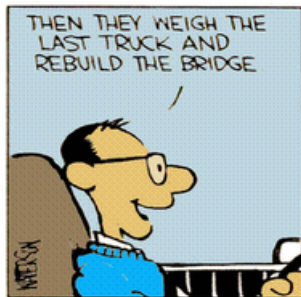
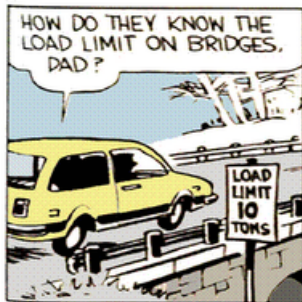


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# Old-Fashioned Eng. vs. CS



## bridges:

engineers can “look” at a bridge and have a pretty good intuition about whether it will hold up or not (redundancy; predictive theory)



## code:

programmers have very little intuition about their code; often it is too expensive to have redundancy; not “continuous”

# Dijkstra on Testing

“Program testing can be a very effective way to show the presence of bugs, but it is hopelessly inadequate for showing their absence.”

unfortunately attackers exploit bugs (Satan's computer vs Murphy's)

Dijkstra: shortest path algorithm, dining philosophers problem, semaphores

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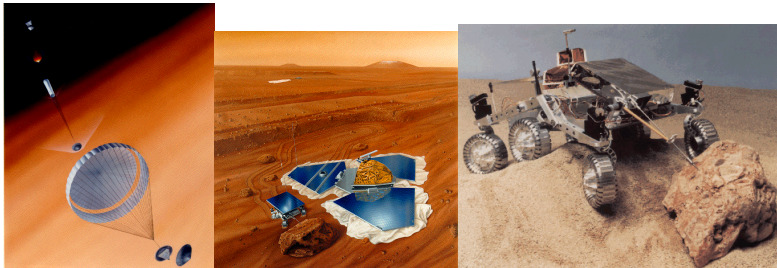
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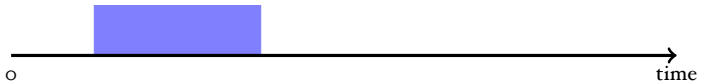
This can be a gigantic proof. The only hope is to have help from the computer. 'Program' is here to be understood to be quite general (protocol, OS,...).

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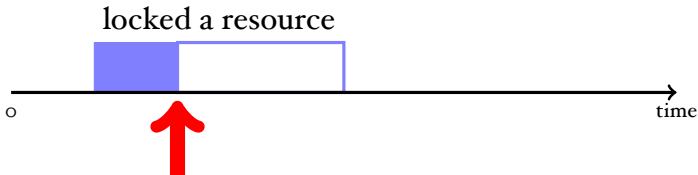


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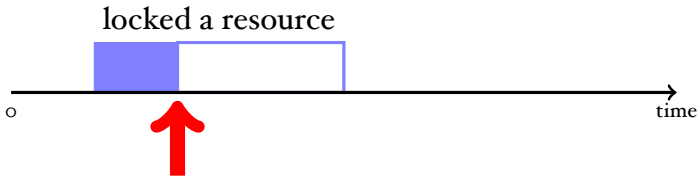


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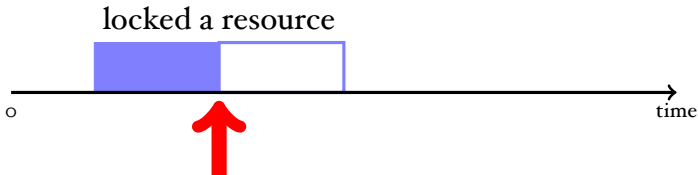


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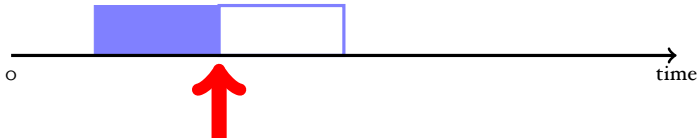


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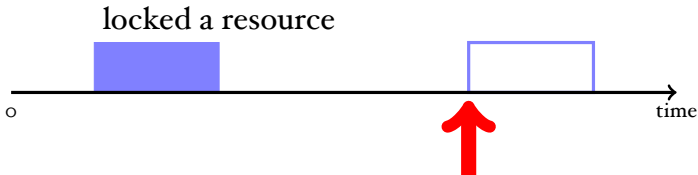
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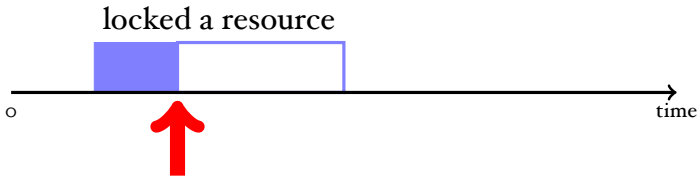
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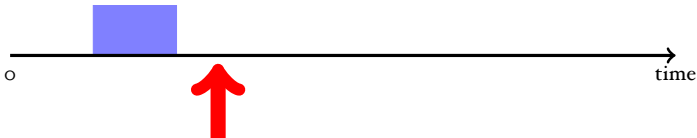
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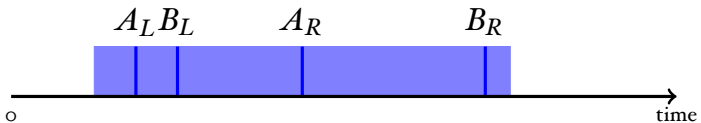


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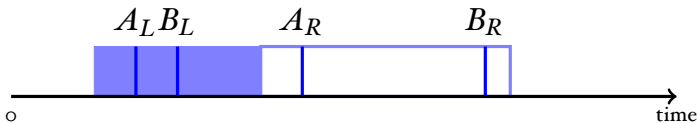
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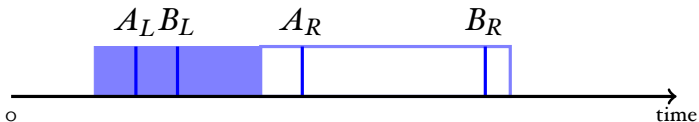




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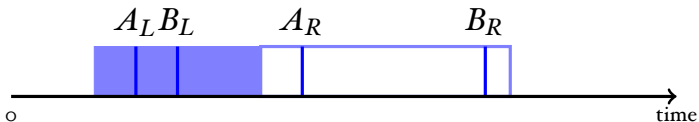
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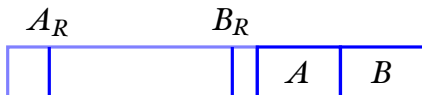
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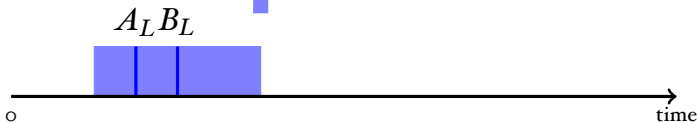
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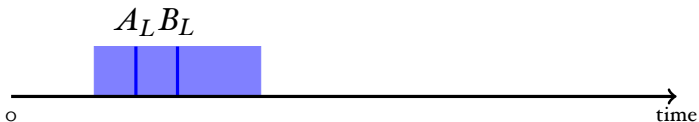
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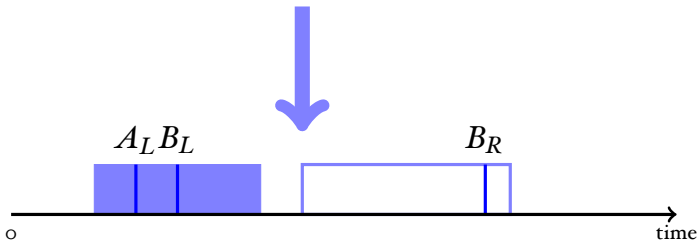
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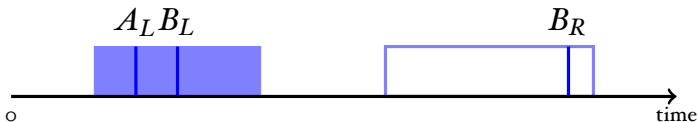
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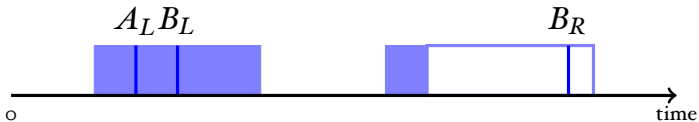
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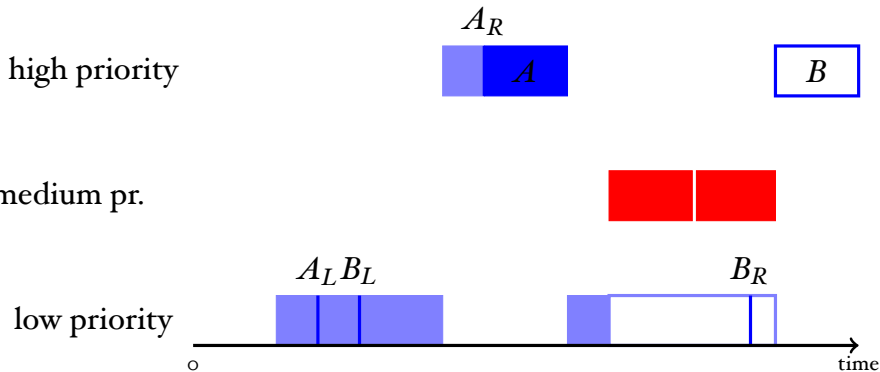


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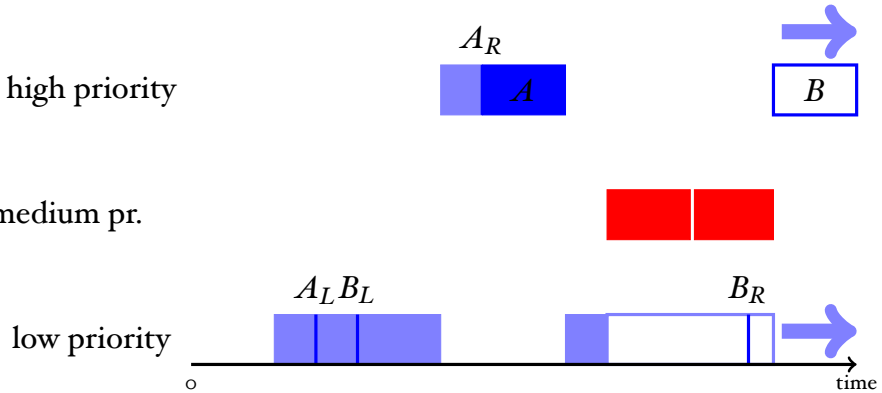


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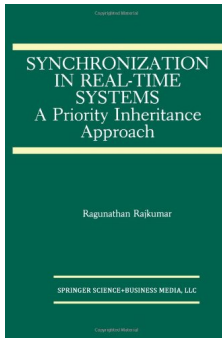
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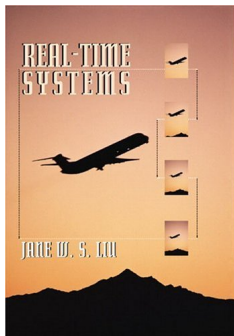
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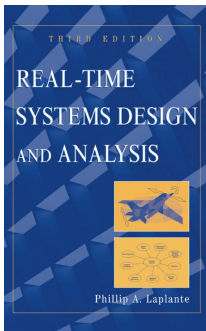
this error is already known since around 1999



- by Rajkumar, 1991
- *“it resumes the priority it had at the point of entry into the critical section”*



- by Jane Liu, 2000
- *“The job  $f_1$  executes at its inherited priority until it releases  $R$ ; at that time, the priority of  $f_1$  returns to its priority at the time when it acquires the resource  $R$ .”*
- gives pseudo code and totally bogus data structures
- interesting part *“left as an exercise”*



- by Laplante and Ovaska, 2011 (\$113.76)
- *“when [the task] exits the critical section that caused the block, it reverts to the priority it had when it entered that section”*

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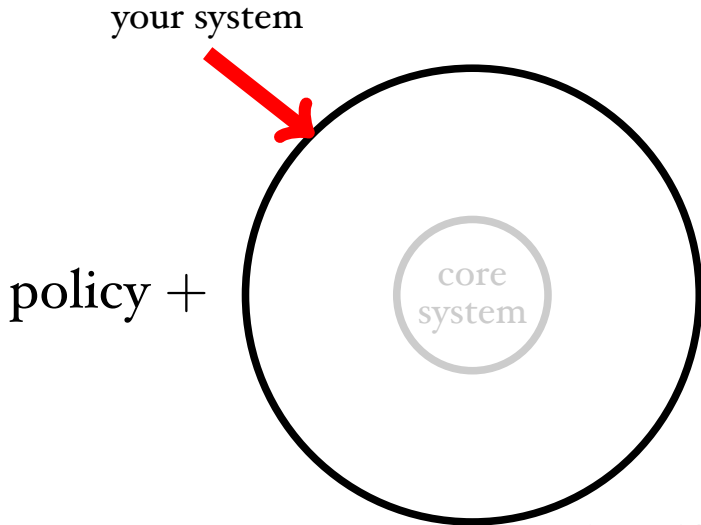


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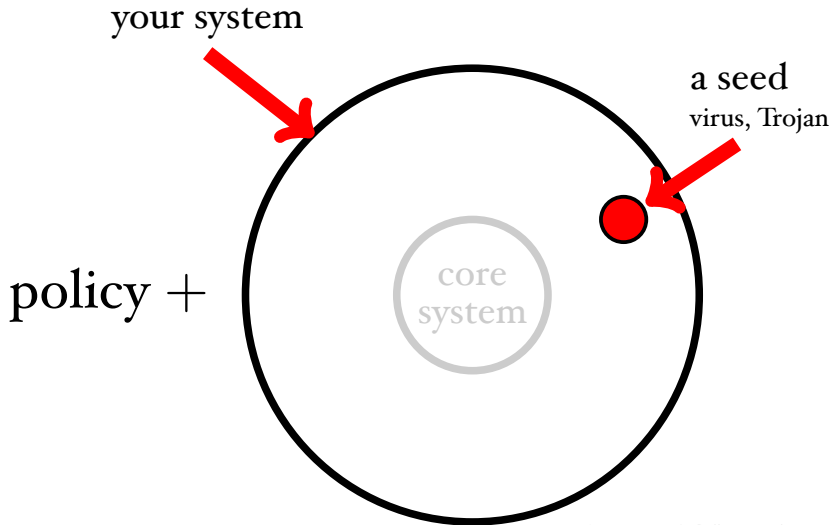
*“what you specify is what you get but not necessarily what you want...”*

main work by Chunhan Wu (PhD-student)

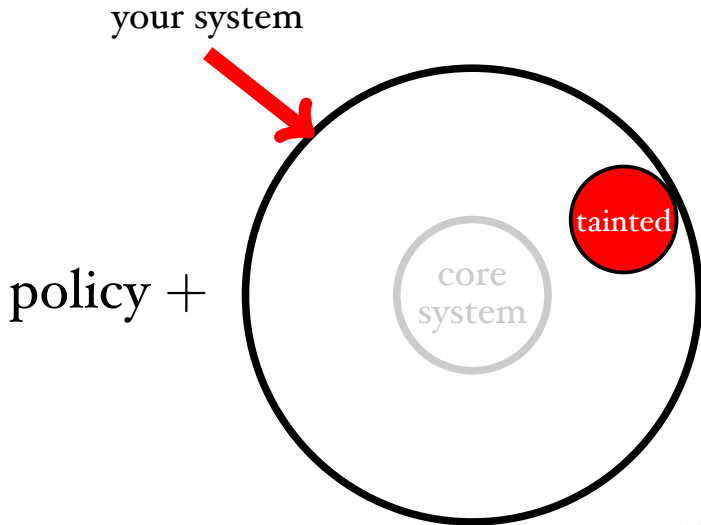
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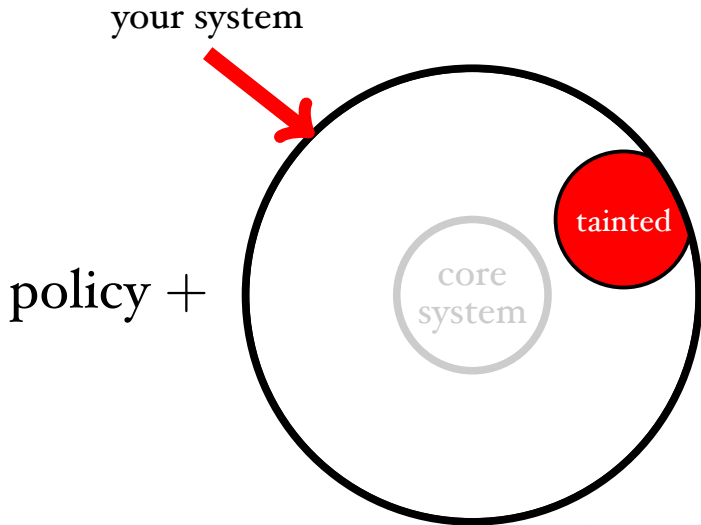
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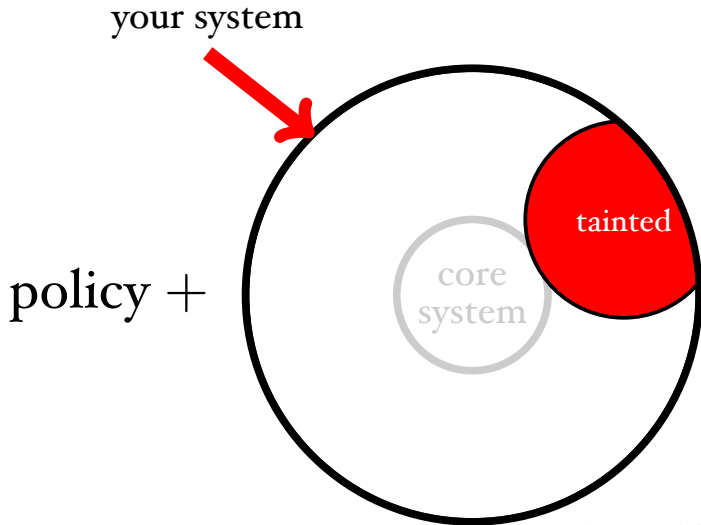
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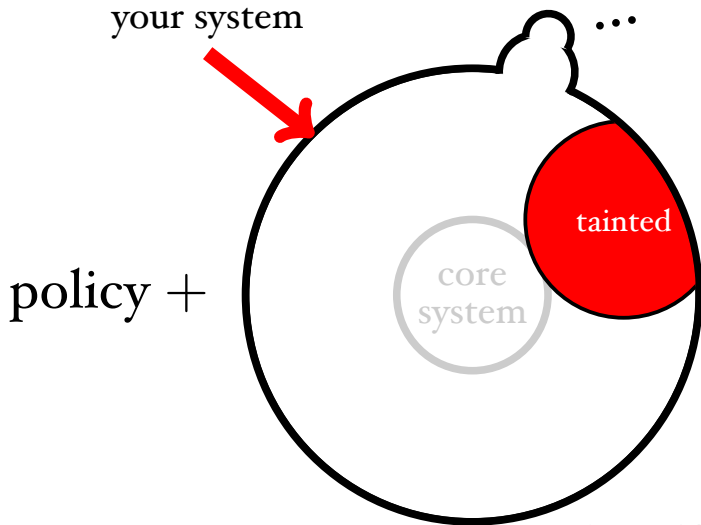
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- **our solution:** take a middle ground and record precisely the information of the initial state, but be less precise about every newly created object.

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- in 2008, verification of a small C-compiler
  - “if my input program has a certain behaviour, then the compiled machine code has the same behaviour”
  - is as good as `gcc -O1`, but much less buggy
- in 2010, verification of a micro-kernel operating system (approximately 8700 loc)
  - 200k loc of proof
  - 25 - 30 person years
  - found 160 bugs in the C code (144 by the proof)

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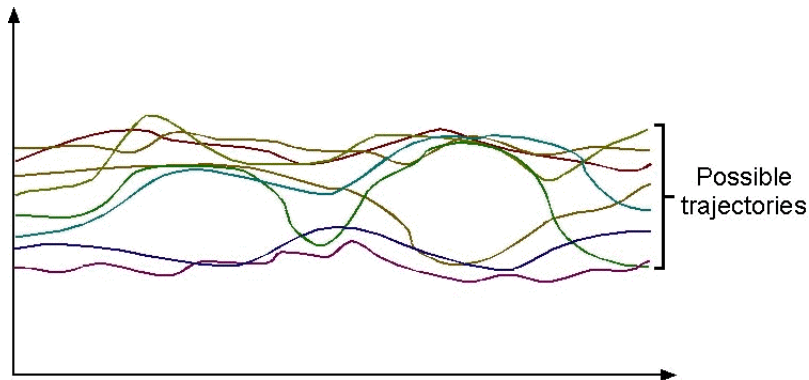
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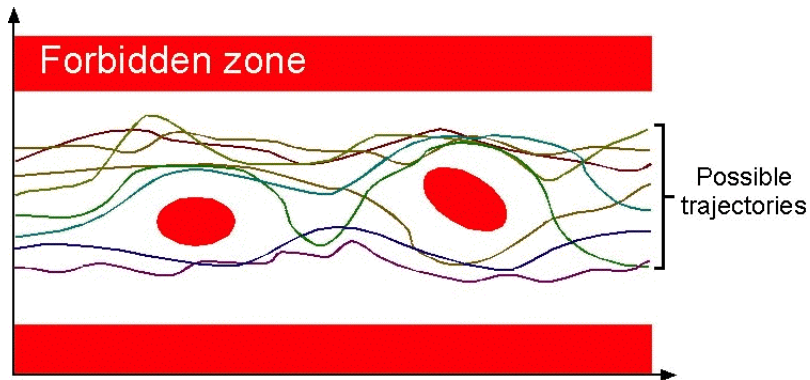


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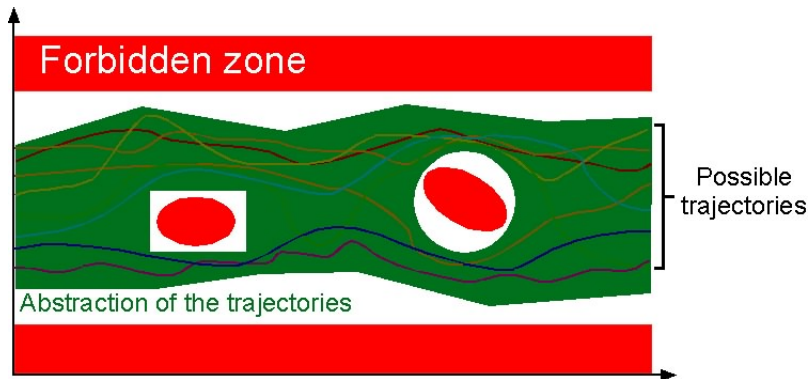


- depending on some initial input, a program (behaviour) will “develop” over time.

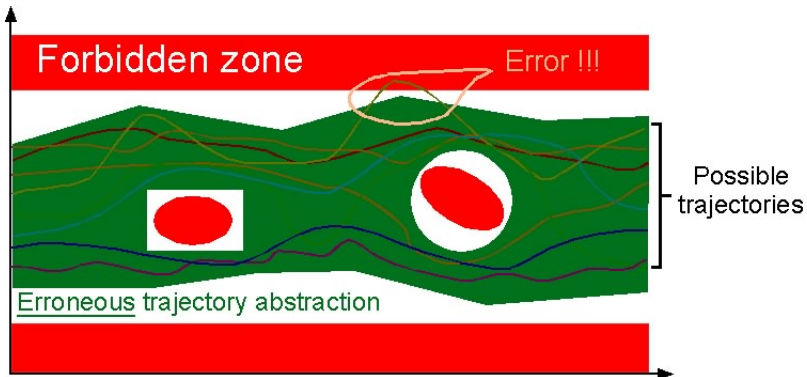
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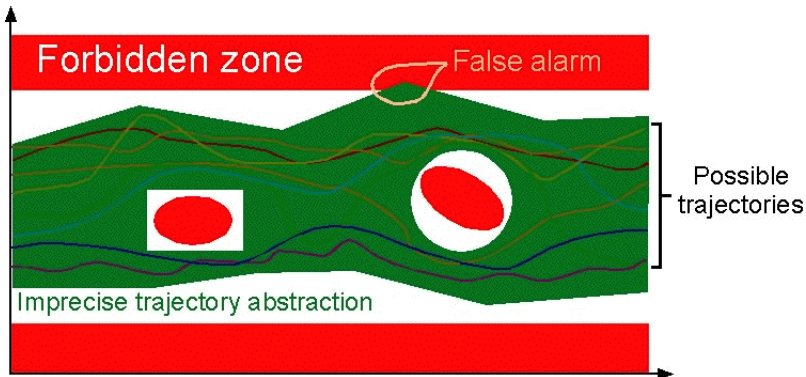


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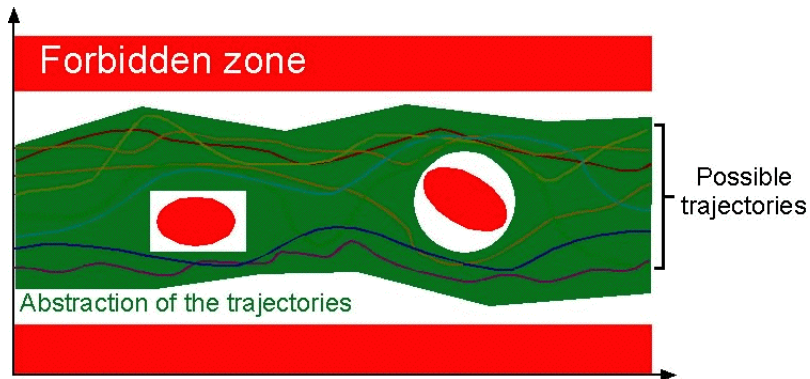
- to be avoided

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- this needs more work

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m1 := 0
m2 := 1
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     tmp := m2
     m2 := m1 + m2
     m1 := tmp
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# Eval

$[n]_{env}$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} n$
$[x]_{env}$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} env(x)$
$[e_1 + e_2]_{env}$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [e_1]_{env} + [e_2]_{env}$
$[e_1 * e_2]_{env}$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [e_1]_{env} * [e_2]_{env}$
$[e_1 = e_2]_{env}$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } [e_1]_{env} = [e_2]_{env} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

```
def eval_exp(e: Exp, env: Env) : Int = e match {
  case Num(n) => n
  case Var(x) => env(x)
  case Plus(e1, e2) => eval_exp(e1, env) + eval_exp(e2, env)
  case Times(e1, e2) => eval_exp(e1, env) * eval_exp(e2, env)
  case Equ(e1, e2) =>
    if (eval_exp(e1, env) == eval_exp(e2, env)) 1 else 0
}
```

## A program

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## Some snippets

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# Eval for Stmts

Let  $sn$  be the snippets of a program

$$[nil]_{env} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} env$$

$$[Label(l) :: rest]_{env} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [rest]_{env}$$

$$[x := e :: rest]_{env} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [rest]_{(env[x:=e]_{env})}$$

$$[jmp? e l :: rest]_{env} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} [sn(l)]_{env} & \text{if } [e]_{env} = \mathbf{I} \\ [rest]_{env} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$[goto l :: rest]_{env} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [sn(l)]_{env}$$

Start with  $[sn(“”)]_{\emptyset}$

# Eval in Code

```
def eval(sn: Snips) : Env = {  
  def eval_stmts(sts: Stmts, env: Env) : Env = sts match {  
    case Nil => env  
    case Label(l)::rest => eval_stmts(rest, env)  
    case Assign(x, e)::rest =>  
      eval_stmts(rest, env + (x -> eval_exp(e, env)))  
    case Jmp(b, l)::rest =>  
      if (eval_exp(b, env) == 1) eval_stmts(sn(l), env)  
      else eval_stmts(rest, env)  
    case Goto(l)::rest => eval_stmts(sn(l), env)  
  }  
  
  eval_stmts(sn("""), Map())  
}
```

# The Idea

```
a := 1
n := 5
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```
a := '+'
n := '+'
top:  jmp? n = '0' done
      a := a * n
      n := n + '- '
      goto top
done:
```

Replace all constants and variables by either +, - or 0. What we want to find out is what the sign of a and n is (they should always positive).

# Sign Analysis?

$e_1$	$e_2$	$e_1 + e_2$	$e_1$	$e_2$	$e_1 * e_2$
-	-	-	-	-	+
-	0	-	-	0	0
-	+	-, 0, +	-	+	-
0	x	x	0	x	0
+	-	-, 0, +	+	-	-
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$$[n]_{env} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \{+\} & \text{if } n > 0 \\ \{-\} & \text{if } n < 0 \\ \{0\} & \text{if } n = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$[x]_{env} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} env(x)$$

$$[e_1 + e_2]_{env} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [e_1]_{env} \oplus [e_2]_{env}$$

$$[e_1 * e_2]_{env} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [e_1]_{env} \otimes [e_2]_{env}$$

$$[e_1 = e_2]_{env} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{0, +\}$$

```
def aeval_exp(e: Exp, aenv: AEnv) : Set[Abst] = e match {
  case Num(0) => Set(Zero)
  case Num(n) if (n < 0) => Set(Neg)
  case Num(n) if (n > 0) => Set(Pos)
  case Var(x) => aenv(x)
  case Plus(e1, e2) =>
    aplus(aeval_exp(e1, aenv), aeval_exp(e2, aenv))
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  case Equ(e1, e2) => Set(Zero, Pos)
}
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# Sign Analysis

- We want to find out whether  $a$  and  $n$  are always positive?
- After a few optimisations, we can indeed find this out.
  - `if` returns  $+$  or  $\emptyset$
  - branch into only one direction if you know
  - if  $x$  is  $+$ , then  $x + -1$  cannot be negative
- What is this good for? Well, you do not need underflow checks (in order to prevent buffer-overflow attacks).