

Static Profiling of Parametric Resource Usage as a Valuable Aid for Hot-spot Detection

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Introduction and Motivation

- **Resources: non-func. numerical properties** about the execution of a program.
 - ▶ Examples: **resolution steps**, **execution time**, **energy consumption**, # of calls to a predicate, # of network accesses, # of transactions, ...
- **Goal of static analysis:**
estimating the resource usage of the execution of a program without running it with concrete data, as function of input data sizes and possibly other parameters.
 - Typical size metrics → actual value of a number, the length of a list, the number of constant and function symbols of a term, etc.
- Significant work done in logic programming.
 - + Allows **analysis of other languages** via **transformation into Horn Clauses**.
- Resource analysis is very useful:
 - ▶ Automatic program optimization.
 - ▶ Verification of resource-related specifications.
 - ▶ Detection of performance bugs, help guiding software design, ...
Example: developing **energy-efficient software**.

Inferring Accumulated Cost [TLP'16, FLOPS'16]

- Helping developers make (resource-related) design decisions:
 - ▶ Which parts of the program are the most resource-consuming?
 - ▶ Which predicates should be optimized first?
- The standard/classical notion of cost only partially meets these objectives:
 - ▶ Predicates w/highest (standard) costs may not need to be optimized first.
 - ▶ E.g., perhaps predicates with lower costs but which are called more often.
 - ▶ The input sizes to such calls are also relevant.
- Need info resulting from a **static profiling** of the program to:
 - ▶ identify the parts of a program responsible for highest fractions of the cost → **accumulated cost**.
 - ▶ I.e., how the total resource usage of the execution of a program is *distributed* over selected parts of it (**cost centers** → **predicates**).

Static profiling → *static inference of the kinds of information that are usually obtained at run-time by profilers.*

Main contribution

Novel, general, and flexible framework for setting up cost equations/reasons.

→ can be instantiated for performing a wide range of static resource usage analyses, including both **accumulated cost** and standard cost.

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 - ▶ Sharing analysis for correctness (conservative: only when there is no sharing among data structures).
 - ▶ *Non-failure* (no exceptions) inferred for non-trivial lower bounds.
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- 4 E.g.:

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- 5 Use the size information to set up recurrence equations representing the computational cost of each clause and compute bounds to their solutions to obtain **cost functions**.

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which is used for the analysis of predicate `nrev`.

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$$\langle app.2.1 \rangle = \langle nrev.1.2 \rangle \equiv length(R1) = length(R1)$$

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$$\langle app.2.2 \rangle = length([H]) \quad (\text{explicit size})$$

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$$\langle app.2.3 \rangle = \langle app.2.1 \rangle + \langle app.2.2 \rangle \quad \text{using } Sz_3^{app}(x, y) = x + y$$

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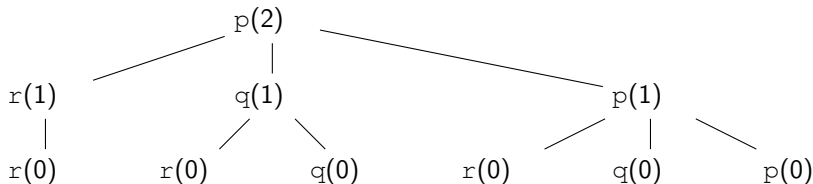
Size Analysis (size relations): Example

- The size of the output argument of `nrev(A, B)` is given by the following equations (where $n = \text{length}(A)$):
$$Sz_2^{nrev}(0) = 0$$
$$Sz_2^{nrev}(n) = Sz_2^{nrev}(n - 1) + 1$$
- Solution: $Sz_2^{nrev}(n) = n$.
The length (size) of the output argument of `nrev` is equal to the length of its input.

Standard Cost: Intuition

```
p(0).  
p(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y), p(Y).  
  
q(0).  
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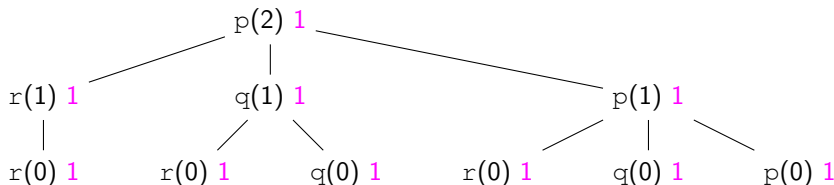
The **standard cost** of a call $p(2)$ (in number of resolution steps): $C_p(2)$.
(assume the builtins $>/2$ and $is/2$ have zero cost)



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The **standard cost** of a call $p(2)$ (in number of resolution steps): $C_p(2) = 10$.
(also: $C_r(1) = 2$ and $C_q(1) = 3$).



Standard Cost Relations Framework: Intuition

```
p(0) .  
p(X) :- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y), p(Y) .  
  
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r(X) :- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y) .
```

Cost relations

$n = \text{size}(X) = X$ (actual value of X)

Standard cost of p :

$$C_p(0) = 1$$

$$C_p(n) = 1 + C_r(n-1) + C_q(n-1) + C_p(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

Standard cost of q :

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Standard cost of r :

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Standard Cost Relations Framework: Intuition

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p(0) .  
p(X) :- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y), p(Y) .
```

```
q(0) .  
q(X) :- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y) .
```

```
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Standard cost of r \rightarrow closed-form: $C_r(n) = n + 1$, for $n \geq 0$.

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```
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Cost relations

$n = \text{size}(X) = X$ (actual value of X)

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$$C_p(0) = 1$$

$$C_p(n) = 1 + C_r(n-1) + C_q(n-1) + C_p(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

Standard cost of q \rightarrow closed form: $C_q(n) = \frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{3}{2}n + 2$ for $n \geq 0$.

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$$C_q(n) = 1 + n + C_q(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

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Standard Cost Relations Framework: Intuition

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$n = \text{size}(X) = X$ (actual value of X)

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$$C_p(0) = 1$$

$$C_p(n) = 1 + n + \frac{1}{2} (n-1)^2 + \frac{3}{2} (n-1) + 2 + C_p(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

Standard cost of $q \rightarrow$ closed form: $C_q(n) = \frac{1}{2} n^2 + \frac{3}{2} n + 2$ for $n \geq 0$.

$$C_q(0) = 1$$

$$C_q(n) = 1 + n + C_q(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

Standard cost of $r \rightarrow$ closed-form: $C_r(n) = n + 1$, for $n \geq 0$.

$$C_r(0) = 1$$

$$C_r(n) = 1 + C_r(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

Standard Cost Relations Framework: Intuition

$p(0)$.
 $p(X) :- X > 0, Y \text{ is } X - 1, r(Y), q(Y), p(Y)$.

$q(0)$.
 $q(X) :- X > 0, Y \text{ is } X - 1, r(Y), q(Y)$.

$r(0)$.
 $r(X) :- X > 0, Y \text{ is } X - 1, r(Y)$.

Cost relations

$n = \text{size}(X) = X$ (actual value of X)

Standard cost of $p \rightarrow$ closed form: $C_p(n) = \frac{1}{6}n^3 + n^2 + \frac{17}{6}n + 1$, for $n \geq 0$.

$$C_p(0) = 1$$

$$C_p(n) = 1 + n + \frac{1}{2}(n-1)^2 + \frac{3}{2}(n-1) + 2 + C_p(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

Standard cost of $q \rightarrow$ closed form: $C_q(n) = \frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{3}{2}n + 2$ for $n \geq 0$.

$$C_q(0) = 1$$

$$C_q(n) = 1 + n + C_q(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

Standard cost of $r \rightarrow$ closed-form: $C_r(n) = n + 1$, for $n \geq 0$.

$$C_r(0) = 1$$

$$C_r(n) = 1 + C_r(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

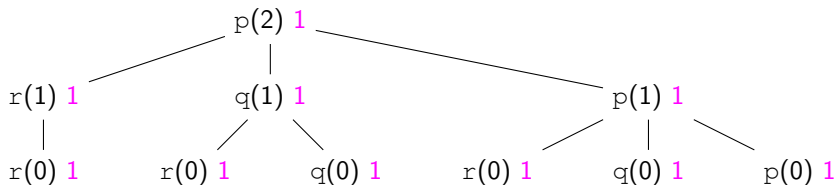
Accumulated-cost: Intuition

```
p(0).  
p(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y), p(Y).
```

```
q(0).  
q(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y).
```

```
r(0).  
r(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y).
```

We want to know how the standard/total cost of p is distributed between the predicates of the program.



Accumulated-cost: Intuition

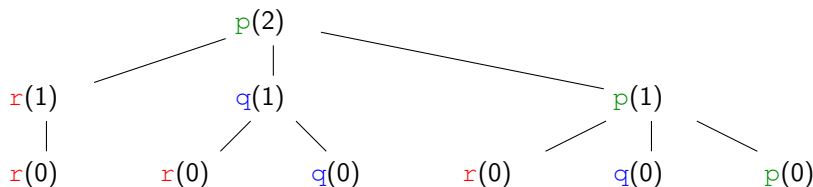
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p(0).  
p(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y), p(Y).  
  
q(0).  
q(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y).  
  
r(0).  
r(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y).
```

Set of cost centers:

$$\diamond = \{p, q, r\}$$

We declare that predicates `p`, `q`, and `r` are cost centers.

Cost centers are user-defined program points (predicates, in our case) to which execution costs are assigned during the execution of a program.



Accumulated-cost: Intuition

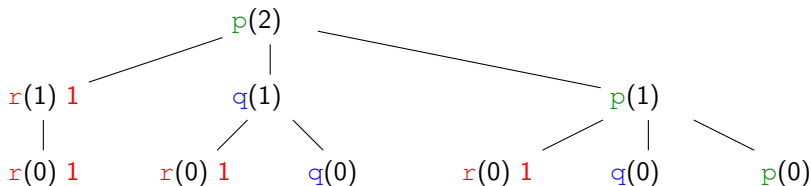
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p(0).  
p(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y), p(Y).  
  
q(0).  
q(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y).  
  
r(0).  
r(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y).
```

Set of cost centers:

$$\diamond = \{p, q, r\}$$

The cost of a call $p(2)$ accumulated in cost center r , denoted $C_p^r(2)$

Is the **sum of the resolution steps** that are descendant (in the call stack) of $p(2)$, and **whose closest ancestor in the call stack that is a cost center**, is r



Accumulated-cost: Intuition

```
p(0) .
p(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y), p(Y) .

q(0) .
q(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y) .

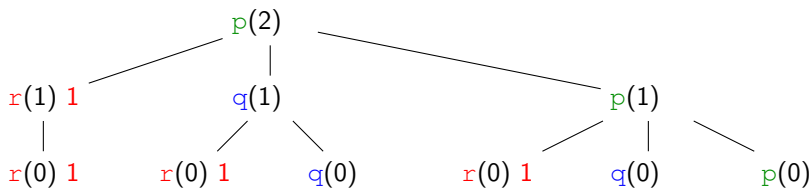
r(0) .
r(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y) .
```

Set of cost centers:

$$\diamond = \{p, q, r\}$$

The cost of a call $p(2)$ accumulated in cost center $r \rightarrow C_p^r(2) = 4$

Is the **sum of the resolution steps** that are descendant (in the call stack) of $p(2)$, and **whose closest ancestor in the call stack that is a cost center**, is r



Accumulated-cost: Intuition

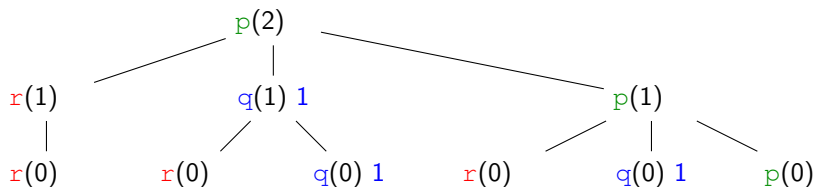
```
p(0).  
p(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y), p(Y).  
  
q(0).  
q(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y).  
  
r(0).  
r(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y).
```

Set of cost centers:

$$\diamond = \{p, q, r\}$$

The cost of a call $p(2)$ accumulated in cost center q , denoted $C_p^q(2)$

Is the **sum of the resolution steps** that are descendant (in the call stack) of $p(2)$, and **whose closest ancestor in the call stack that is a cost center**, is q



Accumulated-cost: Intuition

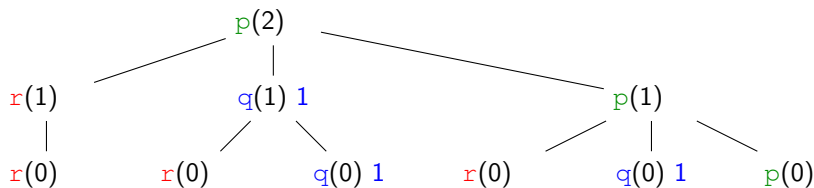
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p(0).  
p(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y), p(Y).  
  
q(0).  
q(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y).  
  
r(0).  
r(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y).
```

Set of cost centers:

$$\diamond = \{p, q, r\}$$

The cost of a call $p(2)$ accumulated in cost center $q \rightarrow C_p^q(2) = 3$

Is the **sum of the resolution steps** that are descendant (in the call stack) of $p(2)$, and **whose closest ancestor in the call stack that is a cost center**, is q



Accumulated-cost: Intuition

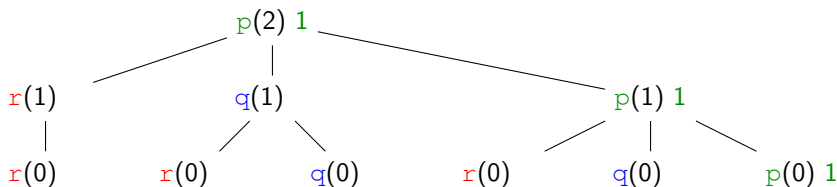
```
p(0).  
p(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y), p(Y).  
  
q(0).  
q(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y).  
  
r(0).  
r(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y).
```

Set of cost centers:

$$\diamond = \{p, q, r\}$$

The cost of a call $p(2)$ accumulated in cost center p , denoted $C_p^p(2)$

Is the **sum of the resolution steps** that are descendant (in the call stack) of $p(2)$, and **whose closest ancestor in the call stack that is a cost center**, is p



Accumulated-cost: Intuition

```
p(0) .
p(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y), p(Y) .

q(0) .
q(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y) .

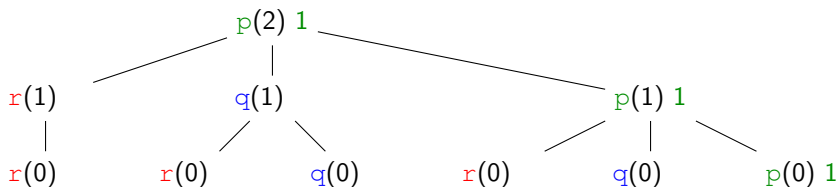
r(0) .
r(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y) .
```

Set of cost centers:

$$\diamond = \{p, q, r\}$$

The cost of a call $p(2)$ accumulated in cost center $p \rightarrow C_p^p(2) = 3$

Is the **sum of the resolution steps** that are descendant (in the call stack) of $p(2)$, and **whose closest ancestor in the call stack that is a cost center**, is p



Accumulated-cost: Intuition

```
p(0).  
p(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y), p(Y).
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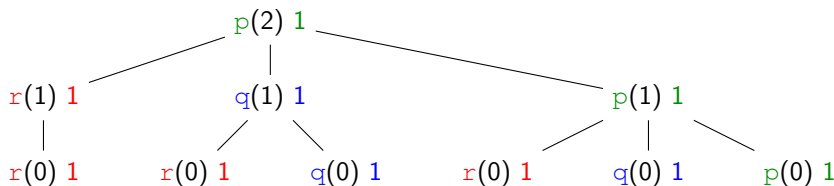
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q(0).  
q(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y).
```

```
r(0).  
r(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y).
```

Set of cost centers:

$$\diamond = \{p, q, r\}$$

$$C_p(2) = C_p^p(2) + C_p^q(2) + C_p^r(2)$$
$$10 = 3 + 3 + 4$$



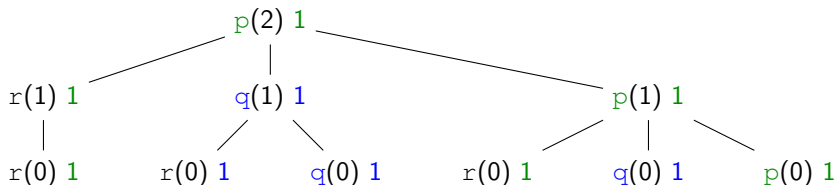
Accumulated-cost: Intuition

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p(0).  
p(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y), p(Y).  
  
q(0).  
q(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y).  
  
r(0).  
r(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y).
```

Set of cost centers:

$$\diamond = \{p, q\}$$

We declare that predicates p , q , are cost centers, and r is not.



Accumulated-cost: Intuition

```
p(0).  
p(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y), p(Y).
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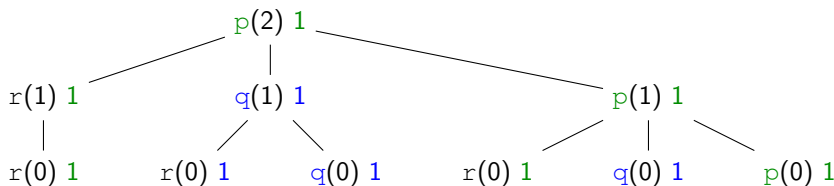
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q(0).  
q(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y).
```

```
r(0).  
r(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y).
```

Set of cost centers:

$$\diamond = \{p, q\}$$

$$C_p(2) = C_p^p(2) + C_p^q(2)$$
$$10 = 6 + 4$$

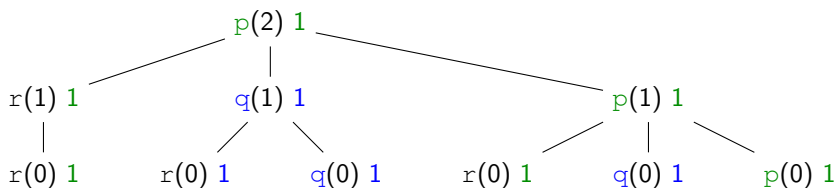


Accumulated-cost: Definition

Definition: Accumulated Cost

The cost of a (single) call $p(n)$ **accumulated** in cost center q , denoted $C_p^q(n)$:

- Is the **sum of the costs** of all the computations that are descendants (in the call stack) of the call $p(n)$, and are **under the scope** of **any call** to q .
- We say that a computation is **under the scope** of a call to cost center q , if the **closest ancestor** of such computation in the call stack that is a cost center, is q .
- Expresses how much of the standard cost of the call to p is attributed to q .



Cost Relations for Accumulated-costs in Cost Center r

```
p(0) .
p(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y), p(Y) .

q(0) .
q(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y) .

r(0) .
r(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y) .
```

Set of cost centers:

$$\diamond = \{p, q, r\}$$

Cost relations

$n = \text{size}(X) = X$ (actual value of X)

The cost of p accumulated in r :

$$C_p^r(0) = 0$$

$$C_p^r(n) = 0 + C_r^r(n-1) + C_q^r(n-1) + C_p^r(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

The cost of q accumulated in r

$$C_q^r(0) = 0$$

$$C_q^r(n) = 0 + C_q^r(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

The cost of r accumulated in r

$$C_r^r(0) = 1$$

$$C_r^r(n) = 1 + C_r^r(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

Cost Relations for Accumulated-costs in Cost Center r

```
p(0).
p(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y), p(Y).

q(0).
q(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y).

r(0).
r(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y).
```

Set of cost centers:

$$\diamond = \{p, q, r\}$$

Cost relations

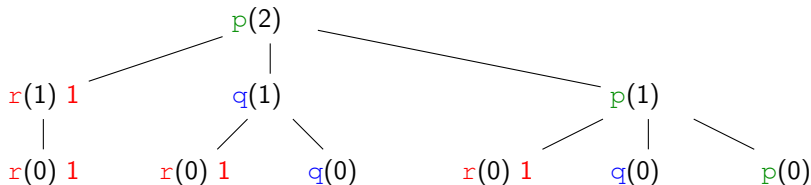
$n = \text{size}(X) = X$ (actual value of X)

The cost of p accumulated in r :

$$C_p^r(0) = 0$$

$$C_p^r(n) = 0 + C_r^r(n-1) + C_q^r(n-1) + C_p^r(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

E.g. ($n = 2$): $C_p^r(2) = 0 + C_r^r(1) + C_q^r(1) + C_p^r(1) = 0 + 2 + 1 + 1 = 4$



Cost Relations for Accumulated-costs in Cost Center r

```
p(0) .
p(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y), p(Y) .

q(0) .
q(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y) .

r(0) .
r(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y) .
```

Set of cost centers:

$$\diamond = \{p, q, r\}$$

Cost relations

$n = \text{size}(X) = X$ (actual value of X)

The cost of p accumulated in r :

$$C_p^r(0) = 0$$

$$C_p^r(n) = 0 + C_r^r(n-1) + C_q^r(n-1) + C_p^r(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

The cost of q accumulated in r :

$$C_q^r(0) = 0$$

$$C_q^r(n) = 0 + C_r^r(n-1) + C_q^r(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

The cost of r accumulated in r :

$$C_r^r(0) = 1$$

$$C_r^r(n) = 1 + C_r^r(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

Cost Relations for Accumulated-costs in Cost Center r

```
p(0) .  
p(X) :- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y), p(Y) .
```

```
q(0) .  
q(X) :- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y) .
```

```
r(0) .  
r(X) :- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y) .
```

Set of cost centers:

$$\diamond = \{p, q, r\}$$

Cost relations

$n = \text{size}(X) = X$ (actual value of X)

The cost of p accumulated in r :

$$C_p^r(0) = 0$$

$$C_p^r(n) = 0 + C_r^r(n-1) + C_q^r(n-1) + C_p^r(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

The cost of q accumulated in r :

$$C_q^r(0) = 0$$

$$C_q^r(n) = 0 + C_r^r(n-1) + C_q^r(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

The cost of r accumulated in r \rightarrow closed form: $C_r^r(n) = n + 1$, for $n \geq 0$.

$$C_r^r(0) = 1$$

$$C_r^r(n) = 1 + C_r^r(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

Cost Relations for Accumulated-costs in Cost Center r

```
p(0) .
p(X) :- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y), p(Y) .

q(0) .
q(X) :- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y) .

r(0) .
r(X) :- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y) .
```

Set of cost centers:

$$\diamond = \{p, q, r\}$$

Cost relations

$n = \text{size}(X) = X$ (actual value of X)

The cost of p accumulated in r :

$$C_p^r(0) = 0$$

$$C_p^r(n) = 0 + C_r^r(n-1) + C_q^r(n-1) + C_p^r(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

The cost of q accumulated in r :

$$C_q^r(0) = 0$$

$$C_q^r(n) = 0 + n + C_q^r(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

The cost of r accumulated in $r \rightarrow$ closed form: $C_r^r(n) = n + 1$, for $n \geq 0$.

$$C_r^r(0) = 1$$

$$C_r^r(n) = 1 + C_r^r(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

Cost Relations for Accumulated-costs in Cost Center r

```
p(0) .  
p(X) :- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y), p(Y) .
```

```
q(0) .  
q(X) :- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y) .
```

```
r(0) .  
r(X) :- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y) .
```

Set of cost centers:

$$\diamond = \{p, q, r\}$$

Cost relations

$n = \text{size}(X) = X$ (actual value of X)

The cost of p accumulated in r :

$$C_p^r(0) = 0$$

$$C_p^r(n) = 0 + C_r^r(n-1) + C_q^r(n-1) + C_p^r(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

The cost of q accumulated in $r \rightarrow C_q^r(n) = \frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{2}n$, for $n \geq 0$

$$C_q^r(0) = 0$$

$$C_q^r(n) = 0 + n + C_q^r(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

The cost of r accumulated in $r \rightarrow$ closed form: $C_r^r(n) = n + 1$, for $n \geq 0$.

$$C_r^r(0) = 1$$

$$C_r^r(n) = 1 + C_r^r(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

Cost Relations for Accumulated-costs in Cost Center r

```
p(0) .
p(X) :- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y), p(Y) .

q(0) .
q(X) :- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y) .

r(0) .
r(X) :- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y) .
```

Set of cost centers:

$$\diamond = \{p, q, r\}$$

Cost relations

$n = \text{size}(X) = X$ (actual value of X)

The cost of p accumulated in r :

$$C_p^r(0) = 0$$

$$C_p^r(n) = 0 + n + \frac{1}{2}(n-1)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(n-1) + C_p^r(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

The cost of q accumulated in $r \rightarrow C_q^r(n) = \frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{2}n$, for $n \geq 0$

$$C_q^r(0) = 0$$

$$C_q^r(n) = 0 + n + C_q^r(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

The cost of r accumulated in $r \rightarrow$ closed form: $C_r^r(n) = n + 1$, for $n \geq 0$.

$$C_r^r(0) = 1$$

$$C_r^r(n) = 1 + C_r^r(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

Cost Relations for Accumulated-costs in Cost Center r

```
p(0) .
p(X) :- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y), p(Y) .

q(0) .
q(X) :- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y) .

r(0) .
r(X) :- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y) .
```

Set of cost centers:

$$\diamond = \{p, q, r\}$$

Cost relations

$n = \text{size}(X) = X$ (actual value of X)

The cost of p accumulated in $r \rightarrow C_p^r(n) = \frac{1}{6}n^3 + \frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{3}n$, for $n \geq 0$.

$$C_p^r(0) = 0$$

$$C_p^r(n) = 0 + n + \frac{1}{2}(n-1)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(n-1) + C_p^r(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

The cost of q accumulated in $r \rightarrow C_q^r(n) = \frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{2}n$, for $n \geq 0$

$$C_q^r(0) = 0$$

$$C_q^r(n) = 0 + n + C_q^r(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

The cost of r accumulated in $r \rightarrow$ closed form: $C_r^r(n) = n + 1$, for $n \geq 0$.

$$C_r^r(0) = 1$$

$$C_r^r(n) = 1 + C_r^r(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

Cost Relations for Accumulated-costs in Cost Center q

```
p(0) .
p(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y), p(Y) .

q(0) .
q(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y) .

r(0) .
r(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y) .
```

Set of cost centers:

$$\diamond = \{p, q, r\}$$

Cost relations

$n = \text{size}(X) = X$ (actual value of X)

The cost of p accumulated in q :

$$C_p^q(0) = 0$$

$$C_p^q(n) = 0 + C_r^q(n-1) + C_q^q(n-1) + C_p^q(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

The cost of q accumulated in q :

$$C_q^q(0) = 1$$

$$C_q^q(n) = 1 + C_r^q(n-1) + C_q^q(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

The cost of r accumulated in q :

$$C_r^q(0) = 0$$

$$C_r^q(n) = 0 + C_r^q(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

Cost Relations for Accumulated-costs in Cost Center q

```
p(0).
p(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y), p(Y).

q(0).
q(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y).

r(0).
r(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y).
```

Set of cost centers:

$$\diamond = \{p, q, r\}$$

Cost relations

$n = \text{size}(X) = X$ (actual value of X)

The cost of p accumulated in q :

$$C_p^q(0) = 0$$

$$C_p^q(n) = 0 + C_r^q(n-1) + C_q^q(n-1) + C_p^q(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

The cost of q accumulated in q :

$$C_q^q(0) = 1$$

$$C_q^q(n) = 1 + C_r^q(n-1) + C_q^q(n-1) \quad \text{if } n > 0$$

The cost of r accumulated in $q \rightarrow C_r^q(n) = 0$, for $n \geq 0$.

$\forall r, q \in \diamond$, if $r \not\rightarrow_{\alpha}^* q$ then $C_r^q(\bar{x}) = 0$ (Lemma 3)

Cost Relations for Accumulated-costs in Cost Center q

```
p(0).
p(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y), p(Y).

q(0).
q(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y), q(Y).

r(0).
r(X):- X > 0, Y is X - 1, r(Y).
```

Set of cost centers:

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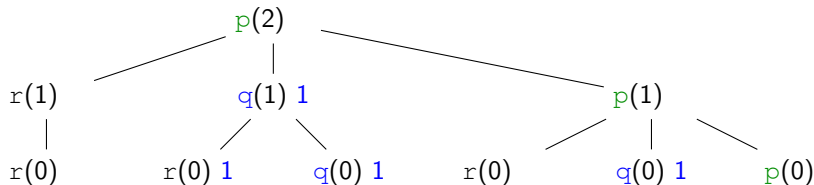
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Our Extended Cost Relations for Accumulated-cost

The standard cost of a clause

$$C \equiv p(\bar{x}) :- q_1(\bar{x}_1), \dots, q_n(\bar{x}_n)$$

for a (single) call to p :

$$C_p(\bar{x}) = \varphi(p(\bar{x})) + \sum_{i=1}^{lim(C, \bar{x})} sols_i \times C_{q_i}(\bar{x}_i)$$

E.g., for resolutions steps $\rightarrow \varphi(p(\bar{x})) = 1$.

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- The environment e is a Boolean value ($1 \equiv \text{true}$ and $0 \equiv \text{false}$):

$$e = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if the call to } p \text{ is under the scope of cost center } c \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Boolean functions:

$B_\varphi(p, c, e)$ is 1 iff “the computation” is under the scope of c .

$$B_\varphi(p, c, e) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (p = c \vee (p \notin \diamond \wedge e))$$

$B(p, c, e, q)$ is 1 iff the body literal is under the scope of c , or it may call c .

$$B(p, c, e, q) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} B_\varphi(p, c, e) \vee (q \rightsquigarrow_\alpha^* c)$$

- $e' = \mathcal{E}(p, c, e, q_i(\bar{x}_i))$, and \mathcal{E} is the *environment change* function:

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Genericity of our Cost Relations Framework

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- A broad notion of *environment* e . E.g., for energy consumption:
 - ▶ state of the hardware or the whole system,
 - ▶ the last instruction executed (for modeling the *switching cost*), temperature, voltage, cache state, and pipeline state.
- Suitable definitions of the Boolean functions $B_\varphi(p, c, e)$ and $B(p, c, e, q)$ to control which terms of the cost relations should be considered.
- $C_{p,e}^c(\bar{x}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{part of } C_p(\bar{x})$, performed in an *environment* e , that is attributed to *cost center* c of the program.

Some Properties of the Accumulated-cost

Definition of the *calls* relation, $\rightsquigarrow_{\alpha}$

- $p \rightsquigarrow_{\alpha} q$, iff a literal with predicate symbol q appears in the body of a clause defining p .
- $\rightsquigarrow_{\alpha}^*$ is the reflexive transitive closure of $\rightsquigarrow_{\alpha}$.
- It is an abstraction (over-approximation) of the concrete “calls” relation, \rightsquigarrow .

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- $\forall p, c \in \Diamond, \forall e \in \{0, 1\}$, it holds that:
 - ▶ $\mathcal{E}(p, c, e, _) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (p = c)$
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- This implies that $\forall p, c \in \Diamond$ it holds that $C_{p,0}^c(\bar{x}) = C_{p,1}^c(\bar{x})$.
- Thus, if $p \in \Diamond$ we omit the environment e and write $C_p^c(\bar{x})$.
- (Lemma 3) $\forall p, c \in \Diamond$, if $p \not\rightsquigarrow_\alpha^* c$ then $C_p^c(\bar{x}) = 0$.
- (Lemma 4) $\forall p \notin \Diamond, \forall c \in \Diamond$, if $p \not\rightsquigarrow_\alpha^* c$ then $C_{p,0}^c(\bar{x}) = 0$.

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Obvious improvement:

move the call $r(Y, Y1)$ outside the (recursive) definition of the predicate q .

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Implementation

- Implementation within CiaoPP, directly as an *abstract domain*.
- The information abstracted at each program point includes the state + non-functional props.
- Cost relations are built *incrementally, in the abstract domain*.
- Features inherited for free:
 - ▶ Multivariance: separate equations built for each procedure version.
 - ▶ Equations are not built for unreachable parts of the program.
 - ▶ *Easy combination with other abstract domains* (reduced product based), in particular, the new sized types and a novel *cardinality* analysis.
 - ▶ *Assertion verification*.
 - ▶ Etc.

Accumulated Cost: Experimental Results

| Cost-Centers & Input Sizes | Accumulated Cost UB | Static vs. Dyn | Standard Cost UB | #Calls |
|---|--|----------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| <i>variance(n)*</i> | 1 | 0% | $2n^2$ | 1 |
| <i>sq_diff(m₁, m₂)</i> | $n - 1$ | 0% | $2m_1m_2 - 2m_2$ | $n - 1$ |
| <i>mean(u)</i> | $2n^2 - n$ | 0% | $2u + 1$ | n |
| <i>is_prime(n)*</i> | 1 | 0% | $(n - 1)! + n + 3$ | 1 |
| <i>fact(m)</i> | n | 0% | m | n |
| <i>mult(u)</i> | $(n - 1)! + 2$ | 0% | $u + 1$ | $(n - 1)! + 2$ |
| <i>app1(n₁, n₂, n₃)*</i> | n_1 | 0% | $\mathcal{O}(n_1n_2n_3)^\dagger$ | 1 |
| <i>app2(m₁, m₂)</i> | n_1n_2 | 0% | m_1m_2 | n_1 |
| <i>app3(u)</i> | $2n_1n_2n_3$ | 0% | u | $n_1n_2 + n_1$ |
| <i>dyade(n₁, n₂)*</i> | n_1 | 0% | $n_1(n_2 + 1)$ | 1 |
| <i>mult(m)</i> | n_1n_2 | 0% | m | n_1 |
| <i>minsort(n)*</i> | $n + 1$ | 0% | $\frac{(n+1)^2}{2} + \frac{n+1}{2}$ | 1 |
| <i>findmin(m)</i> | $\frac{(n+1)^2}{2} + \frac{n-1}{2}$ | 7% | m | $n + 1$ |
| <i>hanoi(n)*</i> | $2^n - 1$ | 0% | $2^{n+1} - 2$ | 1 |
| <i>move(m)</i> | $2^n - 1$ | 0% | 1 | $2^n - 1$ |
| <i>coupled(n)*</i> | 1 | 0% | $n + 2$ | 1 |
| <i>p(m)</i> | $\frac{n}{2} + \frac{(-1)^n}{4} + \frac{3}{4}$ | 1.2% | $m + 1$ | $\frac{n}{2} - \frac{(-1)^n}{4} + \frac{1}{4}$ |
| <i>q(u)</i> | $\frac{n}{2} - \frac{(-1)^n}{4} + \frac{1}{4}$ | 0% | $u + 1$ | $\frac{n}{2} + \frac{(-1)^n}{4} - \frac{1}{4}$ |
| <i>search(n)*</i> | 1 | 0% | $2n + 2$ | 1 |
| <i>member(m)</i> | $2n + 1$ | 0% | $2m + 1$ | $2n + 1$ |
| <i>sublist(n₁, n₂)*</i> | $n_2 + 3$ | 5% | $n_1n_2 + 3n_2 + 2$ | 2 |
| <i>append(m)</i> | $n_1n_2 + 2n_2 - 1$ | 40% | $2m - 1$ | $n_1n_2 + 2n_2 - 1$ |

Experimental Results: Times (milliseconds)

| Cost-Center | Accumulated Cost UB | | Standard Cost UB | Acc Cost/ Std Cost |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| | Cost Relations | Transformation (FLOPS'16) | | |
| <i>variance*</i> <i>sq_diff</i> <i>mean</i> | 3283 (-45%) | 6038 | 3066 | 1.07 |
| <i>isprime*</i> <i>fact</i> <i>mult</i> | 1245 (-42%) | 2172 | 1231 | 1.01 |
| <i>app1*</i> <i>app2</i> <i>app3</i> | 4150 (-34%) | 6328 | 3757 | 1.11 |
| <i>minsort*</i> <i>findmin</i> | 3400 (-29%) | 4845 | 3300 | 1.03 |
| <i>dyade*</i> <i>mult</i> | 3097 (-24%) | 4117 | 2853 | 1.08 |
| <i>hanoi*</i> <i>move</i> | 1605 (-19%) | 1996 | 1376 | 1.16 |
| <i>coupled*</i> <i>f</i> <i>g</i> | 2407 (-14%) | 3112 | 1877 | 1.28 |
| <i>search*</i> <i>member</i> | 1079 | N/A | 1071 | 1.00 |
| <i>sublist*</i> <i>append</i> | 3674 | N/A | 3610 | 1.01 |
| Average | 2652 (-33%) | 4125 | 2542 | 1.05 |

Conclusions

- **Novel, general, and flexible framework for setting up cost relations** which can be instantiated for performing a wide range of resource usage analyses, including both **accumulated cost** and standard cost.
- Advantages over our previous work (specific to accumulated cost) based on a program transformation:
 - ▶ **More general.**
 - ▶ Can deal with **non-deterministic/multiple-solution** predicates.
 - ▶ **More efficient.**
 - ▶ Implementation based on a **direct application of abstract interpretation** and integration into CiaoPP → many useful features are inherited for free.
 - ▶ Also inherits the capability of **analyzing for several resources** at the same time.
- Experiments → **accurate** inference of **accumulated cost**.
- **Static profiling** is a *more valuable aid for resource-aware software development* than standard resource usage analysis.
 - identify parts that should be optimized first.
- Our approach **can be easily applied to other paradigms**:
 - including imperative programs, functional programs, CHR, etc.,
 - by compilation to Horn Clauses (as in our previous work with Java or XC).

Demo!

Please see examples in the CiaoPP playground.

(<http://play.ciao-lang.org>)

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Thank you!

Timeline of our Work

1990 Method for static inference of upper-bound functions on execution cost and data structure sizes ^[PLDI'90] (building on Wegbreit):

- Techniques for setting up, solving/approximating recurrence relations.
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Additional slides

“Classical” Cost Analysis (cost relations): Example

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nrev([], []).
nrev([H|L], R) :- nrev(L, R1), app(R1, [H], R).
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app([], L, L).
app([H|L], L1, [H|R]) :- app(L, L1, R).
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- Cost relations for resolution steps $n = \text{length}(X)$ (length of list X)
- Cost of $nrev$:
 $C_{nrev}(0) = 1$
 $C_{nrev}(n) = 1 + C_{nrev}(n-1) + C_{app}(n-1, 1)$ if $n > 0$
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