Static Program Analysis Meets Test Case Generation Lecture 2

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Textbook: Static Program Analysis

Verification and testing

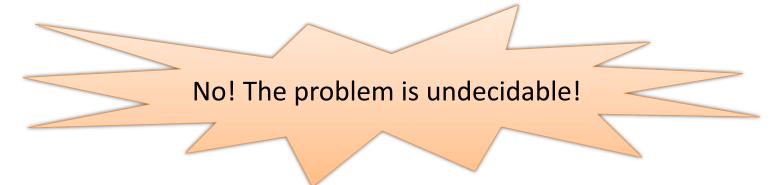
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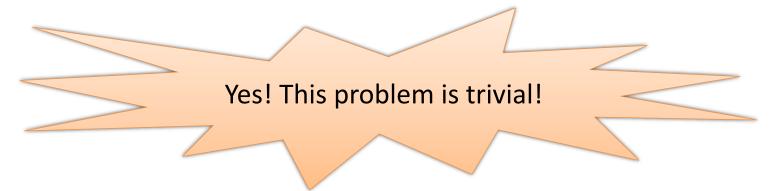
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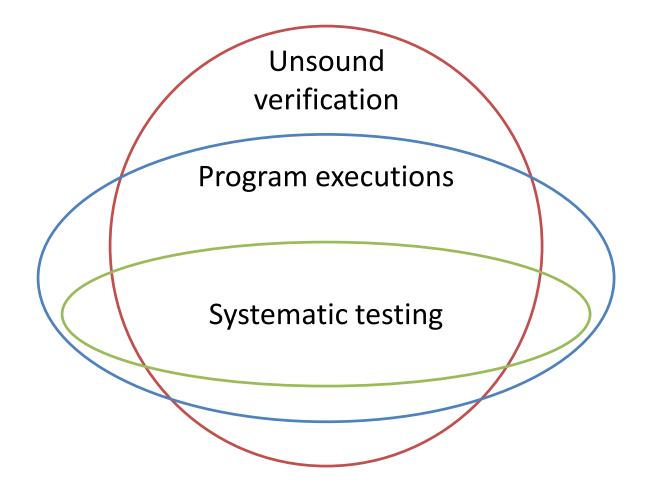
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Static analysis: Challenge

Building a static analyzer that is able to answer "Yes" for as many programs satisfying the property

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 - program semantics, data structures, logic, decision procedures, discrete math, ...

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- No manual annotations required
 - Loop invariants are automatically inferred

Fun:

What Developers Want and Need from Program Analysis: An Empirical Study

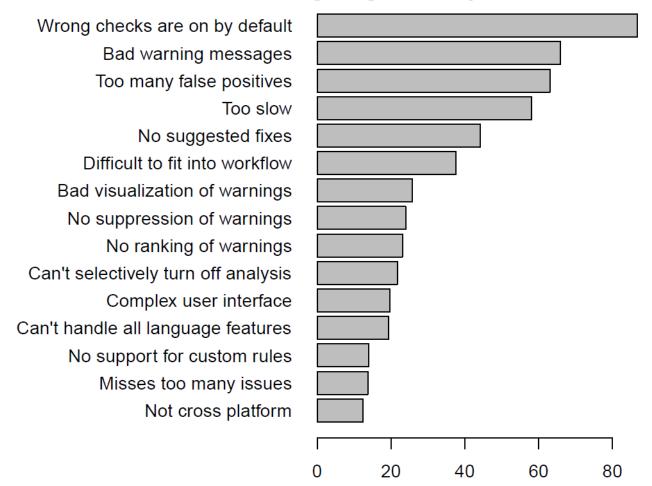
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- 3. What should their non-functional characteristics be?
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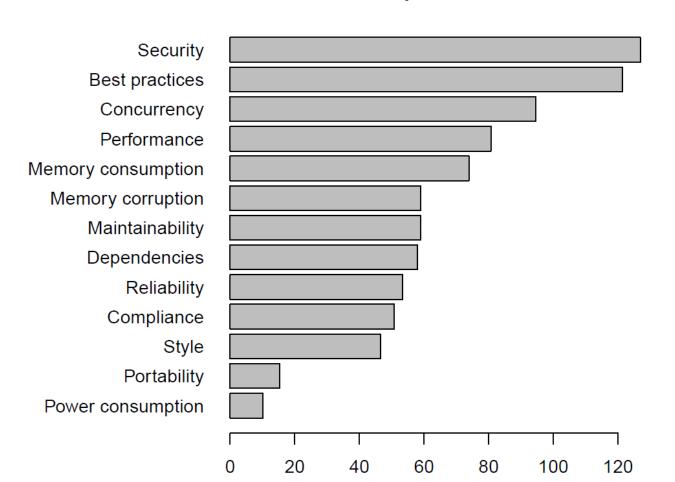
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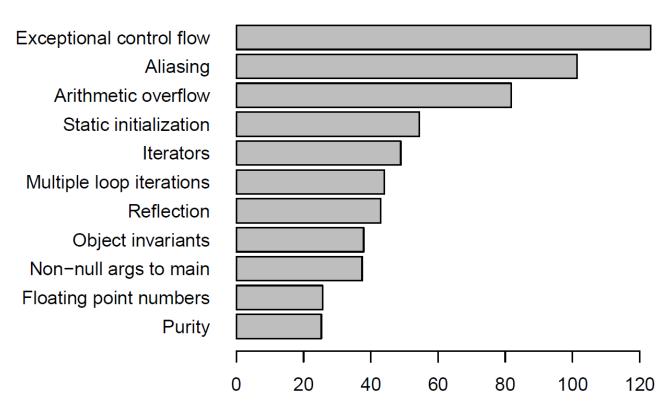
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Code Issues Developers Would Like Detected

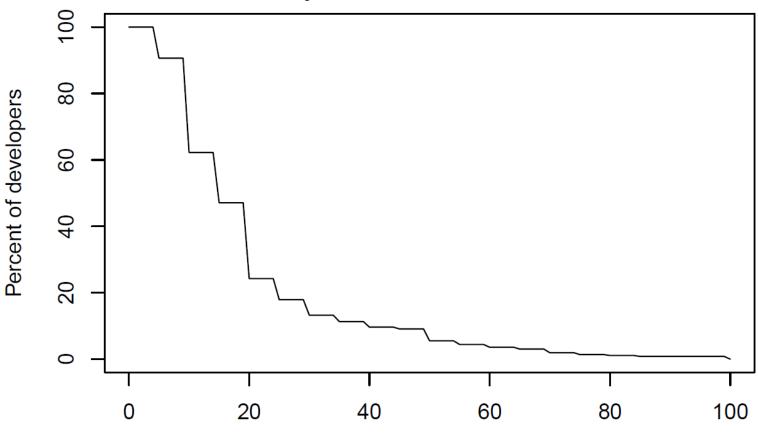


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Sources of Unsoundness That Should Not Be Overlooked



Acceptable False Positive Rate



Percent of results that can be false positives

- Trade-offs about analysis time
 - 57% for more intricate issues
 - 57% for fewer false positives
 - 60% for fewer false negatives
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 - 50.7% for fewer false negatives

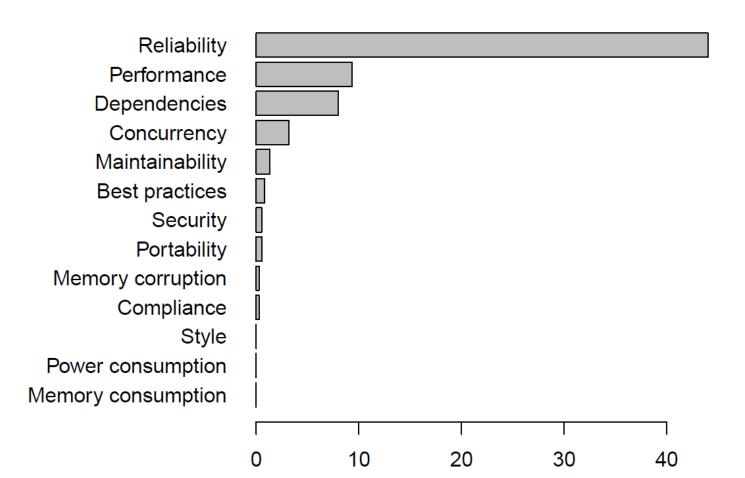
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"Give me what you can give, fast and accurate (no false positives). Give me the slow stuff later in an hour (it is too good and cheap to not have it). No reasonable change is going to be checked in less than half a day but I do want that style check for that one line fix right away."

4. What code issues occur most in practice?

Live Site Incidents per Category



Takeaways

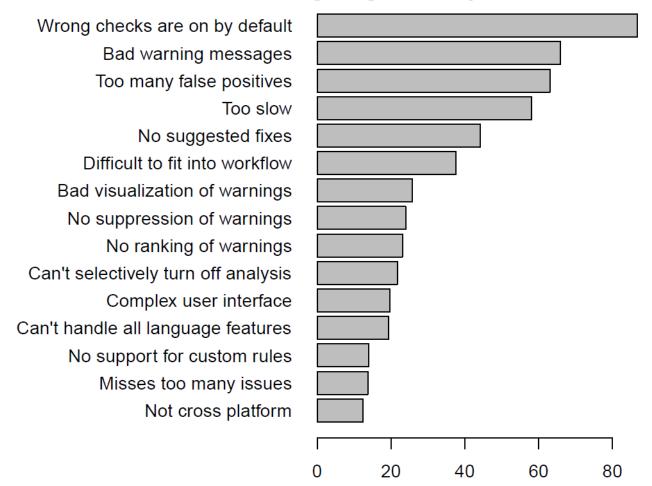
- High false positive rates lead to disuse
- Developers would trade time for higher-quality results
- Program analysis should take a two-stage approach
- Costly bugs in services are mostly related to reliability but developers rank reliability errors low
- Developers do not trust program analyzers to find intricate issues although they want to

Fun:

CFar: A Tool to Increase Communication, Productivity, and Review Quality in Collaborative Code Reviews

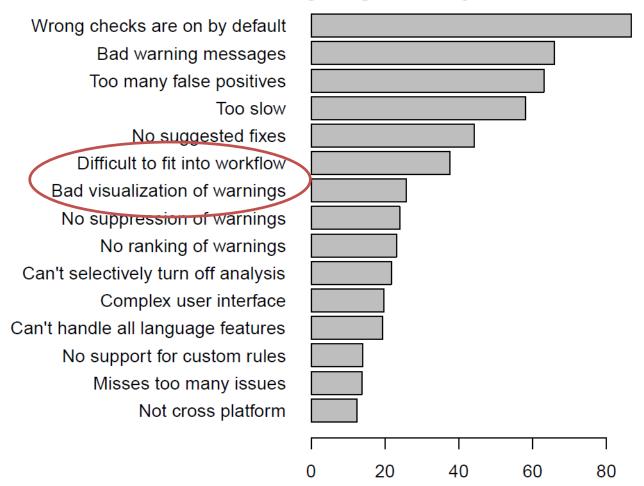
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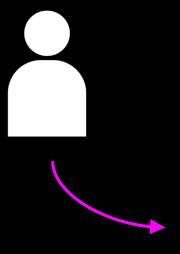


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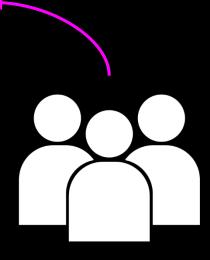


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    return hasattr(w, "get_scrollpos") and hasattr(w,'

for w in orig_iter(self):
    if is_scrolling_widget(w):
        return w

def keypress(self, size, key):
    return self._original_widget.keypress(self._original_w

def mouse_event(self, size, event, button, col, row, focus
    ow = self._original_widget
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    handled = False
    if hasattr(ow, "mouse_event"):
        handled = ow.mouse_event(ow_size, event, button, cold if not handled and hasattr(ow, "set_scrollpos"):
        if button == 4: # Scroll wheel up
            pos = ow.get_scrollpos(ow_size)
            ow.set_scrollpos(pos - 1)
        return True
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Benefits of Code Reviews

- Discover bugs
- Improve readability and maintainability
- Mental model of the code

Problems with Code Reviews

- Time consuming
 - Over 6 hours per week
 - 100 reviews per week

- Spend effort on shallow defects
- Miss other defects

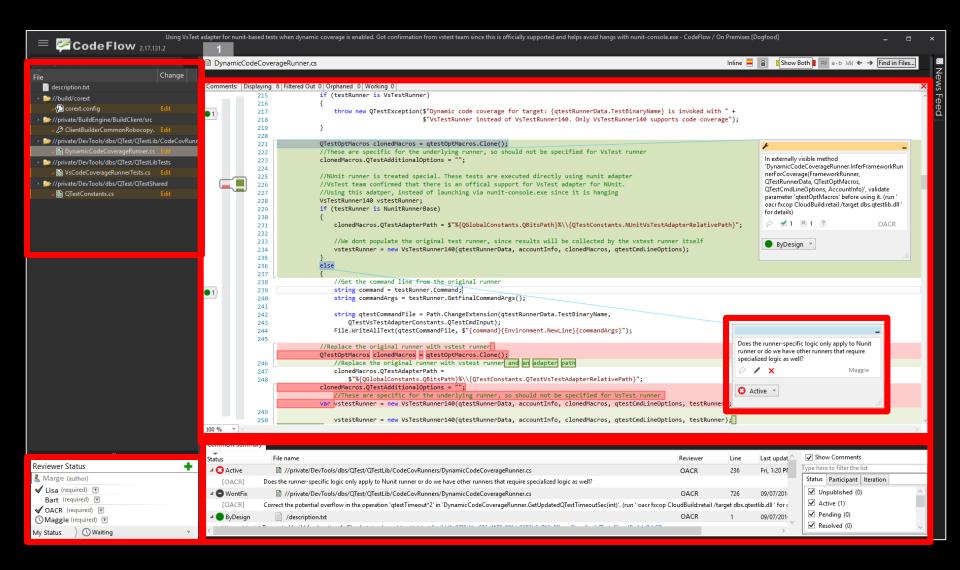
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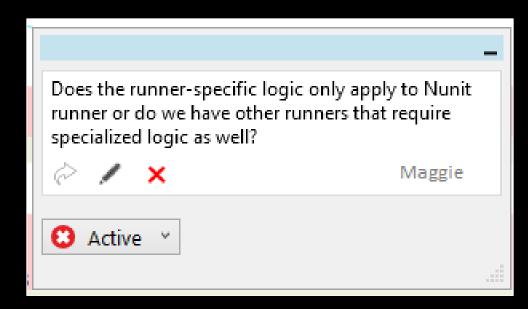
Insert feedback based on program analysis

- Goal:
 - Increase communication
 - Enhance productivity
 - Reveal more defects

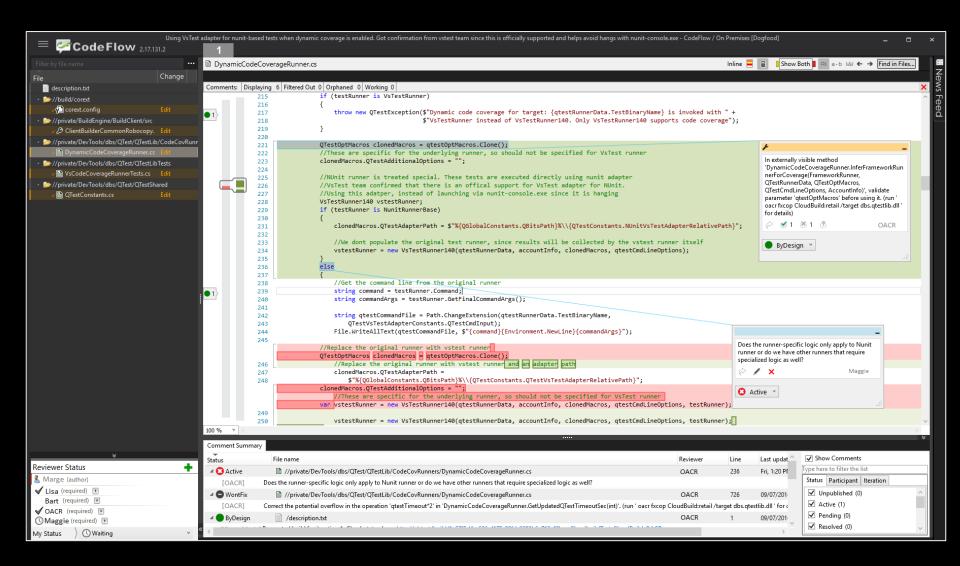
Extend Microsoft CodeFlow

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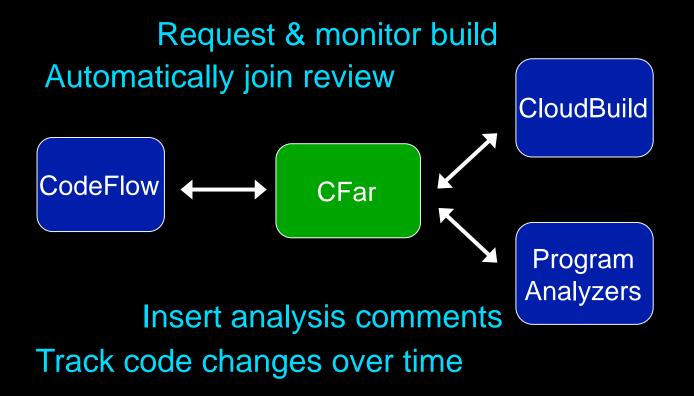




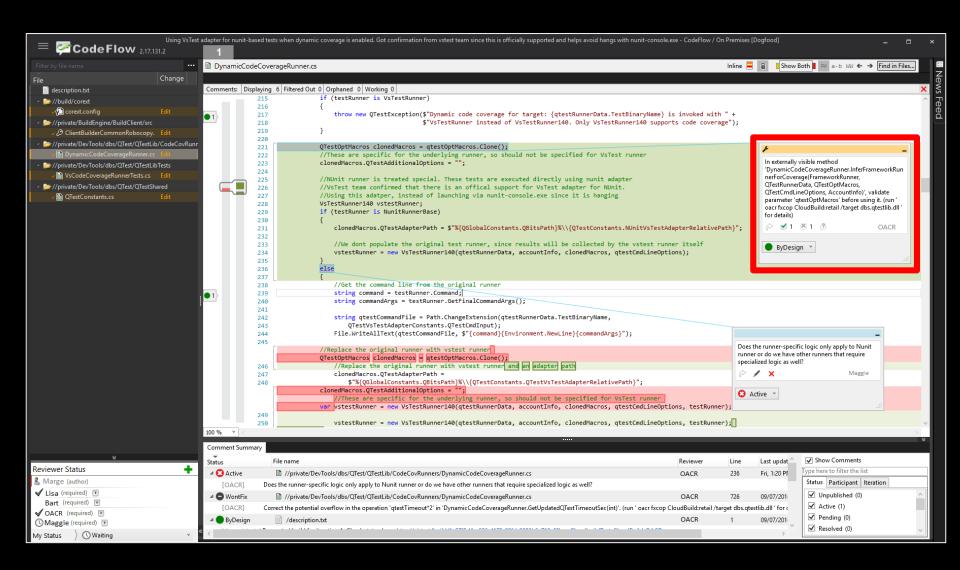
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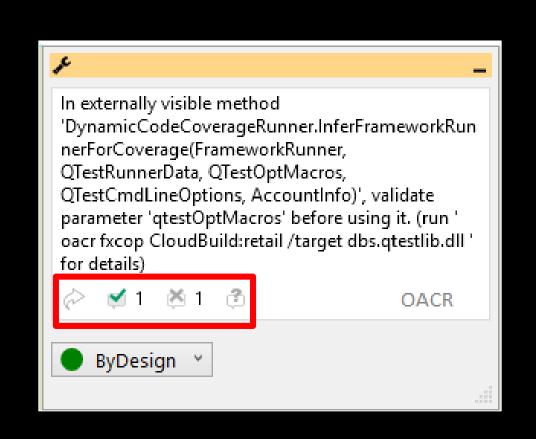


CFar Architecture & Features



CodeFlow + CFar





User Study & Field Deployment

User study

- 6 developers at Microsoft
- 1 hour sessions
- Think aloud

Field Deployment

- 98 developers at Microsoft
- 15 weeks of real-world usage
- Logged data and emailed survey

Research Questions

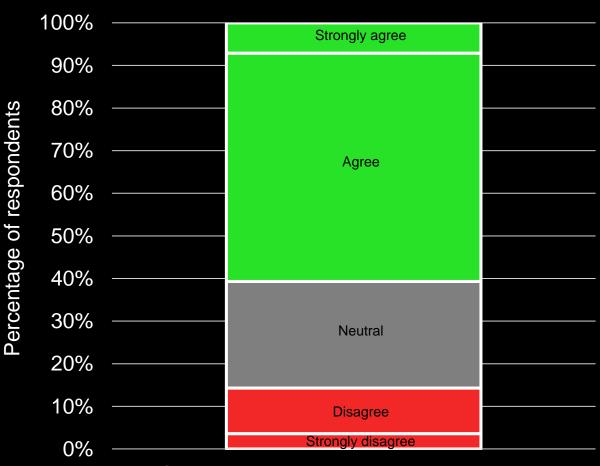
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RQ2: Productivity

RQ3: Code quality

RQ4: Useful

Result: Communication

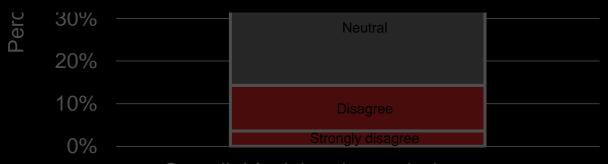


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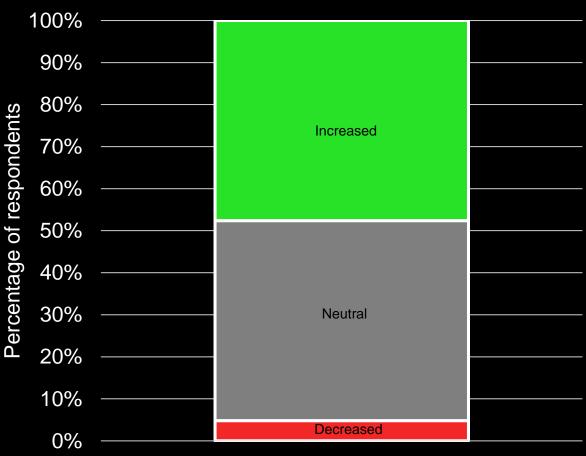


P14: "Having some comments helped start the conversations that might be missed until last minute, so their addition is a net positive."



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The analysis comments decreased or increased the quality of the code?

Result: Code Quality



98% of analysis comments were addressed



Result: Useful



I found the analysis comments unuseful or useful?

Result: Useful

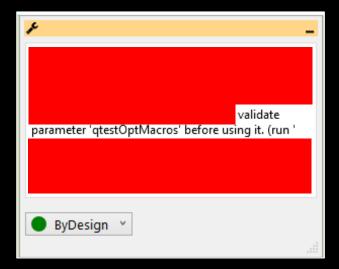


P13: "...It seems like the auto-generated comments I've seen are the tip of the iceberg... I'm optimistic that there's a lot of untapped potential."



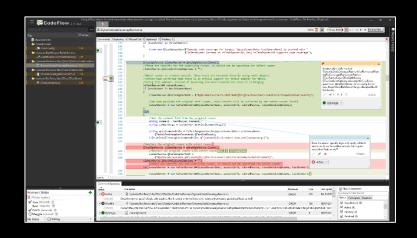
Discussion: Improvements to CFar

- Reduce information overload
 - Simplify the warning messages
 - Provide more filtering features



Takeaways

- CFar: Automated Code Reviewer at Microsoft
 - Designed to improve collaboration
- User Study & Field Deployment
 - Increased communication
 - Increased productivity
 - Improved code quality
 - Found CFar useful



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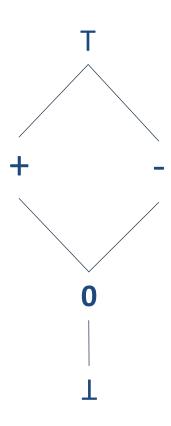
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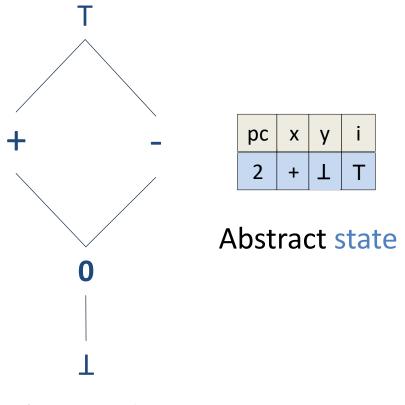
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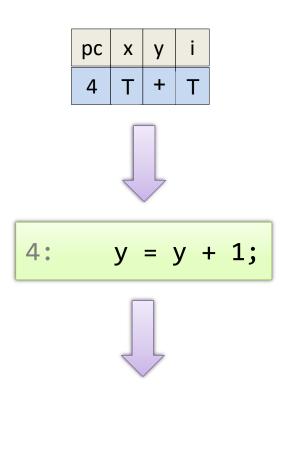
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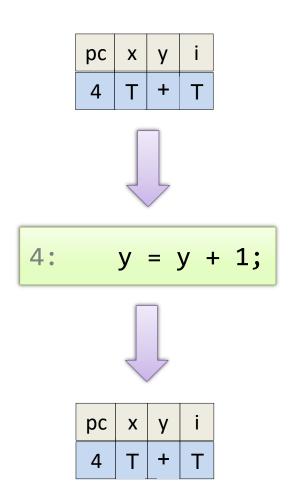
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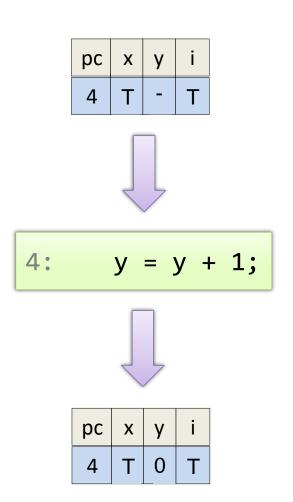


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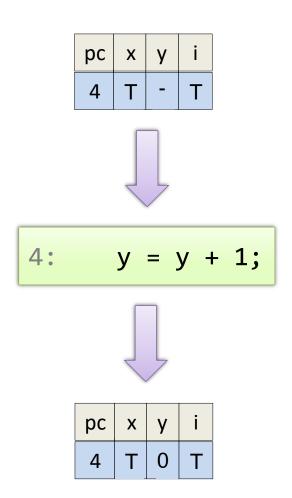
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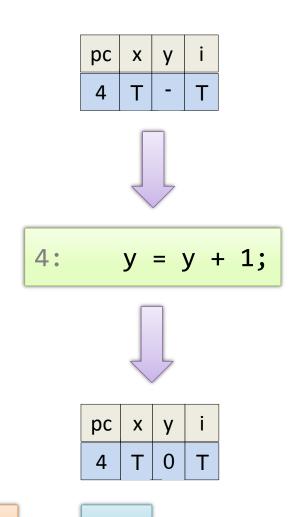
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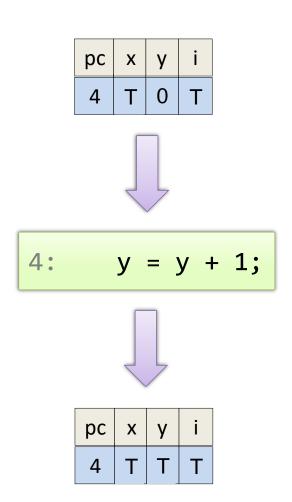
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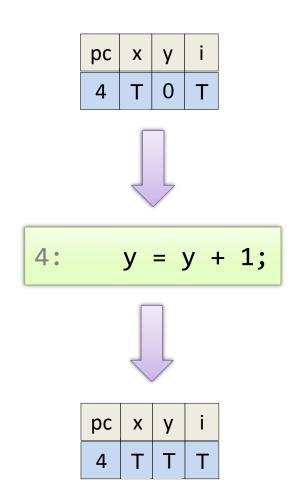
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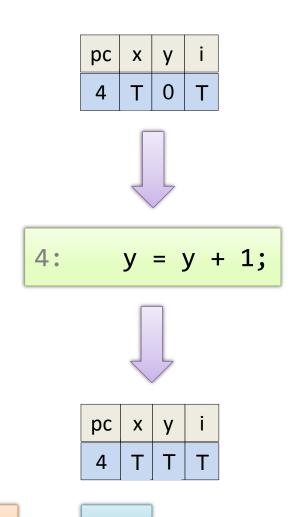
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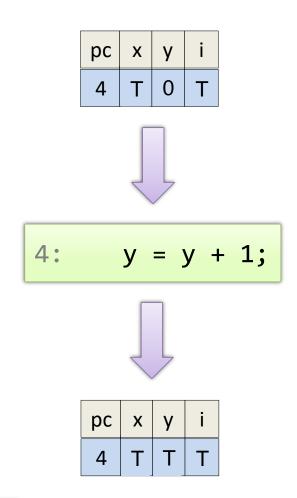
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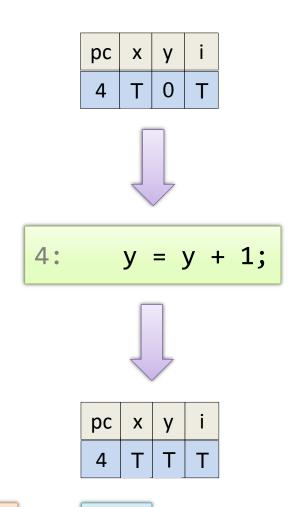
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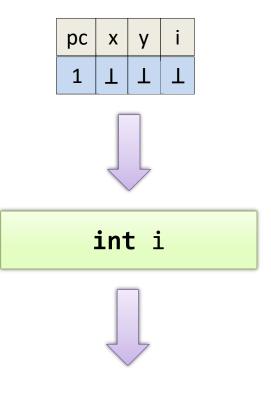


Abstract transformers

- Abstract transformers are easily sound and imprecise
 - by always returning T
- Defining the most precise transformer is not always possible
 - called best transformer
- Precision may be sacrificed for performance reasons

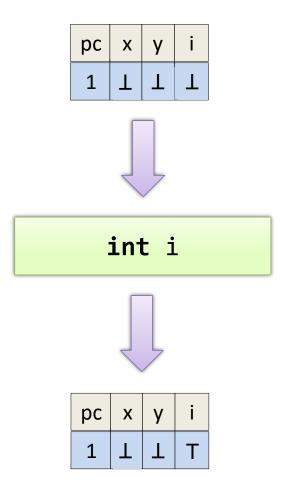
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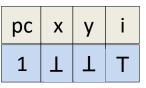


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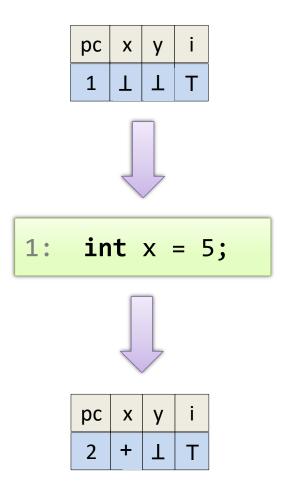




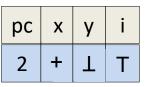
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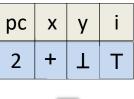




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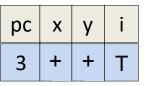






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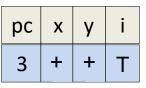
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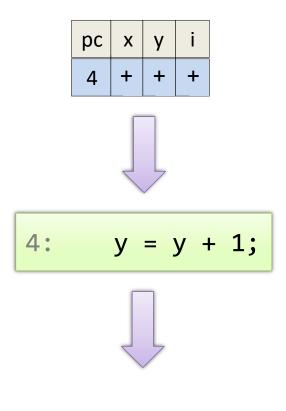




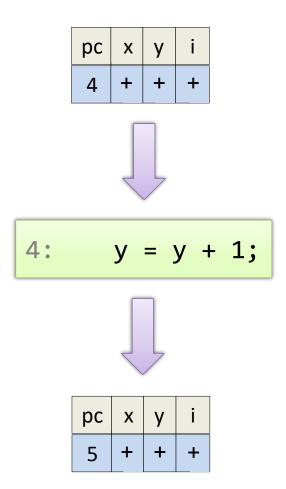
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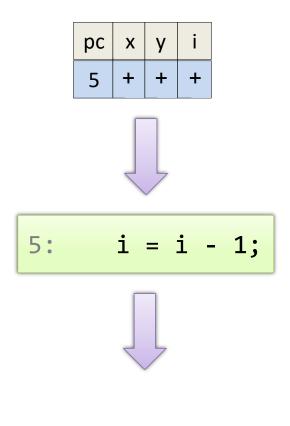
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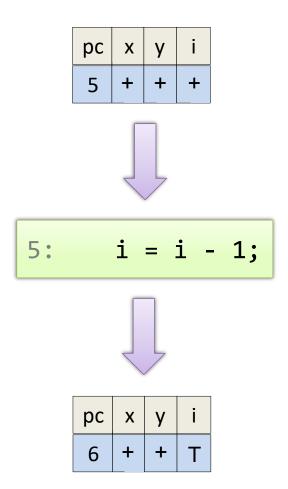
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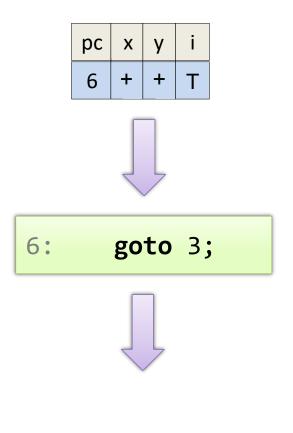
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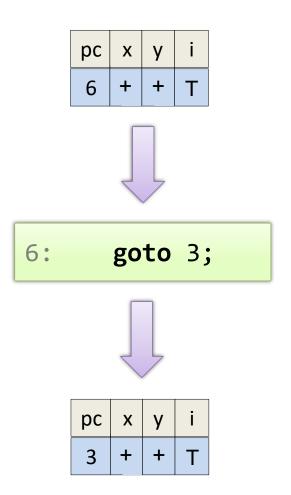
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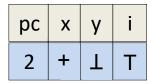


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рс	Х	У	i
6	+	+	Т

```
pc x y i
7 + + -
```

```
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1: int x = 5;
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  i = i - 1;
  goto 3;
6:
7: assert 0 <= x + y;
```

```
рс x y i
1 1 1 Т
```

рс	Х	У	i
2	+	Τ	Т

рс	Х	у	i
3	+	+	Т

рс	Х	У	i
4	+	+	+

рс	Х	У	i
5	+	+	+

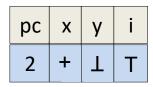
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```
pc x y i
7 + + -
```

Is the property verified?

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```
рс x y i
1 1 1 Т
```



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рс	Х	У	i
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```
pc x y i
7 + + -
```

Is the property verified?

Yes! The domain is precise enough!

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  goto 3;
6:
7: assert 0 <= x - y;
```

```
рс x y i
1 ⊥ ⊥ Т
```

рс	х	У	i
2	+	Τ	Т

рс	Х	У	
3	+	+	Т

рс	Х	У	i
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pc x y i
7 + + -
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Does the property hold?

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  goto 3;
6:
7: assert 0 <= x - y;
```

```
рс x y i
1 ⊥ ⊥ Т
```

рс	Х	У	i
2	+	Τ	Т

рс	Х	у	i
3	+	+	Т

рс	Х	У	i
4	+	+	+

рс	Х	У	i
5	+	+	+

рс	Х	У	i
6	+	+	Т

```
pc x y i
7 + + -
```

Does the property hold?

No!

```
foo(int i) {
1: int x = 5;
2: int y = 7;
3: if (i >= 0) {
  y = y + 1;
  i = i - 1;
  goto 3;
6:
7: assert 0 <= x - y;
```

```
рс x y i
1 1 1 Т
```

рс	Х	У	i
2	+	Т	Т

рс	Х	у	i
3	+	+	Т

рс	Х	У	i
4	+	+	+

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6	+	+	Т

```
pc x y i
7 + + -
```

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```

```
рс x y i
1 1 1 Т
```

рс	Х	У	i
2	+	Τ	Т

рс	Х	У	
3	+	+	Т

рс	Х	У	i
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рс	X	У	i
5	+	+	+

рс	Х	У	i
6	+	+	Т

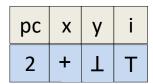
```
pc x y i
7 + + -
```

Is the property verified?

No! The domain is sound!

```
foo(int i) {
1: int x = 5;
2: int y = 7;
3: if (i >= 0) {
  y = y + 1;
5: i = i - 1;
  goto 3;
6:
7: assert 0 <= y - x;
```

```
рс x y i
1 1 1 Т
```



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3	+	+	Т

рс	Х	У	i
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pc x y i
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Does the property hold?

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```
pc x y i
7 + + -
```

Does the property hold?

Yes!

```
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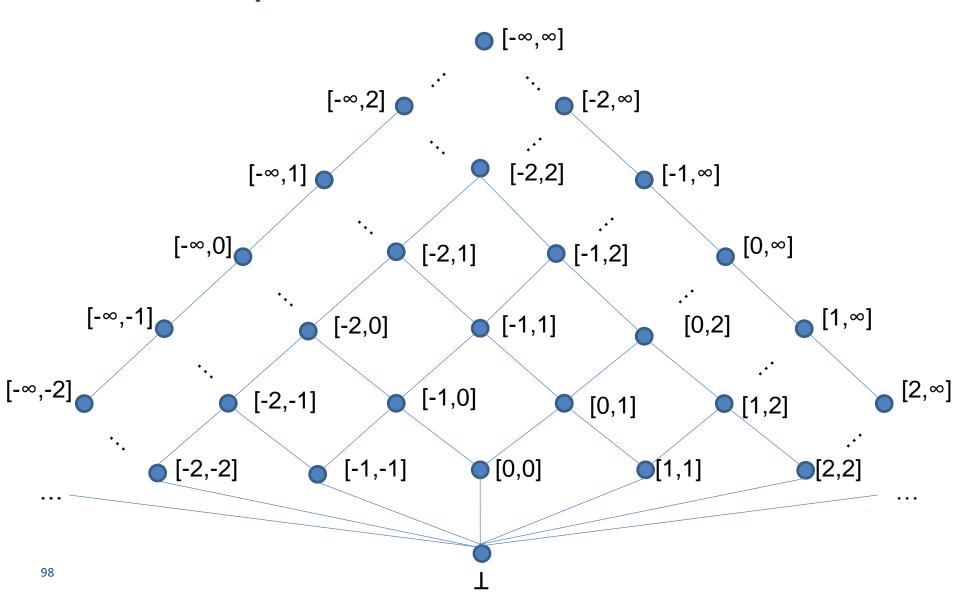
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```
pc x y i
7 + + -
```

Is the property verified?

No! The domain is too imprecise!

A more precise abstract domain



Example: Abstract domain

```
foo(int i) {
1: int x = 5;
2: int y = 7;
3: if (i >= 0) {
4: y = y + 1;
5: i = i - 1;
6: goto 3;
7: assert 0 <= y - x;
```

рс	Х	У	i
5	[-2,∞]	[1,7]	[1,2]

Abstract state

```
foo(int i) {
1: int x = 5;
2: int y = 7;
3: if (i >= 0) {
  y = y + 1;
5: i = i - 1;
  goto 3;
7: assert 0 <= y - x;
```

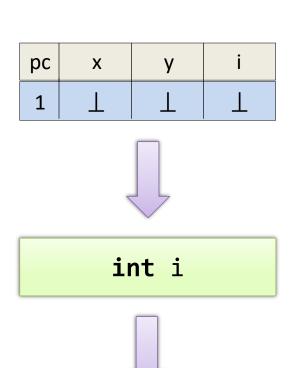
рс	х	У	i		
1	上		1		



int i



```
foo(int i) {
1: int x = 5;
2: int y = 7;
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  y = y + 1;
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  goto 3;
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```



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```

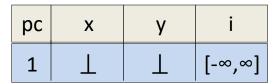
рс	Х	У	i
1	上	Т	[-∞,∞]



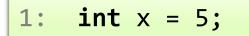
1: int
$$x = 5$$
;



```
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1: int x = 5;
2: int y = 7;
3: if (i >= 0) {
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```









рс	х	У	i
2	[5,5]		[-∞,∞]

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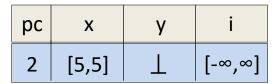
рс	Х	У	i
2	[5,5]	Т	[-∞,∞]



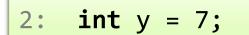
2:
$$int y = 7;$$



```
foo(int i) {
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3: if (i >= 0) {
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5: i = i - 1;
  goto 3;
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```









рс	Х	У	i
3	[5,5]	[7,7]	[-∞,∞]

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рс	Х	У	i
4	[5,5]	[7,7]	[0,∞]

рс	Х	У	i
7	[5,5]	[7,7]	[-∞,-1]

```
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```

рс	Х	У	i
4	[5,5]	[7,7]	[0,∞]



$$4: y = y + 1;$$



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```





$$y = y + 1;$$



рс	Х	У	i
5	[5,5]	[8,8]	[0,∞]

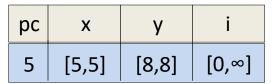
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рс	Х	У	i
6	[5,5]	[8,8]	[-1,∞]

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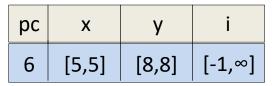
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6: **goto** 3;



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рс	х	У	i
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3	[5,5]	[7,8]	[-∞,∞]





рс	х	У	i
4	[5,5]	[7,8]	[0,∞]

рс	Х	У	i
7	[5,5]	[7,8]	[-∞,-1]

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$$4: y = y + 1;$$



This will not terminate!

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3	[5,5]	[8,8]	[-1,∞]

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3	[5,5]	[8,8]	[-1,∞]

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JOIN WIDEN



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Exercise: Property

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Is the property verified?

Exercise: Property

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Is the property verified?

Yes! The domain is precise enough!

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