



Data-Driven Context-Sensitivity for Points-to Analysis

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Static analyzer



Heuristics in Static Analysis



Astrée **DOOP** **TAJS** **SAFE**

- Modern static analyzers use many heuristics
 - Which procedures should be analyzed context-sensitively?
 - Which variable should be analyzed flow-sensitively?
 - Which program parts to analyze soundly or unsoundly?, etc
- Developing a good heuristic is an art
 - Empirically done by analysis designers: nontrivial & suboptimal

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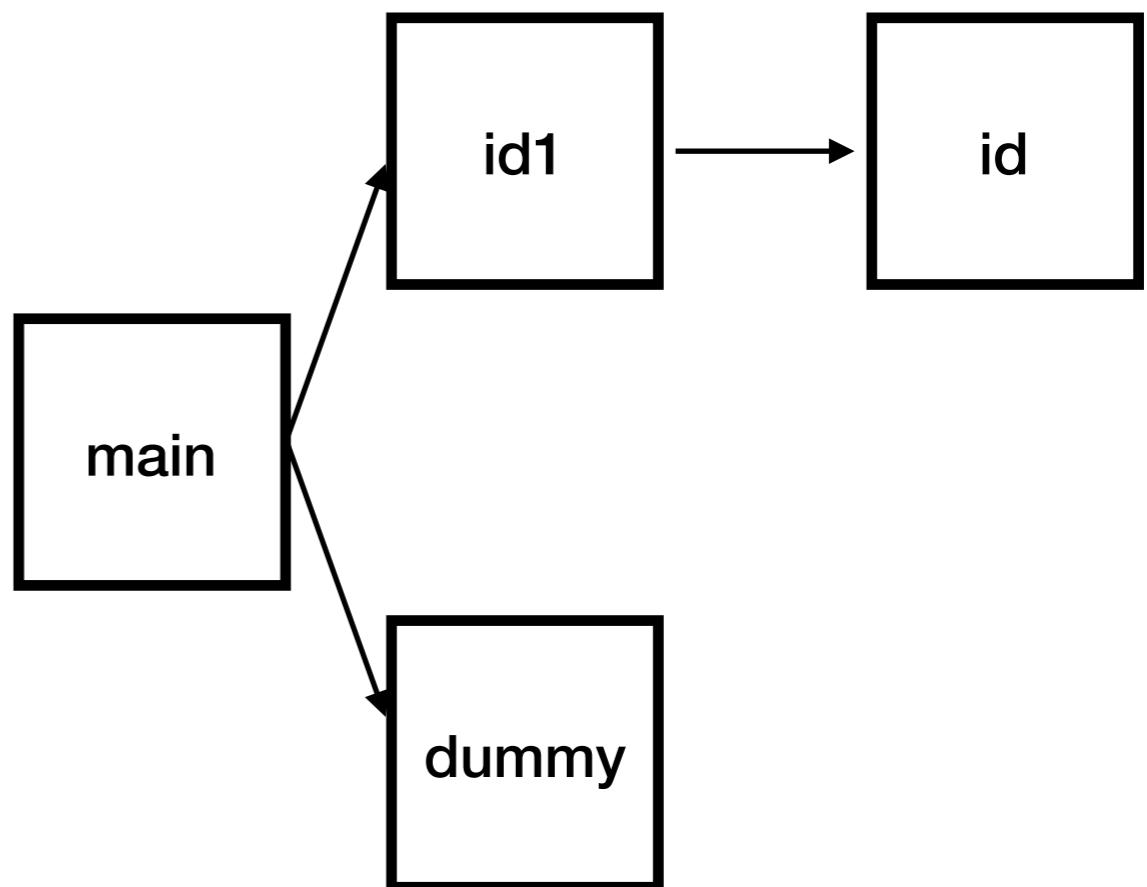
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Context insensitive

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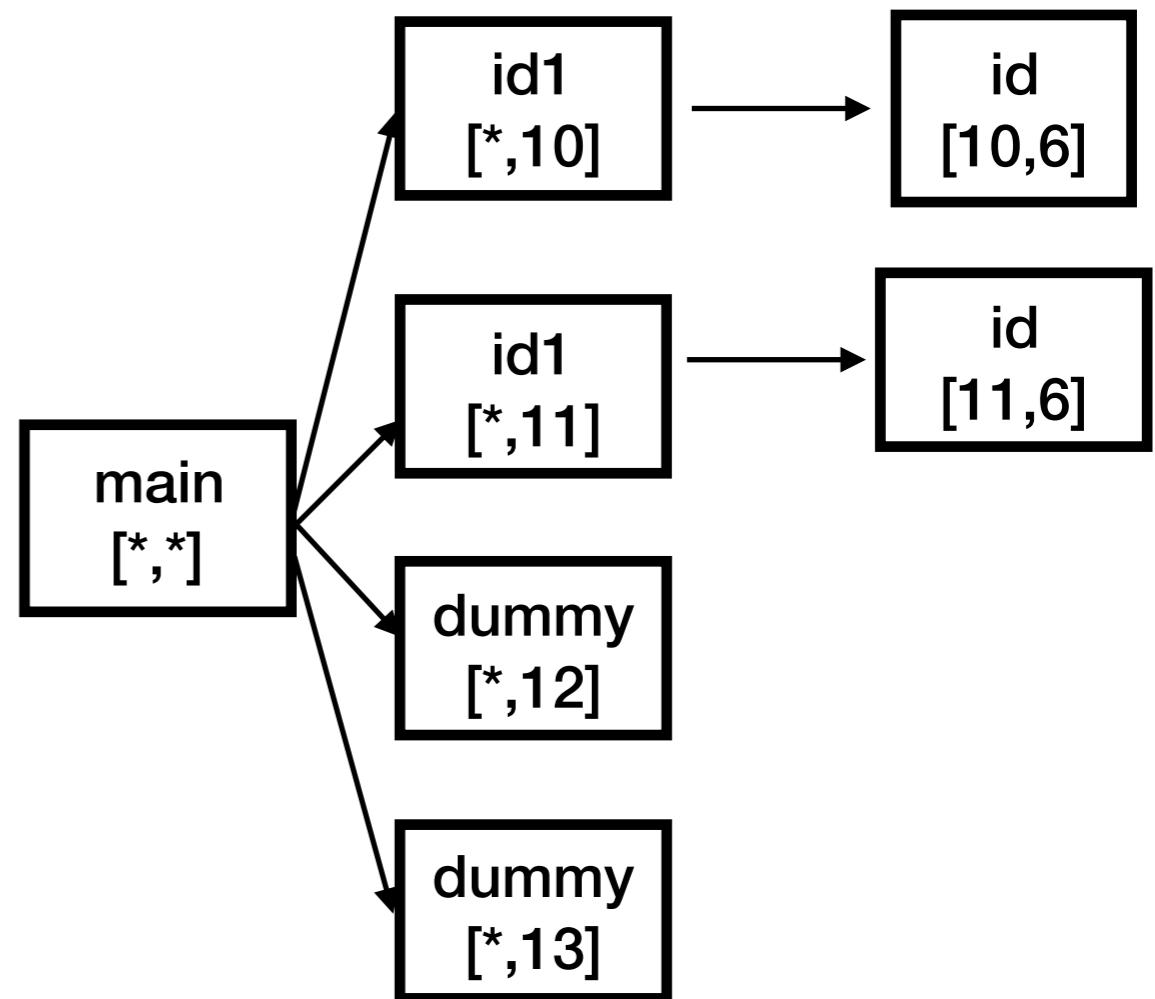
Without context-sensitivity,
analysis fails to prove queries



2-call-site sensitive

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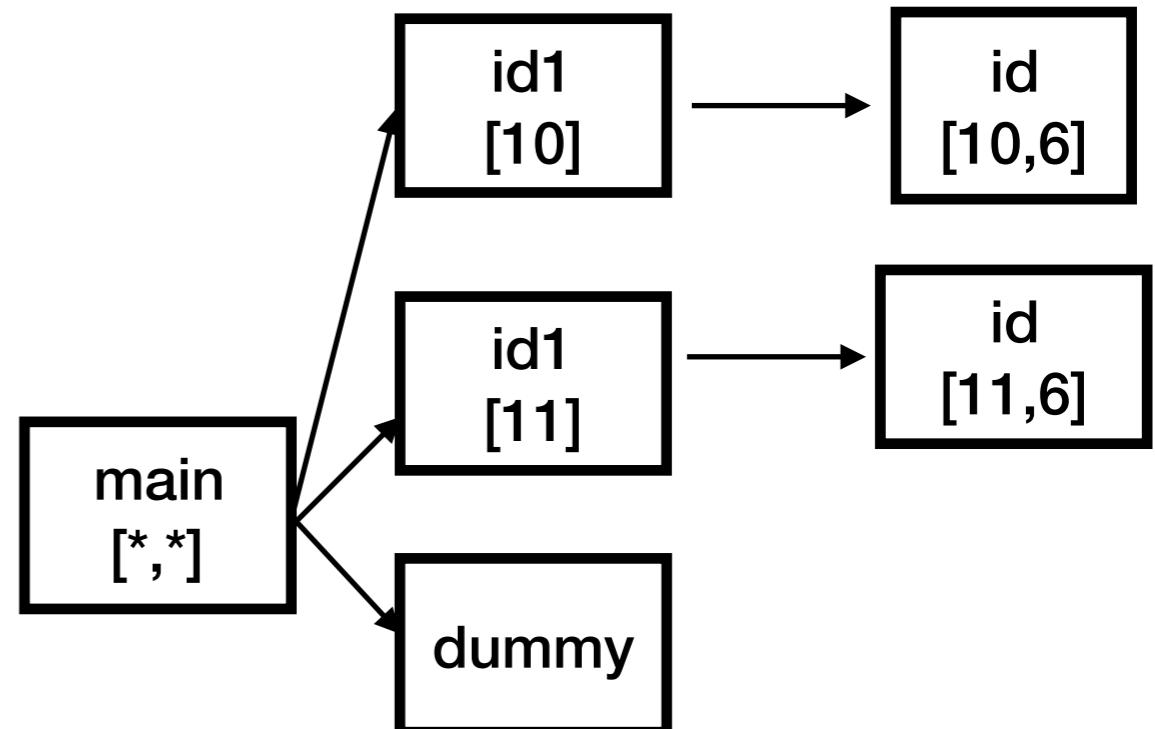
**2-call-site sensitivity succeed
but not scale**



Selective Context Sensitivity

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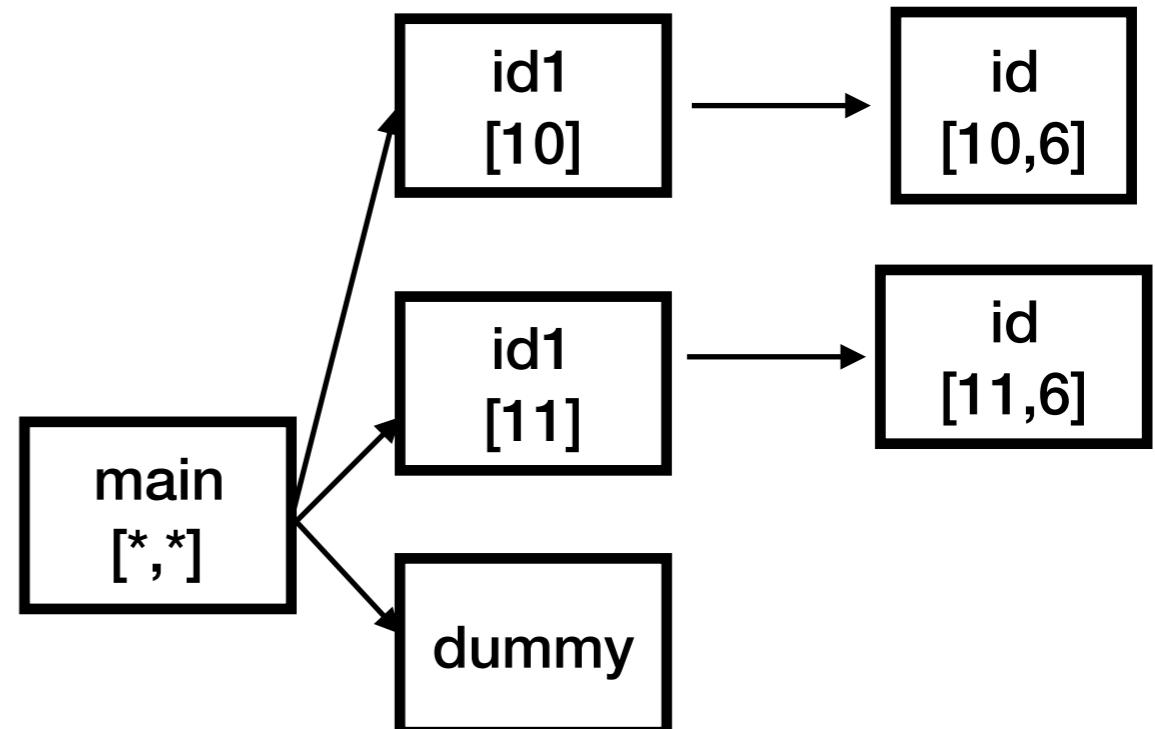


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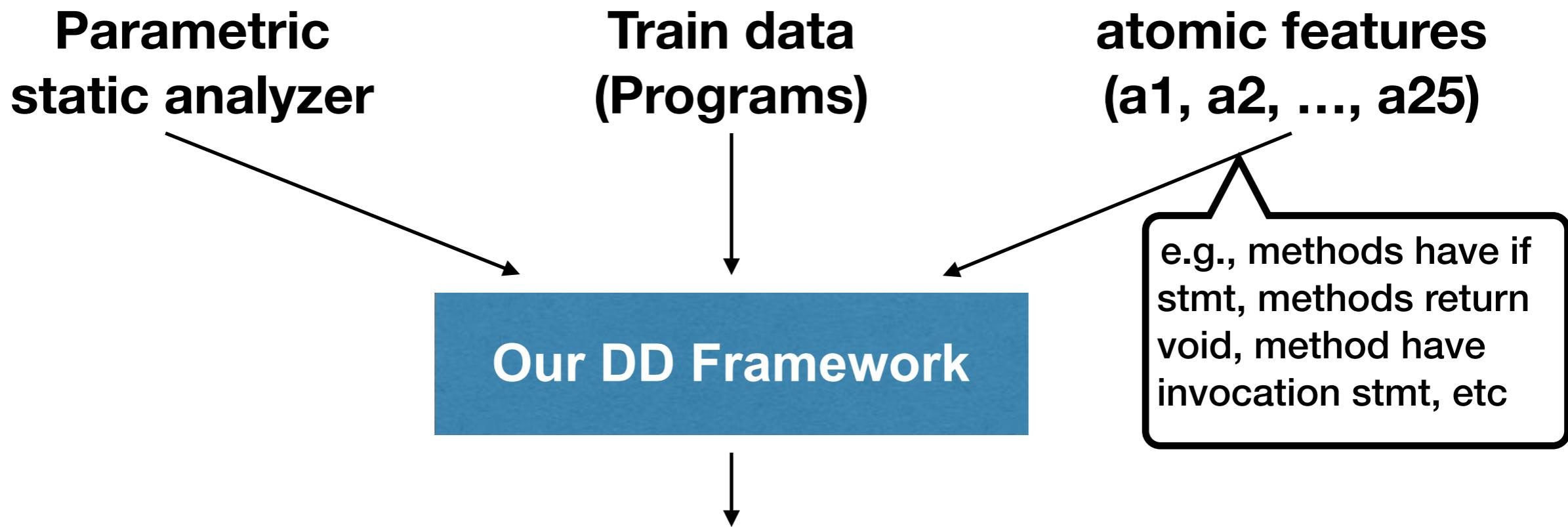
Challenge: How to decide? **Data-driven approach**

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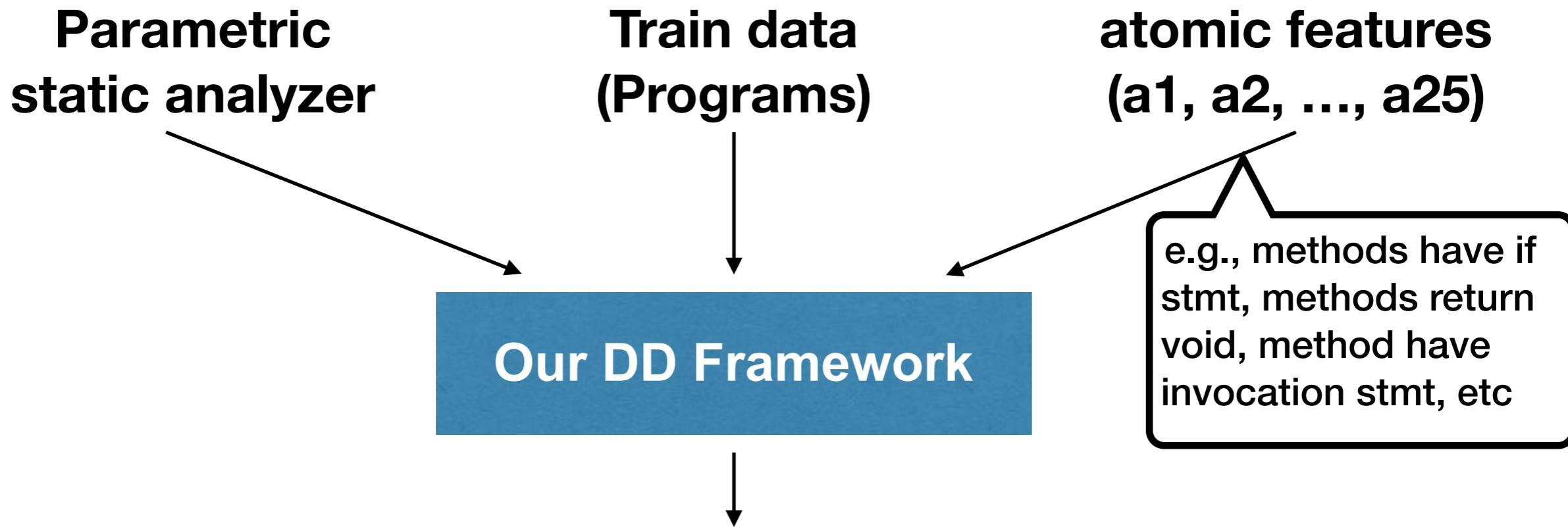
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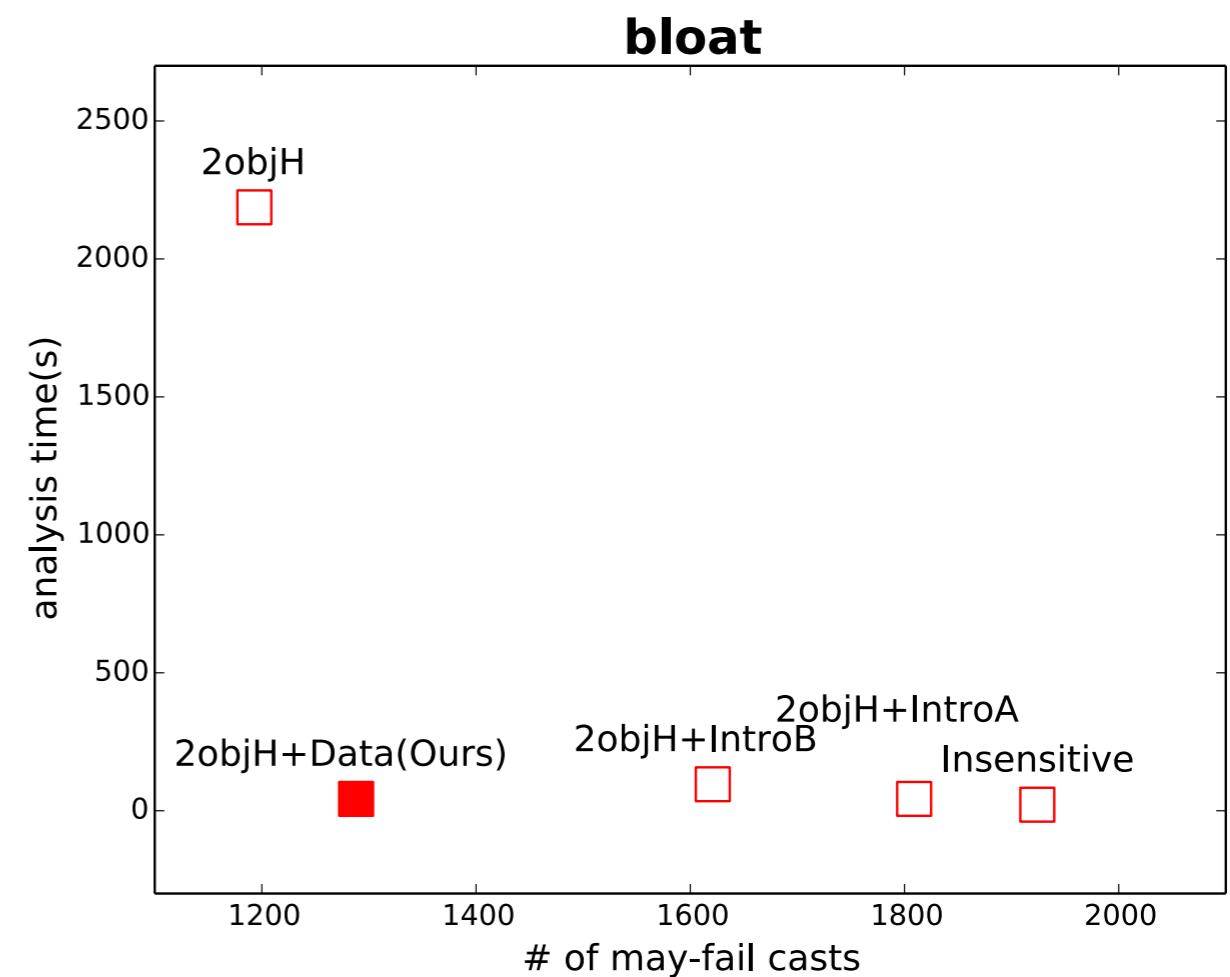
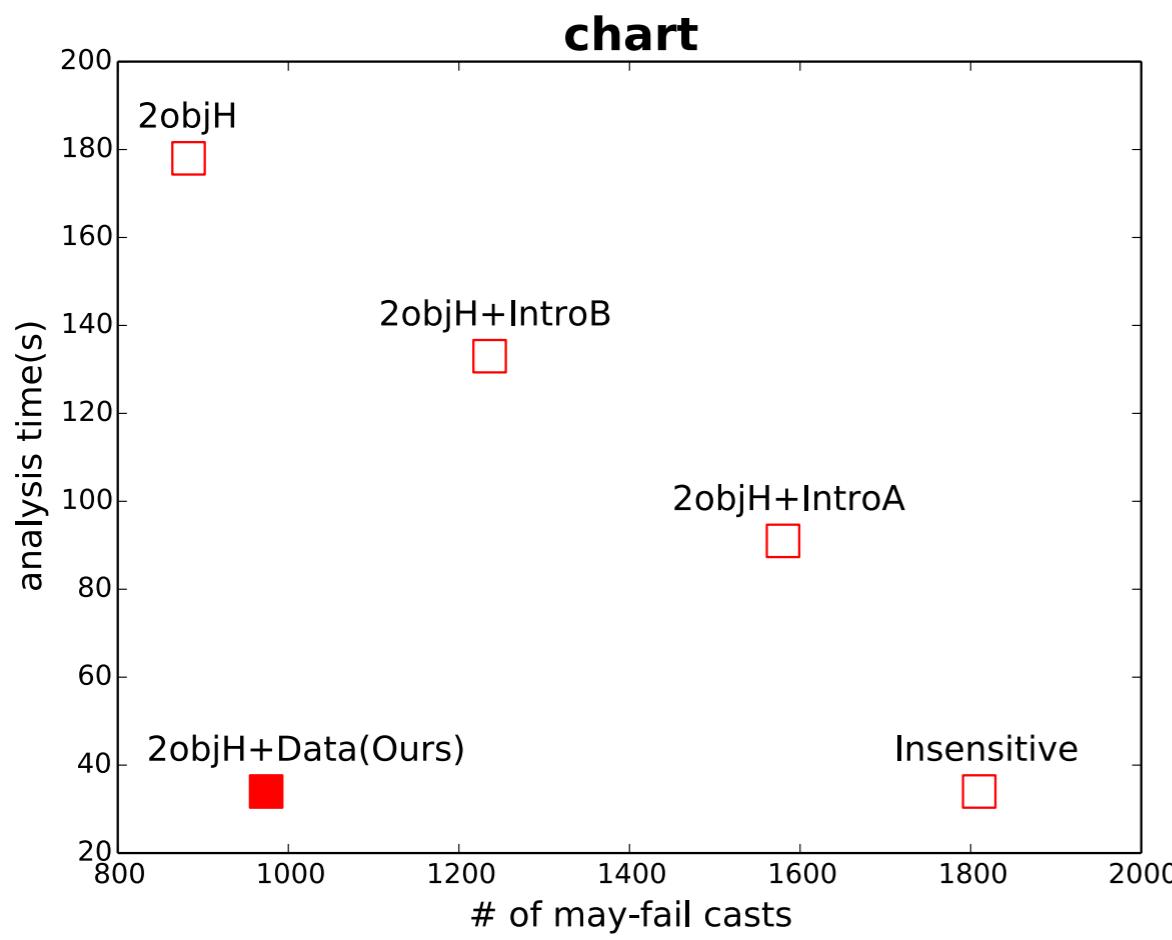
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- Methods that require 1-hybrid object-sensitivity

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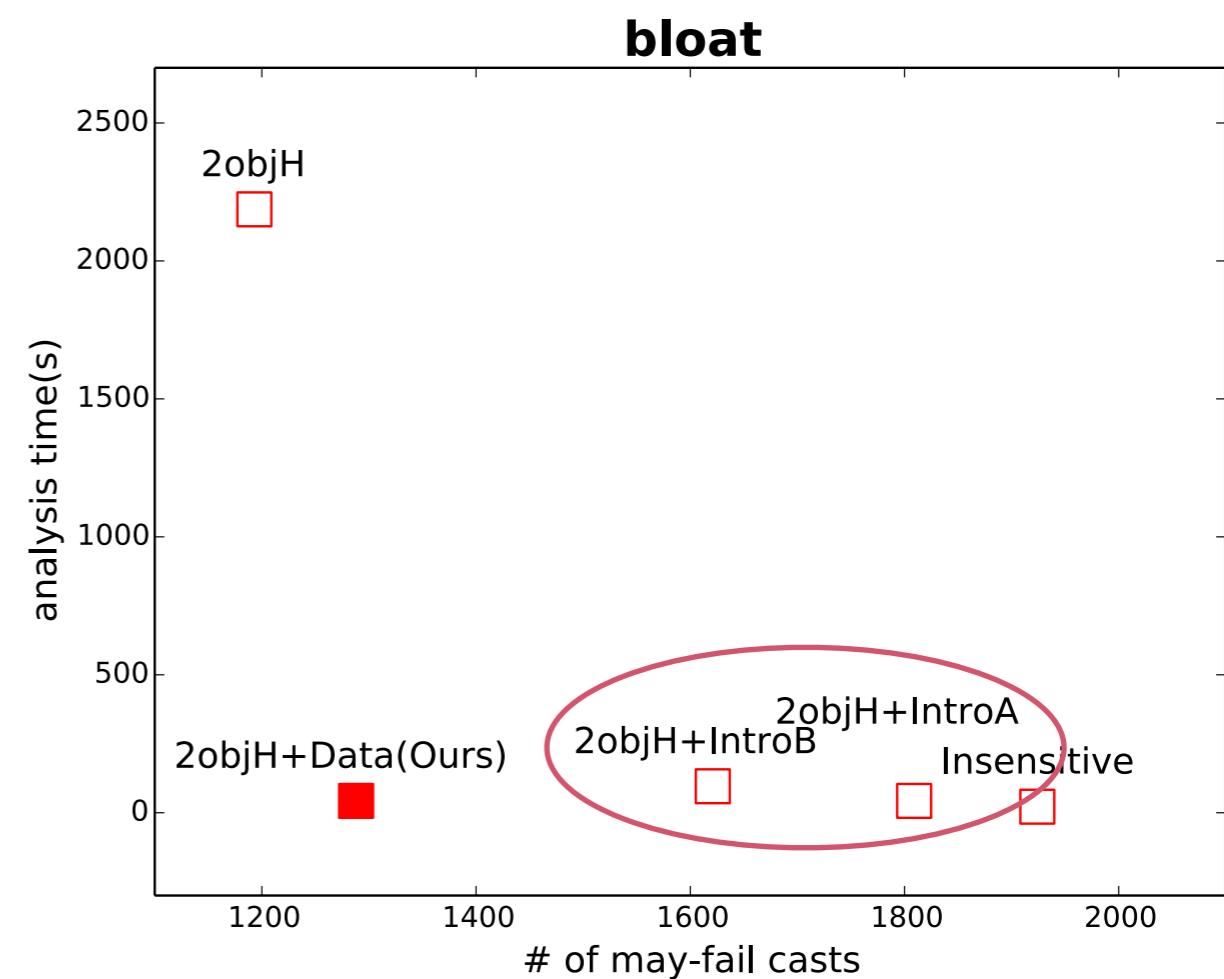
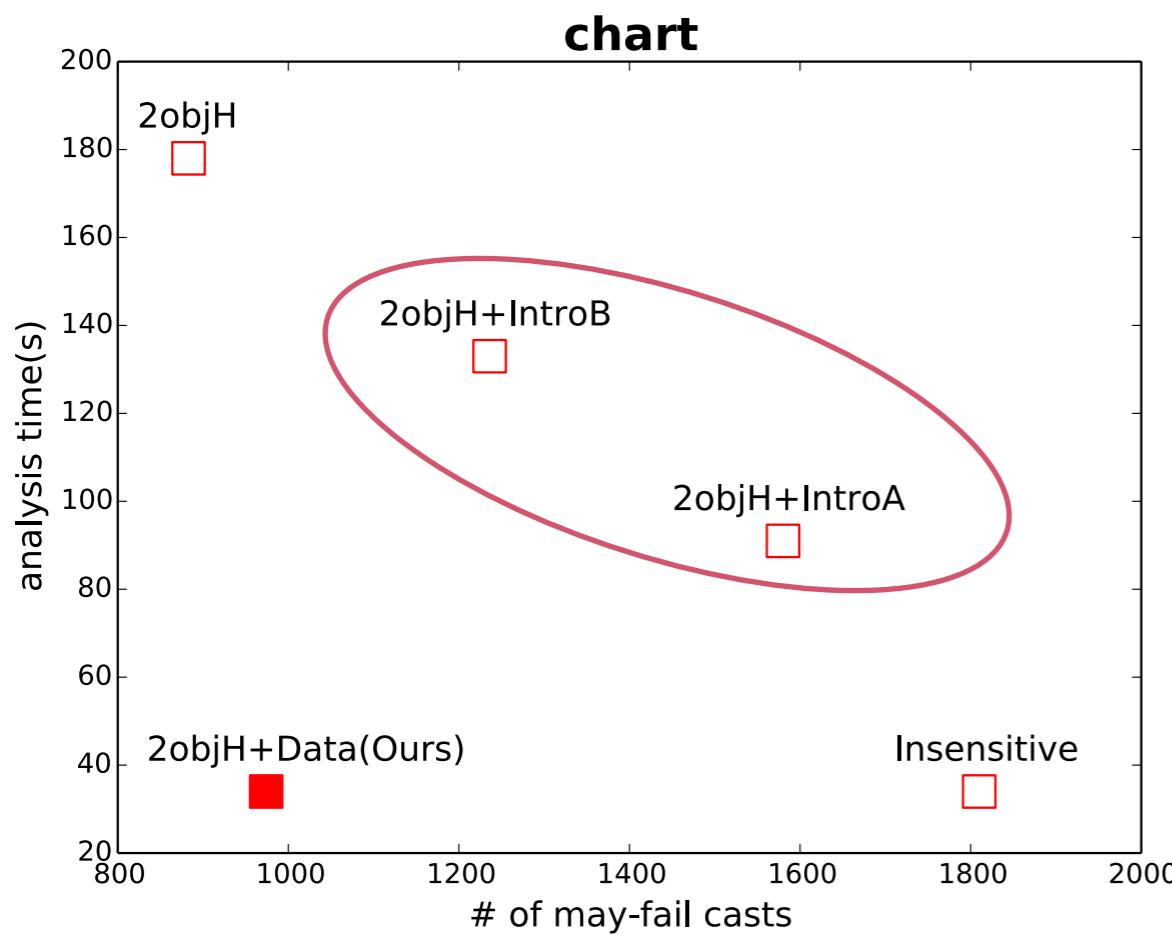
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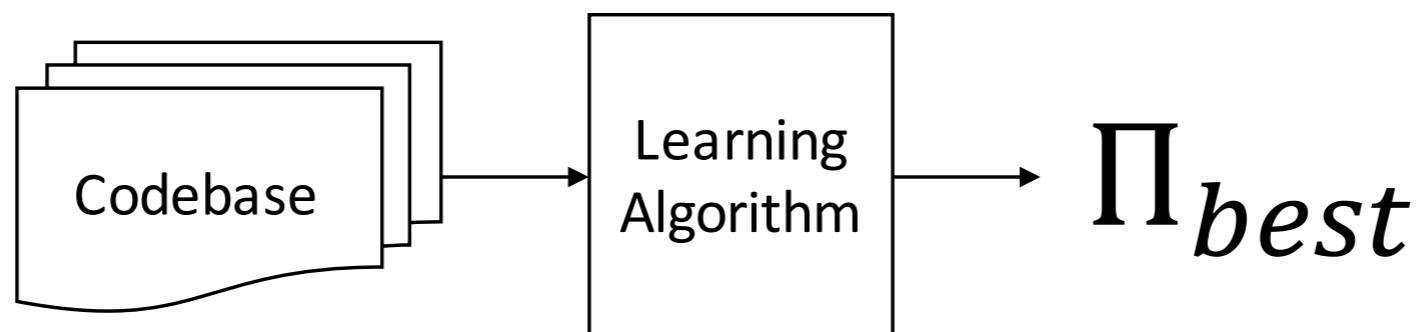
Details

Data-Driven Context Sensitivity

- Parameterized heuristics.

$$H_{\Pi}: M_P \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, k\}$$

- Learning heuristics for context-sensitivity



Model: Disjunctive Model

$$M_1 : \{a_1, a_2\}$$

$$f_2 = (a_1 \wedge a_2)$$

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$$M_3 : \{a_2\}$$

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$$\Pi = \langle f_2, f_1 \rangle$$

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$$M_1 \rightarrow 2,$$

$$\{M_1\}$$

$$M_2 \rightarrow 1,$$

$$f_1 = a_1 \vee a_2$$

$$M_3 \rightarrow 1,$$

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$$M_4 \rightarrow 0,$$

Atomic Features

“Does the method has a specific word in its signature string?”

Signature features

#1	“java”	#3	“sun”	#5	“void”	#7	“int”	#9	“String”
#2	“lang”	#4	“(0”	#6	“security”	#8	“util”	#10	“init”

Statement features

#11	AssignStmt	#16	BreakpointStmt	#21	LookupStmt
#12	IdentityStmt	#17	EnterMonitorStmt	#22	NopStmt
#13	InvokeStmt	#18	ExitMonitorStmt	#23	RetStmt
#14	ReturnStmt	#19	GotoStmt	#24	ReturnVoidStmt
#15	ThrowStmt	#20	IfStmt	#25	TableSwitchStmt

“Does the method has a specific type of statement in its body?”

Optimization Problem

- $\Pi = \langle f_1, f_2, \dots, f_k \rangle$
- Find Π that minimizes

$$\sum_{P \in Pgm} \text{cost}(F_P(H_\Pi(P)))$$

- while satisfying

$$\frac{\sum_{P \in Pgm} |\text{proved}(F_P(H_\Pi(P)))|}{\sum_{P \in Pgm} |\text{proved}(F_P(k))|} \geq \gamma$$

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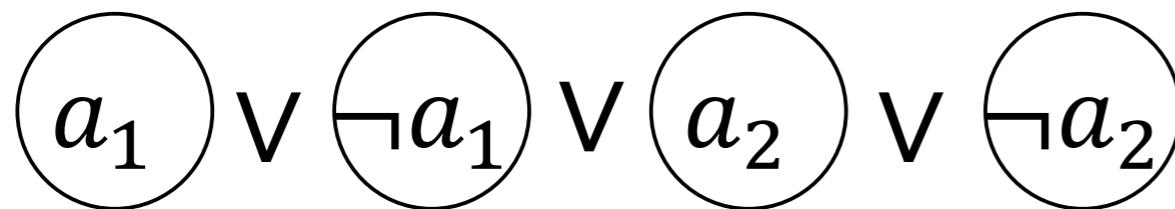
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Has Same Power? Yes.

- We have a theorem for it.
- Please consult with our paper.

Illustration of Algorithm for Searching Boolean Formula f

Initial formula



The most general formula

GOAL: Find f that proves all queries

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a_1	Q1, Q3	20
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Performance Table

$$W = \{a_1, \neg a_1, a_2, \neg a_2\}$$

Refinement Targets

Iteration 1

$$a_1 \vee \neg a_1 \vee a_2 \vee \neg a_2$$

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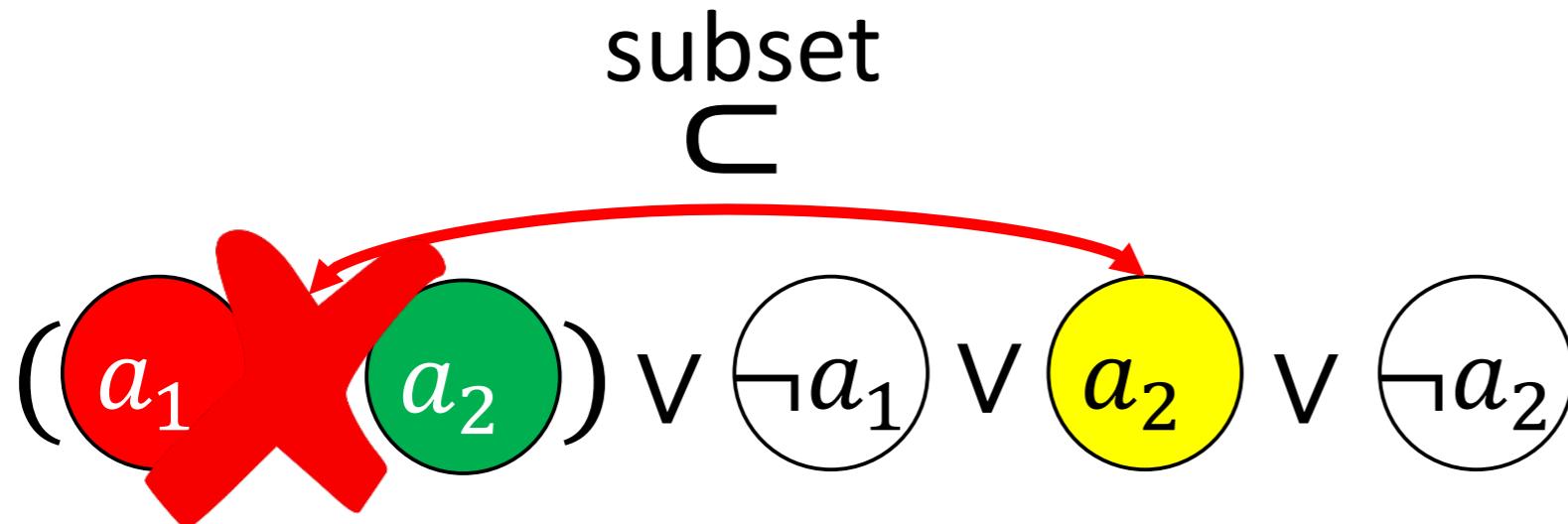
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Current formula
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Drop the refined clause
from the formula

$$W = \{\neg a_1, a_2, \neg a_2\}$$

Iteration 2

$$\neg a_1 \vee a_2 \vee \neg a_2$$

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Again, pick the most expensive clause

$$W = \{a_1, \neg a_1, a_2\}$$

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Remove the clause
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$$W = \{a_1, \neg a_1, \cancel{a_2}\}$$

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Check whether the formula satisfies the precision goal

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$$F_P(H_{\Pi}(P)): \{Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4\}$$

Still, the formula proves all queries

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Iteration 2

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Refined clause
passes subset
checking

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C_1	Q1, Q2, Q4	13

Record the refined clause C_1

$$W = \{a_1, \neg a_1\}$$

Iteration 2

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...and add C_1 to the workset for further refinement

$$W = \{a_1, \neg a_1, (a_1 \wedge a_2)\}$$

Iteration 3

$$C_1 \\ \neg a_1 \vee (a_1 \wedge a_2) \vee \neg a_2$$

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$$\neg a_1 \vee (\textcolor{red}{C_1} \wedge a_1 \wedge a_2) \vee \neg a_2$$

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Remove the clause
from the workset

$$W = \{a_1, \neg a_1, \cancel{(a_1 \wedge a_2)}\}$$

Iteration 3

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Refine the clause
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C_1



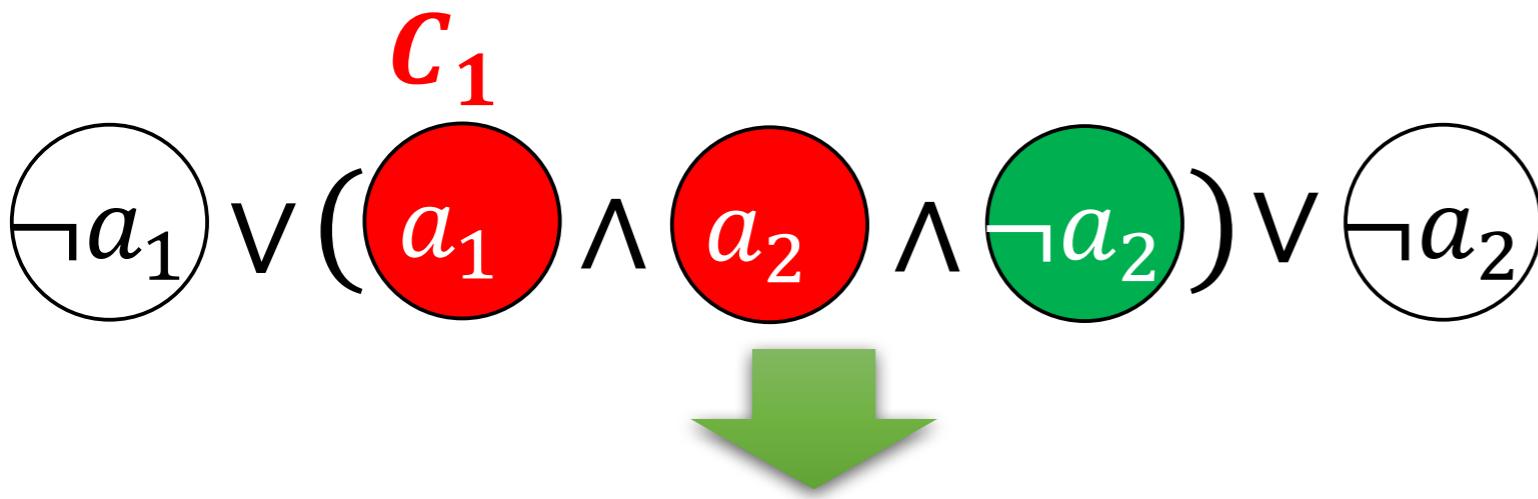
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This refinement failed to prove all queries

$$W = \{a_1, \neg a_1\}$$

Iteration 3

$$\neg a_1 \vee (a_1 \wedge a_2 \wedge \text{X}) \vee \neg a_2$$

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Revert to the last state

$$W = \{a_1, \neg a_1\}$$

After iteration 4 and 5...

$$C_1 \\ ((a_1 \wedge a_2) \vee (\neg a_2 \wedge \neg a_1)) \\ C_2$$

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$$W = \{(\neg a_2 \wedge \neg a_1)\}$$

Iteration 6

$$C_1: ((a_1 \wedge a_2) \vee (\neg a_2 \wedge \neg a_1))$$

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Remove the clause
from the workset

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$$C_1: (a_1 \wedge a_2) \vee C_2: (\neg a_2 \wedge \neg a_1 \wedge a_2)$$

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Refine the clause
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$$W = \emptyset$$

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$\neg a_2$	Q1, Q2, Q4	10
C_1	Q1, Q2, Q4	13
C_2	Q1, Q2, Q3	7

Check whether the formula satisfies the precision goal

$$W = \emptyset$$

Iteration 6

$$C_1: (a_1 \wedge a_2) \vee C_2: (\neg a_2 \wedge \neg a_1 \wedge a_2)$$



$$F_P(H_\Pi(P)): \{Q1, Q2, \textcolor{red}{\cancel{Q3}}, Q4\}$$

	Proven Qs	Cost
a_1	Q1, Q3	20
$\neg a_1$	Q2	7
a_2	Q1, Q2, Q3	15
$\neg a_2$	Q1, Q2, Q4	10
C_1	Q1, Q2, Q4	13
C_2	Q1, Q2, Q3	7

This refinement failed to prove all queries

$$W = \emptyset$$

Iteration 6

$$C_1: (a_1 \wedge a_2) \vee (C_2: (\neg a_2 \wedge \neg a_1 \wedge \text{green circle}) \text{ crossed out})$$

	Proven Qs	Cost
a_1	Q1, Q3	20
$\neg a_1$	Q2	7
a_2	Q1, Q2, Q3	15
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Revert to the last state

$$W = \emptyset$$

END

$$C_1 \\ ((a_1 \wedge a_2) \vee (\neg a_2 \wedge \neg a_1)) \\ C_2$$

	Proven Qs	Cost
a_1	Q1, Q3	20
$\neg a_1$	Q2	7
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Algorithm ends
when there is no
refineable clause.

$$W = \emptyset$$

Experiments

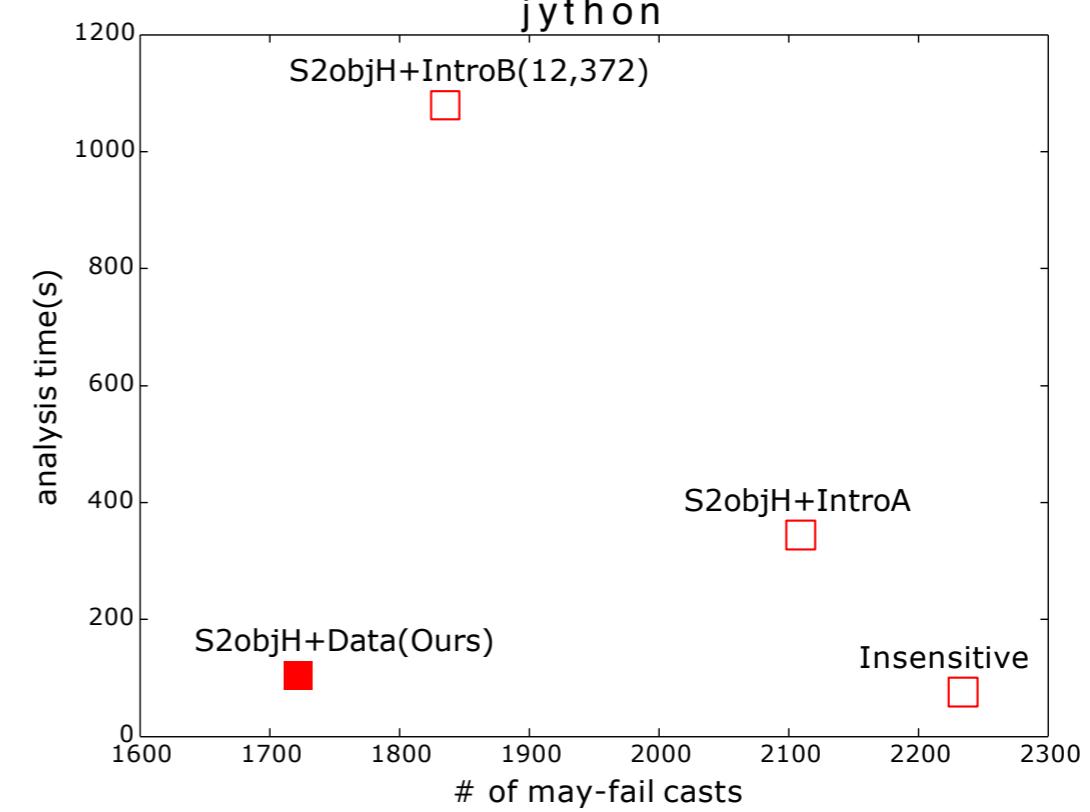
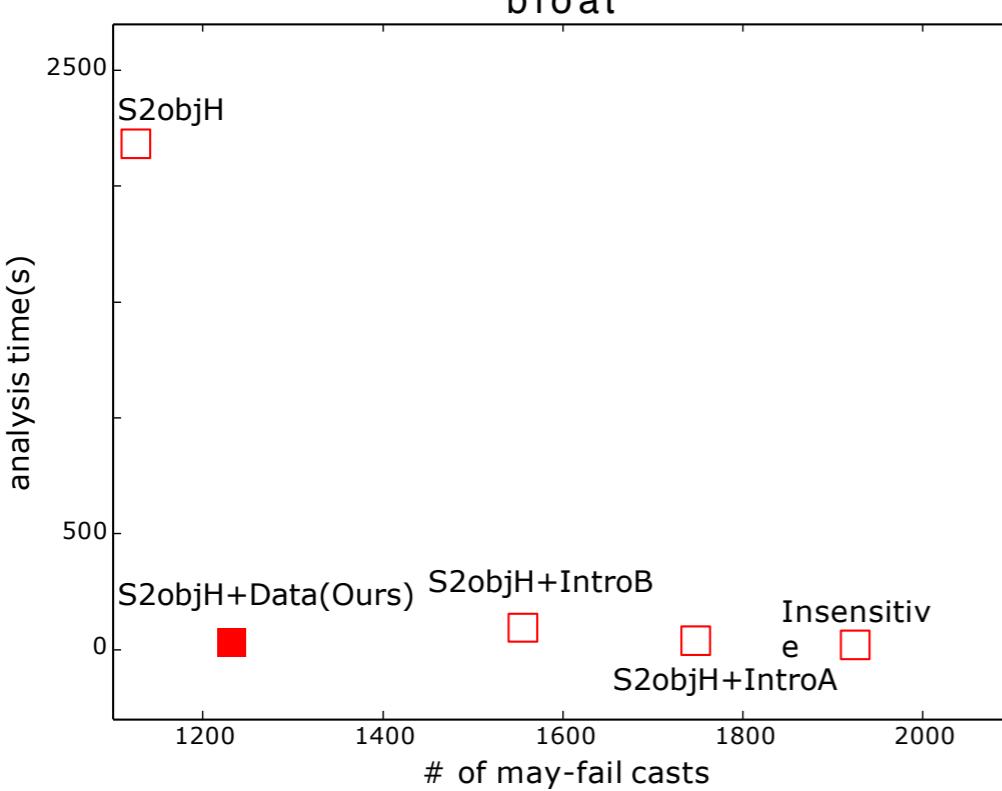
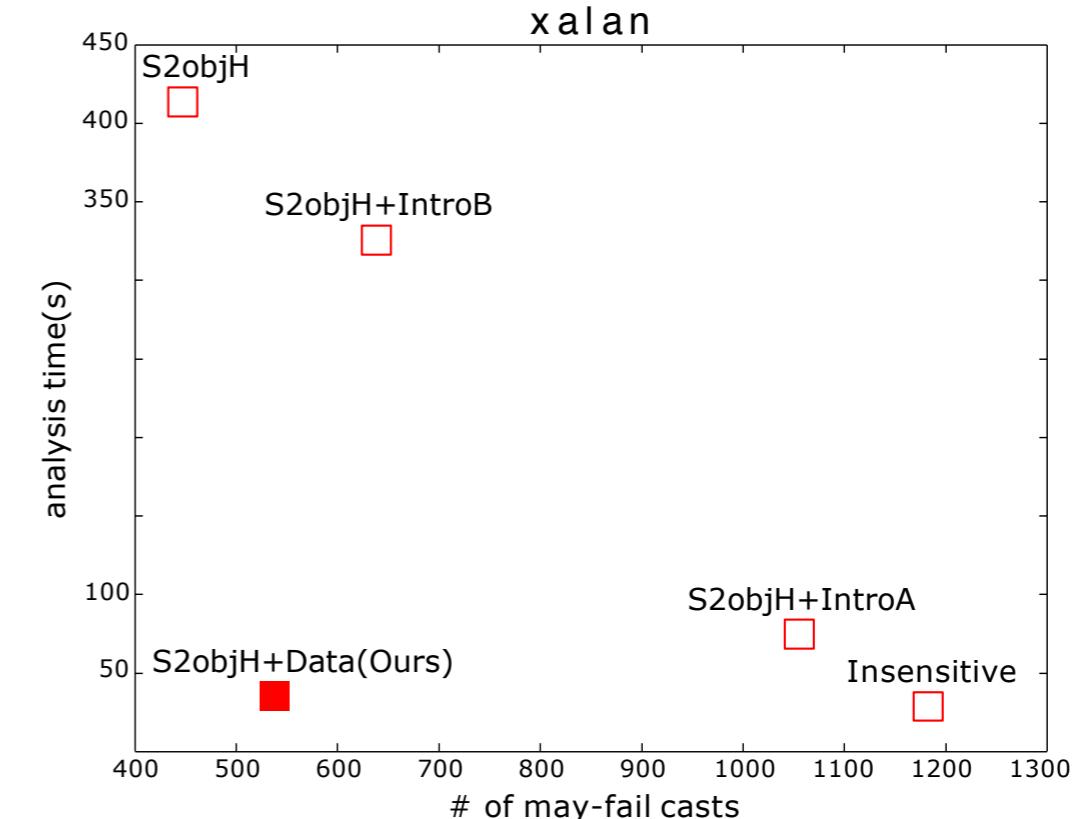
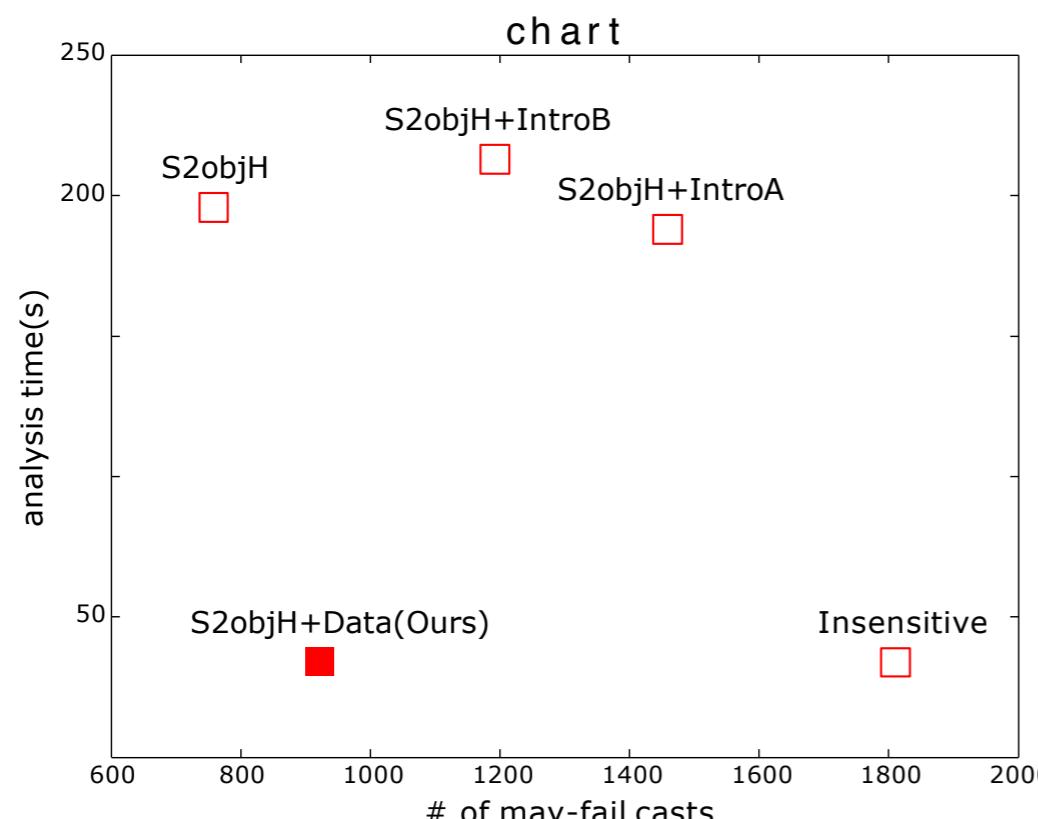
Setting

- DaCapo Benchmark suite
 - Four small programs for training
 - One large programs for validation
 - Five large programs for testing

Research Questions

- RQ1: Effectiveness
- RQ2: Model adequacy

RQ1: Effectiveness



RQ2: vs. Linear Model

- On same time budget for training, disjunctive model out performs linear model

Benchmarks	NON-DISJUNCTIVE		DISJUNCTIVE(Ours)	
	may-fail casts	time(s)	may-fail casts	time(s)
eclipse	946	25	596	21
chart	1,569	48	937	33
bloat	1,771	46	1,232	27
xalan	996	42	539	33
jython	2069	346	1,738	104
TOTAL	7,352	346	5,042	218

Conclusion

EXPERT



Win



Selective Context Sensitivity