Query-Directed Adaptive Heap Cloning for Optimizing Compilers

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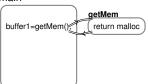


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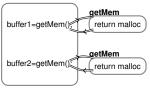
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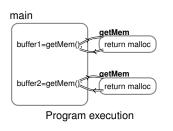


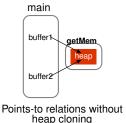
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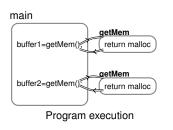


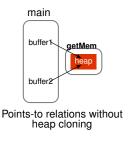


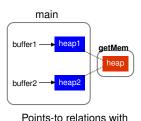
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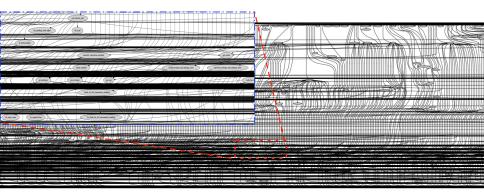






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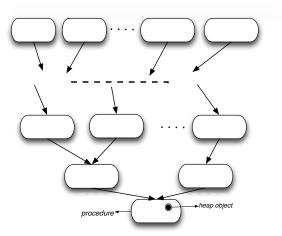
Call graph of 176.gcc (230.4KLOC)



#Procedures: 2256 #Pointers: 134380 #Calling Contexts: 1.2*10⁵

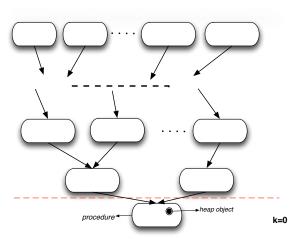
Context-sensitive heap cloning can be costly!





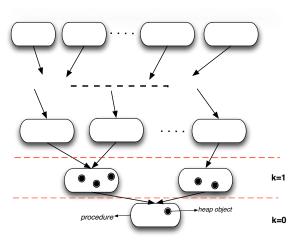
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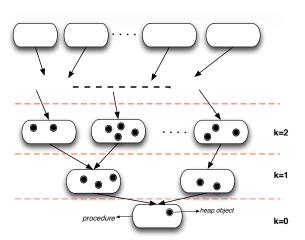
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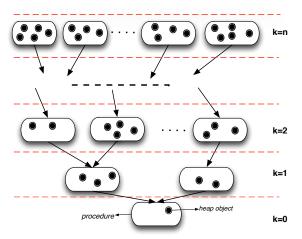
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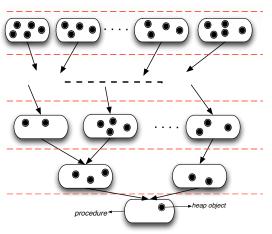
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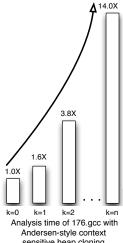


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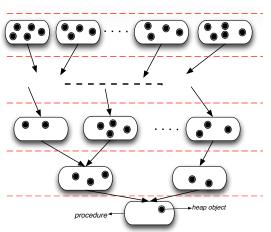


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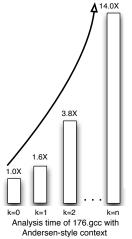


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22x slower than Open64 "-O2" compile time

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• Is *k-callsite sensitive cloning* the best solution?

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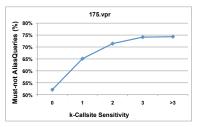
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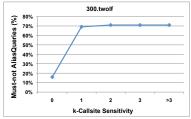
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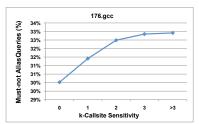
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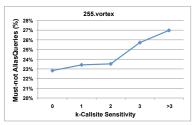


Analysis precision for answering alias queries





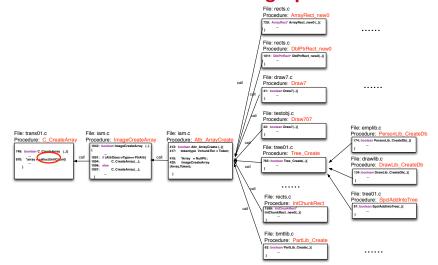




Percentage of must-not aliases disambiguated among the queries issued by WOPT with k-callsite-sensitive heap cloning



A close look at 255.vortex's call graph

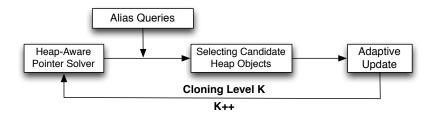


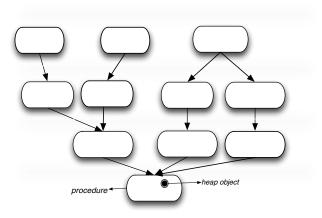


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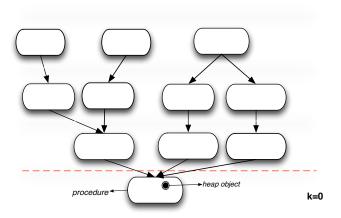
- Can we enable heap cloning only where it is necessary?
- Can we achieve the same precision as full heap cloning according to a client's needs?

Our QUDA framework

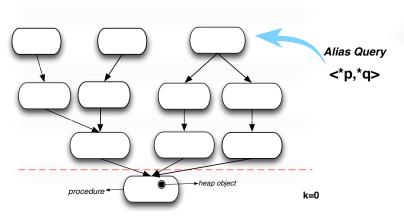




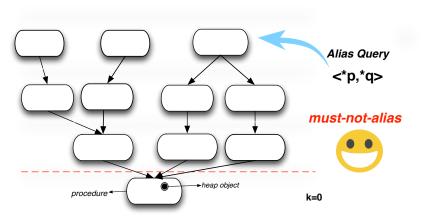
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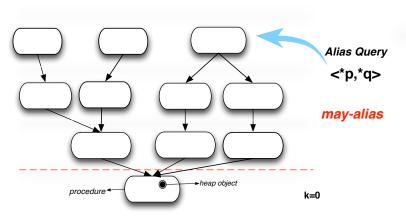
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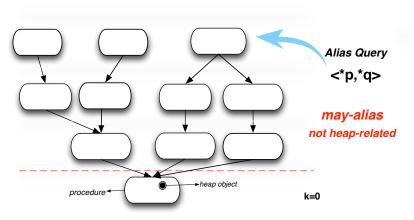
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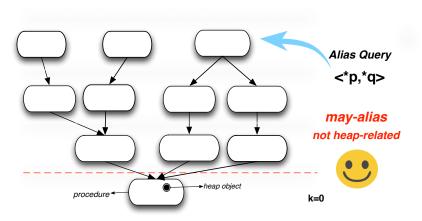
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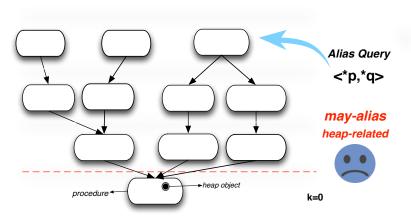
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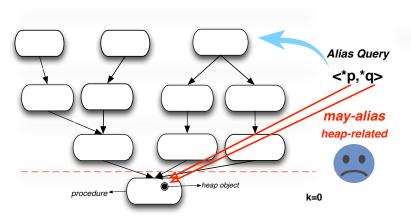
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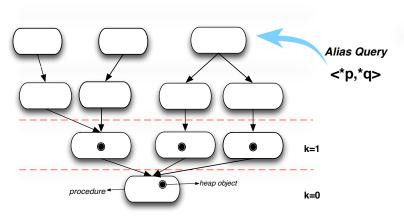
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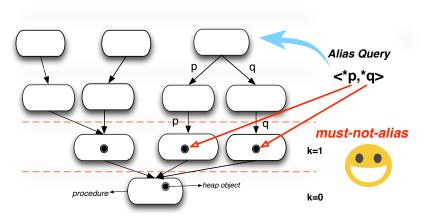
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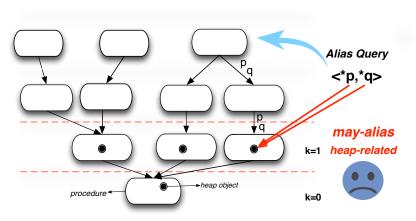
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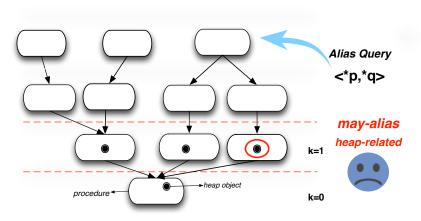
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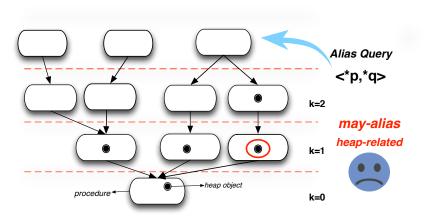
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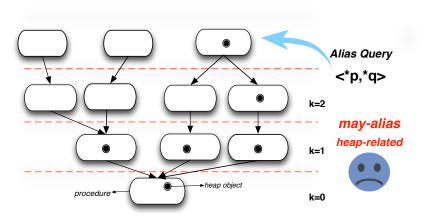
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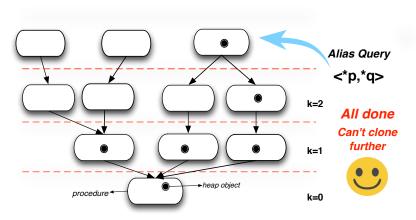
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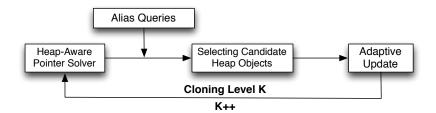


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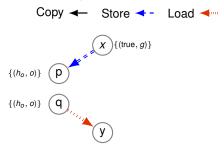
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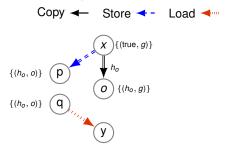
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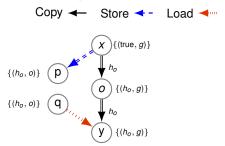
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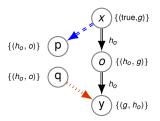
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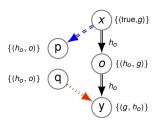
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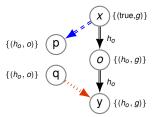


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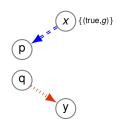


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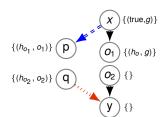
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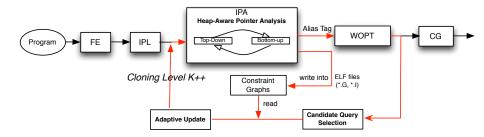
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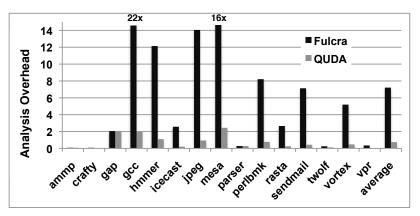


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QUDA framework in Open64



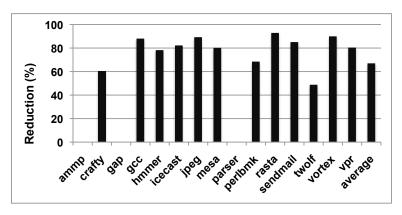
Analysis times of FULCRA and QUDA



Analysis time normalized with respect to Open64's compile times (-O2)



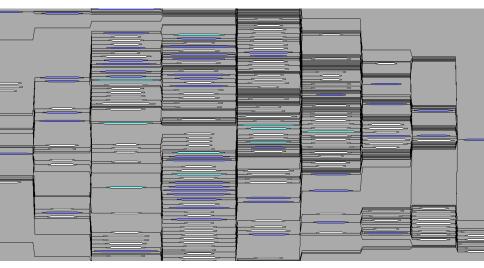
Heap objects reduced by QUDA over FULCRA



Number of heap objects reduced by QUDA over FULCRA in percentage terms

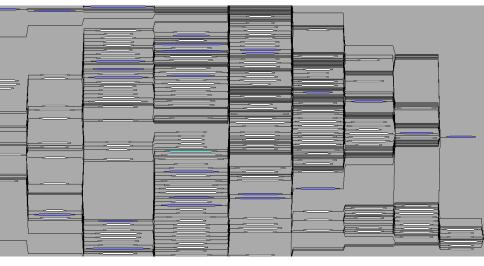


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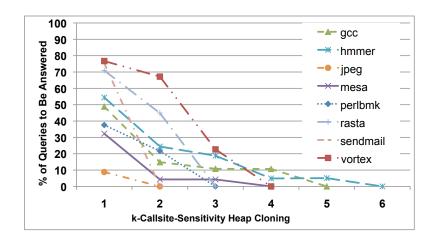


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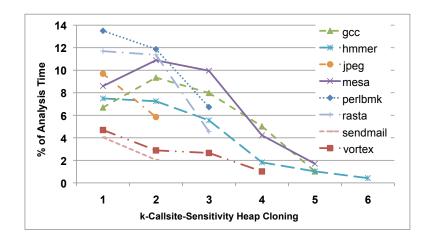


Alias queries to be answered at each iteration





Analysis time per iteration over the total





Conclusion

Novel heap cloning approach: same precision as full heap cloning but significantly more scalable

- Heap-aware analysis
- Query-directed
- Adaptive

Challenges and opportunities:

- Iterative compilation (prioritising queries in hot functions)
- Bug detection (scaling precise pointer analysis)

