Realizing Implicit Computational Complexity

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- 1. **Input program**: simple, imperative
- 2. mwp-Calculus: inference rules



3. **Matrix**: assigned to commands by the inference rules

$$\begin{bmatrix} m & p & 0 \\ 0 & m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m \end{bmatrix}$$

 $\begin{vmatrix} m & p & 0 \\ 0 & m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m \end{vmatrix}$ 4. **Typed flows**: represent variable dependencies in matrix dependencies in matrix

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If derivation succeeds, guarantees that the values computed by an imperative program will be bounded by polynomials in the program's inputs.

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mwp-Analysis: Example

Program

```
loop X3 {
X2 = X1 + X2;
\rightarrow
```

Analysis result

	X1	Х2	ХЗ
X1	m	p	0
Х2	0	m	0
ХЗ	0	p	m

The many properties of *mwp*-analysis

- Multi-variate result
- Language-agnostic, expressive syntax
- Compositional method
- Termination and loop conditions have no impact

- Nondeterministic inference rules
- Derivability problem is NP-complete
- Pen & paper analysis

There were several open questions

- Powerfulness what is the size of the class programs that can be analyzed?
- Richness can it be extended to analyze more commands?
- Practicality can it be used to analyze real-world programs?
- Utility what else can be done with this analysis?

The extended and improved *mwp*-analysis

We defined an *extended* and *improved mwp*-analysis and created a practical implementation.

The extended and improved *mwp*-analysis – highlights

- Improved by defining deterministic inference rules: analysis always completes and can internally handle failure.
- 2 Extended the syntax richness with support for **function calls**, including recursion.
- **3** Gained efficiency by **separating computation** into 2 phases: determining if a bound exists and computing its value.
- Our tool implementation, pymwp, supports complexity analysis on a subset of C syntax.

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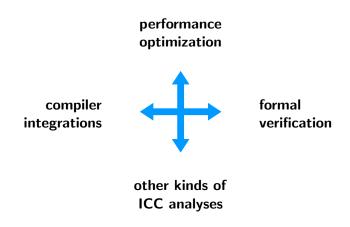
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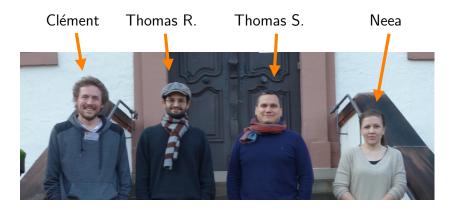
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... but wait, there is more!

Many other directions are being explored



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Our source code – pymwp and more:

https://github.com/statycc