFG;
7  cfgnode_ids: set of string;
8  exitId : int;
9 10 allnode_ids := traversal(node: CFGNode) : string {
11      add(cfgnode_ids, string(node.id));
12      return string(node.id);
13  }
14 15 cfg_dom := traversal(node: CFGNode): T {
16      cur_value : T;
17      if(node.id==exitId) {
18         self_dom : set of string;
19         cur_value = {self_dom, 0};
20      }
21      else
22         cur_value = {cfgnode_ids, 0};
23      if(def(getValue(node))) {
24         cur_val1 := getValue(node);
25         cur_value = clone(cur_val1);
26      }
27      start_dom: set of string;
28      add(start_dom, string(node.id));
29      preds:=node.successors;
30      foreach(i:int;def(preds[i]) ) {
31         pred_value := getValue(preds[i]);
32         if(def(pred_value)) {
33            cur_value.dom = intersection(cur_value.dom, pred_value.dom);
34         }
35      }
36      gen_kill := getValue(node, allnode_ids);
37      if(def(gen_kill)) {
38         add(cur_value.dom, gen_kill);
39      }
40      return cur_value;
41  }
42 43 fp1 := fixp(curr, prev: T) : bool {
44     if (difference(curr.dom, prev.dom) == 0)
45         return true;
46     return false;
47  }
48 49 q_all := visitor {
50     before node: Method -> {
51       clear(allnode_ids); clear(cfgnode_ids); clear(cfg_dom);
Listing B.9: Post Dominator analysis continued from Listing B.8

```c
53    cfg = getcfg(node);
54    exitId = len(cfg.nodes) - 1;
55    traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.BACKWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, allnode_ids);
56    traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.BACKWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, cfg_dom, fp1);
57    }
58    }
59    visit(p, q_all);
60    }
61    
62    visit(p, q_all);
```
Listing B.10: Reaching definition analysis

```haskell
p: Project = input;
m: output collection[string]int of string;

type T = {in: set of string, out: set of string};
type T1 = {gen: string, kill: string};
cfg: CFG;
cur_node_id: int;
cur_cfg_node: CFGNode;
genset: set of string;
vardef: string;
killset: set of string;

cfg_def := traversal (node: CFGNode) : T1 {
    cur_val : T1 = {"", ""};
    if(node.defVariables!="") {
        cur_val.gen = node.defVariables + "@" + string(node.id);
        cur_val.kill = node.defVariables;
    }
    return cur_val;
};

cfg_reach_def := traversal(n: CFGNode): T {
    preds := n.predecessors;
in_set : set of string;
out_set : set of string;
cur_val : T = {in_set, out_set};
    if(def(getValue(n))) {
        cur_val1 := getValue(n);
        cur_val = clone(cur_val1);
    }
    foreach (pred_node : CFGNode = preds) {
        pred := getValue(pred_node);
        if(def(pred)) {
            cur_val.in = union(cur_val.in, pred.out);
        }
        cur_val.out = setClone(cur_val.in);
        genkill := getValue(n, cfg_def);
        if(genkill.kill!="") {
            tmp_out := setClone(cur_val.out);
            foreach (tmp: string = tmp_out) {
                tmp1 := stringClone(tmp);
                str_array := splitall(tmp1,"@");
                if(str_array[0] == genkill.kill) {
                    remove(cur_val.out, tmp1);
                }
            }
            add(cur_val.out, genkill.gen);
        }
    }
    return cur_val;
};
```
Listing B.11: Reaching definition analysis continued from Listing B.10

52
53
54  fixp1 := fixp(curr, prev: T) : bool {
55      if (difference(curr.out, prev.out) == 0)
56          return true;
57      return false;
58  }
59
60  reach_def := visitor {
61      before node : Method -> {
62          clear(cfg_def); clear(cfg_reach_def);
63          cfg = getCfg(node);
64          if (cfg.isVaid==0) {
65              traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.ITERATIVE, cfg_def);
66              traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, cfg_reach_def, fixp1);
67          }
68      }
69  }
70
71  visit(p, reach_def);
Listing B.12: Resource status

```plaintext
m: output collection[string]int of string;
p: Project = input;

type T = {in: set of string, out: set of string};
type T1 = {gen: string, kill: string};
cfg: CFG;
cfgnode_ids: set of string;
genStr: string;
killStr: string;
evisitor := visitor {
  before node: Expression -> {
    switch(node.kind) {
      case ExpressionKind.METHODCALL:
        if(node.method == "write" || node.method == "read" || node.method == "open")
          if(len(node.expressions) > 0) {
            genStr = node.expressions[0].variable;
          }
        else if(node.method == "close") {
          if(len(node.expressions) > 0) {
            killStr = node.expressions[0].variable;
          }
        }
    break;
    default: break;
  }
}
}
track := traversal(node: CFGNode) : T1 {
  cur_val : T1 = {"", ""};
  genStr = "";
  killStr = "";
  if(def(node.exprr)) {
    visit(node.exprr, evisitor);
    cur_val = {genStr, killStr};
  }
  return cur_val;
};

cfg_def := traversal(node: CFGNode) : T {
  inlet : set of string;
  outset : set of string;
  cur_val : T = {inset, outset};
  cur_val = getValue(node);
  cur_val = {inset, outset};
};
```
Listing B.13: Resource status continued from Listing B.12

```c
preds := node.predecessors;
foreach(pred_node:CFGNode=preds) {
    pred := getValue(pred_node);
    if(def(pred))
        cur_val.in = union(cur_val.in, pred.out);
}
track_val := getValue(node, track);
addAll(cur_val.out, cur_val.in);
if(track_val.gen !="")
    add(cur_val.out, track_val.gen);
if(track_val.kill !="")
    remove(cur_val.out, track_val.kill);
return cur_val;
}

fixp1 := fixp(curr, prev: T): bool {
    if (difference(curr.out, prev.out) == 0)
        return true;
    return false;
};

defvisit(p): visitor {
    before(node: Method -> { 
        clear(track); clear(cfg_def);
        cfg = getcfg(node);
        traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, track);
        traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, cfg_def, fixp1);
    })
};

visit(p, q_all);
```
Listing B.14: Very busy expression

m: output collection[string][int] of string;
p: Project = input;
type T1 = {in: set of set of string, out: set of set of string};
allExprset: set of set of string;
cfg: CFG;
exitId : int;
str: set of string;

definition node_expr := visitor {
  before node: Expression -> {
    switch (node.kind) {
      case ExpressionKind.LT, ExpressionKind.OP_ADD, ExpressionKind.OP_SUB, 
      ExpressionKind.OP_INC, ExpressionKind.OP_MULT, ExpressionKind.OP_DIV, 
      ExpressionKind.OP_MOD, ExpressionKind.OP_DEC, ExpressionKind.GT, 
      ExpressionKind.EQ, ExpressionKind.NEQ, ExpressionKind.LTEQ, ExpressionKind. 
      GTEQ, ExpressionKind.LOGICAL_NOT, ExpressionKind.LOGICAL_AND, ExpressionKind. 
      LOGICAL_OR, ExpressionKind.BIT_AND, ExpressionKind.BIT_OR, ExpressionKind. 
      BIT_NOT, ExpressionKind.BIT_XOR, ExpressionKind.BIT_LSHIFT, ExpressionKind. 
      BIT_RSHIFT, ExpressionKind.BIT_UNSIGNEDRSHIFT: 
        add(str, string(node.kind));
        foreach(j:int; def(node.expressions[j])) {
          visit(node.expressions[j]);
        }
        break;
      case ExpressionKind.ASSIGN: 
        foreach(j:int; def(node.expressions[j])) {
          if(j!=0) {
            visit(node.expressions[j]);
          }
        }
        break;
      case ExpressionKind.VARACCESS: 
        add(str, node.variable); 
        break;
      case ExpressionKind.VARDECL: 
        visit(node.variable_DECLS[0].initializer); 
        break;
      case ExpressionKind.LITERAL: 
        add(str, node.literal); 
        break;
      case ExpressionKind.METHODCALL: 
        clear(str); 
        stop;
      default: break;
    }
  }
} stop;
Listing B.15: Very busy expression continued from Listing B.14

```plaintext
allExprT := traversal(node: CFGNode): set of string {
    init_set : set of string;
    genset : set of string;
    str = init_set;
    if(def(node.expr)) {
        visit(node.expr, node_expr);
        if(len(str)!=0) {
            add(allExprset, setClone(str));
            genset = setClone(str);
        }
    }
    return genset;
}

collectKillT := traversal(node: CFGNode): set of set of string {
    init_set : set of set of string;
    killset : set of set of string;
    killset = init_set;
    if(def(node.defVariables)) {
        foreach(aa: set of string=allExprset) {
            if(contains(aa, node.defVariables))
                add(killset, aa);
        }
    }
    return setClone(killset);
}

avail_expr := traversal(node: CFGNode): T1 {
    in_set : set of set of string;
    out_set : set of set of string;
    cur_val : T1;
    if(node.id == exitId)
        cur_val = { in_set, out_set};
    else
        cur_val = { in_set, setClone(allExprset)};
    if(def(getValue(node))) {
        cur_val1 := getValue(node);
        cur_val = clone(cur_val1);
    }
    succs := node.successors;
    cur_gen := getValue(node, allExprT);
    cur_kill := getValue(node, collectKillT);
    foreach(succ_node: CFGNode=succs) {
        succ := getValue(succ_node);
        if(def(succ))
            cur_val.out = intersection1(cur_val.out, succ.in);
    }
    cur_val.in = setClone(cur_val.out);
    removeAll(cur_val.in, cur_kill);
```

Listing B.16: Very busy expression continued from Listing B.15

```plaintext
if(len(cur_gen)!=0)
    add(cur_val.in, cur_gen);
return cur_val;
}

fixp1 := fixp(curr, prev: T1) : bool {
    if(difference1(curr.in, prev.in) == 0)
        return true;
    return false;
};

def := visitor {
    before node: Method -> {
        clear(allExprT); clear(avail_expr); clear(collectKillT);
        clear(allExprset);
        cfg = getcfg(node);
        exitId = len(cfg.nodes) - 1;
        traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.BACKWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, allExprT);
        traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.BACKWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, collectKillT);
        traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.BACKWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, avail_expr, fixp1);
    }
};
visit(p, def);
```
Listing B.17: Safe synchronization

m: output collection[string][int] of string;
p: Project = input;

type T= {in: set of string, out : set of string};
type T1= {gen: string, kill : string};
cfg: CFG;
cfgnode_ids;set of string;
genStr : string;
killStr : string;
evisitor := visitor {
   before node:Expression -> {
      switch(node.kind) {
         case ExpressionKind.METHODCALL:
            if(node.method == "lock") {
               if(len(node.expressions)>0) {
                  genStr = node.expressions[0].variable;
               }
            } else if(node.method == "unlock") {
               if(len(node.expressions)>0) {
                  killStr = node.expressions[0].variable;
               }
            } break;
         default: break;
      }
   }
}

track := traversal(node : CFGNode) : T1 {
   cur_val : T1 = {"", ""};
genStr = "";
killStr = "";
   if (def(node.expr)) {
      visit(node.expr, evisitor);
      cur_val = {genStr, killStr};
   }
   return cur_val;
}

cfg_def := traversal(node: CFGNode) : T {
   inset : set of string;
   outset : set of string;
   cur_val : T = {inset, outset};
   cur_val = getValue(node);
   cur_val = {inset, outset};
preds := node.predecessors;
   foreach(pred_node: CFGNode=preds) {
      pred := getValue(pred_node);
Listing B.18: Safe synchronization continued from Listing B.17

```plaintext
pred := getValue(pred_node);
if(def(pred))
    cur_val.in = union(cur_val.in, pred.out);
}
track_val := getValue(node, track);
addAll(cur_val.out, cur_val.in);
if(track_val.gen != "")
    add(cur_val.out, track_val.gen);
if(track_val.kill !="")
    remove(cur_val.out, track_val.kill);
return cur_val;
);
fixp1 := fixp(curr, prev : T) : bool {
    if (difference(curr.out, prev.out) == 0)
        return true;
    return false;
};
q_all := visitor {
    before node: Method -> {
        clear(track); clear(cfg_def);
        cfg = getcfg(node);
        traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, track);
        traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, cfg_def, fixp1);
    }
};
visit(p, q_all);
```
Listing B.19: Used defined variable

```haskell
0  m: output collection[string][string][int] of int;
1  p: Project = input;
2
3  type T_gen_kill= {gen: set of string, kill: string};
4
5  cfg: CFG;
6  cur_cfg_node: CFGNode;
7
8  genset : set of string;
9  killset : string;
10
11  node_def := visitor {
12      before expr:Expression -> {
13          switch(expr.kind) {
14              case ExpressionKind.VARDECL:
15                  var_decls := cur_cfg_node.expr.variable_decls;
16                  if(len(var_decls)!=0) {
17                      killset = var_decls[0].name;
18                  }
19                  break;
20              case ExpressionKind.ASSIGN:
21                  exprs := cur_cfg_node.expr.expressions;
22                  if(len(exprs)!=0) {
23                      killset = exprs[0].variable;
24                  }
25                  break;
26              default:
27                  break;
28          }
29      }
30  }
31
32  node_use := visitor {
33      before expr:Expression -> {
34          if(def(expr.variable)) {
35              add(genset, expr.variable);
36          }
37      }
38  }
39
40  init := traversal(node: CFGNode): T_gen_kill {
41      cur_value : T_gen_kill;
42      killset = "";
43      init_set1 : set of string;
44      genset = init_set1;
45      cur_cfg_node = node;
46      if(def(node.expr)) {
47          visit(node.expr, node_use);
48          visit(node.expr, node_def);
49      }
50      cur_value = {genset, killset};
51      return cur_value;
```
Listing B.20: Used defined variable continued from Listing B.19

```plaintext
52     return cur_value;
53  
54  
55  q_all := visitor {
56    before node: Method -> {
57      clear(init);
58      cfg = getcfg(node);
59      traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, init);
60  }
61  }
62  
63  visit(p, q_all);
```

Listing B.21: Useless increment in return statement

```plaintext
1  m: output collection[string][string][int] of int;
2  p: Project = input;
3  
4  cfg: CFG;
5  invalid : set of int;
6  
7  init := traversal(node: CFGNode){
8    if(def(node.stmt)) {
9      if(node.stmt.kind == StatementKind.RETURN) {
10        if(def(node.stmt.expression)) {
11          if(node.stmt.expression.kind == ExpressionKind.OP_INC) {
12            add(invalid, int(node.id));
13          }
14        }
15      }
16    }
17  }
18  
19  q_all := visitor {
20    before node: Method -> {
21      cfg = getcfg(node);
22      clear(invalid);
23      traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.HYBRID, init);
24    }
25  }
26  
27  visit(p, q_all);
```
Listing B.22: Wait not in loop

```plaintext
m: output collection[string][string][int] of int;
p: Project = input;
type Tloop = {start : int, end : int, use : set of string};
cfg: CFG;
cur_id : int;
flag := false;
loops : set of Tloop;
waitnotinloop : set of string;

init := traversal(node : CFGNode){
  init_set : set of string;
  cur_val : Tloop = {-1, -1, init_set};
  if(node.name == "WHILE" || node.name == "FOR") {
    succs := node.successors;
    foreach(succ:CFGNode=succs) {
      if(succ.id > node.id + 1) {
        cur_val.start = int(node.id);
        cur_val.end = int(succ.id);
        cur_val.use = node.useVariables;
        add(loops, cur_val);
      }
    }
  }
}
evisitor := visitor {
  before node:Expression -> {
    switch(node.kind) {
      case ExpressionKind.METHODCALL:
        if(node.method == "wait") {
          flag = false;
          foreach(temp:Tloop=loops) {
            if(cur_id > temp.start && cur_id < temp.end) {
              flag = true;
              break;
            }
          }
          if(!flag) {
            add(waitnotinloop, string(cur_id));
          }
        }
        break;
        default: break;
    }
  }
};
```
Listing B.23: Wait not in loop continued from Listing B.22

```c
51 track := traversal(node: CFGNode) {
52     cur_id = node.id;
53     if (def(node.expr)) {
54         visit(node.expr, evisitor);
55     }
56 }
57
58 q_all := visitor {
59     before node: Method -> {
60         clear(loops); clear(waitnotinloop); clear(init); clear(track);
61         cfg = getcfg(node);
62         traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.DFS, init);
63         traverse(cfg, TraversalDirection.FORWARD, TraversalKind.DFS, track);
64     }
65 }
66
67 visit(p, q_all);
```