Configurable Test-Goal Set Partitioning for Directed Multi-Goal Test Generation

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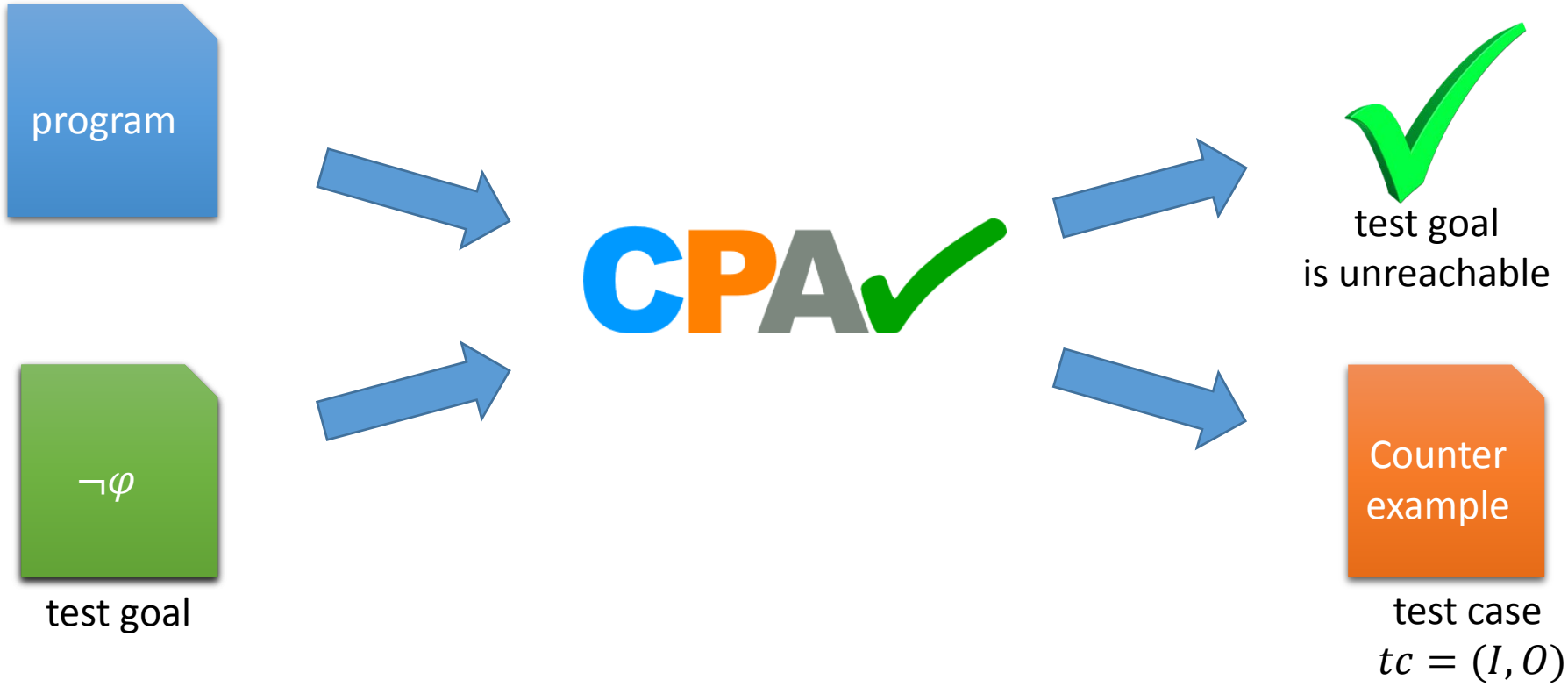
Test-Case Generation with Software Model Checking



Tiger Algorithm for Multi-Goal Test Coverage

Input: $CFA\ cfa, Set\ of\ Goals\ G$
Output: $Test\ Suite\ TS\ covering\ G$

$TS := \{\}$
$G' := G$
$while\ G' \neq \emptyset$
  $g := pick\ and\ remove\ element\ from\ G'$
  if $\left(tc := reachabilityAnalysis(cfa, g)\right)$
    $TS := TS \cup (tc, g)$
    $foreach\ g' \in G'$
      $if\ tc\ covers\ g'$
        $TS := TS \cup (tc, g')$
        $G' := G' \backslash g'$

Example

```
1   int func-spl (int x, int y, int z) {
2     int a;
3     if (x < y)
4         a = x;
5     else
6         a = y;
7     z = z + a;
8     return z;
9   }
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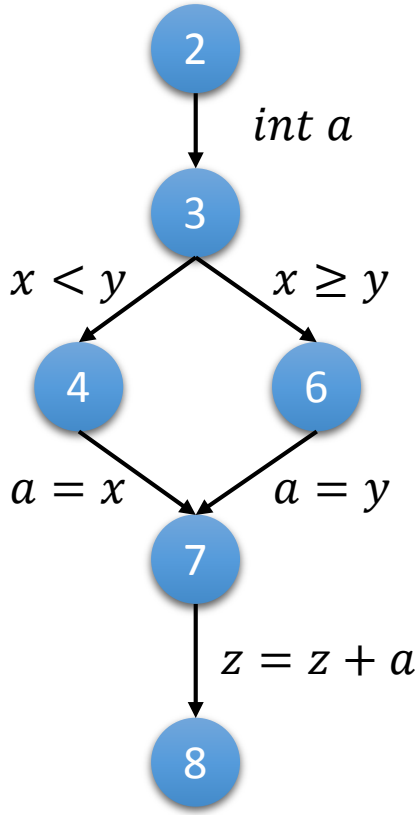

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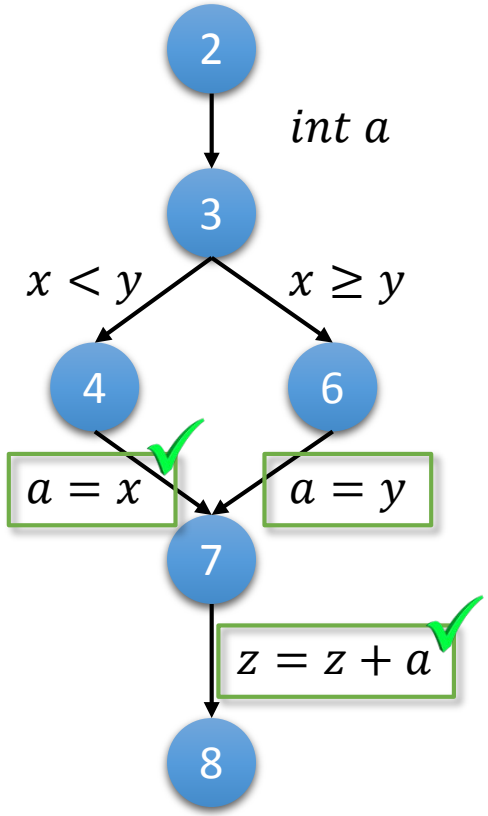

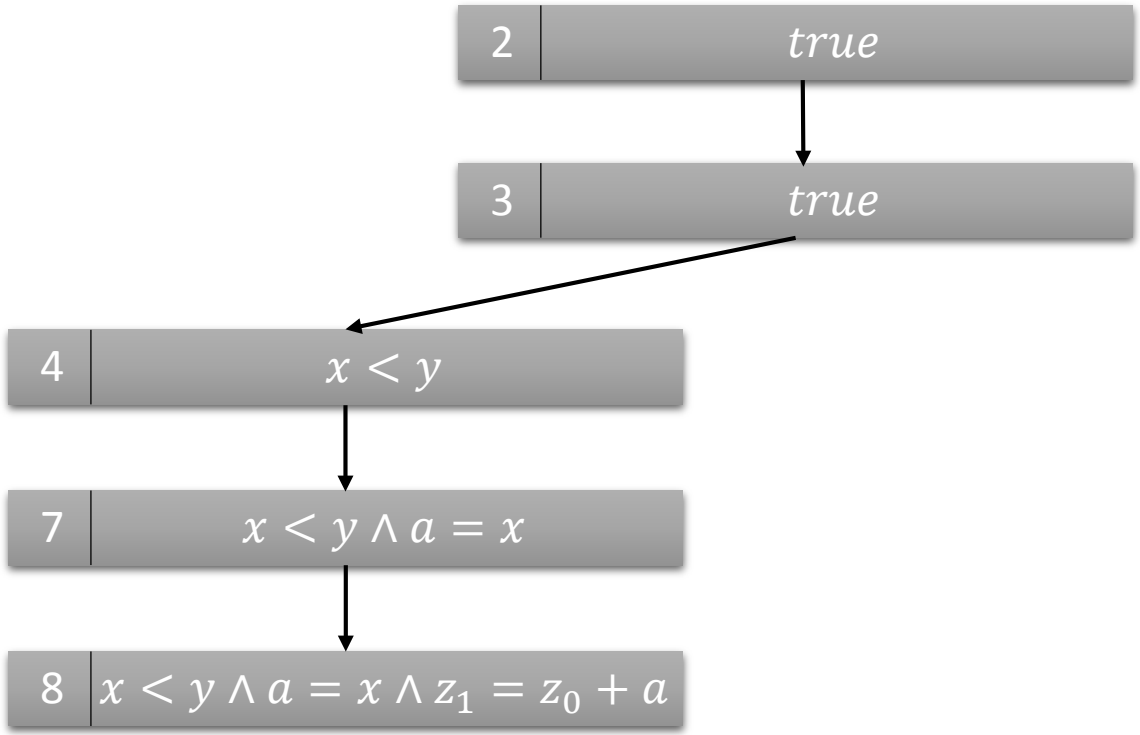

- tc = (x=0, y=1, z=0 | z=0)

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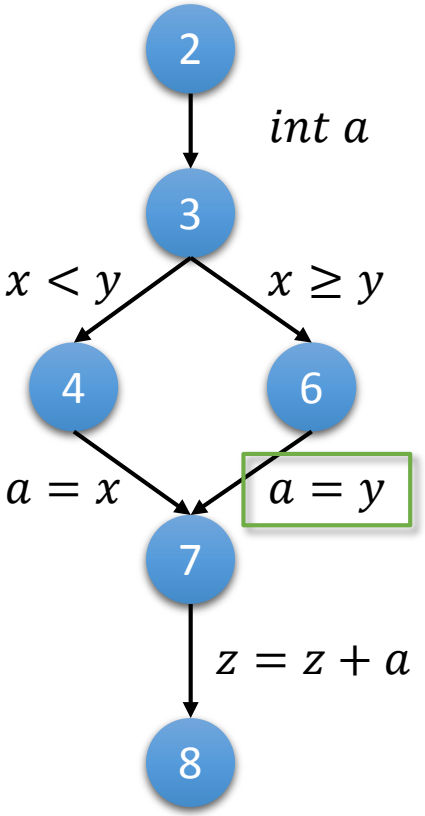
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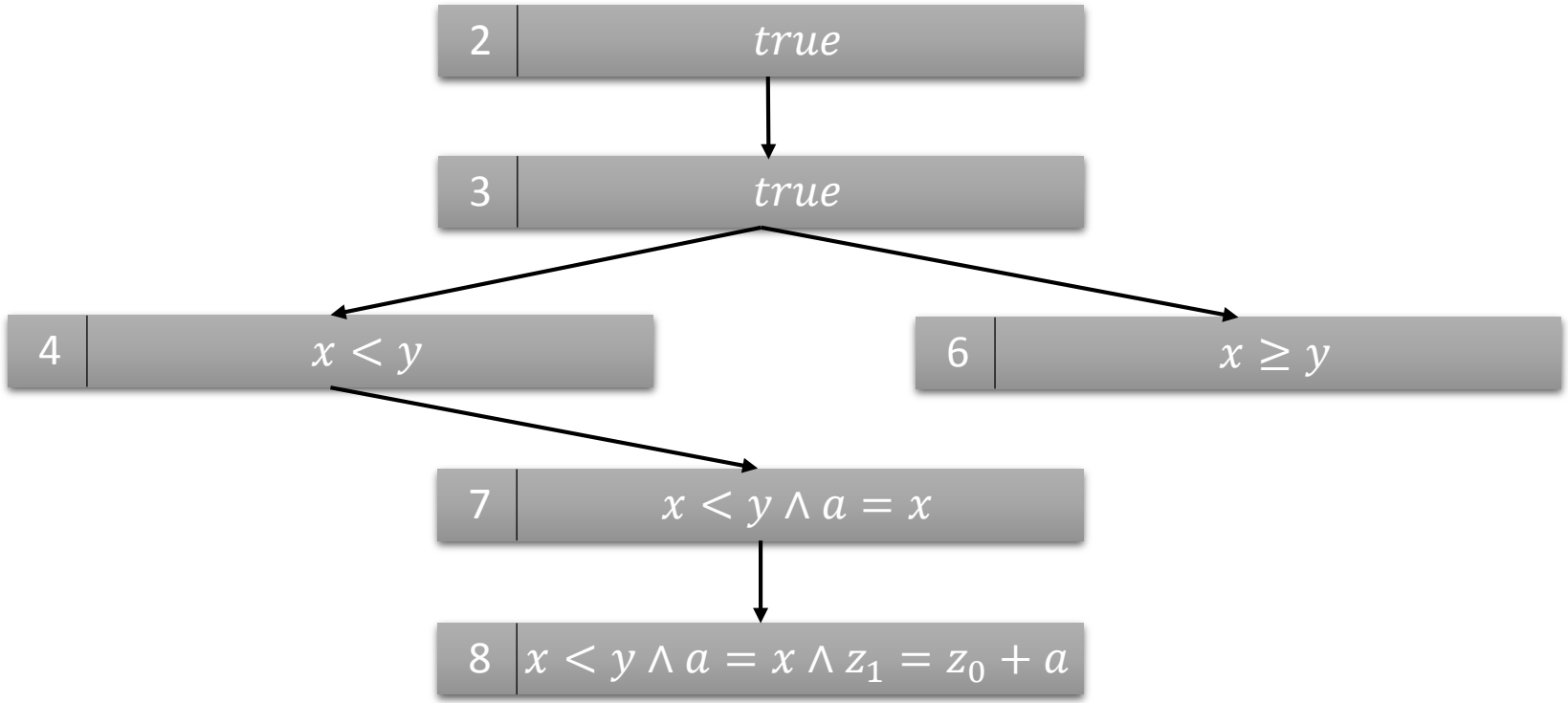
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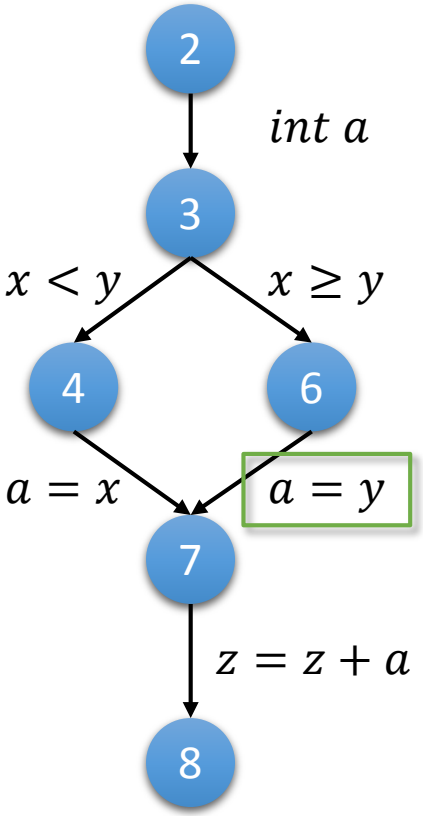
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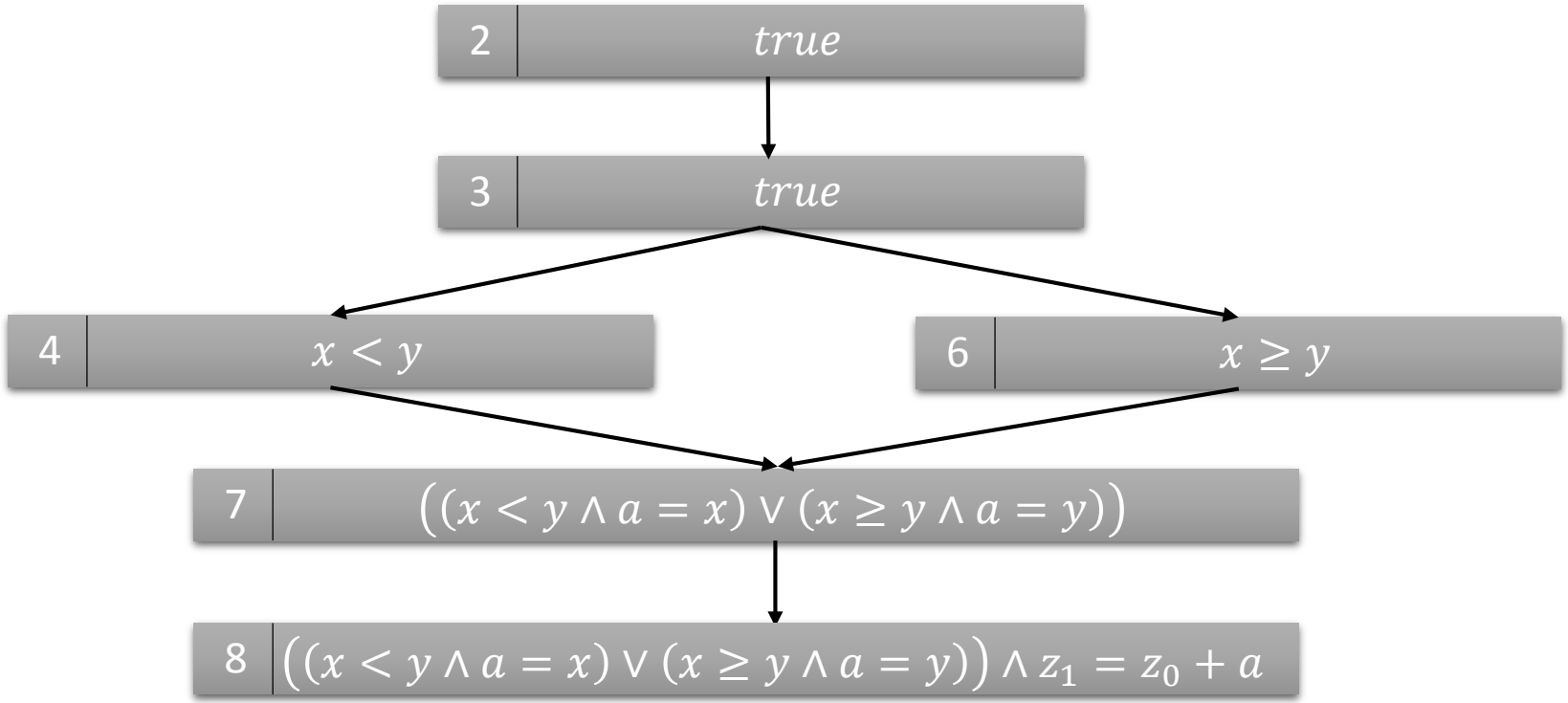
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- tc = ?

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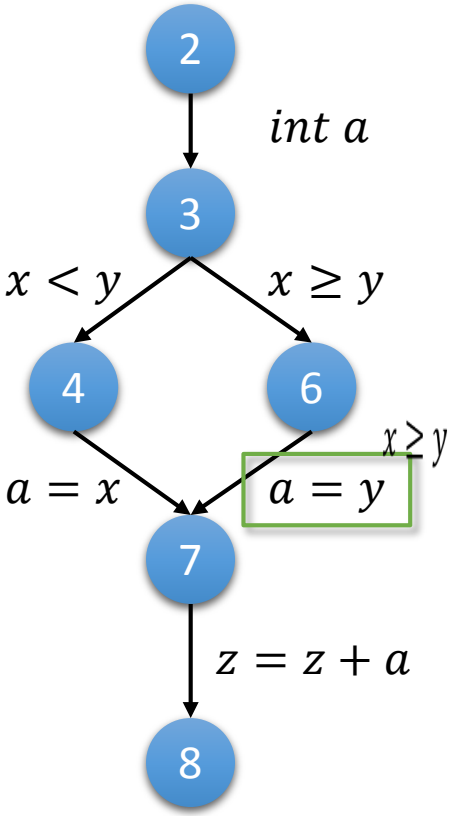

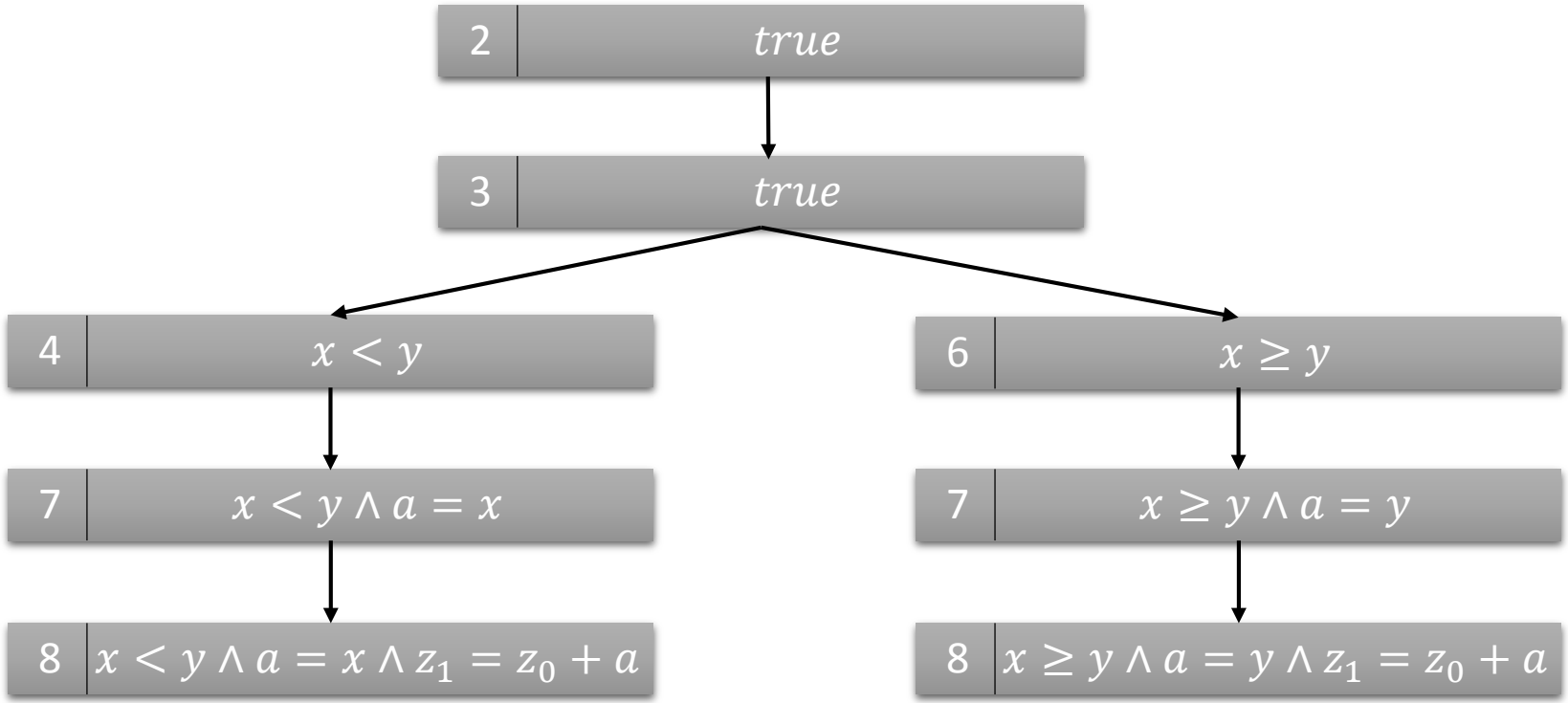

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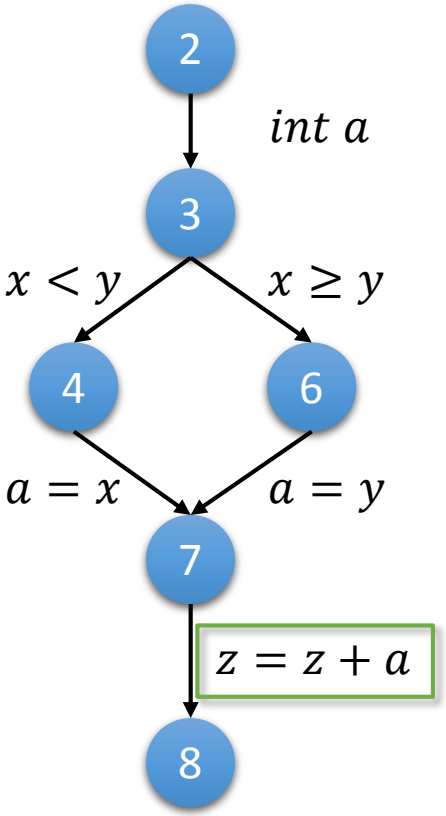
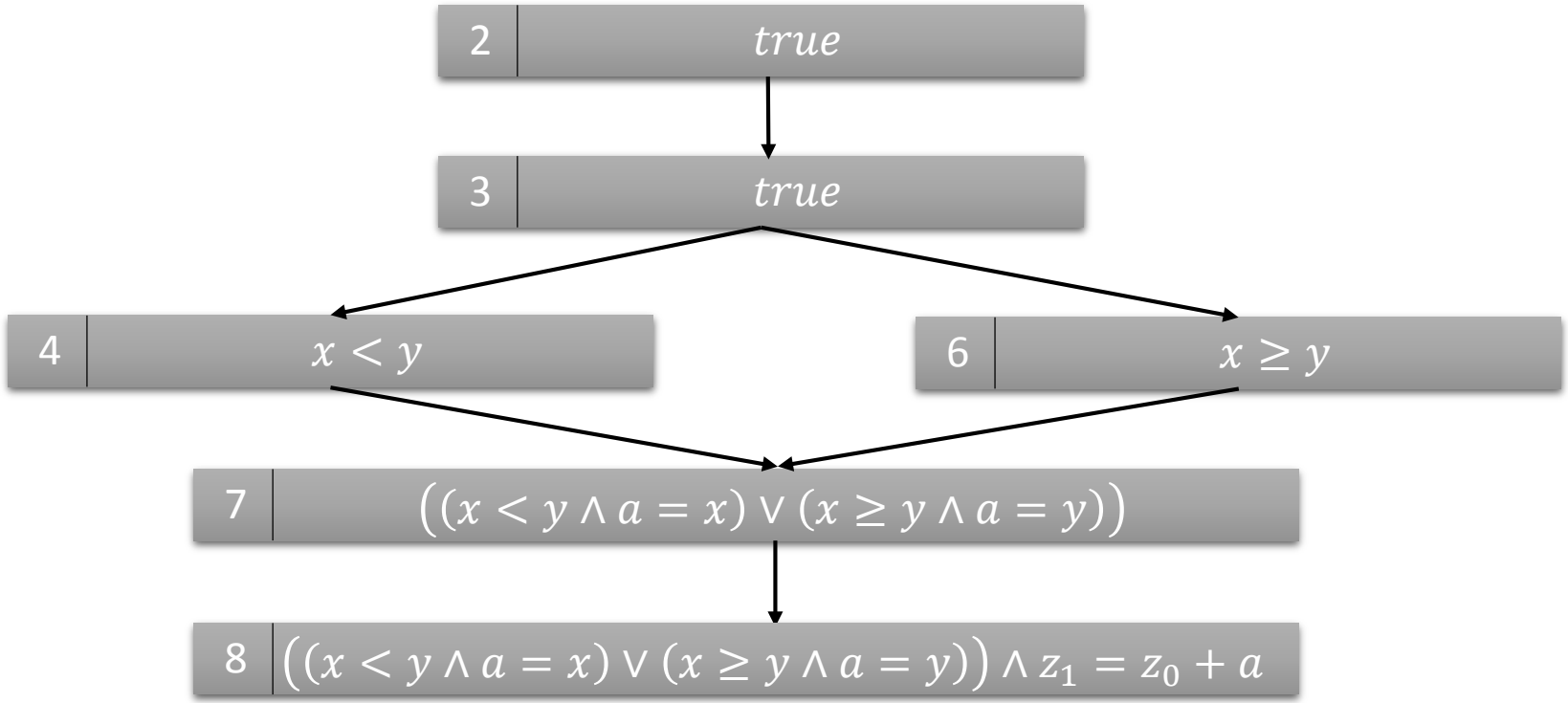
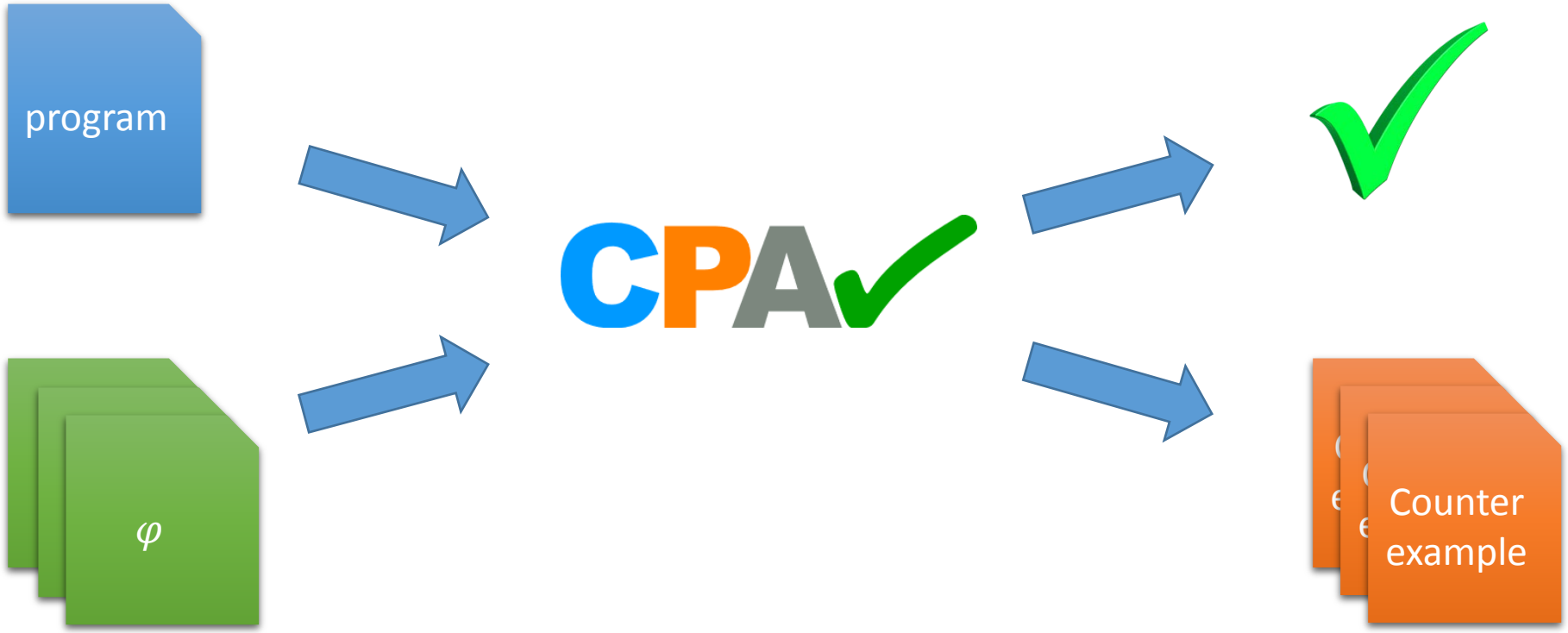




- ARG-state merge only feasible before reaching the test goal
- ARG is (re-)constructed for every test-goal

Model Checking for Test-Case Generation

Multi-Property Checking for Multi-Goal Test-Suite Generation



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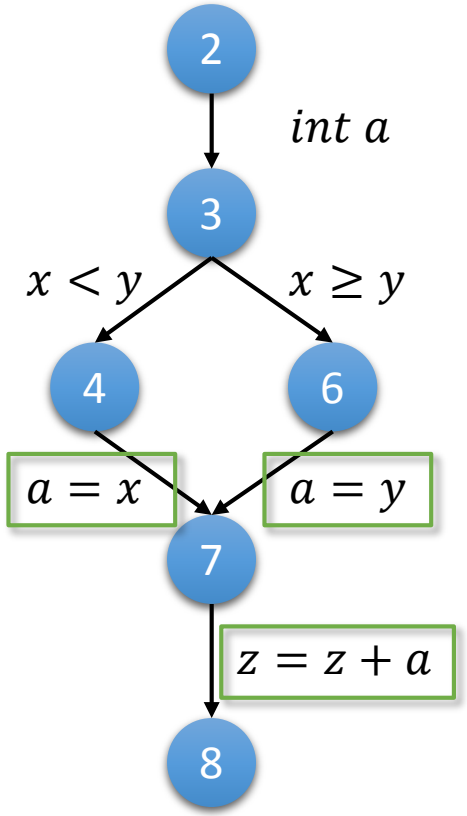

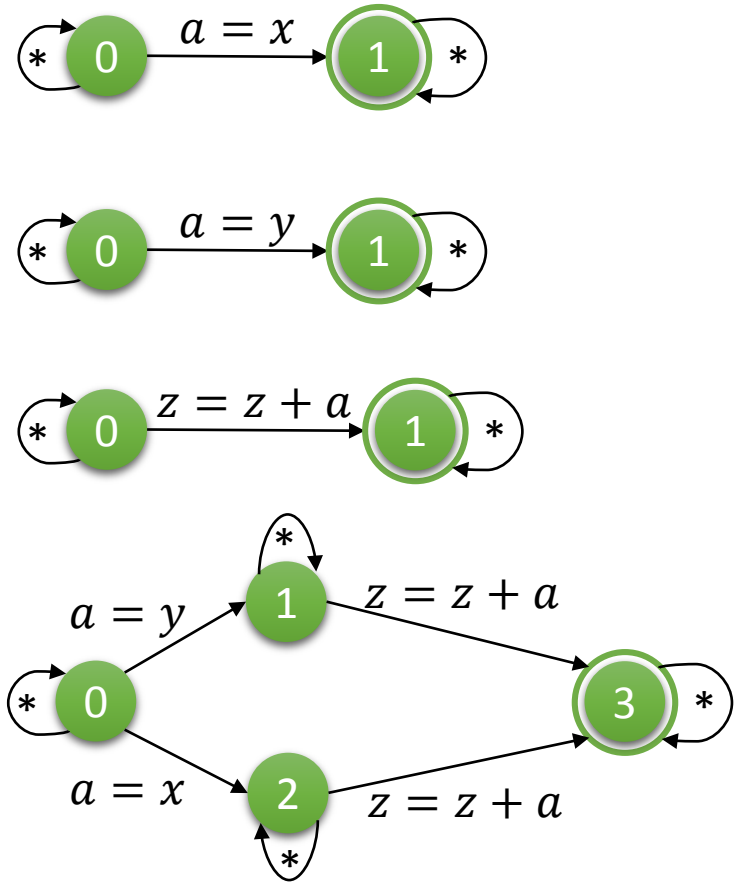

Test-Goal Automata

- represent sets of CFA paths
- non-deterministic
- parallel automata semantics: multiple simultanously active states

Test-Goal Set Partitioning

- Process subsets of test-goal automata simultaneously
- Partitioning criteria?

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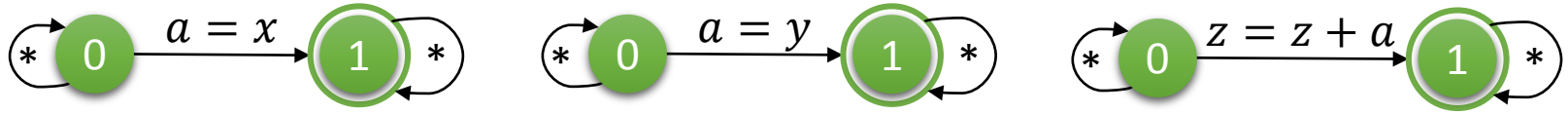
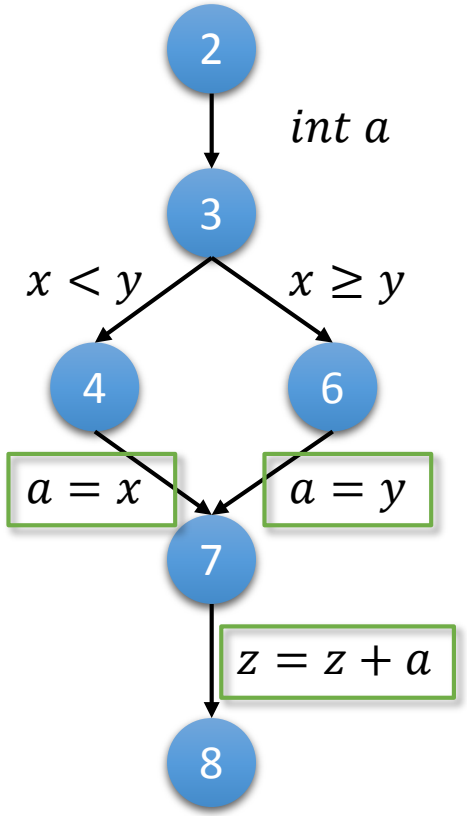
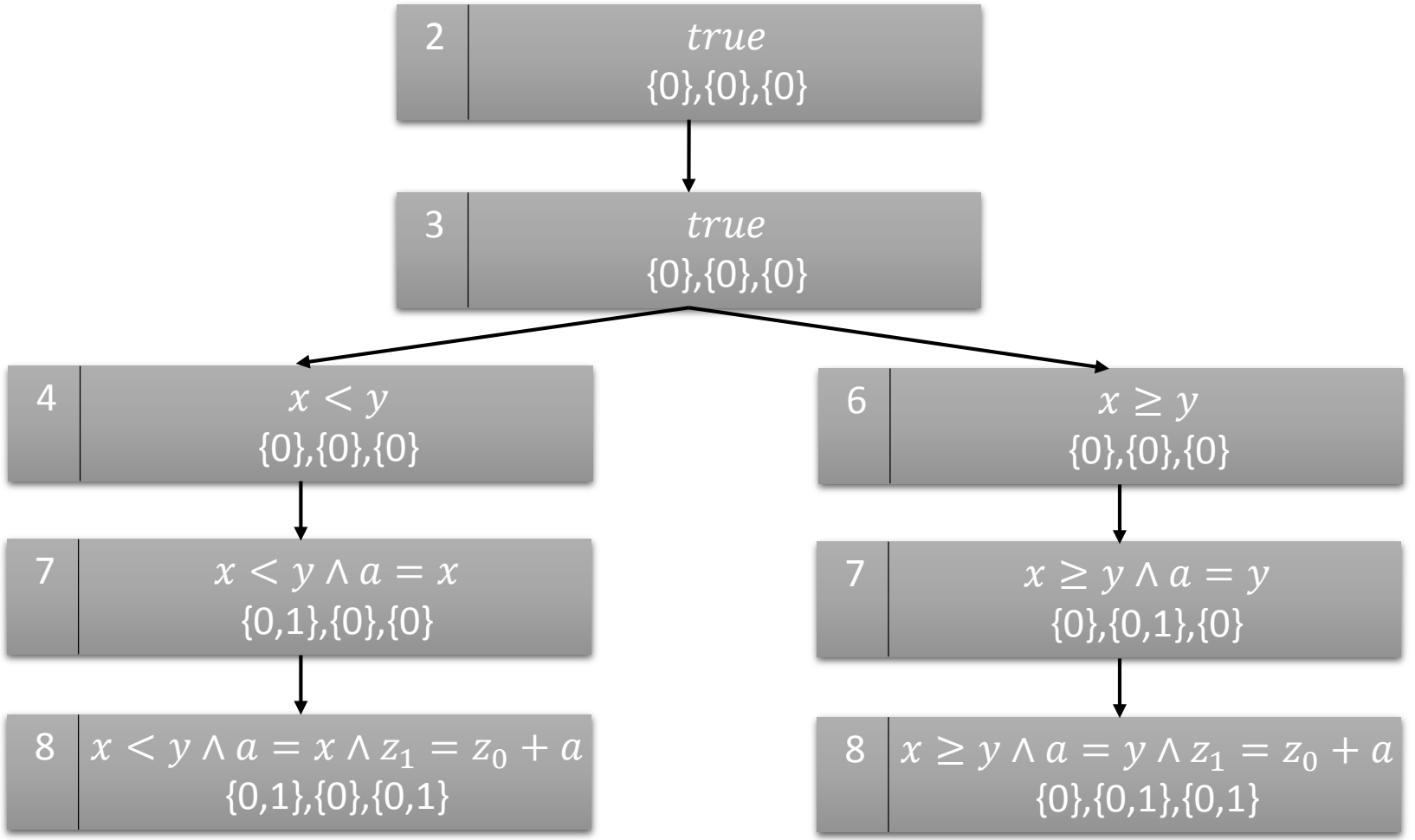
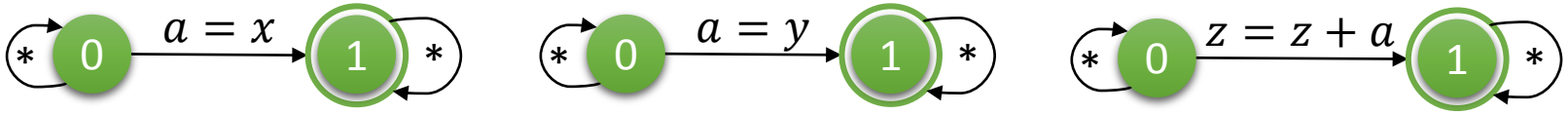
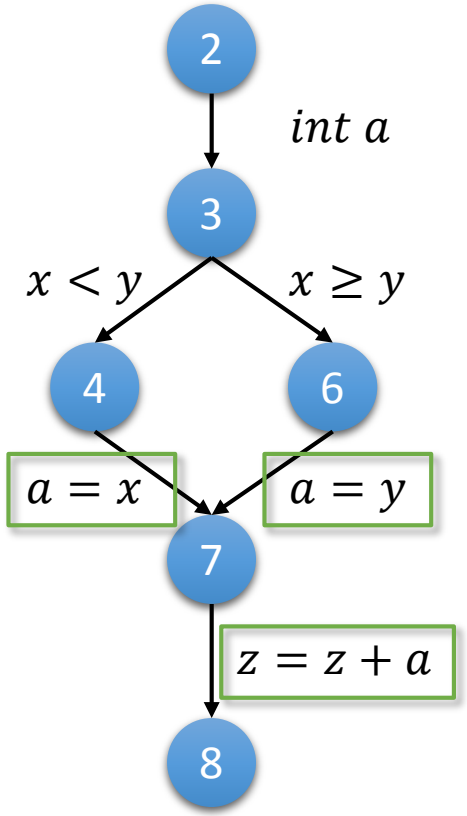


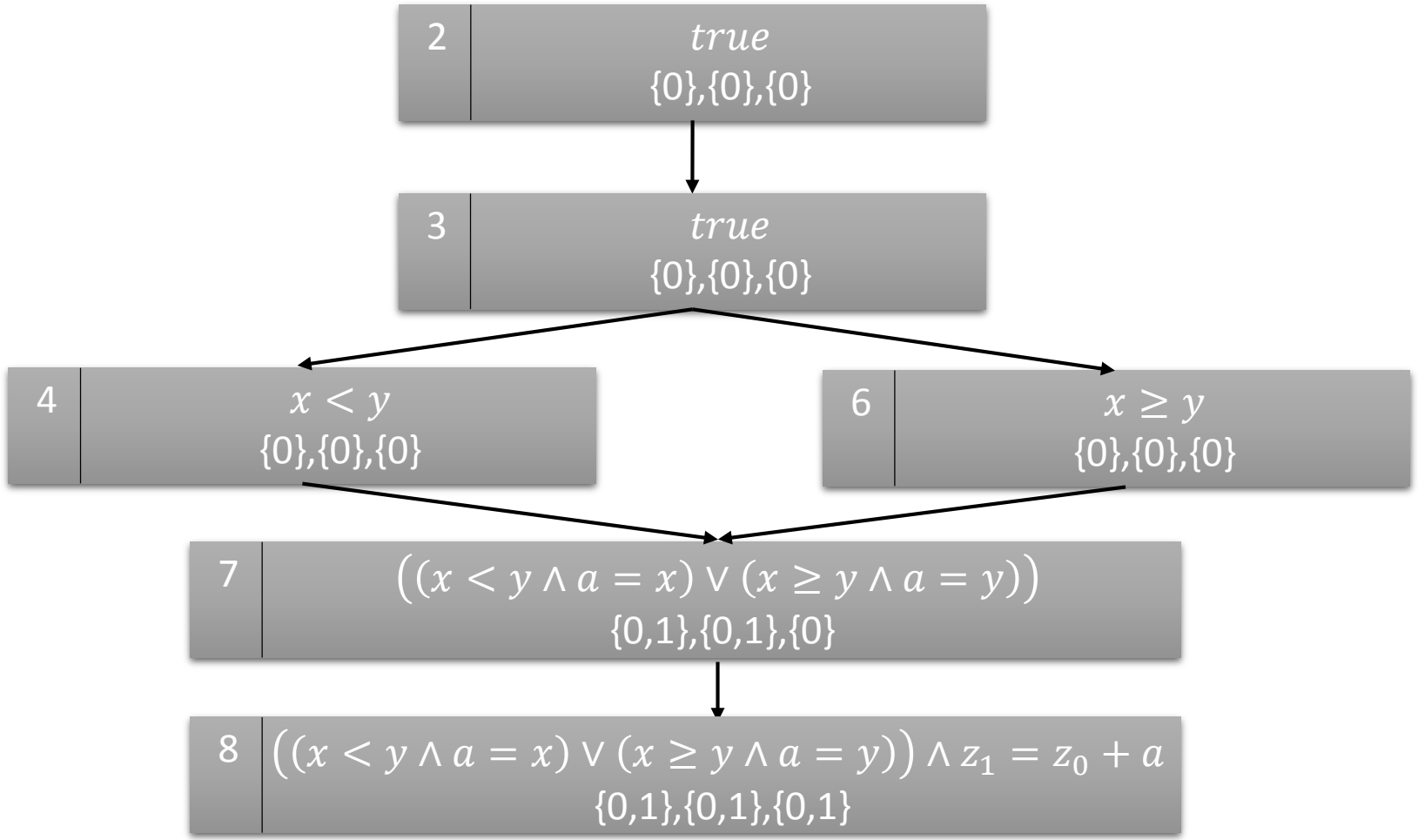




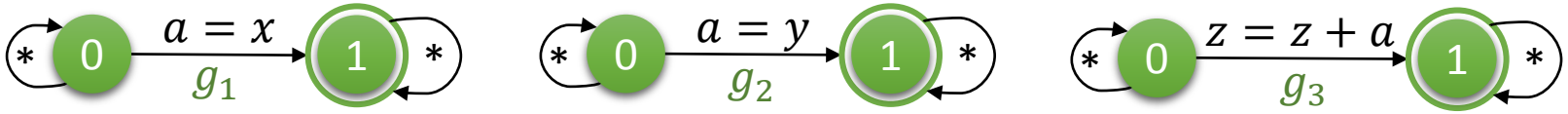
ARG-State Merge Fails!

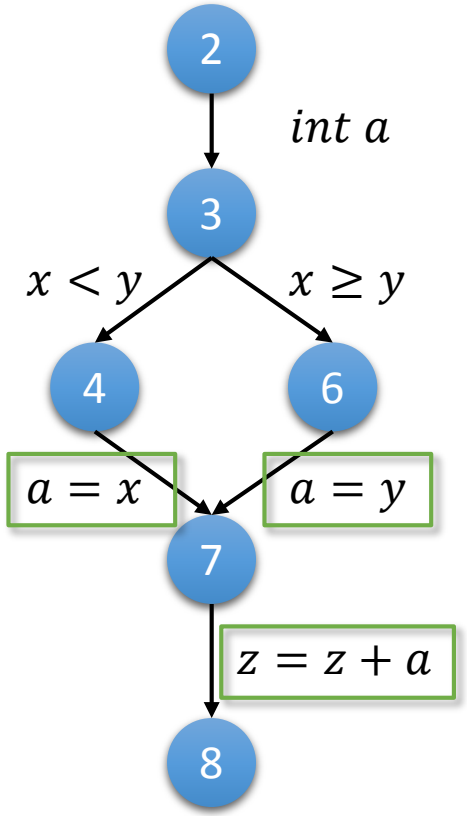


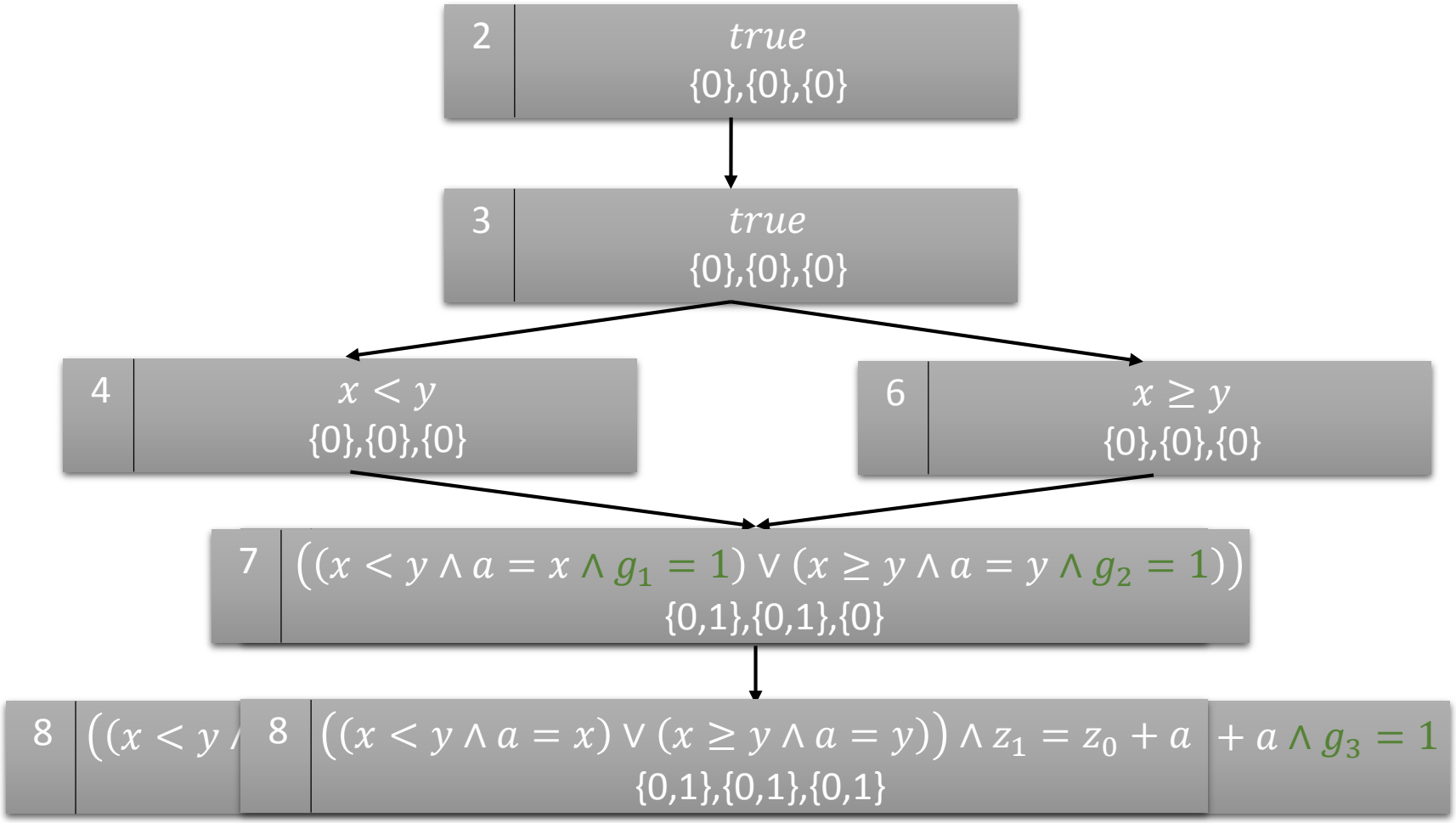




Solution: Merge with (Test-Goal) Weaving







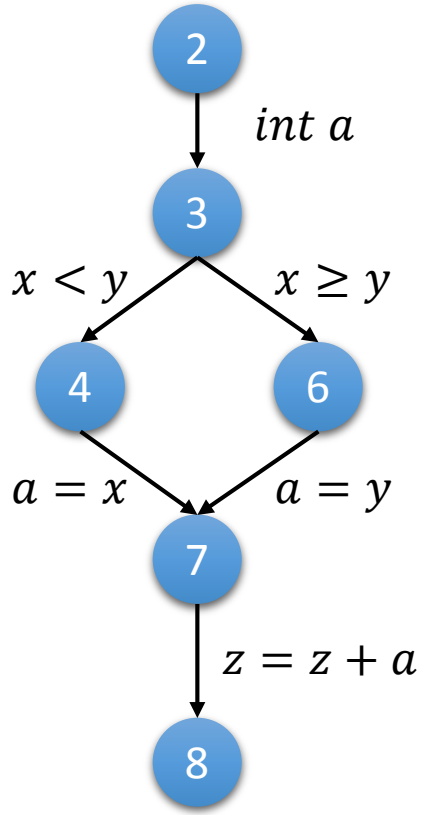
CEGAR vs. TGAR

- CEGAR
  - Refinement after each covered goal

    => basic-block coverage and beyond on larger programs!?

- TGAR
  - Refinement after k covered goals

    => reduce (redundant) refinement steps



Algorithm 2 $\mathsf{TGAR}_{\mathbb{T}}(\mathsf{reached}, \mathsf{waitlist})$

Input: set reached $\subseteq E \times \Pi$, set waitlist $\subseteq E \times \Pi$
Output: sets reached and testsuite
Variables: abstract path σ that satisfies at least one test goal,
test suite testsuite $\subseteq \mathbb{P} \times$ tests

```
1: loop
2:    (reached, waitlist) := CPAalg_k(reached, waitlist)
3:    while σ := choosePath(reached) do
4:       (reached, waitlist) := refineARG(reached, waitlist, σ)
5:       if σ ∈ reached then
6:          testsuite := testsuite ∪ testify(reached, σ)
7:    if waitlist = ∅ then
8:       return (reached, testsuite)
```

Experiments

- Subject systems
  - 324 programs with 1541 LoC on average
- Coverage criteria
  - Basic-Block Coverage (C0)
  - Condition Coverage (C3)
- Test-goal set partition sizes
  - Fixed: 1 (DS), 10 (DM10), 20 (DM20), 50 (DM50), all (DA)
  - Percental: 25% (DS25%), 50 (DS50%), 75 (DS75%)

Research Questions

- RQ1 (Efficiency): Does multi-goal set partitioning (DM) increase testing efficiency, as compared to single-goal (DS) and all-goal (DA) processing?

- RQ2 (Effectiveness): How does multi-goal set partitioning (DM) influence testing effectiveness, as compared to single-goal (DS) and all-goal (DA) processing?

All-Goals (DA) vs. Single-Goal (DS)

- Avg. CPU time per program: 70.50s (DS) - 77.46s (DA)
- Avg. CPU time per test goal: 1.2s (DS) - 1.09s (DA)

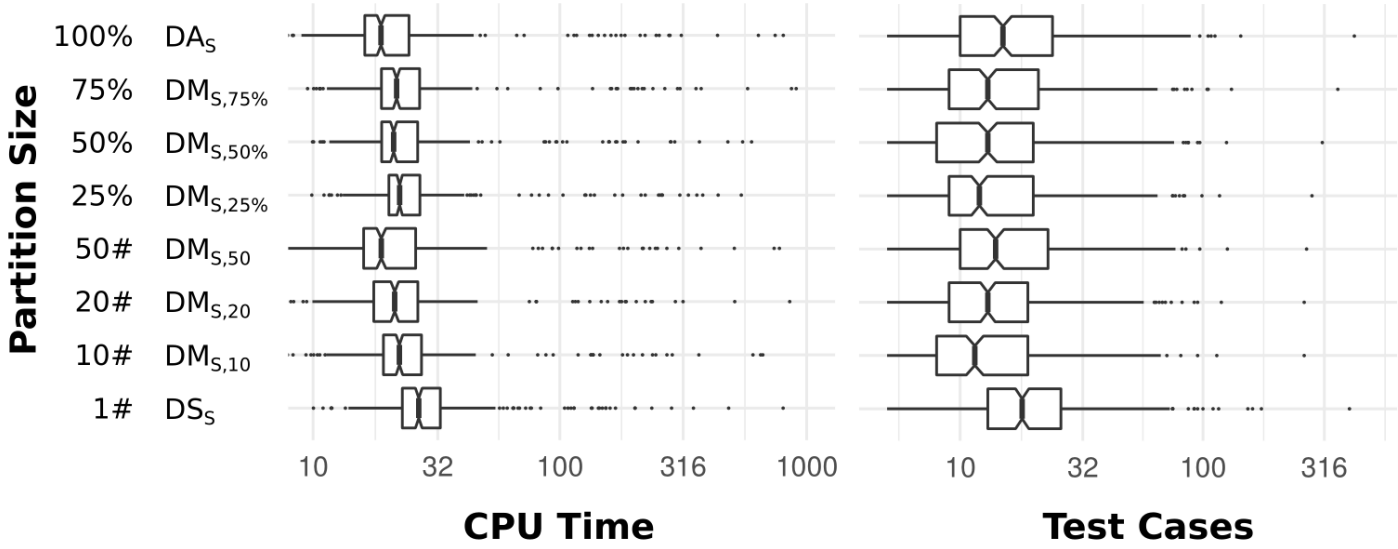
➢ Median Speedup by DA, as compared to DS: **1.4**

- Avg. Test-Suite Size: 24.9 (DS) - 21.4 (DS)
- Avg. Coverage Rate: 99.7% (DS) - 99.8% (DA)
- Avg. Fault-Detection Rate: 89.9% (DS) - 86.8% (DA)

➢ DA (slightly) improves testing efficiency under stable testing effectiveness, as compared to DS

Configurable Partition Sizes (DM)

- Multi-Goal improves testing efficiency and testing effectiveness, as compared to Single-Goal and All-Goal
- Depends on partition size
- We observe a critical number of test goals constituting the best trade-off between testing efficiency and testing effectiveness (i.e., goals covered per second)



Ongoing Work

- Criteria for choosing parition sizes and clusterings of test goals
  - Static: based on CFA (static slicing …)
  - Dynamic: on-the-fly (use information from previous CPAchecker runs …)