

# Iterative algorithm

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Repeat

For each  $n$

$\text{in}[n] := \bigoplus \{ \text{out}[m] \mid m \in \text{pred}(n) \}$

$\text{out}[n] := \text{transfer}[n](\text{in}[n])$

Until no further changes to **in/out**

# Zero analysis

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y := x;
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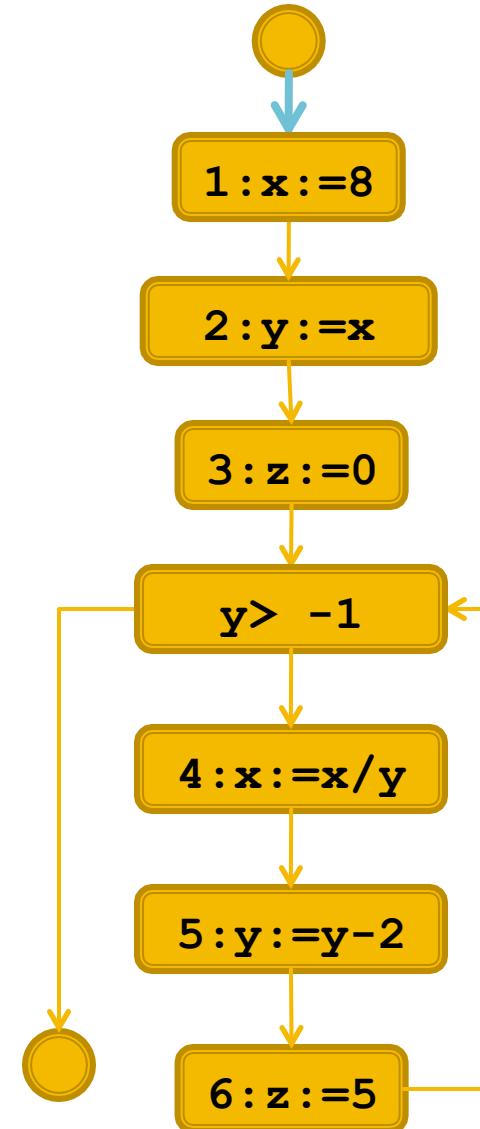
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z := 0;
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while y > -1 do
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x := x / y;
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y := y-2;
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z := 5;
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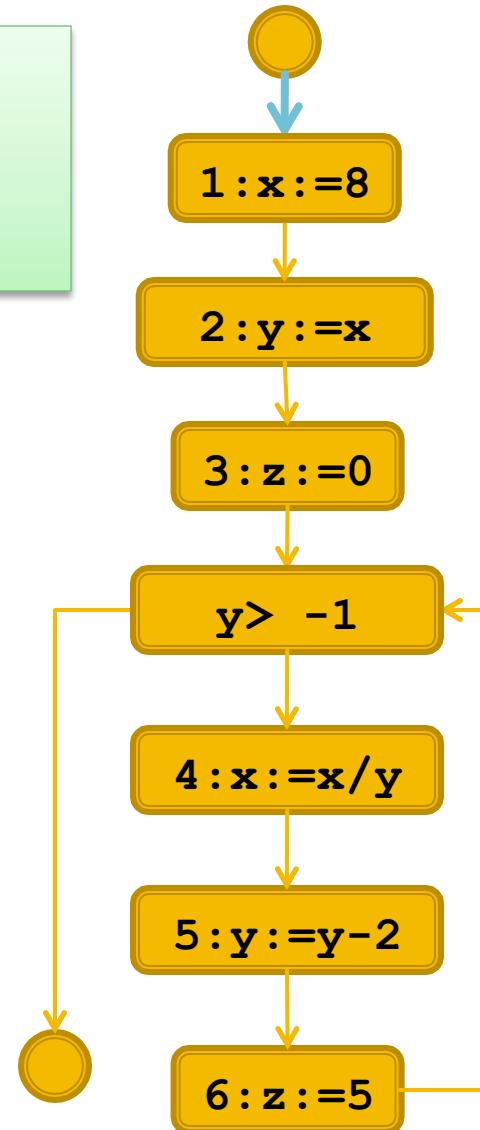
**lattice** : (var  $\rightarrow \{\text{bot}, \text{Z}, \text{NZ}, \text{MZ}\}$ )

- bot = [] , top={x  $\rightarrow \text{MZ}$ , y  $\rightarrow \text{MZ}$ , z  $\rightarrow \text{MZ}$ }
- $\cup$  ,  $\subseteq$

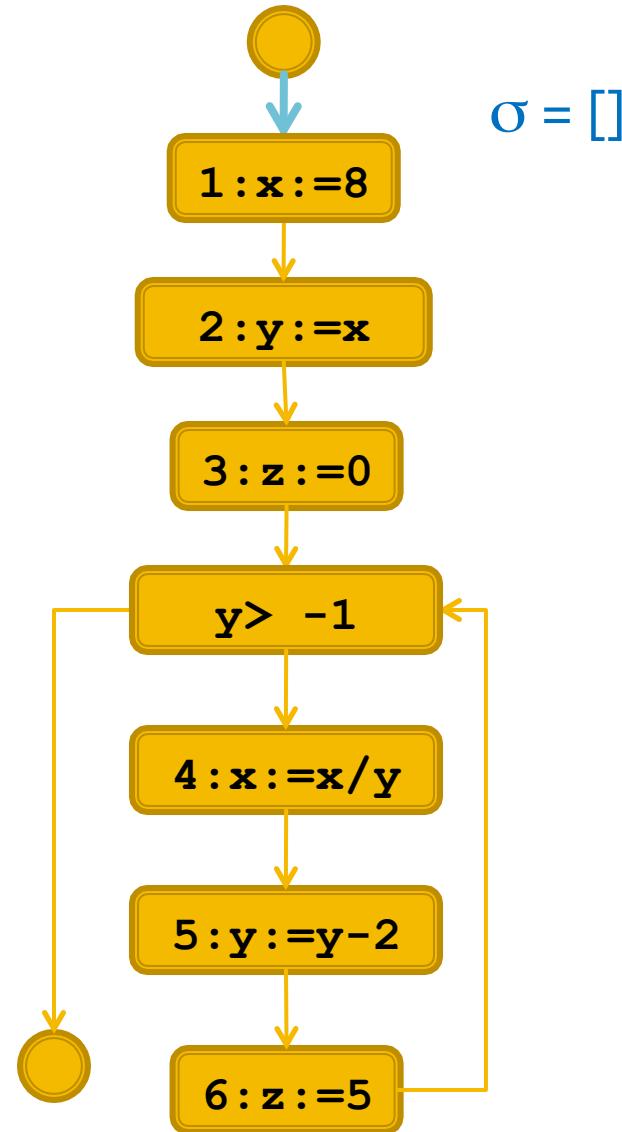
**-transfer:**

- $F_{x:=e}(\sigma) = \sigma[x \leftarrow \sigma(e)]$
- $\sigma(\text{Z} + \text{NZ}) = \text{NZ}$
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- $\sigma(\text{Z} - \text{Z}) = \text{Z}$
- $\sigma(\text{NZ} - \text{NZ}) = \text{MZ}$
- ...

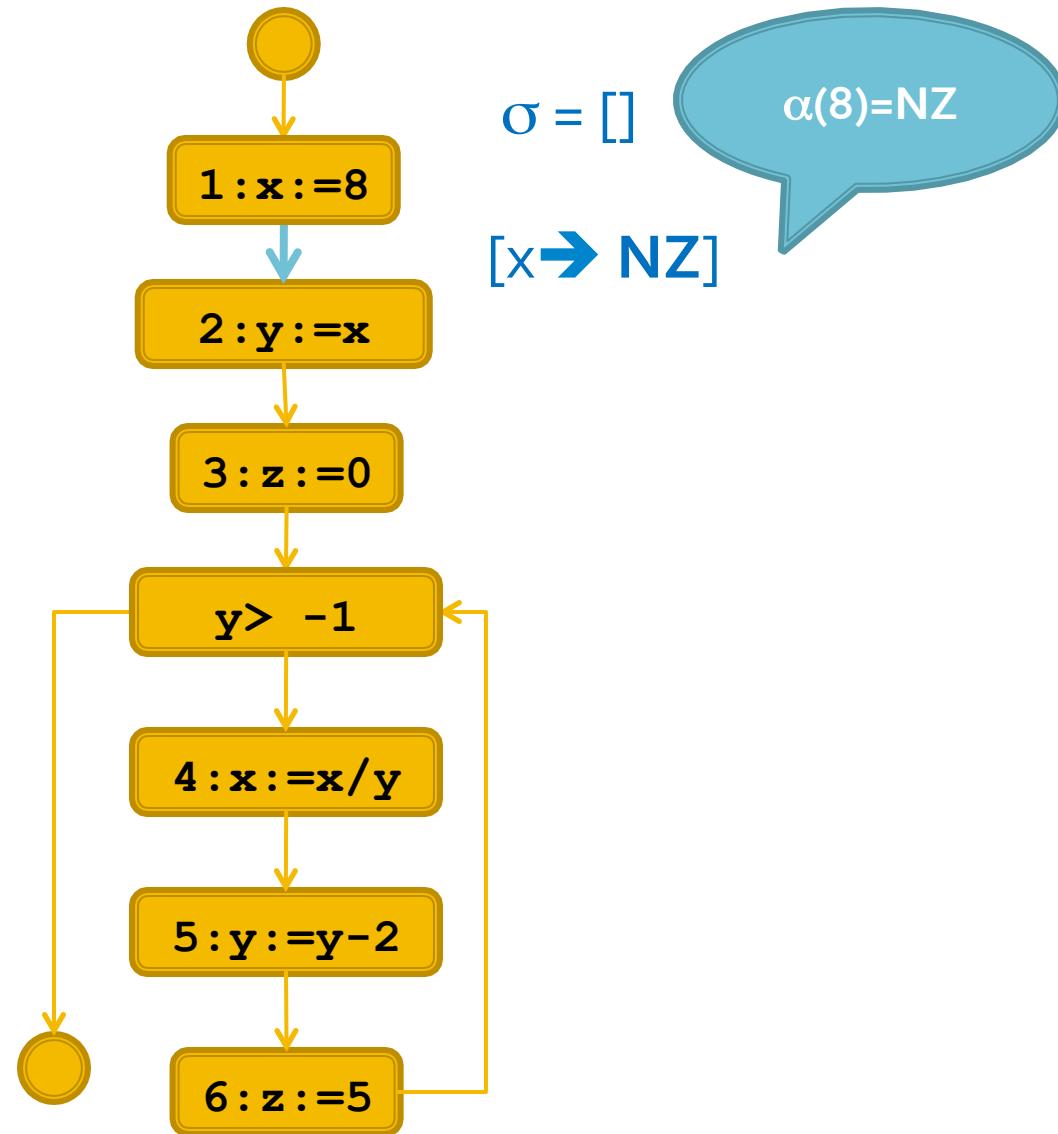
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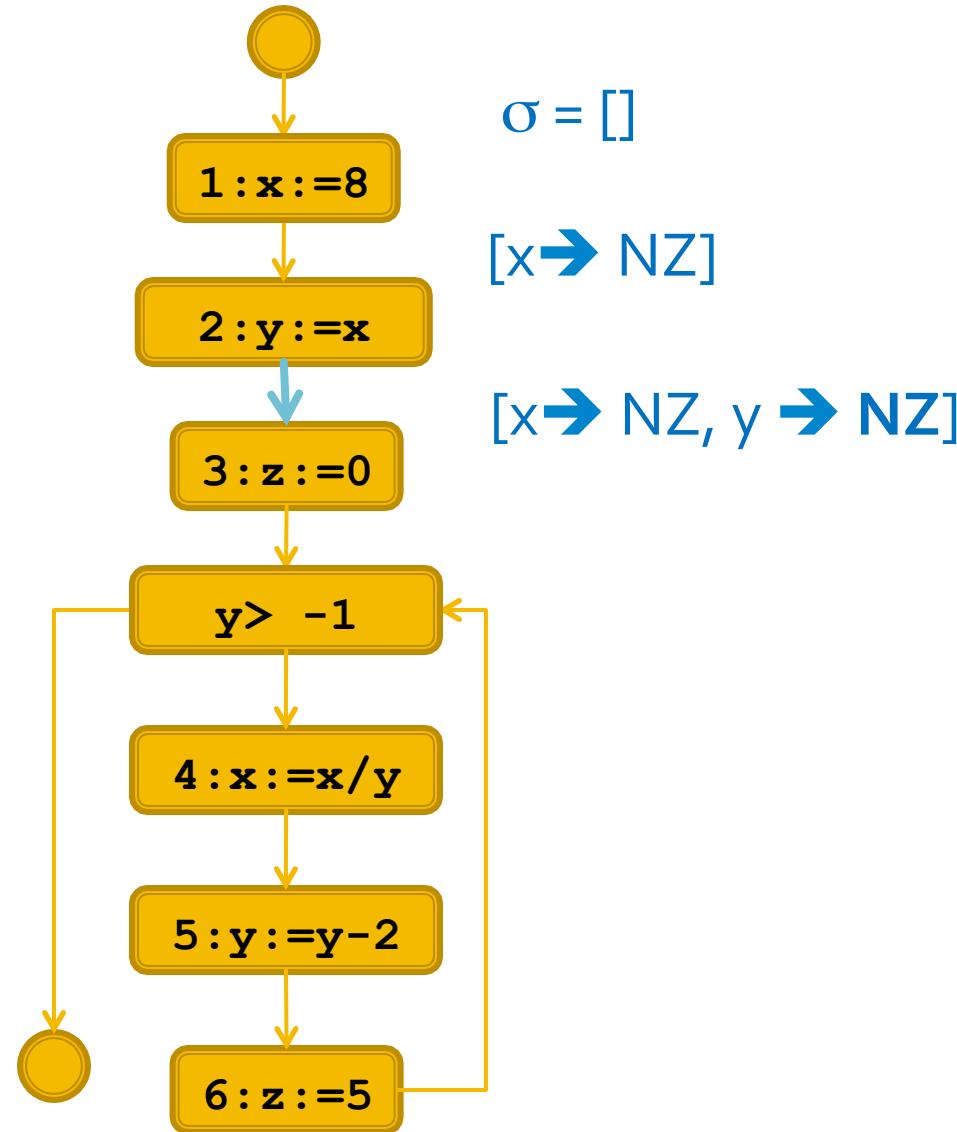
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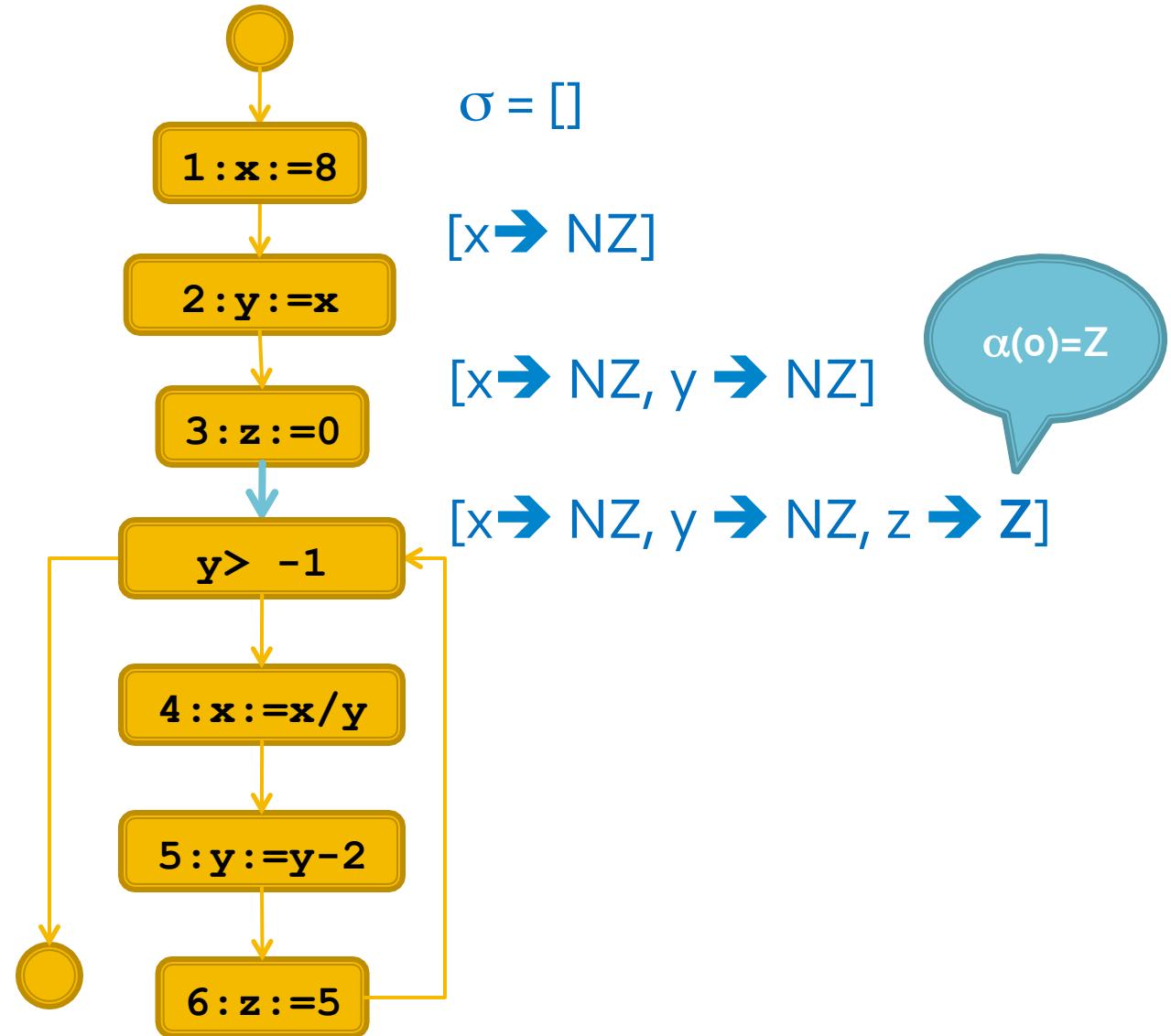
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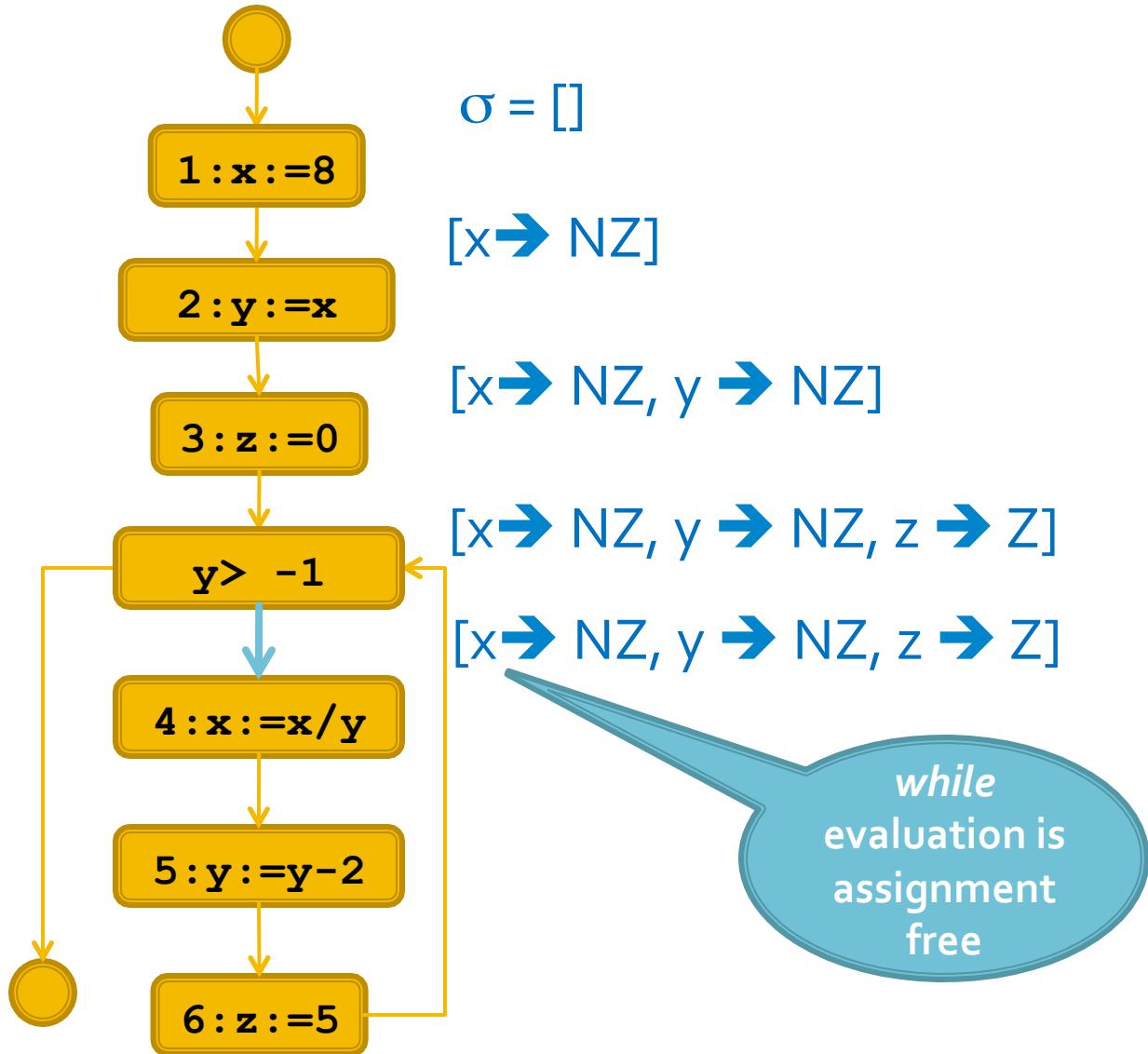
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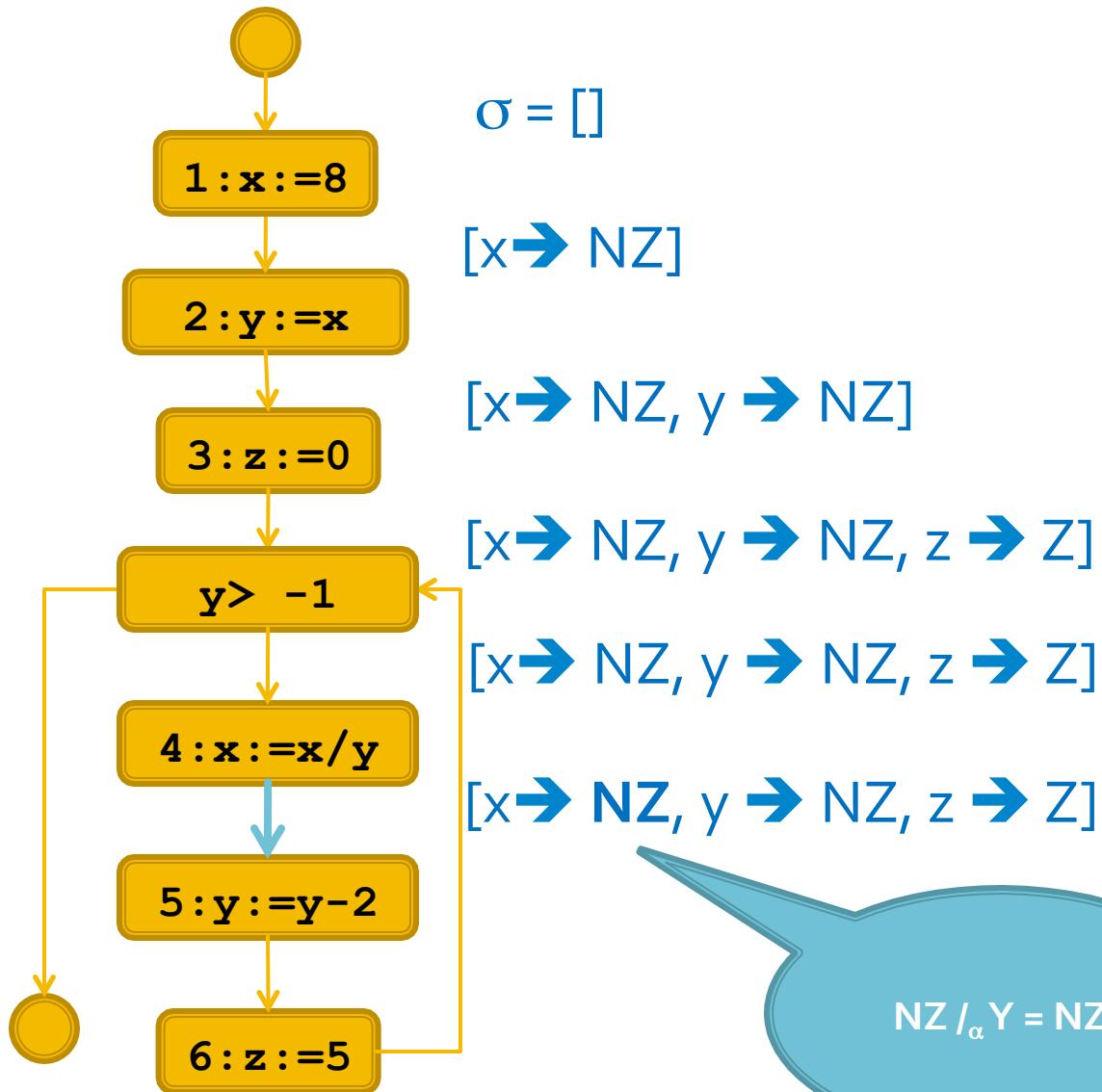
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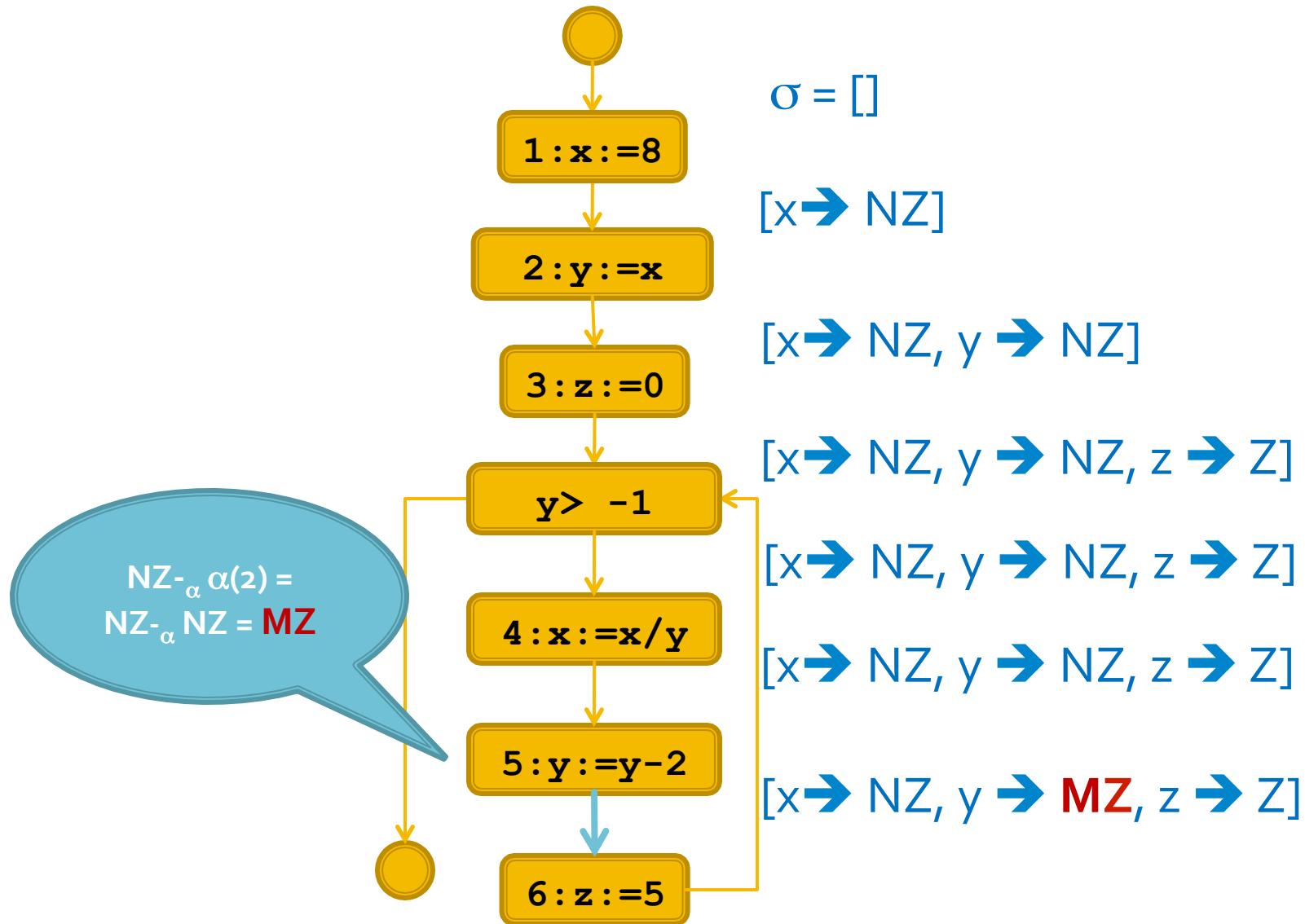
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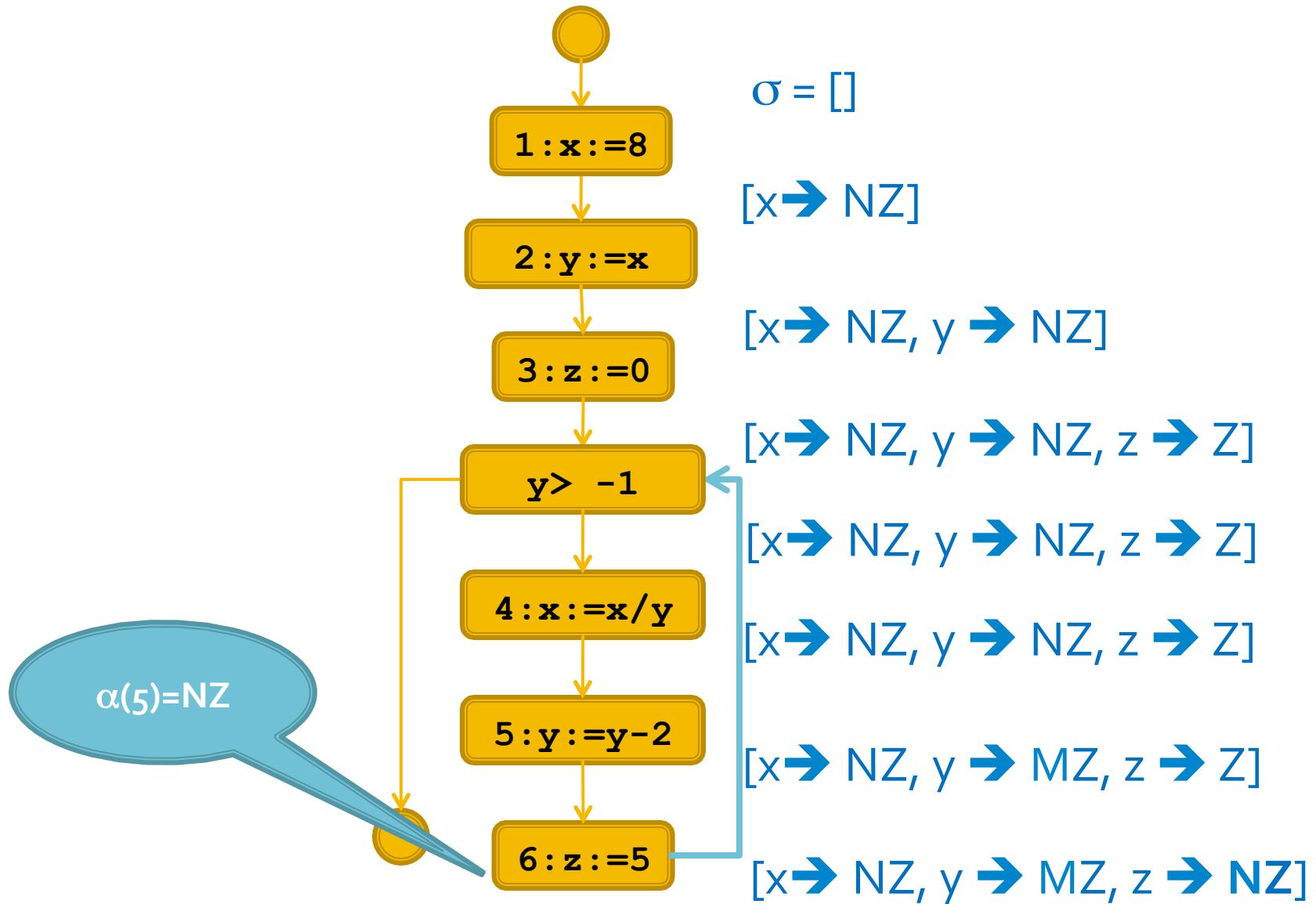
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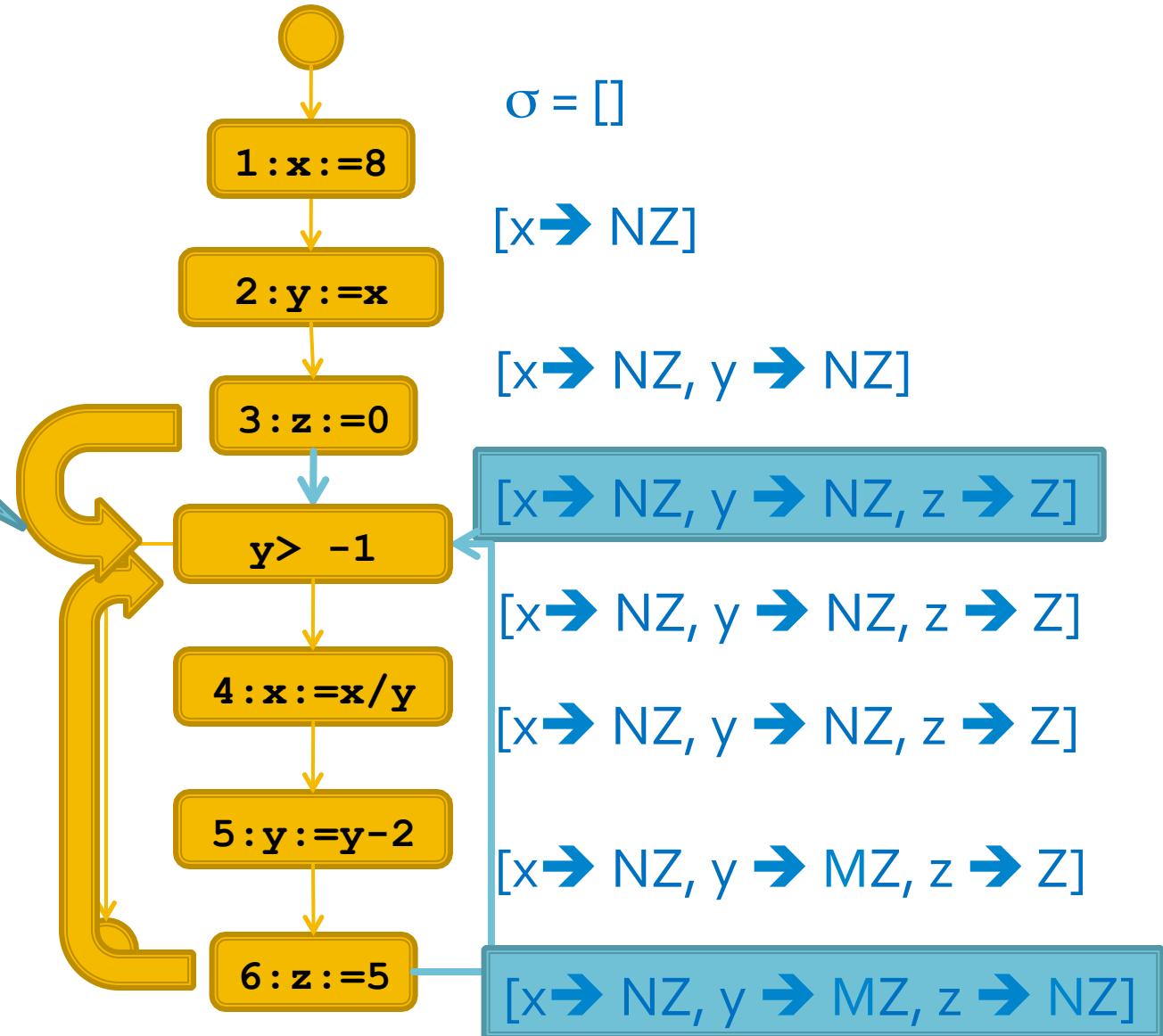


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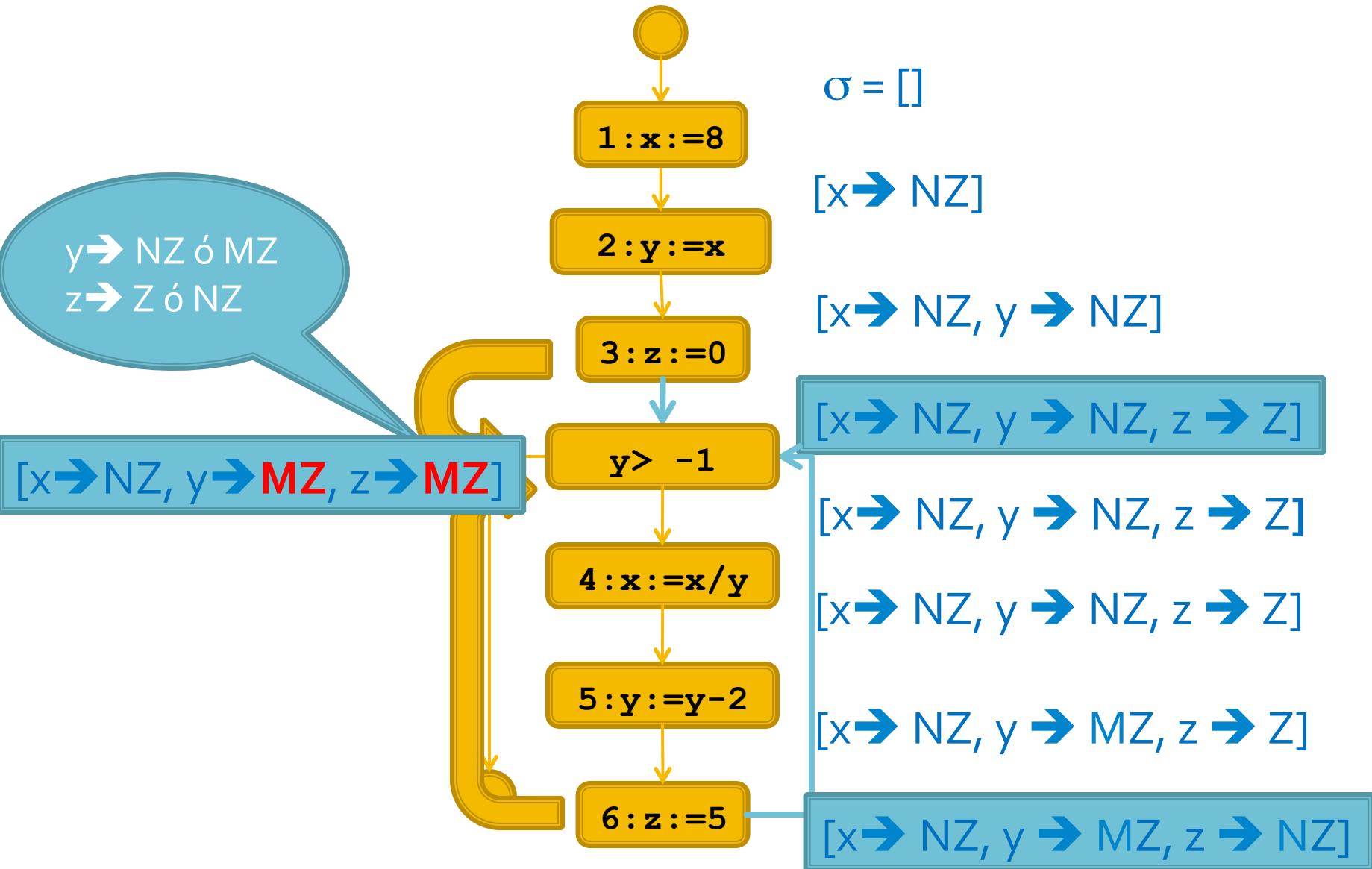


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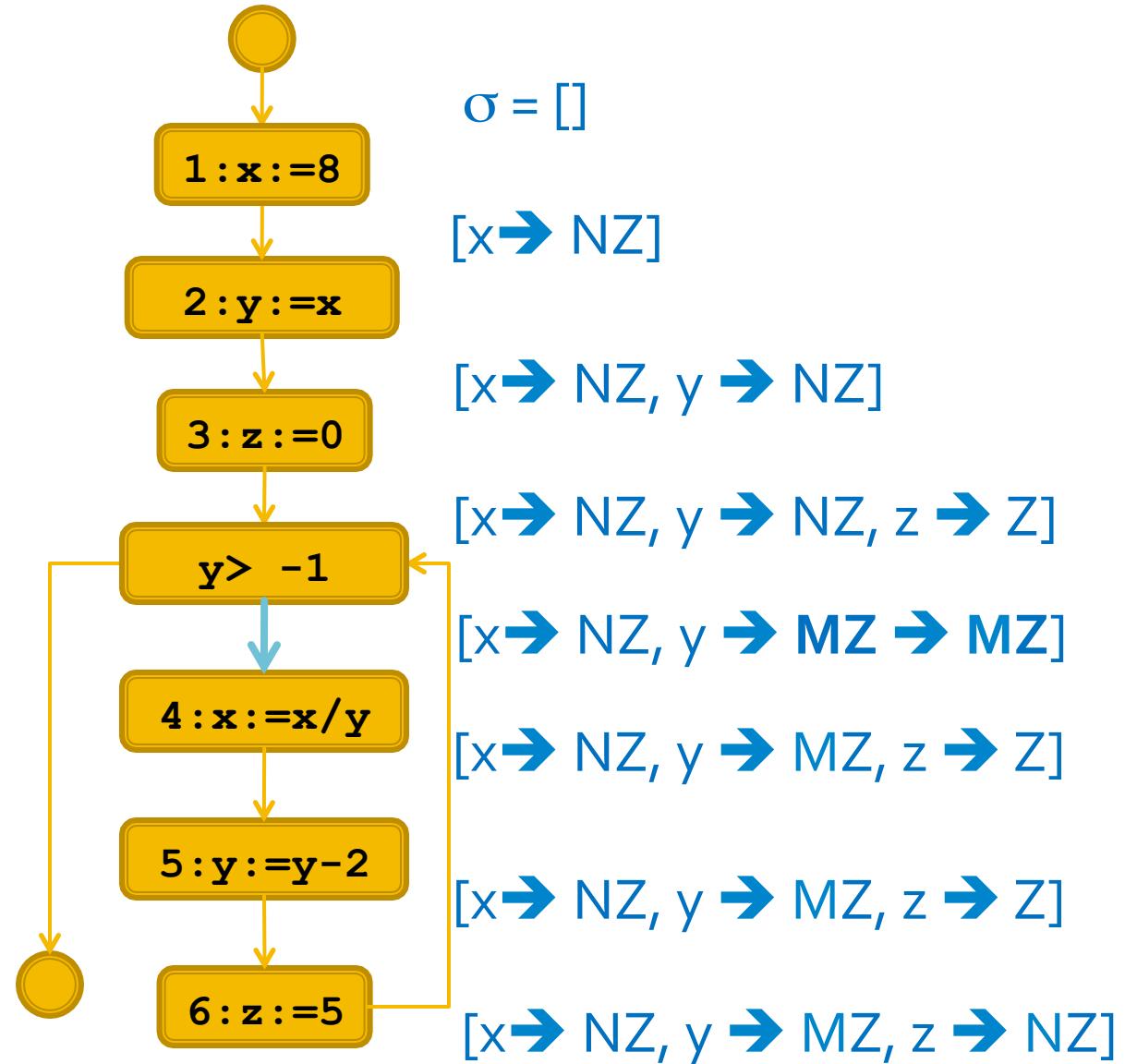
$y \rightarrow \text{NZ} \cup \text{MZ}$   
 $z \rightarrow \text{Z} \cup \text{NZ}$



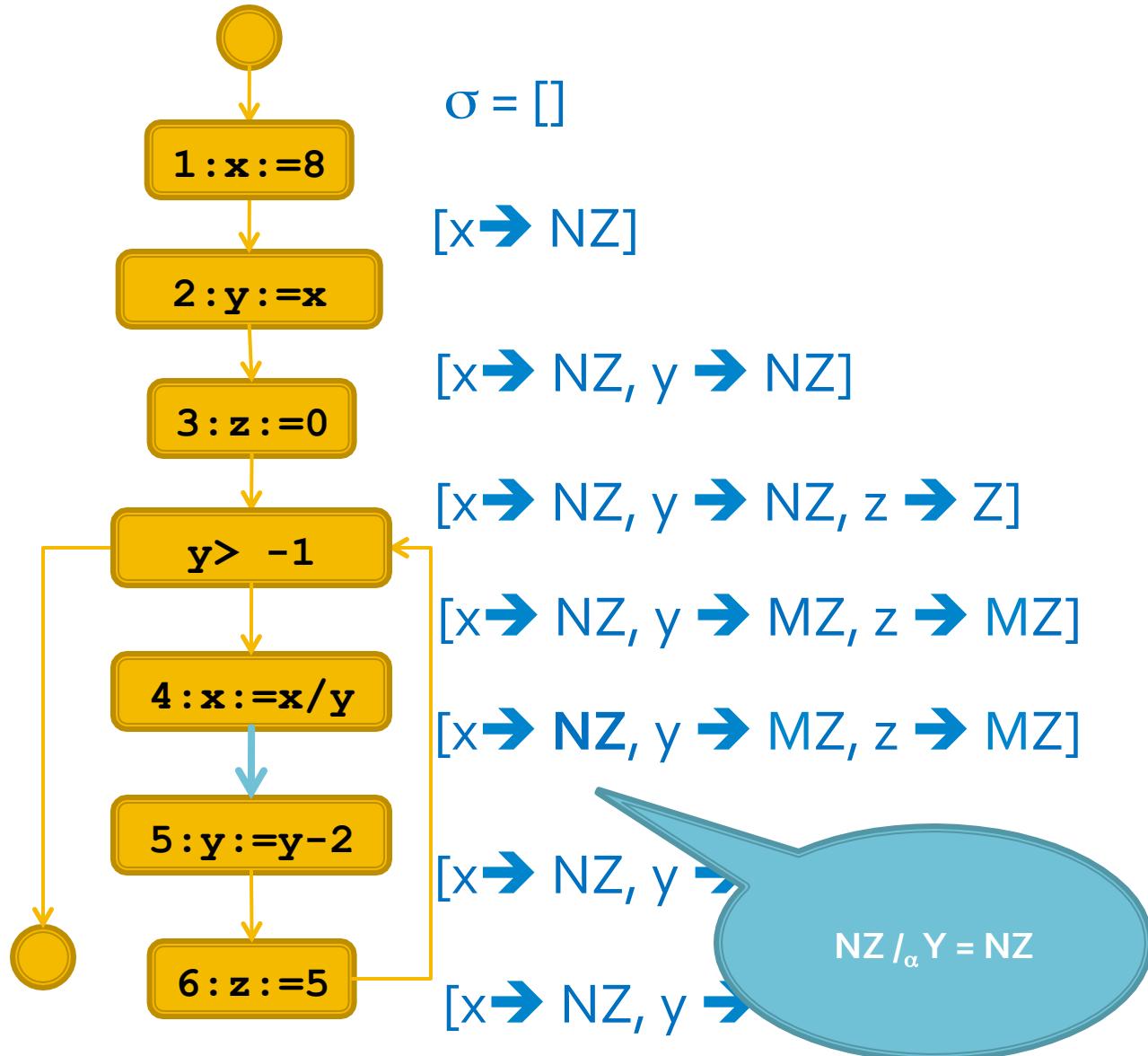
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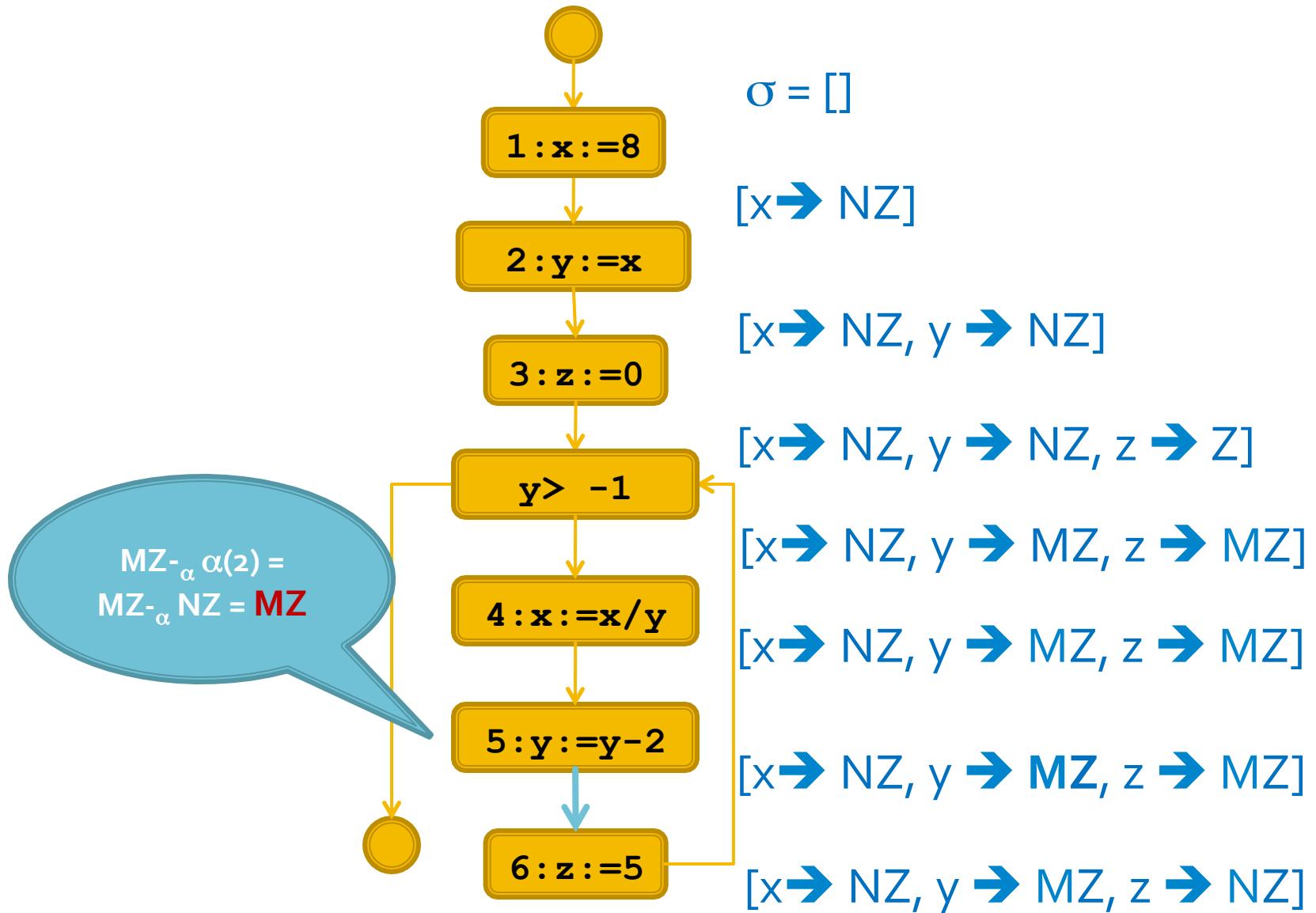
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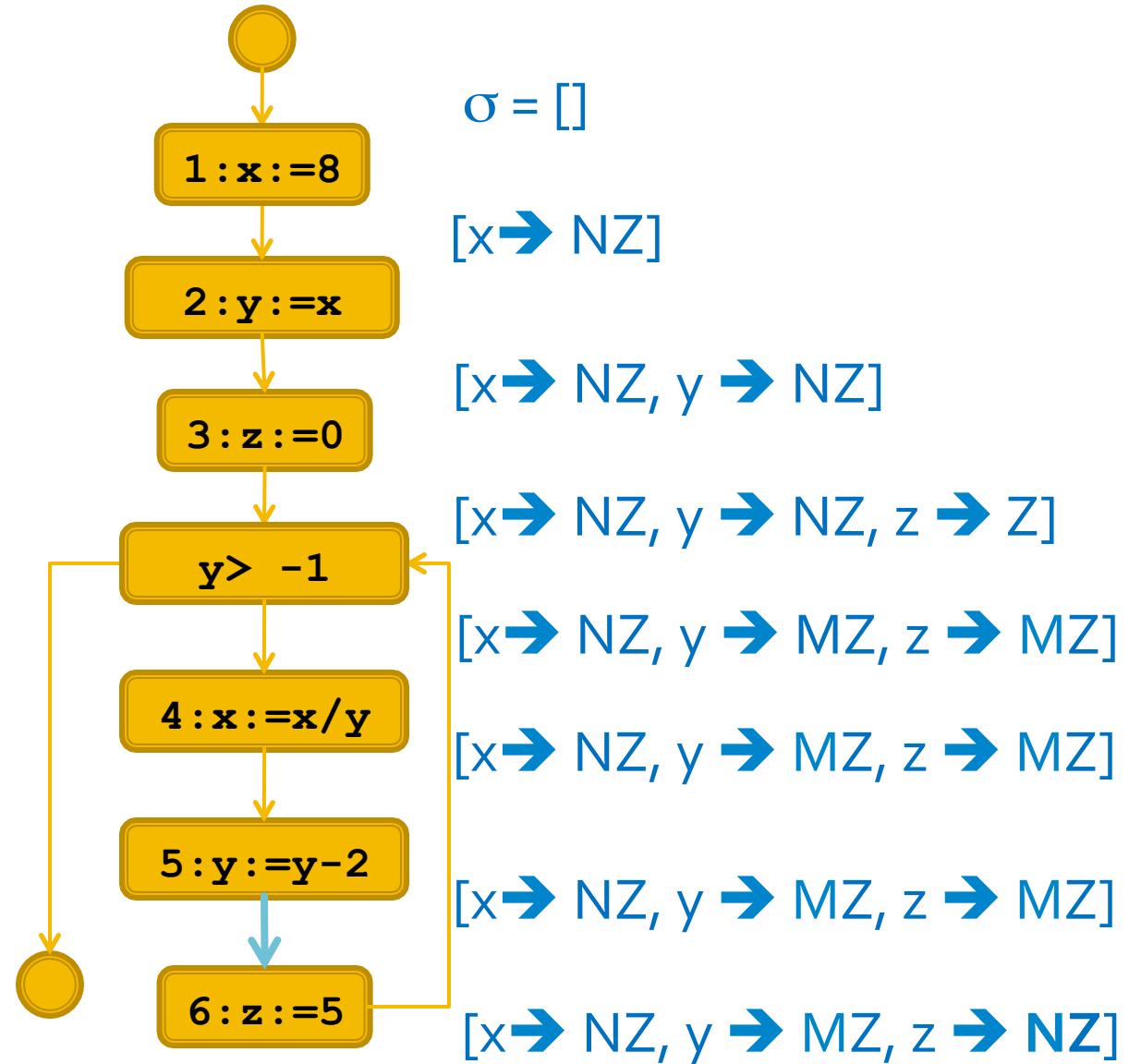
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# DF Analysis convergence

Iteration #2

$\sigma = []$

[ $x \rightarrow \text{NZ}$ ]

[ $x \rightarrow \text{NZ}, y \rightarrow \text{NZ}$ ]

[ $x \rightarrow \text{NZ}, y \rightarrow \text{NZ}, z \rightarrow \text{Z}$ ]

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No  
changes!  
Fix-point!

Iteration #3

$\sigma = []$

[ $x \rightarrow \text{NZ}$ ]

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# Example: Using the result

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 $\sigma = []$ 
x := 8;
 $\sigma = [x \rightarrow \text{NZ}]$ 
y := x;
 $\sigma = [x \rightarrow \text{NZ}, y \rightarrow \text{NZ}]$ 
z := 0;
 $\sigma = [x \rightarrow \text{NZ}, y \rightarrow \text{NZ}, z \rightarrow \text{Z}]$ 
while y > -1 do
   $\sigma = [x \rightarrow \text{NZ}, y \rightarrow \text{MZ}, z \rightarrow \text{MZ}]$ 
  x := x / y;
   $\sigma = [x \rightarrow \text{NZ}, y \rightarrow \text{MZ}, z \rightarrow \text{MZ}]$ 
  y := y - 2;
   $\sigma = [x \rightarrow \text{NZ}, y \rightarrow \text{MZ}, z \rightarrow \text{MZ}]$ 
  z := 5;
 $\sigma = [x \rightarrow \text{NZ}, y \rightarrow \text{MZ}, z \rightarrow \text{NZ}]$ 
```

**Warning:** This program *might* produce a division by zero

# Applying Zero Analysis

Interpreting the result:

- Visit each expression of the form  $X/Y$  in the program
- Look at the result from the zero analysis for that program point for the variable  $Y$ 
  - IF  $Y = NZ$ , OK!

Fundamental Property: Given a program  $P$  y an analysis  $A$  searching for errors of type  $E$ .

“Sound error detection”:

- If an error  $e$  exists in  $P \Rightarrow A$  finds it

# Enhancing precision

- What happens with this example?
  - $y = 3;$   
 $y := y - 1;$   
 $x = 6/y$
  - Analysis is conservative... it reports a warning when it is clearly valid
- Solution?: More precise abstraction.
  - Example intervals:
    - $\sigma = []$
    - $y = 3;$
    - $\sigma = [y \rightarrow [3,3]]$
    - $y := y - 1;$
    - $\sigma = [y \rightarrow [2,2]]$
    - $x = 6/y$
    - $\sigma = [x \rightarrow [3,3], y \rightarrow [2,2]]$
- More precision leads to more computational cost.
  - The intervals abstraction requires 9 iterations instead of just 2.
  - Exercise!

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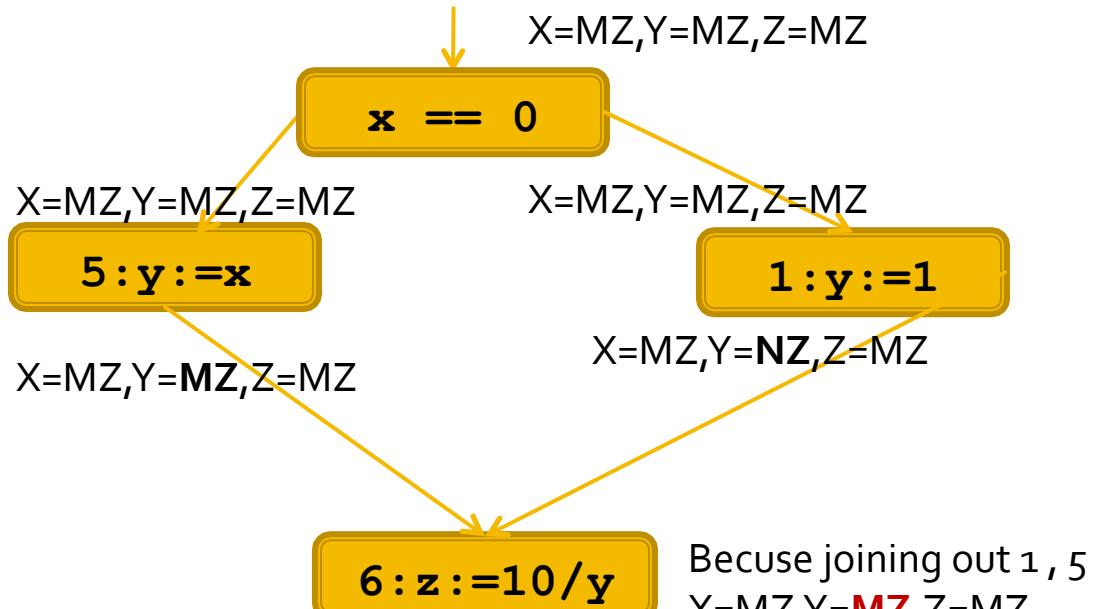
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- Questions:
  - Does it output a solution?
  - Does it produce the best possible solution?
  - Does the analysis terminate?
- It depends on the properties of the abstraction lattice and the transfer function

# Precision problems

- What about branches?



Transfer function:

- $f(\sigma, [x := y]) = [x \rightarrow \sigma(y)] \sigma$
- $f(\sigma, [x := n]) = \text{if } n == 0$ 
  - then  $[x \rightarrow Z]\sigma$
  - else  $[x \rightarrow NZ]\sigma$
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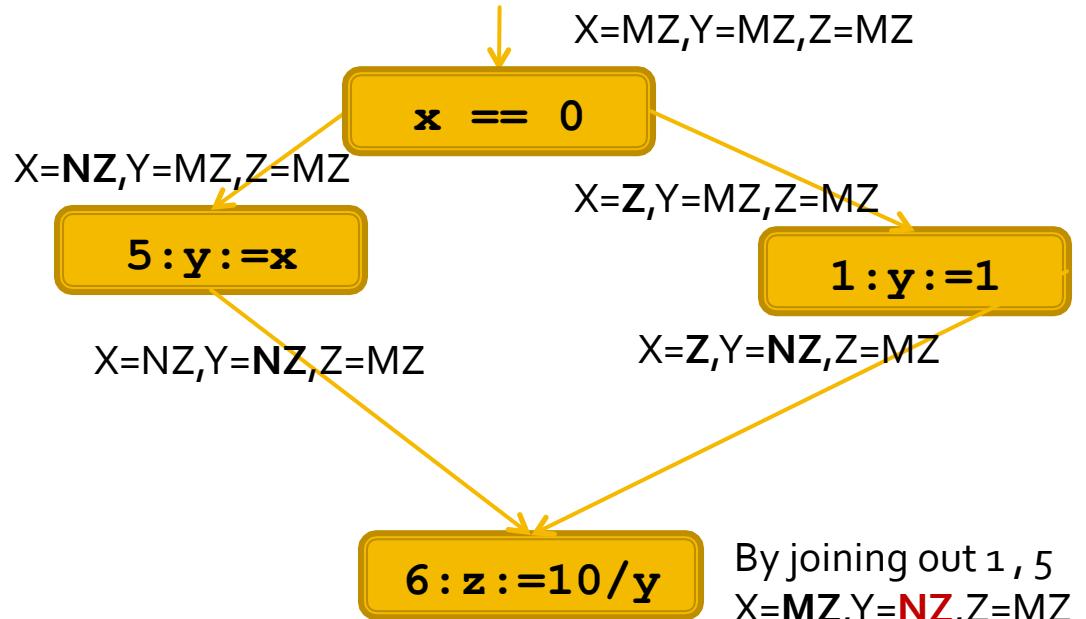
- Analysis do not profit from branching flow information

# Enhancing Precision

## Idea: Propagate branch information

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- $f(\sigma, [x := y \text{ op } z]) = [x \rightarrow MZ] \sigma$
- $f(\sigma, /* \text{ any other */}) = \sigma$
- $fT(\sigma, [x == 0]) = [x \rightarrow Z] \sigma$
- $fF(\sigma, [x == 0]) = [x \rightarrow NZ] \sigma$



In general:

- $fT(\sigma, [x == y]) = [x \rightarrow \sigma(y)] \sigma$
- $fF(\sigma, [x == y]) = [x \rightarrow !\sigma(y)] \sigma$

# (Forward) work-list algorithm

- More efficient

Compute  $\text{out}[n]$  for each  $n \in N$ .

$\text{out}[n] := \perp$

$\text{work.add} = \{\text{entry}\}$

WHILE  $\text{work}$  is not empty:

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IF  $\neg(\text{out}'[n] \subseteq \text{out}[n])$

$\text{for each } m \in \text{succ}(n) \text{ work.add}(m);$

$\text{out}[n] := \text{out}'[n]; \text{in}[n] := \text{in}'[n];$

TOP if Must Analysis

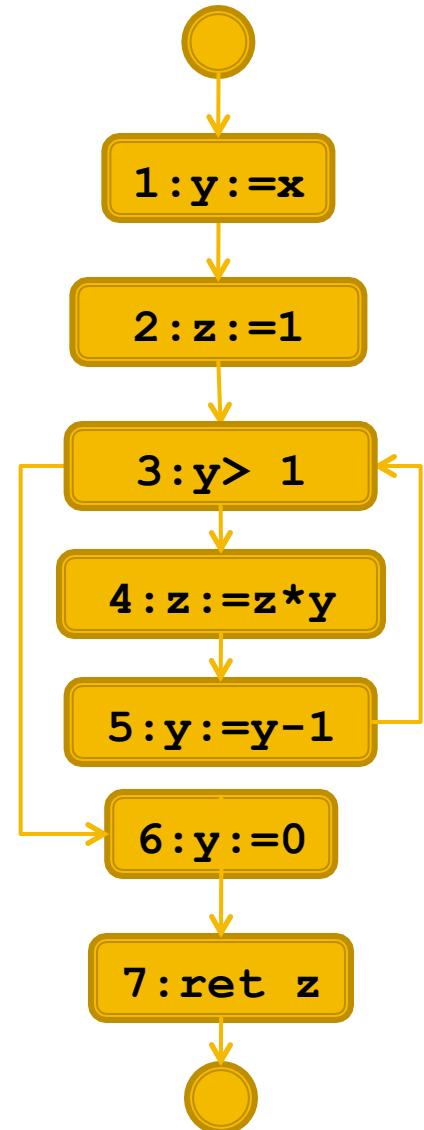
Exit if backward Analysis.

Succ if backward and replace in  $x$  out

Predecessors if backward

# Example: Live variables

```
y := x;  
z := 1;  
while y>1  
{  
    z := z * y;  
    y := y - 1;  
}  
y := 0;  
return z;
```



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-bot = {}, top = {x, y, z},  $\cup$ ,  $\subseteq$

-Transfer:

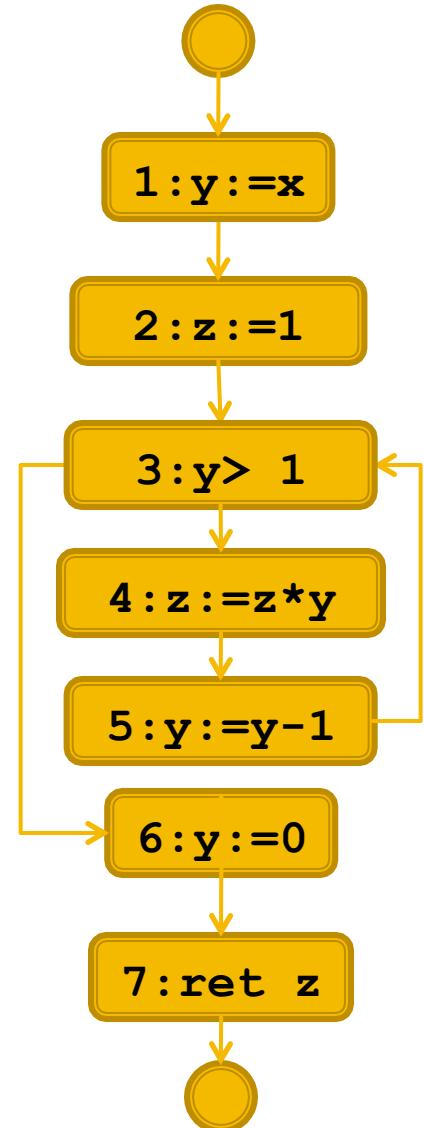
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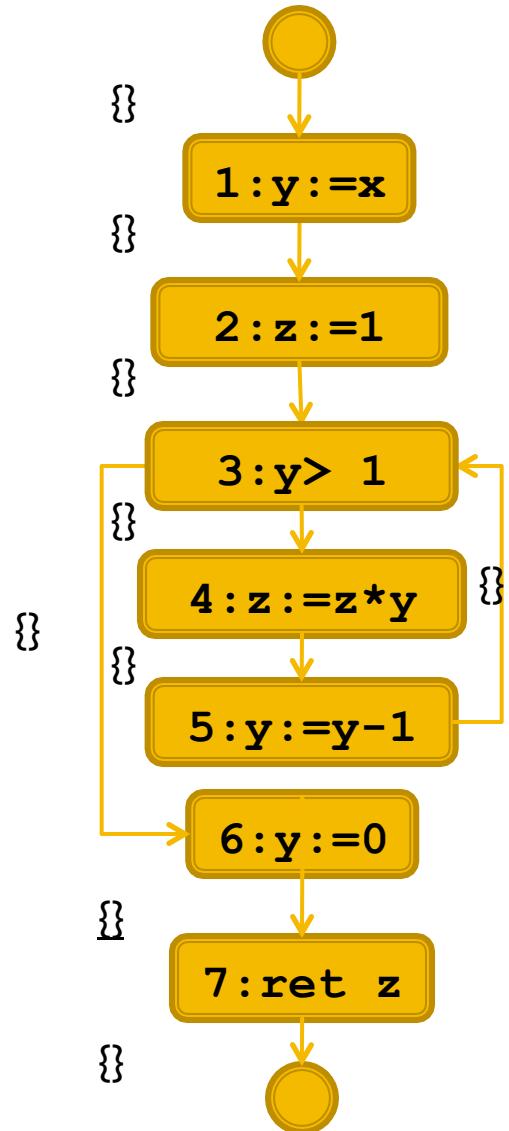
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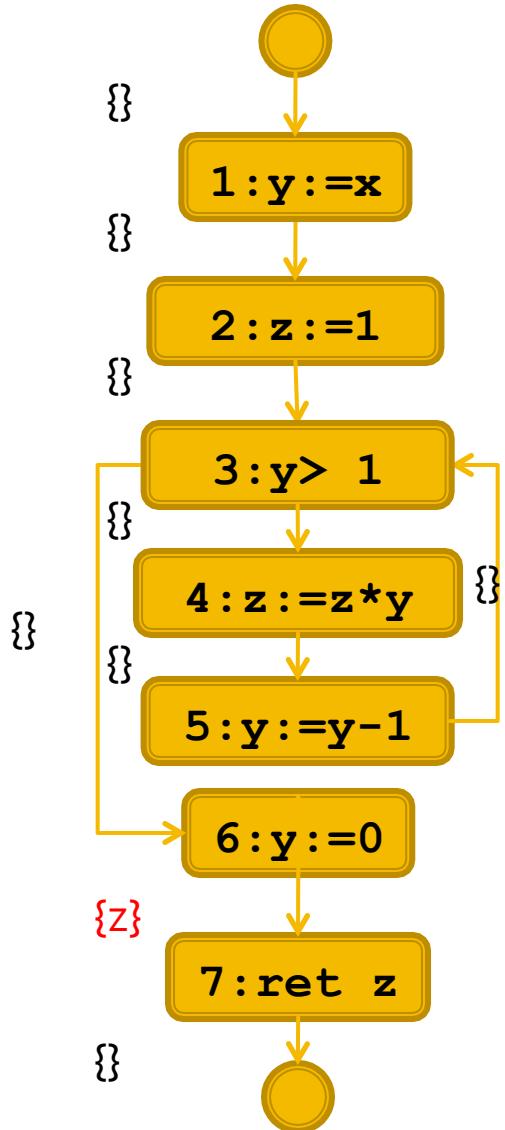
$$\text{work} = \{\text{exit}\}$$

$$n = \text{exit}$$

$$\text{out}'[7] = \{\}$$

$$\text{in}'[7] = \{z\}$$

$$\text{work}' = \{6\}$$



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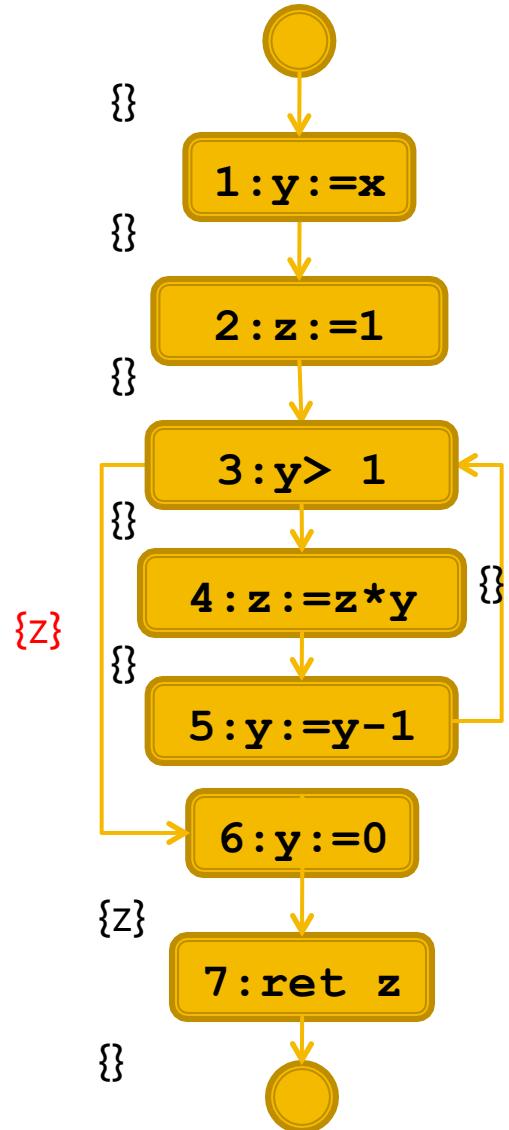
$$\text{work} = \{6\}$$

$$n = 6$$

$$\text{out}'[6] = \{z\}$$

$$\text{in}'[6] = \{z\}$$

$$\text{work}' = \{3\}$$



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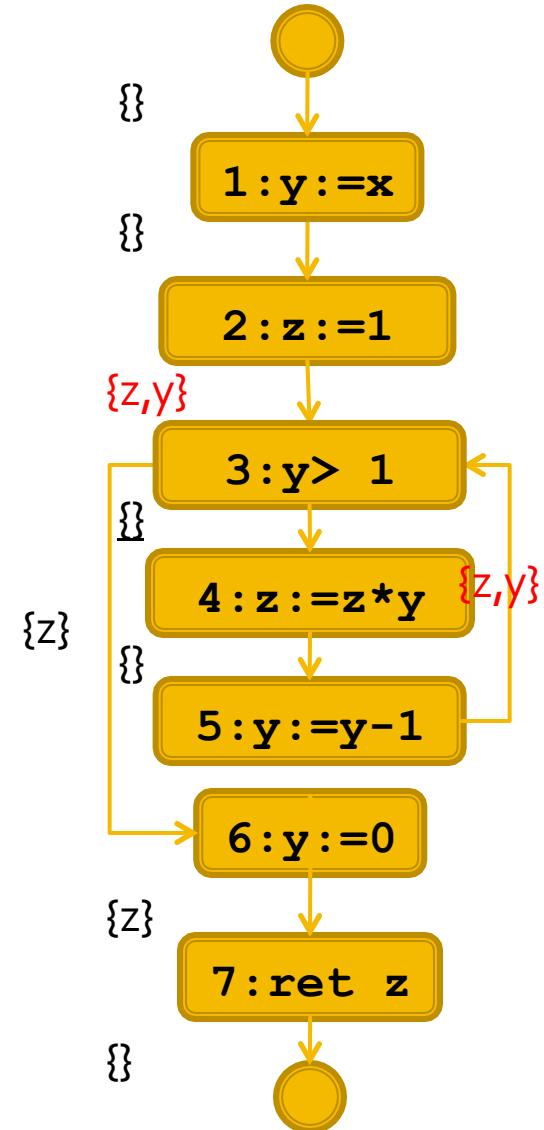
$$\text{work} = \{3\}$$

$$n = 3$$

$$\text{out}'[3] = \{z\} \text{ (de 6 y 4)}$$

$$\text{in}'[3] = \{z, y\}$$

$$\text{work}' = \{2, 5\}$$



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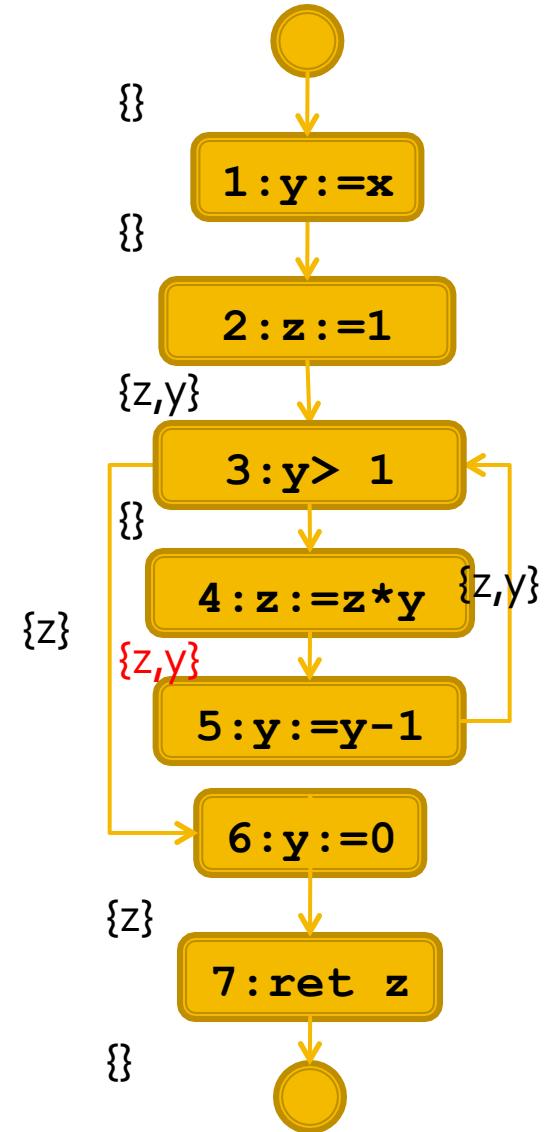
$$\text{work} = \{2, 5\}$$

$$n = 5$$

$$\text{out}'[5] = \{z, y\}$$

$$\text{in}'[5] = \{z, y\}$$

$$\text{work}' = \{2, 4\}$$



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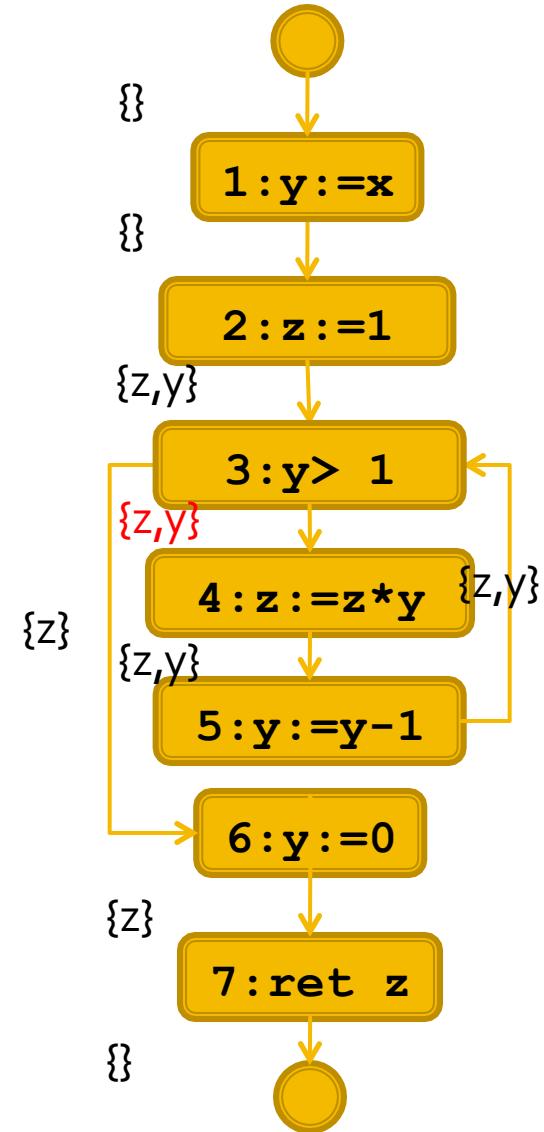
$$\text{work} = \{2, 4\}$$

$$n = 4$$

$$\text{out}'[4] = \{z, y\}$$

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***out***[*n*] :=  $\cup \{ \text{in}[m] \mid m \in \text{succ}(n) \}$

$$in[n] := F(out[n], stm[n])$$

**Compute  $\text{in}[n]$  for each  $n \in N$ :**

$\text{out}[n] := \perp$

`work.add= {exit}`

## WILE work is not empty:

`n:= work.pop();`

$$\text{out}'[n] := \bigcup \{ \text{in}[m] \mid m \in \text{succ}(n) \}$$

*in'[n] := transfer[n](out'[n])*

IF !(*in'*[*n*] ⊆ *in*[*n*])

for all  $m \in \text{pred}(n)$  `work.add(m);`

***out***[*n*] := ***out'***[*n*]; ***in***[*n*] := ***in'***[*n*];

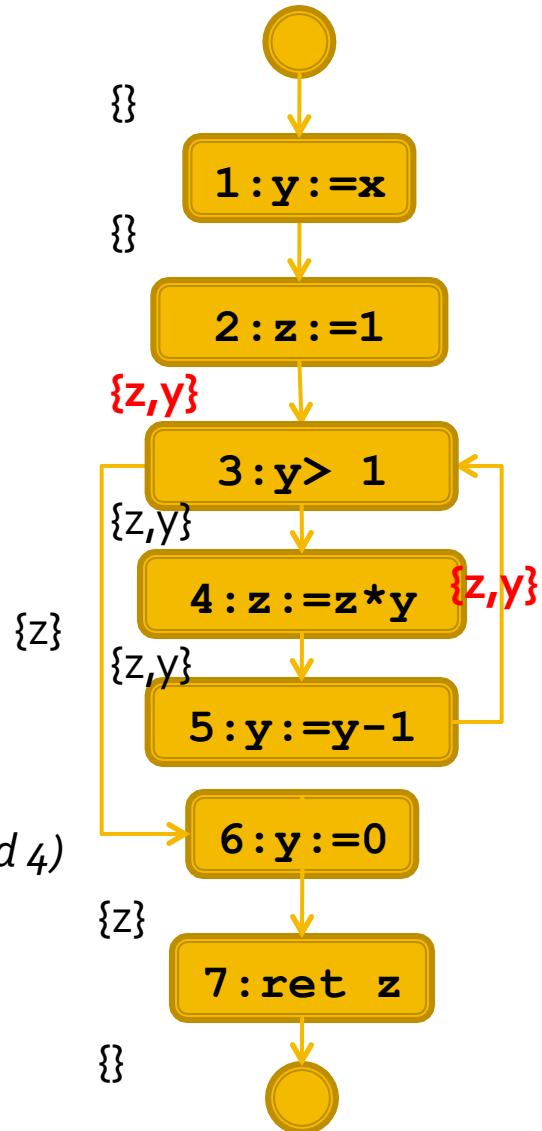
*work* = {2,3}

$$n = 3$$

*out'[3] = {z,y} (of 6 and 4)*

in' [3]= {z,y}

*work'* = {2}



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- $F(\sigma, e) = \sigma \cup \text{vars}(e)$
- $F(\sigma, x := e) = (\sigma - \{x\}) \cup \text{vars}(e)$
- $F(\sigma, \text{other case}) = \sigma$

$$\text{out}[n] := \bigcup \{ \text{in}[m] \mid m \in \text{succ}(n) \}$$

$$\text{in}[n] := F(\text{out}[n], \text{stm}[n])$$

Compute  $\text{in}[n]$  for each  $n \in N$ :

$$\text{out}[n] := \perp$$

$$\text{work.add} = \{\text{exit}\}$$

WILE  $\text{work}$  is not empty:

$$n := \text{work.pop}();$$

$$\text{out}'[n] := \bigcup \{ \text{in}[m] \mid m \in \text{succ}(n) \}$$

$$\text{in}'[n] := \text{transfer}[n](\text{out}'[n])$$

IF  $\neg (\text{in}'[n] \subseteq \text{in}[n])$

for all  $m \in \text{pred}(n)$   $\text{work.add}(m);$

$$\text{out}[n] := \text{out}'[n]; \text{in}[n] := \text{in}'[n];$$

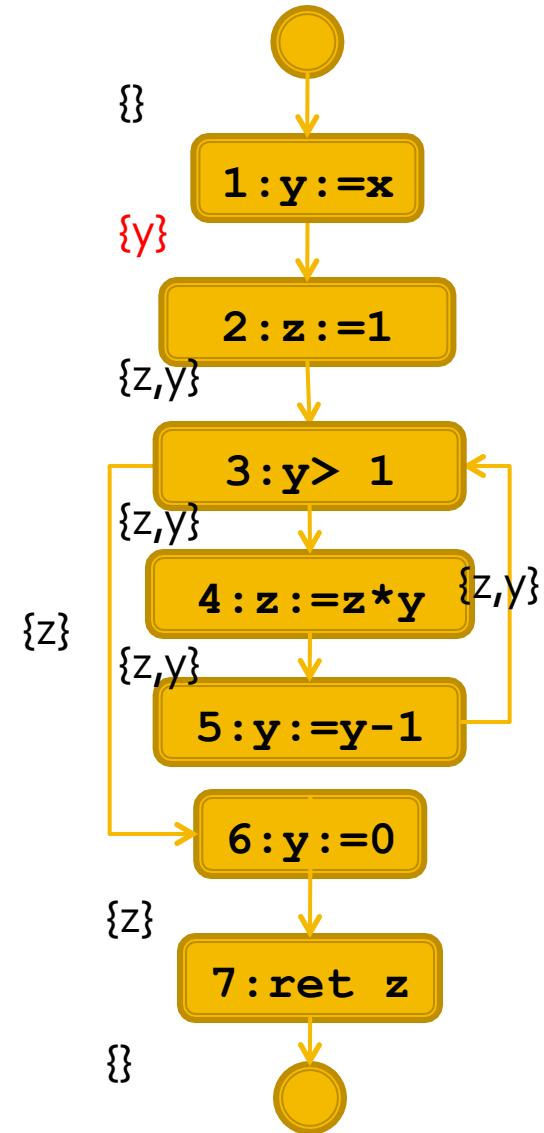
$$\text{work} = \{2\}$$

$$n = 2$$

$$\text{out}'[2] = \{z, y\}$$

$$\text{in}'[2] = \{y\}$$

$$\text{work}' = \{1\}$$



# Live variable analysis

Lattice:  $P(\{x, y, z\})$

Transfer function:

- $F(\sigma, e) = \sigma \cup \text{vars}(e)$
- $F(\sigma, x := e) = (\sigma - \{x\}) \cup \text{vars}(e)$
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$$\text{out}[n] := \bigcup \{ \text{in}[m] \mid m \in \text{succ}(n) \}$$

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Compute  $\text{in}[n]$  for each  $n \in N$ :

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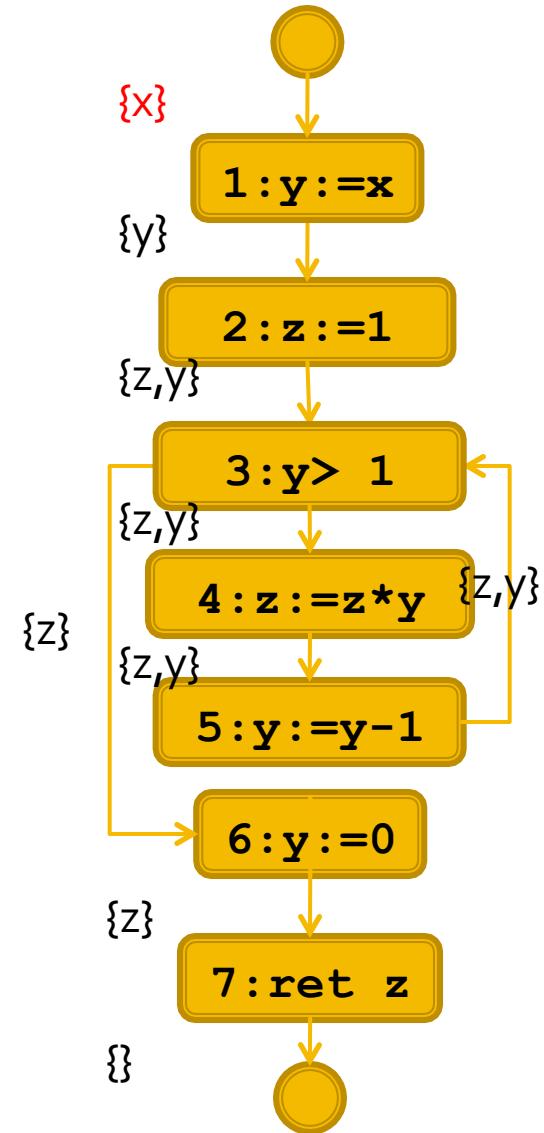
$$\text{in}'[n] := \text{transfer}[n](\text{out}'[n])$$

IF  $\neg (\text{in}'[n] \subseteq \text{in}[n])$

for all  $m \in \text{pred}(n)$   $\text{work.add}(m);$

$$\text{out}[n] := \text{out}'[n]; \text{in}[n] := \text{in}'[n];$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{work} &= \{1\} \\ n &= 1 \\ \text{out}'[1] &= \{y\} \\ \text{in}'[1] &= \{x\} \\ \text{work}' &= \{\text{entry}\} \end{aligned}$$



# Termination

- How do we know the algorithm terminates?
- Because...
  - All operations are monotonous
  - Domain is finite
    - Live variables: set of variables in the program
    - Available Expressions: set of expressions
    - Zero analysis: bot, Z,NZ, MZ
    - Etc.
  - If the domain is not finite termination can still be achieved
    - Acceleration (widening)

# Flow sensitive

- In a flow sensitive analysis
  - Execution order of instructions does matter
    - Example: Zero analysis
  
- In flow insensitive analysis
  - Execution order **does not** matter
  - Result is independent from the order in which instructions are executed
    - Example: type inference in typed languages

# Flow-insensitive analysis

- Variables updated by a procedure
  - $M(x := e) = \{x\}$
  - $M(S_1; S_2) = M(S_1) \cup M(S_2)$
- Observe that  $M(S_1; S_2) = M(S_2; S_1)$

# Sensitive vs. Insensitive

- Sensitive analysis require a program model for each program point
  - More precise
  - Scale less than a insensitive analysis
- Insensitive analyses require **only** a global state
  - Example: Set of modified variables
  - Less precise
  - Scale better than sensitive counterparts

# Taste & Sensibility

- Sensibility: which aspects of the code will we consider?
  - Instruction-order? Flow-sensitive
  - Call Stack, parameters? Context-sensitive
  - Branch conditions? Path-sensitive

Analysis	Sensibility
Typing	Insensitive
Dataflow	Flow-sensitive
Model Checking	Flow & Path sensitive
Points-to	C :Flow Java: Flow insensitive although context sensitive