



Interprocedural Data Flow Analysis

Static Program Analysis

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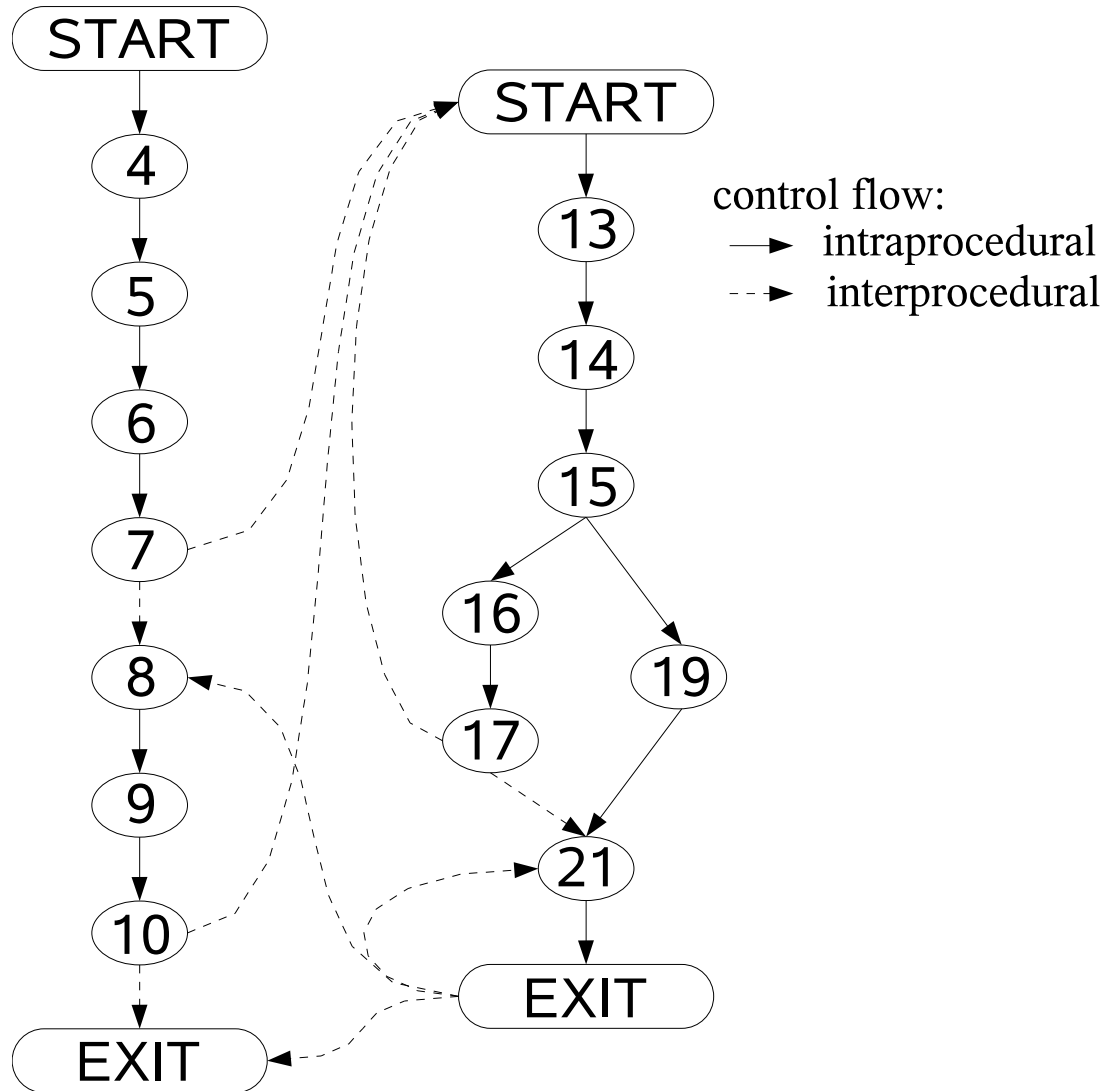
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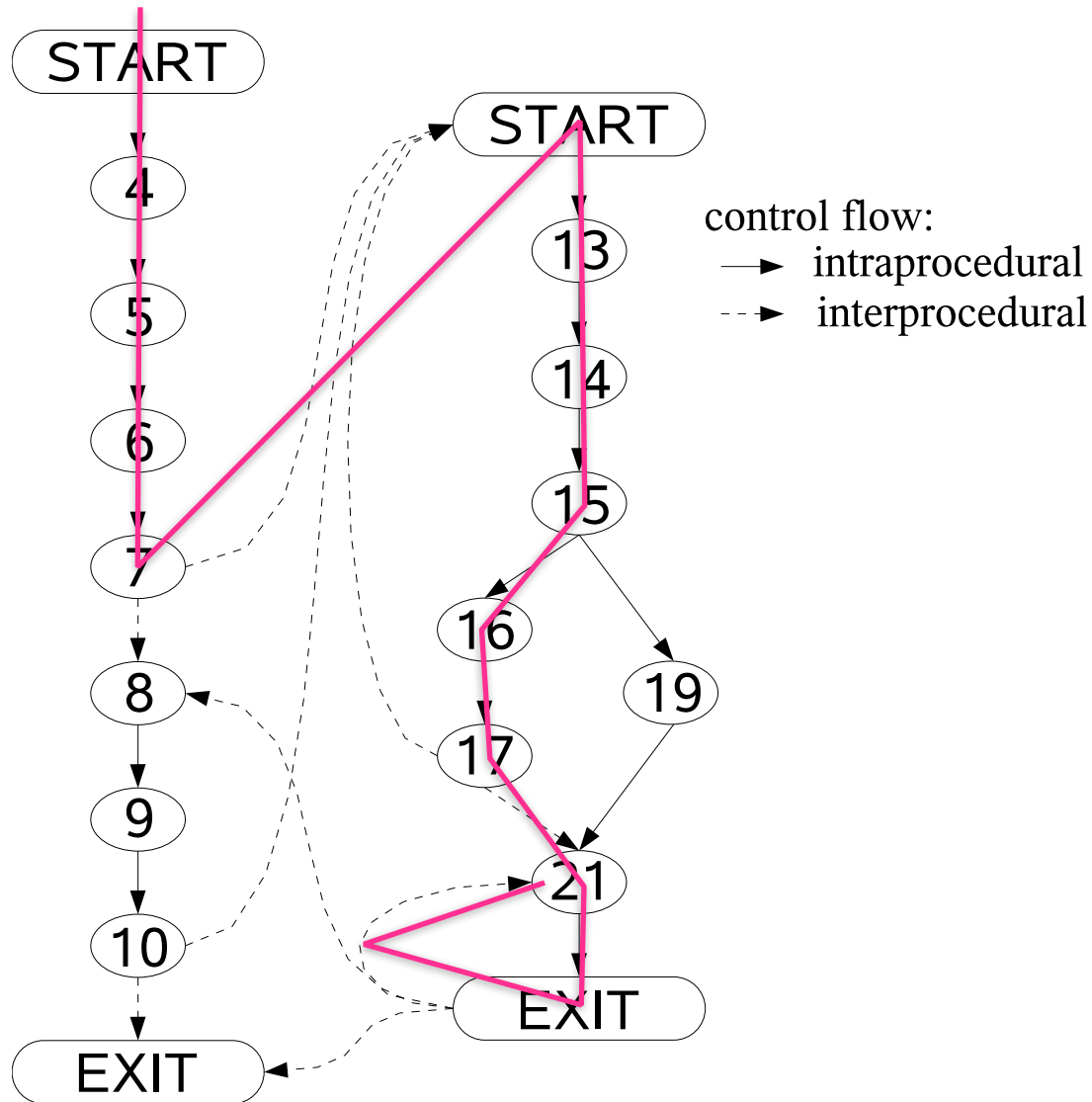
- definition of a (line 5) reaches 6–7 but not 8–11 (killed by 14 through call in 7), also reaches 13–14 but not 15–22
 - definition of c in line 9 reaches 13–22 through call in line 10.
- More complex are the definitions of global b: the definition in line 6 cannot reach lines 8–10 or 21, as line 19 kills it —any call of p must execute line 19 to terminate the recursion. Also, the definition in line 19 reaches line 13–19, as it might reach the call in line 10 by procedure p returning from the call in line 7.
 - The variable d is global and only visible inside procedure p. the definition in line 16 may reach lines 13–16 because of the call in line 17. Through procedure p returning from the call in line 7, both definitions (line 13 and 16) may reach lines 8–10 and therefore also line 13–16 and 18–22.
 - Locals like z are (usually) only visible in procedures they are defined in. Call-by-value parameters are like locals, with a definition at the procedure entry: x is defined in line 12.
 - Call-by-reference introduces a simple form of aliasing and make otherwise invisible variables available in called procedures.

Interprocedural Control Flow Graph



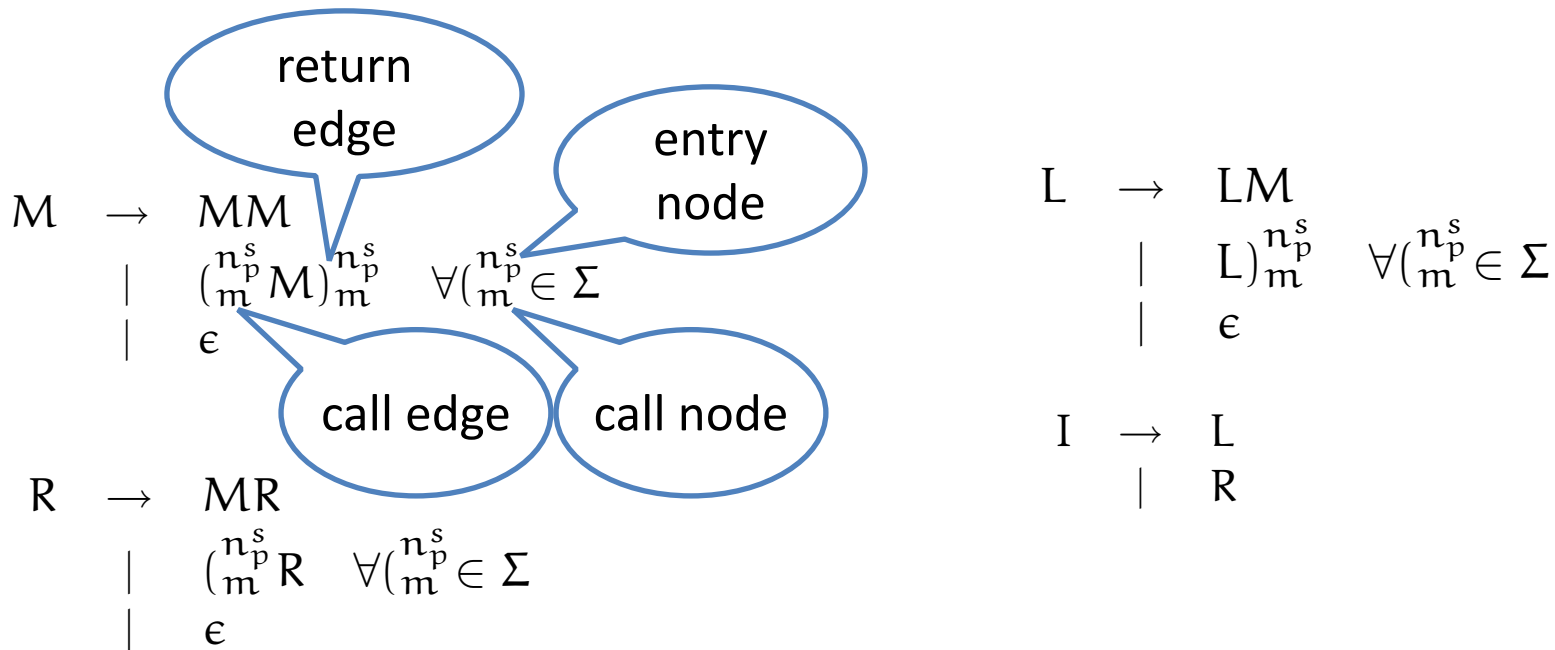
- *Control Flow Graph* $G_p = (N_p, E_p, n^s_p, n^e_p)$ for each procedure p . An interprocedural control flow graph (ICFG) is a directed graph $G = (N^*, E^*, n^s_o, n^e_o)$, where $N^* = \bigcup_p N_p$ and $E^* = E^C \cup \bigcup_p E_p$
- *call and return edges* in E^C : A call edge $e \in E^C$ is going from a call node $n \in N_p$ to the START node n^s_q of the called procedure q . A return edge $e \in E^C$ is going from the EXIT node n^e_q of the called procedure q back to the immediate successor of the call node $n \in N_p$
- *unrealizable paths* possible if leaving a function on a different node than the call's successor

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Inter-procedurally Realizable Path

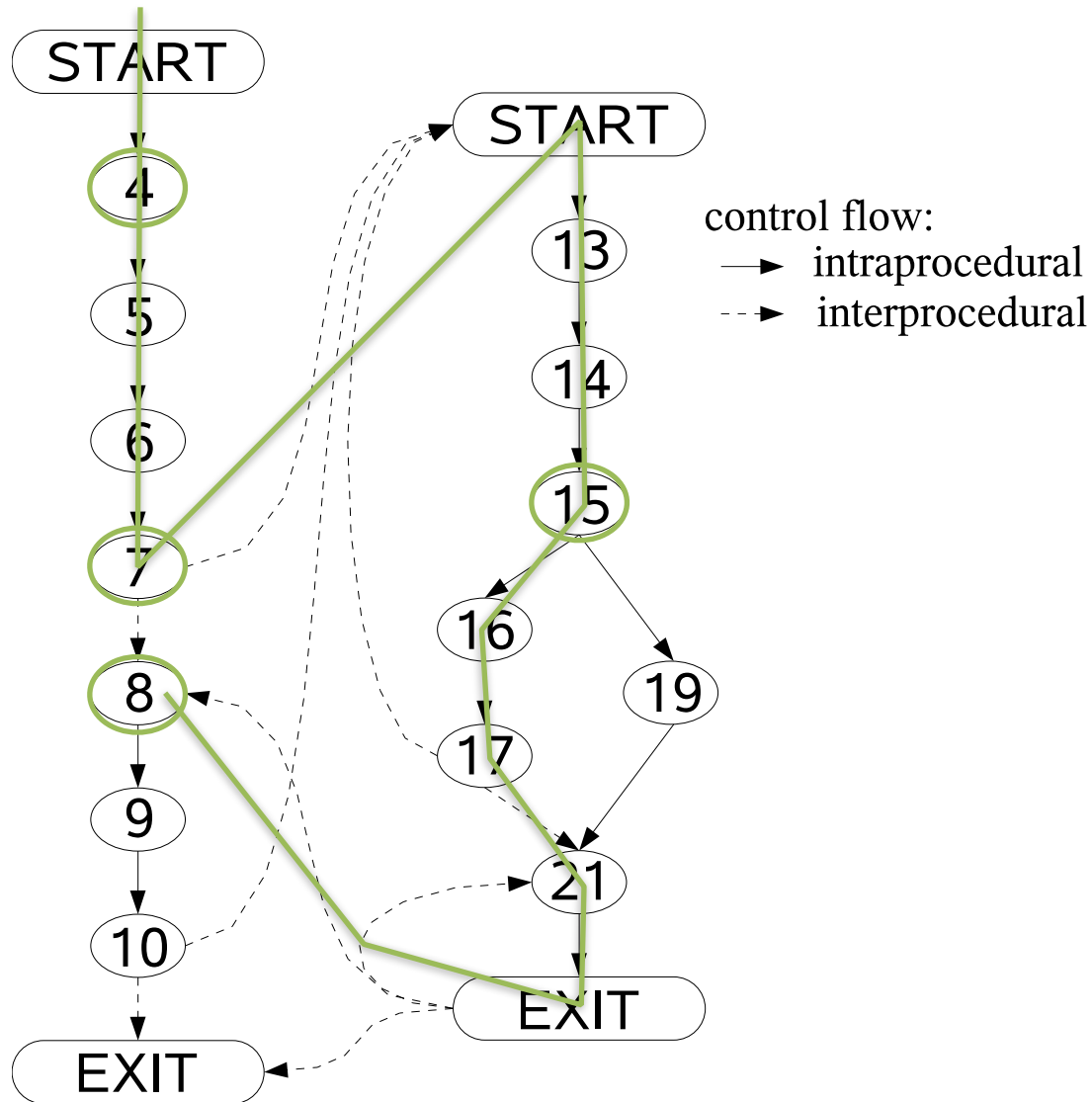
Edges from E_p are marked with the empty word ε and edges from E^C are marked according to their source and target nodes



An interprocedurally realizable path I is an interprocedurally right- or left-balanced path.

- A node n is interprocedurally reachable from node m , iff an interprocedurally realizable path from m to n in the ICFG exists, written as $m \rightarrow_R^* n$.
- A sequence $\langle n_1, \dots, n_k \rangle$ of nodes is called an interprocedurally (realizable) witness, iff n_k is interprocedurally reachable from n_1 via an interprocedurally realizable path $p = \langle m_1, \dots, m_l \rangle$ with:
 - $m_1 = n_1, m_l = n_k$, and
 - $\forall 1 \leq i < k \exists x, y: x < y \wedge m_x = n_i \wedge m_y = n_i + 1$.

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