(2) The Call-String Approach:

Idea:

$\rightarrow$ Compute the set of all reachable call stacks!

$\rightarrow$ In general, this is infinite :-(

$\rightarrow$ Only treat stacks up to a fixed depth d precisely! From longer stacks, we only keep the upper prefix of length d :-)

$\rightarrow$ Important special case: $d = 0$.

$\Longrightarrow$ Just track the current stack frame ...

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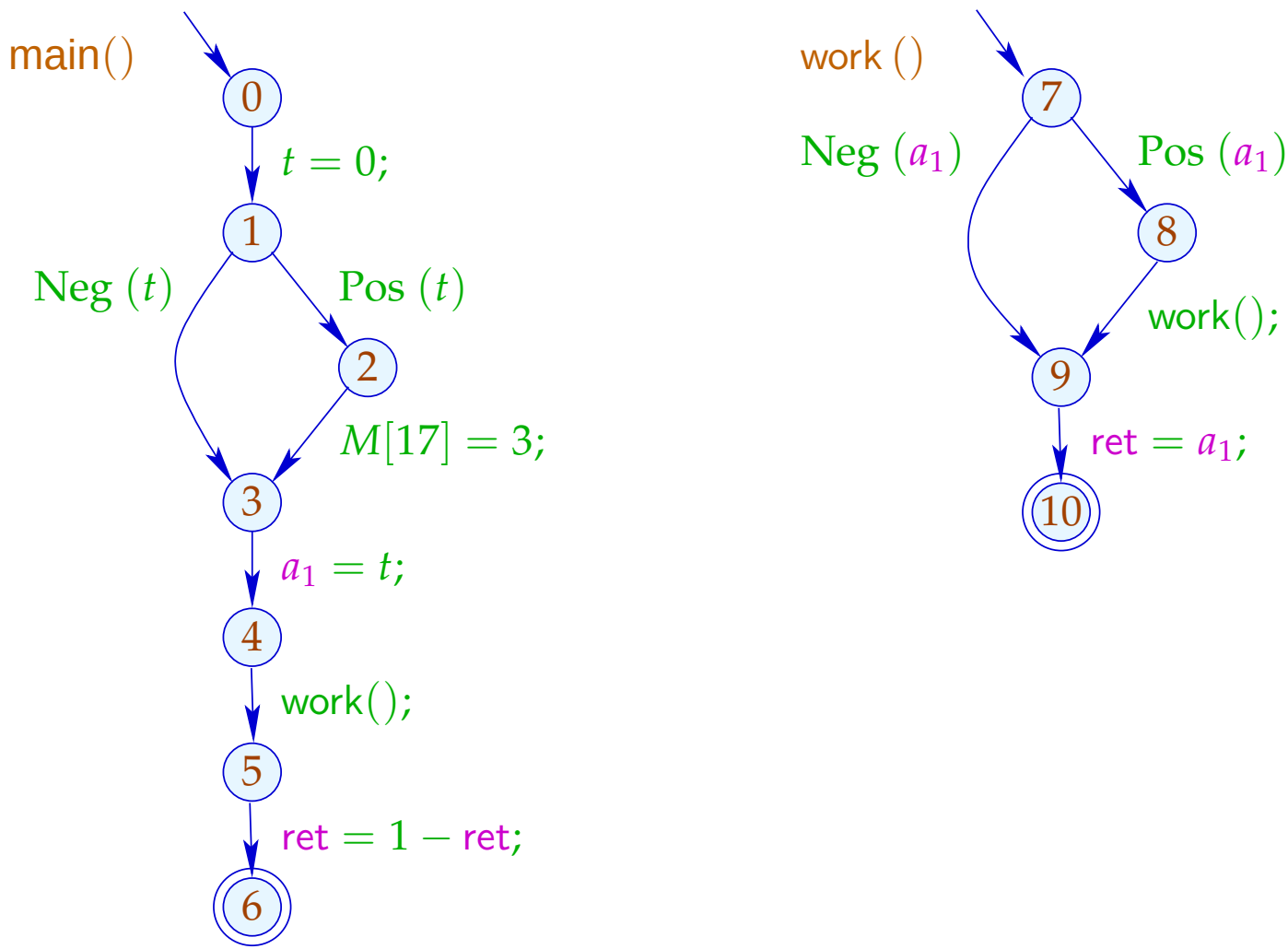

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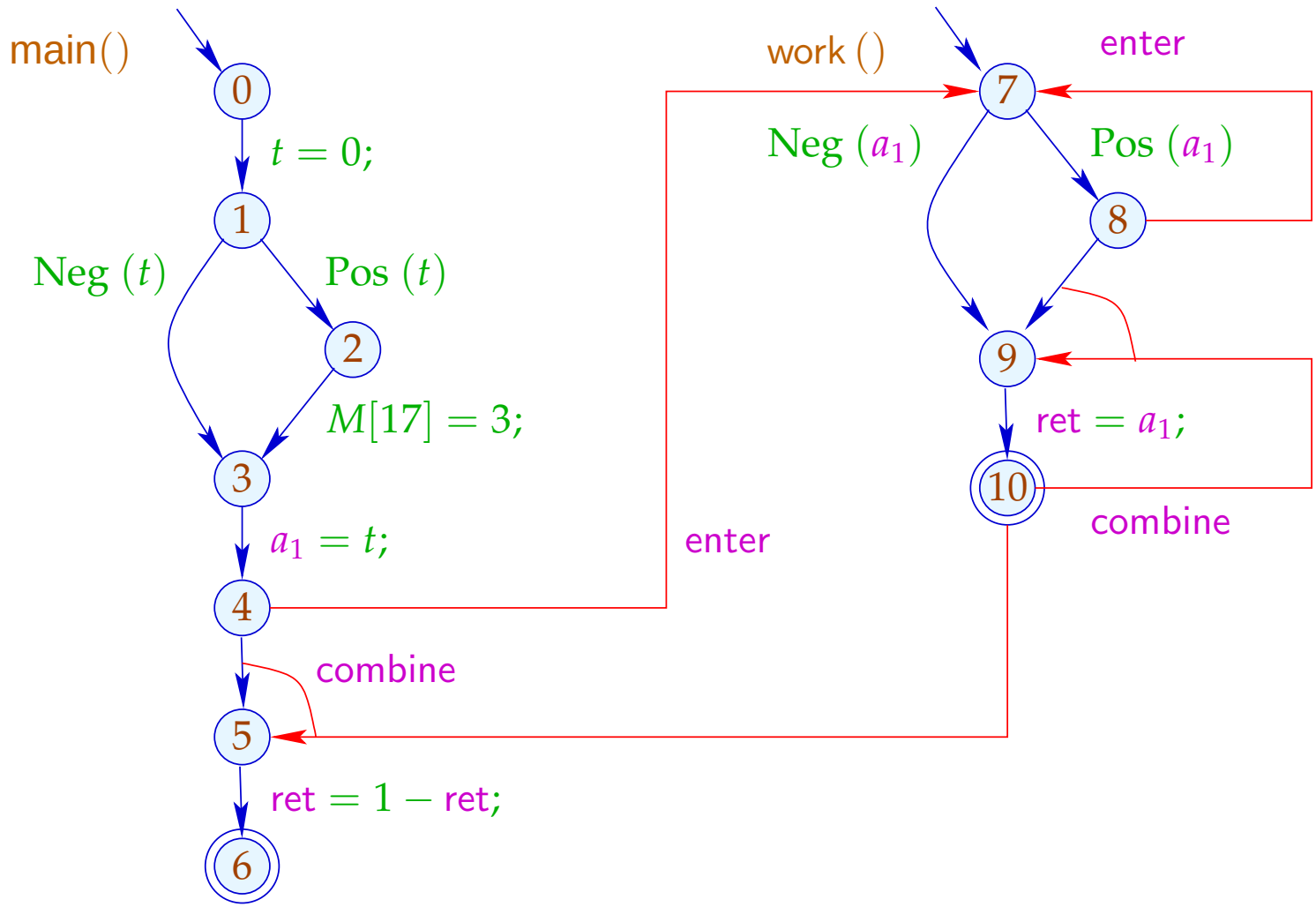

The conditions for $5, 7, 10$, e.g., are:

$$\mathcal{R}[5] \sqsupseteq \mathsf{combine}^\sharp\,(\mathcal{R}[4], \mathcal{R}[10])$$

$$\mathcal{R}[7] \sqsupseteq \mathsf{enter}^\sharp\,(\mathcal{R}[4])$$

$$\mathcal{R}[7] \sqsupseteq \mathsf{enter}^\sharp\,(\mathcal{R}[8])$$

$$\mathcal{R}[9] \sqsupseteq \mathsf{combine}^\sharp\,(\mathcal{R}[8], \mathcal{R}[10])$$

Warning:

The resulting super-graph contains obviously impossible paths ...

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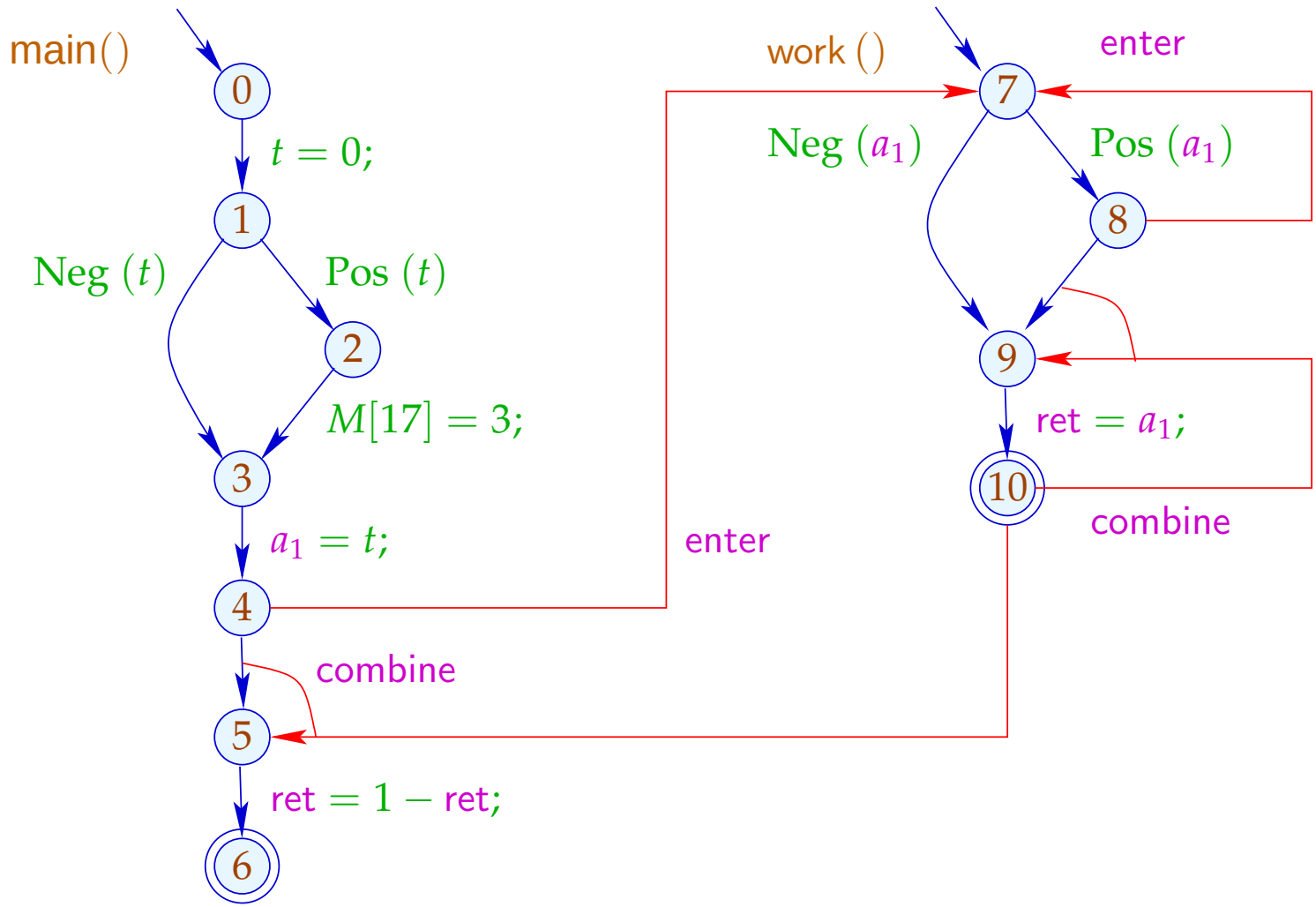

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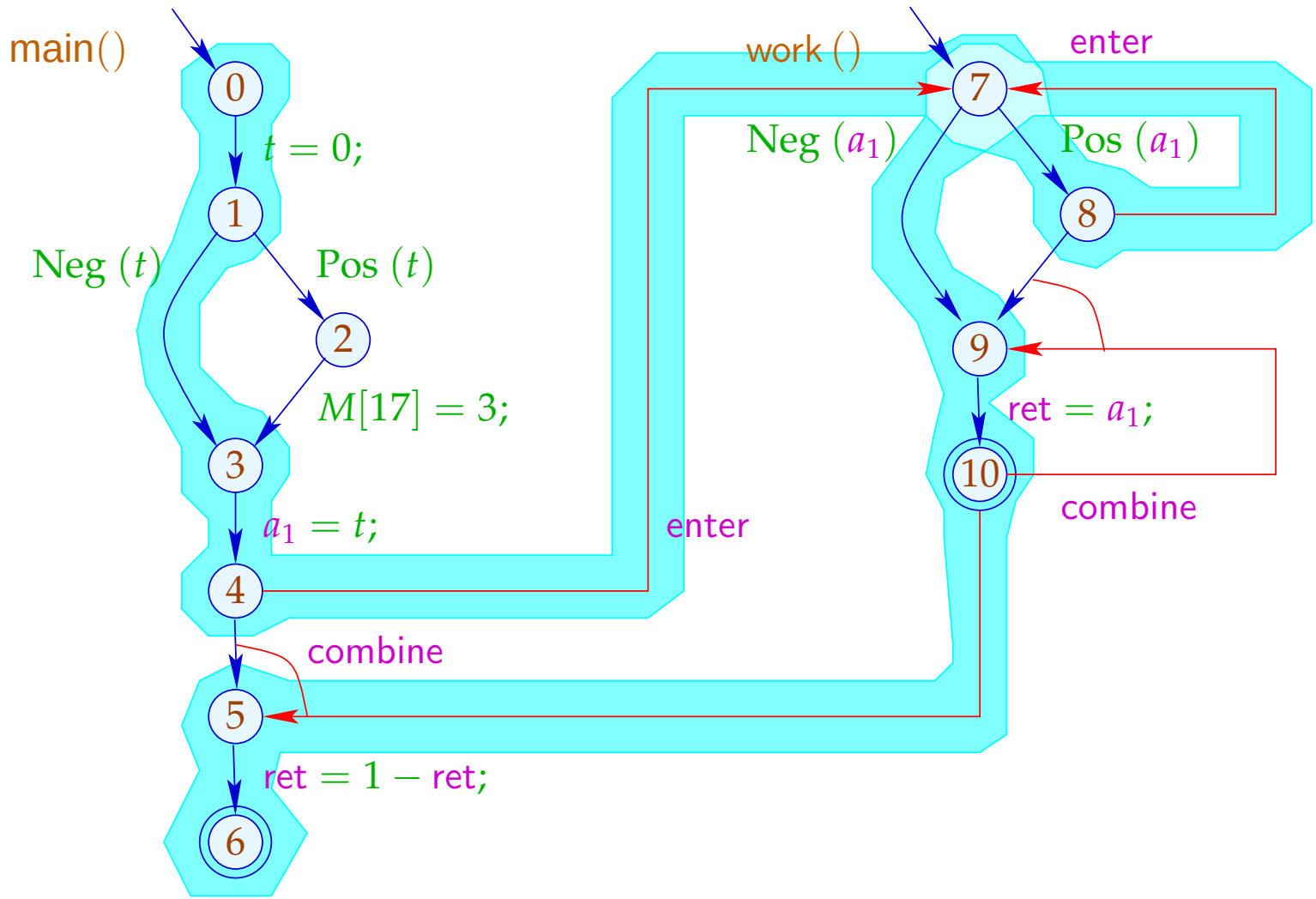

Note:

→ In the example, we find the same results:
more paths render the results less precise.

In particular, we provide for each procedure the result just for one (possibly very boring) argument :-(

→ The analysis terminates — whenever $\mathbb{D}$ has no infinite strictly ascending chains :-)

→ The correctness is easily shown w.r.t. the operational semantics with call stacks.

→ For the correctness of the functional approach, the semantics with computation forests is better suited :-)

3 Exploiting Hardware Features

Question: How can we optimally use:

... Registers

... Pipelines

... Caches

... Processors ???

3.1 Registers

Example:

```
read();
x = M[A];
y = x + 1;
if (y) {
        z = x · x;
        M[A] = z;
} else {
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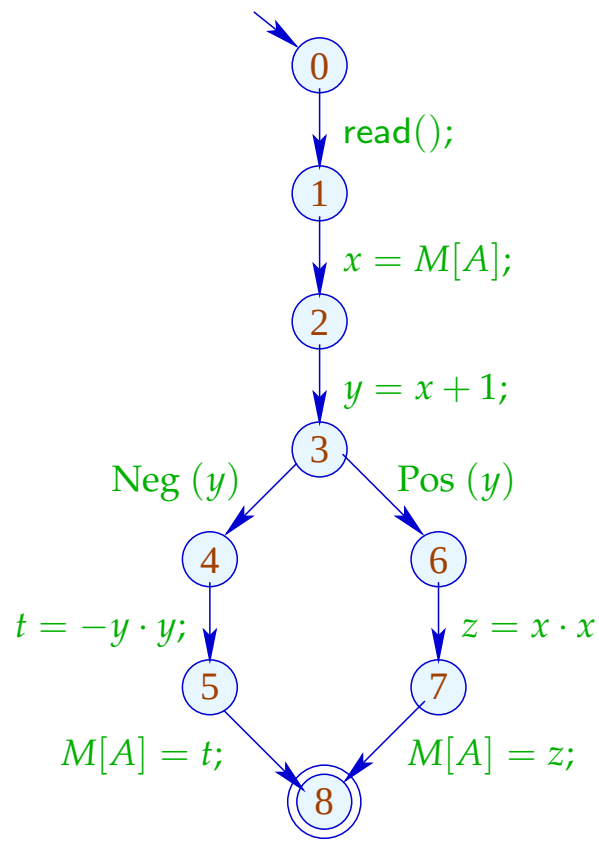
        M[A] = t;
}
```



The program uses 5 variables ...

Problem:

What if the program uses more variables than there are registers
:-(

Idea:

Use one register for several variables :-)

In the example, e.g., one for x, t, z ...

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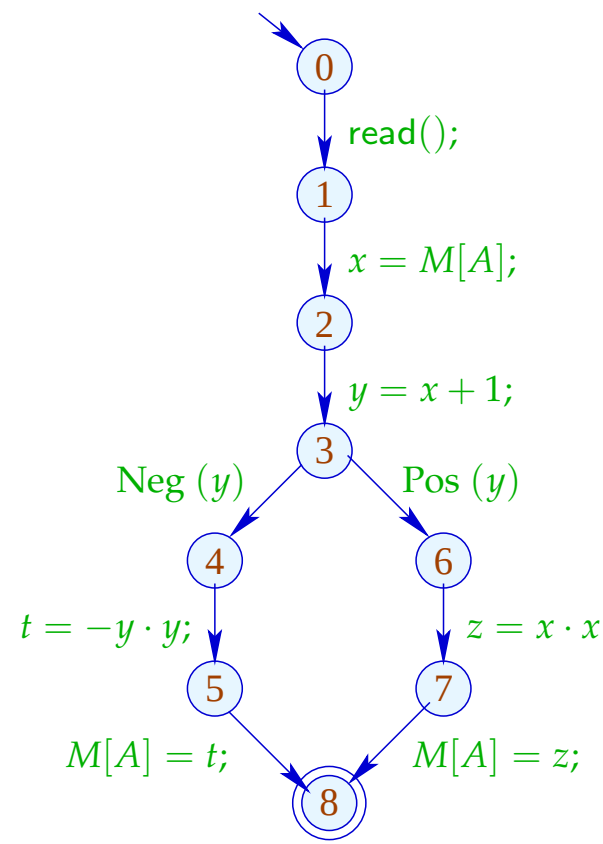

```
read();
R = M[A];
y = R + 1;
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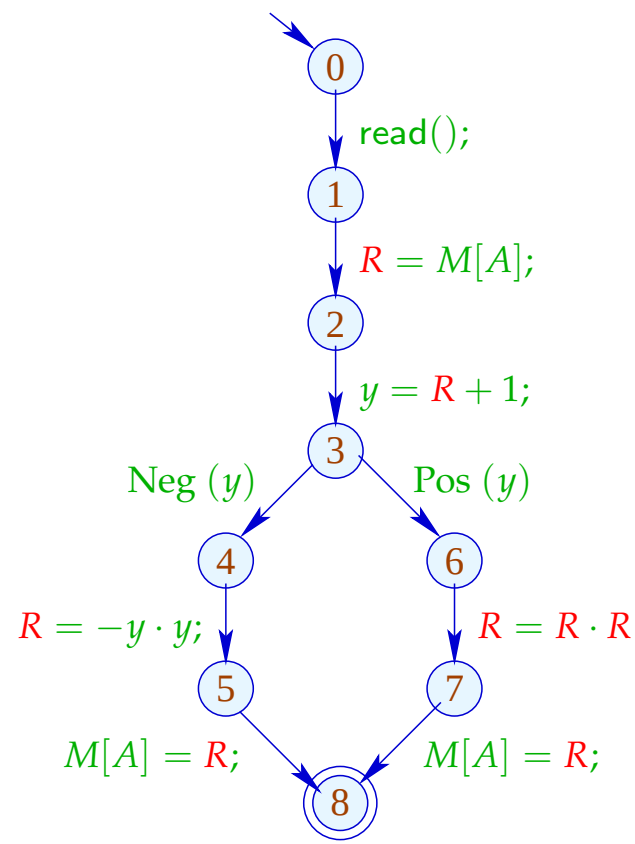


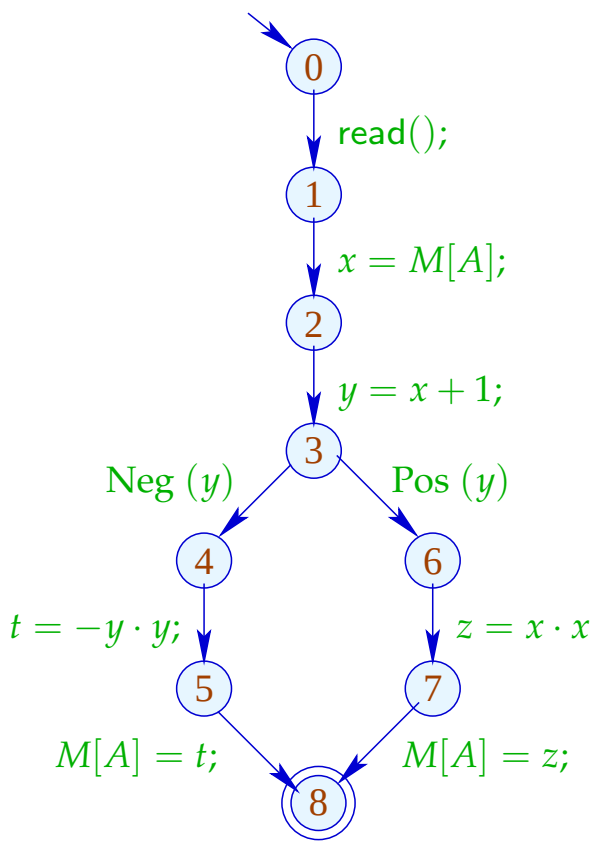
Warning:

This is only possible if the live ranges do not overlap :-)

The (true) live range of x is defined by:

$$\mathcal{L}[x] \;=\; \{u \mid x \in \mathcal{L}[u]\}$$

... in the Example:



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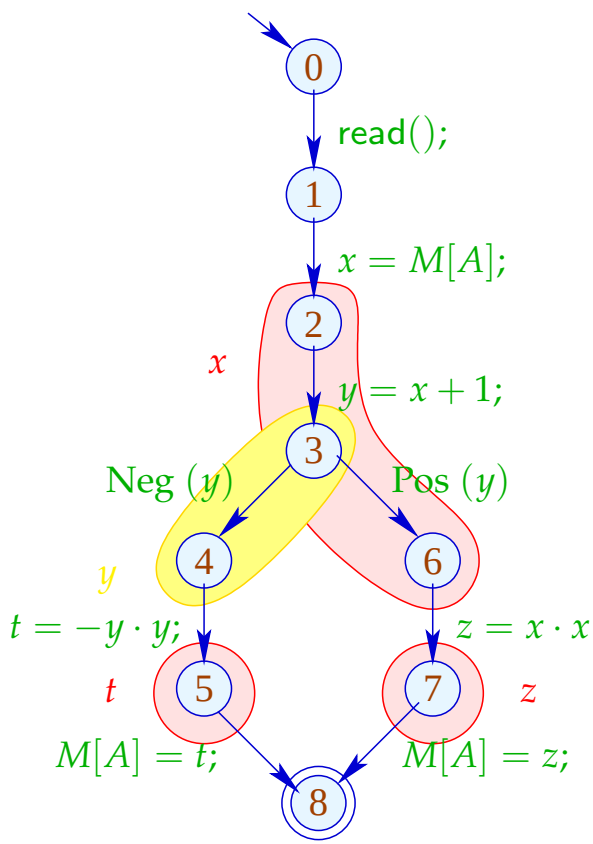
8	$\emptyset$
7	$\{A, z\}$
6	$\{A, x\}$
5	$\{A, t\}$
4	$\{A, y\}$
3	$\{A, x, y\}$
2	$\{A, x\}$
1	$\{A\}$
0	$\emptyset$



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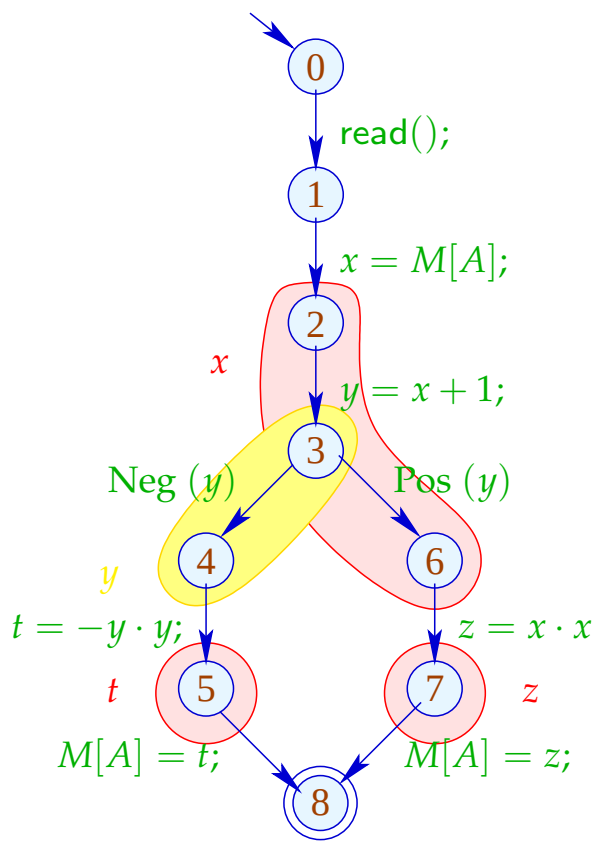


Live Ranges:

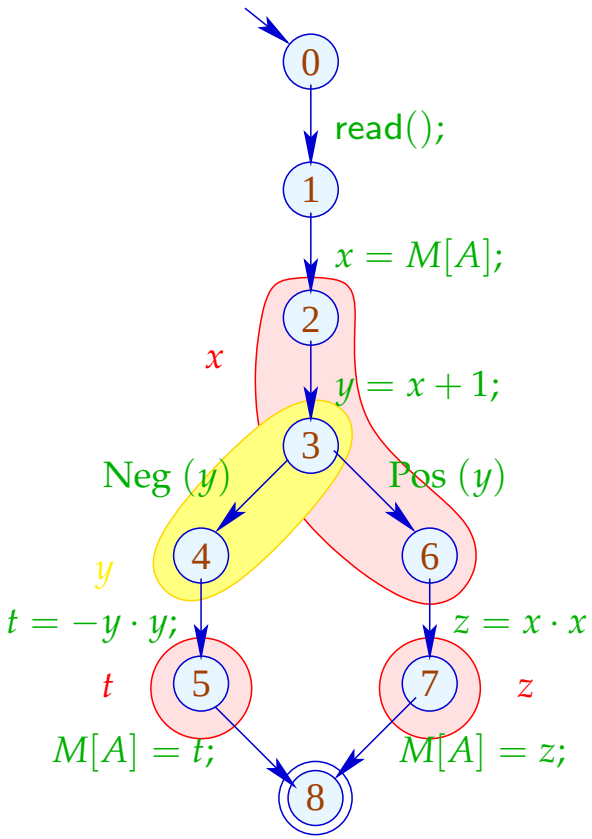
A	$\{1, \ldots, 7\}$
x	$\{2, 3, 6\}$
y	$\{2, 4\}$
t	$\{5\}$
z	$\{7\}$

In order to determine sets of compatible variables, we construct the Interference Graph $I = (Vars, E_I)$ where:

$$E_I = \{\{x, y\} \mid x \neq y, \mathcal{L}[x] \cap \mathcal{L}[y] \neq \emptyset\}$$

E_I has an edge for $x \neq y$ iff x, y are jointly live at some program point :-)

... in the Example:



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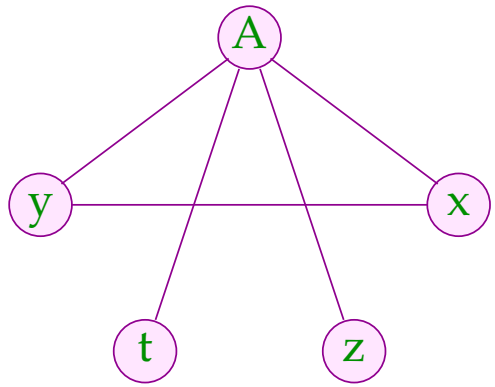

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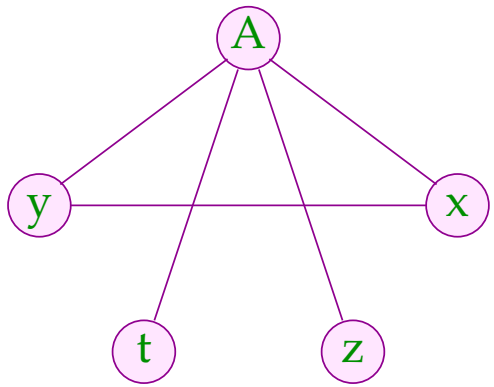

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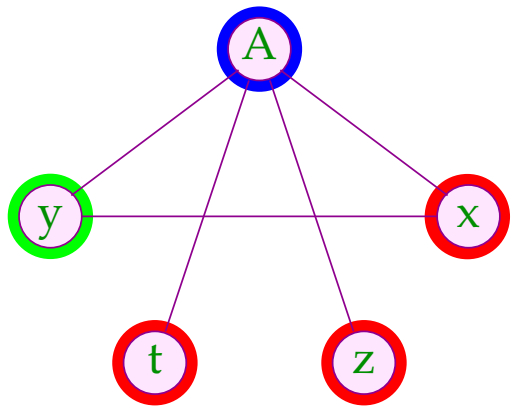
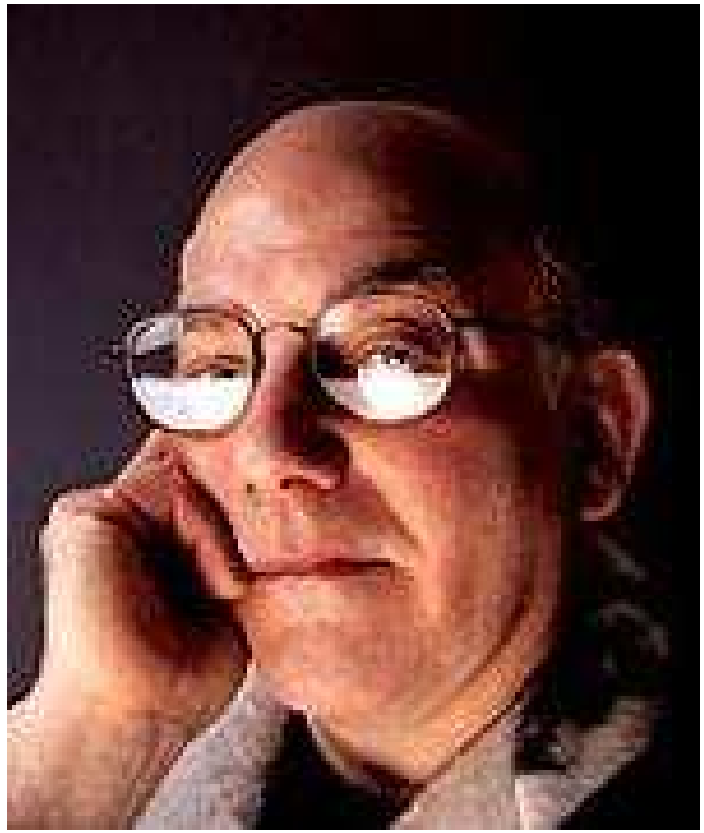


Color $=$ Register

Sviatoslav Sergeevich Lavrov,
Russian Academy of Sciences (1962)



Gregory J. Chaitin, University of Maine (1981)

Abstract Problem:

Given: Undirected Graph (V, E) .

Wanted: Minimal coloring, i.e., mapping $c : V \to \mathbb{N}$ mit

(1) $c(u) \neq c(v)$ for $\{u, v\} \in E$;

(2) $\bigsqcup\{c(u) \mid u \in V\}$ minimal!

- In the example, 3 colors suffice :-) But:
- In general, the minimal coloring is not unique :-(
- It is NP-complete to determine whether there is a coloring with at most k colors :-((

$\Longrightarrow$

We must rely on heuristics or special cases :-)

Greedy Heuristics:

- Start somewhere with color 1;
- Next choose the smallest color which is different from the colors of all already colored neighbors;
- If a node is colored, color all neighbors which not yet have colors;
- Deal with one component after the other ...

... more concretely:

```
forall (v ∈ V) c[v] = 0;
forall (v ∈ V) color (v);

void color (v) {
    if (c[v] ≠ 0) return;
    neighbors = {u ∈ V | {u,v} ∈ E};
    c[v] = ⊓{k > 0 | ∀ u ∈ neighbors : k ≠ c(u)};
    forall (u ∈ neighbors)
        if (c(u) == 0) color (u);
}
```

The new color can be easily determined once the neighbors are sorted according to their colors :-)

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The algorithm works the better the smaller life ranges are ...

Idea: Life Range Splitting

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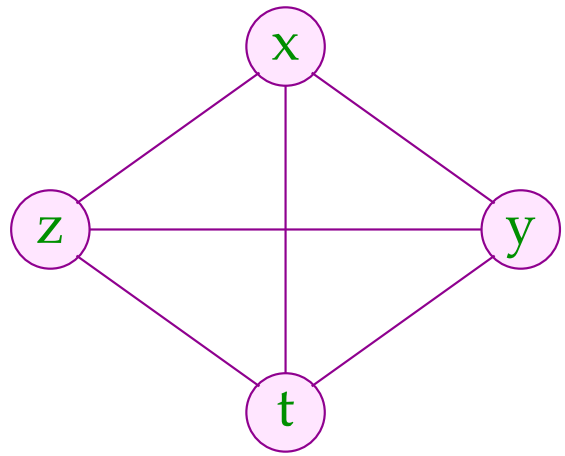

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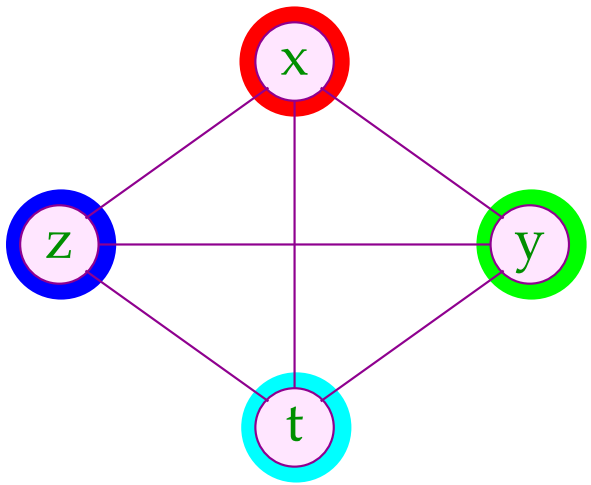

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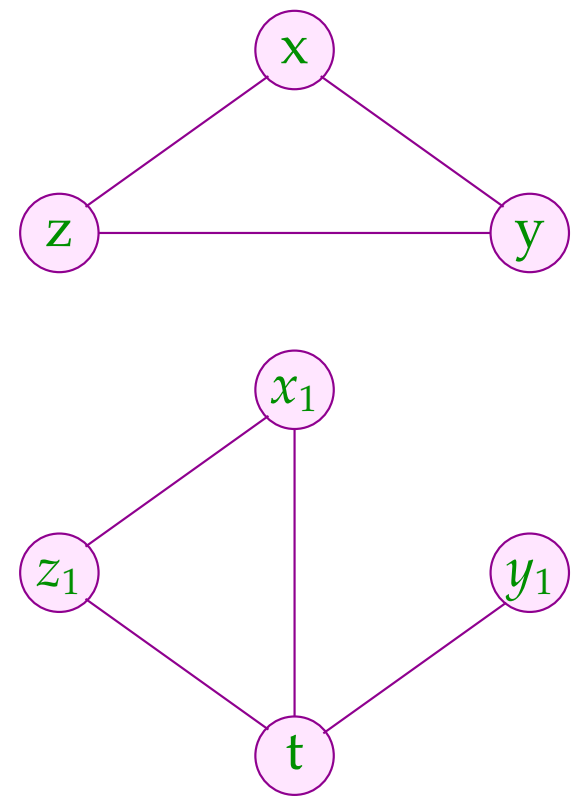

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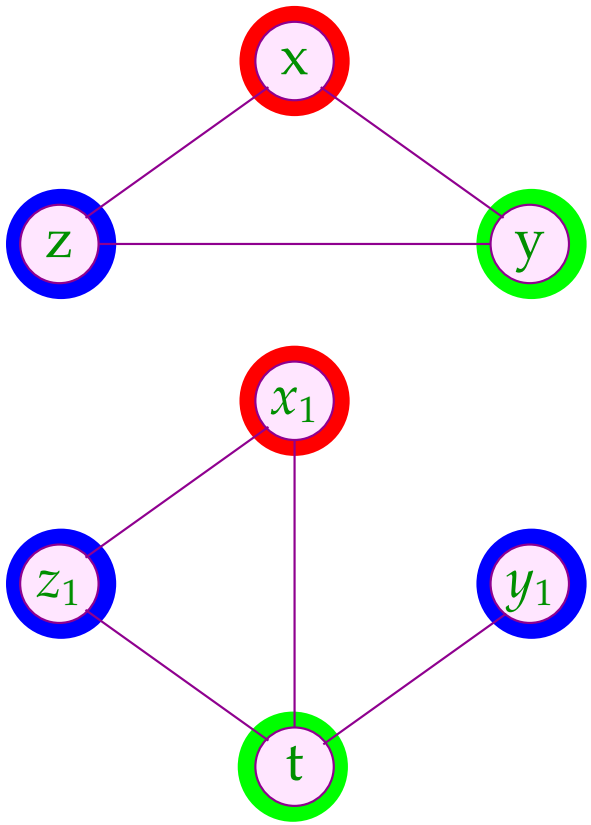
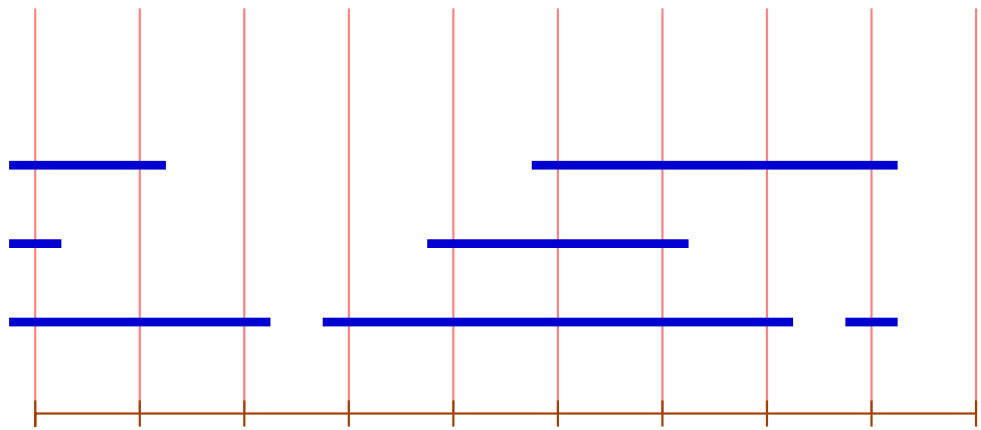


Interference graphs for minimal live ranges on basic blocks are known as interval graphs:



vertex ═══ interval

edge ═══ joint vertex

The covering number of a vertex is given by the number of incident intervals.

Theorem:

maximal covering number

$$\equiv \quad \text{size of the maximal clique}$$

$$\equiv \quad \text{minimally necessary number of colors} \quad \text{:-)}$$

Graphs with this property (for every sub-graph) are called perfect

...

A minimal coloring can be found in polynomial time :-))

Idea:

$\rightarrow$ Conceptually iterate over the vertices $0, \ldots, m-1$!

$\rightarrow$ Maintain a list of currently free colors.

$\rightarrow$ If an interval starts, allocate the next free color.

$\rightarrow$ If an interval ends, free its color.

This results in the following algorithm:

```
free = [1, ..., k];
for (i = 0; i < m; i++) {
    init[i] = []; exit[i] = [];
}
forall (I = [u, v] ∈ Intervals) {
    init[u] = (I :: init[u]); exit[i] = (I :: exit[v]);
}
for (i = 0; i < m; i++) {
    forall (I ∈ init[i]) {
        color[I] = hd free; free = tl free;
    }
    forall (I ∈ exit[i]) free = color[I] :: free;
}
```

Discussion:

- → For basic blocks we have succeeded to derive an optimal register allocation :-)
- → The same problem for simple loops (circular arc graphs) is already NP-hard :-(
- → For arbitrary programs, we thus may apply some heuristics for graph coloring ...
- → which always works better the less live ranges overlap :-)
- → If the number of real register does not suffice, the remaining variables are spilled into a fixed area on the stack.
- → Generally, variables from inner loops are preferably held in registers.