Analyzing Million Lines of C: A General Sparse Analysis Framework

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Static Analysis: Sound, Unsound, Useful

Automatic sound estimation of sw behaviors before execution

under many names





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- In 2007, we commercialized
 - sound in design, unsound yet scalable in reality
 - memory-bug-finding tool for full C, non domain-specific

Sparrow The Early Bird

- Realistic workbench available
 - "let's try to scale-up its sound & global version"

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Our Scalability Improvement



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This Talk

How we achieved

- sound design of Sparrow
- spatial & temporal localizations
- Sparse analysis framework
 - general for Al-based analyzers for C-like languages
 - precision-preserving

"An important strength is that the theoretical result is very general. It could be applied to many other analyses. PLDI papers have been accepted that were simply instances of this framework." (from PLDI reviews)

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Static Analysis Example: Abstract Equations

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x = readInt;

1:

while (x ≤ 99)

2:

x++;

3:

end

4:
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Capture the dynamics by abstract equations; solve; reason.

$$egin{array}{rll} x_1 &=& [-\infty,+\infty] \ or \ x_3 \ x_2 &=& x_1 \ and \ [-\infty,99] \ x_3 &=& x_2 \ \dot{+} \ 1 \ x_4 &=& x_1 \ and \ [100,+\infty] \end{array}$$

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How to Design Sound Static Analyses?

Abstract Interpretation [CousotCousot]: a powerful design theory

- How to derive correct yet arbitrarily precise equations?
 - Non-obvious: ptrs, heap, exns, high-order ftns, etc.

• Define an abstract semantics function \hat{F} s.t. \cdots

How to solve the equations in a finite time?

how? $[-\infty, +\infty]$ or x_3 $[-\infty, +\infty]$ x_1 x_1 $x_2 =$ $x_1 \text{ and } [-\infty, 99]$ x_2 $[-\infty, 99]$ = $x_2 \neq 1$ = $[-\infty, 100]$ x3 x3 = x_1 and $[100,\infty]$ $[100, +\infty]$ x4 = x4 = • Fixpoint iterations for an upperbound of fixF

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Design of Sparrow The Early Bird



- Designed in the *abstract interpretation* framework
- To find memory safety violations in C
 - buffer-overrun, memory leak, null deref., etc.
 - flow-sensitive values analysis for int & ptrs (static + dynamic)
 - for the full set of C

Program

$\langle \mathbb{C}, \hookrightarrow \rangle$

- \mathbb{C} : set of program points
- $\hookrightarrow \subseteq \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$: control flow relation

 $c' \hookrightarrow c$ (c is the next command to c')

Commands

 $lv := e \mid lv := \operatorname{alloc}(a) \mid \operatorname{assume}(x < e) \mid \operatorname{call}(f_x, e) \mid \operatorname{return}_f$ expression $e \rightarrow n \mid e + e \mid lv \mid \& lv$ l-value $lv \rightarrow x \mid *e \mid e [e] \mid e . x$ allocation $a \rightarrow [e]_l \mid \{x\}_l$

Abstract Semantics

• One abstract state $\in \hat{S}$ that subsumes all reachable states at each program point

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{P} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C} \to \hat{\mathbb{S}} = fix\hat{F} \\ \hat{\mathbb{S}} = \hat{\mathbb{L}} \to \hat{\mathbb{V}}$$

$$\hat{\mathbb{L}} = Var + AllocSite + AllocSite \times FieldName \\ \hat{\mathbb{V}} = \hat{\mathbb{Z}} \times 2^{\hat{\mathbb{L}}} \times 2^{AllocSite \times \hat{\mathbb{Z}} \times \hat{\mathbb{Z}}} \times 2^{AllocSite \times 2^{FieldName}} \\ \hat{\mathbb{Z}} = \{[l, u] \mid l, u \in \mathbb{Z} \cup \{-\infty, +\infty\} \land l \le u\} \cup \{\bot\}$$

• Abstract semantic function $\hat{F} \in (\mathbb{C} \to \hat{\mathbb{S}}) \to (\mathbb{C} \to \hat{\mathbb{S}})$ $\hat{F}(\hat{X}) = \lambda c \in \mathbb{C}.\hat{f}_c(\bigsqcup_{c' \to c} \hat{X}(c'))$

 $\hat{f}_c \in \hat{\mathbb{S}} \to \hat{\mathbb{S}}$: abstract semantics at point c

Computing
$$fix\hat{F} = \bigsqcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \hat{F}^{i}(\hat{\bot})$$

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$$W \in Worklist = 2^{\mathbb{C}}$$

$$\hat{X} \in \mathbb{C} \to \hat{\mathbb{S}}$$

$$\hat{f}_c \in \hat{\mathbb{S}} \to \hat{\mathbb{S}}$$

$$W := \mathbb{C}$$

$$\hat{X} := \lambda c. \bot$$
repeat
$$c := choose(W)$$

$$\hat{s} := \hat{f}_c(\bigsqcup_{c' \hookrightarrow c} X(c'))$$
if $\hat{s} \not\sqsubseteq \hat{X}(c)$

$$W := W \cup \{c' \in \mathbb{C} \mid c \hookrightarrow c'\}$$

$$\hat{X}(c) := \hat{X}(c) \sqcup \hat{s}$$
until $W = \emptyset$

Worklist algorithm

The Algorithms Too Weak To Scale

less-382 (23,822 LoC)



Improving Scalability

Key Idea: Localization

"Right Part at Right Moment"

Spatial & Temporal Localizations



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Spatial & Temporal Localizations



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Spatial Localization



Vital in Analysis Practice



On average, 755 re-analysis per procedure

But Existing Approach is Too Conservative

huge room for localizations than reachabilitybased technique

Program	LOC	accessed memory
		/ reachable memory
spell-1.0	2,213	5 / 453 (1.1%)
barcode-0.96	4,460	$19 \ / \ 1175 \ (1.6\%)$
httptunnel-3.3	6,174	$10 \ / \ 673 \ \ (1.5\%)$
gzip-1.2.4a	7,327	22 / 1002 (2.2%)
jwhois-3.0.1	9,344	28 / 830 (3.4%)
parser	10,900	$75 \ / \ 1787 \ (4.2\%)$
bc-1.06	13,093	24 / 824 (2.9%)
less-290	18,449	$86 \ / \ 1546 \ (5.6\%)$

average : only 4%

Hurdle: Accessed Locations Before Analysis?

- Yes, by yet another analysis
- The pre-analysis must be quick
- The pre-analysis must be safe
 - over-estimating the accessed abstract locs

Our Pre-analysis

For Safely Estimating the Accessed Abstract Locations

- one further abstraction
- correct design

$$\mathbb{C} \to \hat{\mathbb{S}} \xrightarrow[\alpha]{\gamma} \hat{\mathbb{S}}$$

• abstract semantic function: flow-insensitive

$$\hat{F}_p = \lambda \hat{s}.(\bigsqcup_{c \in \mathbb{C}} \hat{f}_c(\hat{s}))$$

Implement in the Abstract
Semantics for Call Cmd
$$\hat{f}_c \in \hat{\mathbb{S}} \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{S}}$$

 $\hat{f}_{c}(\hat{s}) = \begin{cases} \hat{s}[\hat{\mathcal{L}}(lv)(\hat{s}) \stackrel{w}{\mapsto} \hat{\mathcal{V}}(e)(\hat{s})] & \operatorname{cmd}(c) = lv := e \\ \hat{s}[\hat{\mathcal{L}}(lv)(\hat{s}) \stackrel{w}{\mapsto} \langle \bot, \bot, \{\langle l, [0, 0], \hat{\mathcal{V}}(e)(\hat{s}).1 \rangle\}, \bot \rangle] & \operatorname{cmd}(c) = lv := \operatorname{alloc}([e]_{l}) \\ \hat{s}[\hat{\mathcal{L}}(lv)(\hat{s}) \stackrel{w}{\mapsto} \langle \bot, \bot, \bot, \{\langle l, \{x\} \rangle\}\rangle] & \operatorname{cmd}(c) = lv := \operatorname{alloc}(\{x\}_{l}) \\ \hat{s}[x \mapsto \langle \hat{s}(x).1 \sqcap [-\infty, \mathsf{u}(\hat{\mathcal{V}}(e)(\hat{s}).1)], \hat{s}(x).2, \hat{s}(x).3, \hat{s}(x).4 \rangle] & \operatorname{cmd}(c) = \operatorname{assume}(x < e) \\ \hat{s}[x \mapsto \hat{\mathcal{V}}(e)(\hat{s})]|_{\operatorname{access}(f)} & \operatorname{cmd}(c) = \operatorname{call}(f_{x}, e) \\ \frac{\hat{s}[x \mapsto \hat{\mathcal{V}}(e)(\hat{s})]|_{\operatorname{access}(f)}}{\operatorname{cmd}(c) = \operatorname{return}_{f}} \end{cases}$

$$\operatorname{access}(f) = \bigcup_{g \in \operatorname{callees}(f)} (\bigcup_{c \in \operatorname{control}(g)} \mathcal{A}(c)(\hat{s}_{pre}))$$

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none spatial localization



Temporal Localization (and spatial localization automatically follows)

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- Don't blindly follow the control flow of pgm text
- Follow the dependency of statement semantics
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Precision Preserving Sparse Analysis Framework



Towards Sparse Version

Analyzer computes the fixpoint of $\hat{F} \in (\mathbb{C} \to \hat{\mathbb{S}}) \to (\mathbb{C} \to \hat{\mathbb{S}})$

• baseline non-sparse one

$$\hat{F}(\hat{X}) = \lambda c \in \mathbb{C}.\hat{f}_c(\bigsqcup_{c' \hookrightarrow c} \hat{X}(c')).$$

unrealizable sparse version

$$\hat{F}_s(\hat{X}) = \lambda c \in \mathbb{C}.\hat{f}_c(\bigsqcup_{\substack{c' \sim c}} \hat{X}(c')|_l).$$

• realizable sparse version

$$\hat{F}_a(\hat{X}) = \lambda c \in \mathbb{C}. \hat{f}_c(\bigsqcup_{\substack{c' \sim a \\ \sim a \\ c' \sim a \\ c$$

Unrealizable Sparse One

$$\hat{F}_s(\hat{X}) = \lambda c \in \mathbb{C}.\hat{f}_c(\bigsqcup_{\substack{i \in C' \\ \sim i \in C}} \hat{X}(c')|_l).$$

Data Dependency

 $\begin{array}{rcl} c_0 \stackrel{l}{\rightsquigarrow} c_n & \triangleq & \exists c_0 \dots c_n \in \mathsf{Paths}, l \in \hat{\mathbb{L}}. \\ & l \in \mathsf{D}(c_0) \cap \mathsf{U}(c_n) \land \forall i \in (0,n). l \not\in \mathsf{D}(c_i) \end{array}$

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Precision Preserving

$$fix\hat{F} = fix\hat{F}_s \mod D$$

Data Dependency Example



Realizable Sparse One

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Realizable Data Dependency

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Precision Preserving

$$fix\hat{F} = fix\hat{F}_a \mod \hat{D}$$

If the following conditions hold

Conditions on $\hat{D} \& \hat{U}$

• over-approximation

$$\hat{\mathsf{D}}(c) \supseteq \mathsf{D}(c) \land \hat{\mathsf{U}}(c) \supseteq \mathsf{U}(c)$$

• spurious definitions should be also included in uses

 $\hat{\mathsf{D}}(c) - \mathsf{D}(c) \subseteq \hat{\mathsf{U}}(c)$













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Existing Sparse Techniques (developed mostly in dfa community)

Different notion of data dependency

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• fail to preserve the original accuracy



- Not general for arbitrary analysis for full C
 - tightly coupled with particular analysis (e.g. pointer analysis for "simple" subsets of C)

Summing Up Our Sparse Framework

• Define a global safe abstract interpreter

 $\hat{F} \in (\mathbb{C} \to \hat{\mathbb{S}}) \to (\mathbb{C} \to \hat{\mathbb{S}})$ $\hat{F}(\hat{X}) = \lambda c \in \mathbb{C}.\hat{f}_c(\bigsqcup_{c' \hookrightarrow c} \hat{X}(c')).$

- Make it sparse (s&t) with our data dependencies
 - by using a safe pre-analysis for safe def/use sets

$$\hat{F}_a(\hat{X}) = \lambda c \in \mathbb{C}.\hat{f}_c(\ \ \hat{X}(c')|_l).$$

• Resulting sparse one scales with the same result



for technical details ropas.snu.ac.kr/~kwang/paper/12-pldi-ohheleleyi.pdf