Doop: The Latest

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Our Framework

- Datalog-based pointer analysis framework for Java
- Declarative: what, not how



- Sophisticated, very rich set of analyses
 - subset-based analysis, fully on-the-fly call graph discovery, field-sensitivity, context-sensitivity, callsite sensitive, object sensitive, thread sensitive, context-sensitive heap, abstraction, type filtering, precise exception analysis

Support for full semantic complexity of Java

• jvm initialization, reflection analysis, threads, reference queues, native methods, class initialization, finalization, cast checking, assignment compatibility

http://doop.program-analysis.org



Pointer (or *points-to*) Analysis



Pointer Analysis



• What objects can a variable point to?

```
program
void foo() {
   Object a = new A1();
   Object b = id(a);
}
void bar() {
   Object a = new A2();
   Object b = id(a);
}
Object id(Object a) {
   return a;
}
```

```
points-tofoo:anew A1()bar:anew A2()id:anew A1(), new A2()
```

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points-to				
foo:a	new	A1()		
bar:a	new	A2()		
id:a	new	A1(),	new	A2()
foo:b	new	A1(),	new	A2()
bar:b	new	A1(),	new	A2()

can clearly see it is a may-analysis

Datalog: Properties

- Limited logic programming
 - SQL with recursion
 - Prolog without complex terms (constructors)
- Captures PTIME complexity class
- Strictly declarative
 - as opposed to Prolog
 - conjunction commutative
 - rules commutative

Less programming, more specification





Datalog: Declarative Mutual Recursion





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b

а

b

а

b

С



sc	our	ce		
a	=	new	A();	
b	=	new	B();	
С	=	new	C();	
а	=	b;		
b	=	a;		
С	=	b;		

Alloc				
a	new	A()		
b	new	B()		
С	new	C()		
Move				

VarPointsTo				
a	new A()			
b	new B()			
С	new C()			
a	new B()			
b	new A()			
С	new B()			
С	new A()			

VarPointsTo(var, obj) < Alloc(var, obj).
VarPointsTo(to, obj) < Move(to, from),
 VarPointsTo(from, obj).</pre>



Datalog: How Well Has It Worked?



- Our decision to write a full Datalog frameworked has worked extraordinarily well
 - ease of development, maintenance
 - ease of experimentation, communication
 - different engines, parallelization
- But not all is rosy
 - some analyses hard to express
 - e.g., Steensgaard-style points-to analysis



One Such Instance: Must-Alias Analysis (latest work)

- Flow-sensitive must-alias analysis on access paths:
 - "must-" : under-approximation
 - do two access paths definitely alias at a program point?
 - alias classes are equivalence classes
 - a ~ b, b ~ c => a ~ c
 - not true of may-alias analyses, unless grossly imprecise (Steensgaard)
 - classes need to be maintained compactly
 - much like the union-find trees of Steensgaard
 - though union operations do not arise here
 - access-paths maintained implicitly

Solution: Specialized Data Structure for Must-Alias





Benefits: Lots of Interesting, Fast Algorithms

- Intersection is the main one
- Often >20x speedup relative to Datalog implementation
 - different factors of 10 due to access path implicit representation, equivalence classes
- But: need to do this outside Datalog



Example Algorithm (Intersection)





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Generalization: DeepDoop

- Extension of Datalog (a DSL) for staging Datalog analyses, importing/exporting to external analyses
- Kudos to Souffle for ideas!
- Also highly useful in other recent work
 - sound may-point-to analysis
- E.g.,
 - point-to \rightarrow call-graph \rightarrow point-to \rightarrow escape \rightarrow point-to $\rightarrow \dots$
 - why non-monotonicity?
 - points-to maintained if !escape
 - points-to strong update if must-alias



Advertising Portion

- What else are we doing?
 - much faster Soot front-end (multi-threaded)
 - open-sourcing LogicBlox engine
 - experiment with Souffle
 - web-based program comprehension service
 - Android analysis
 - reflection improvements
 - information-flow
- Ask me!

