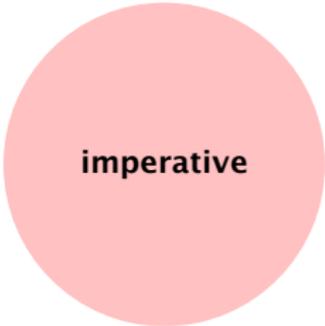


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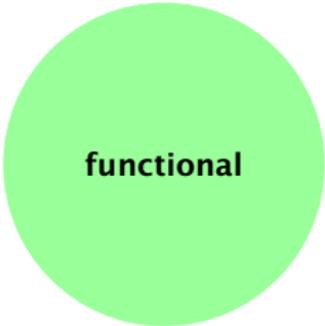
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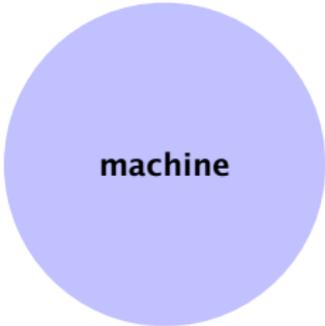
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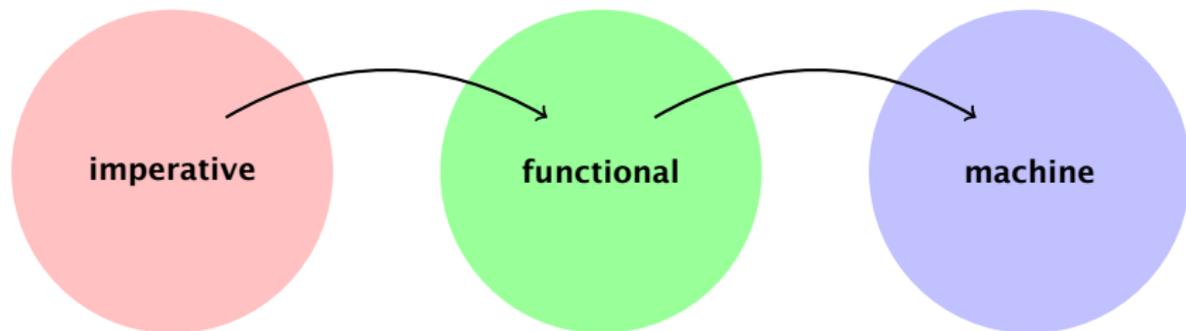
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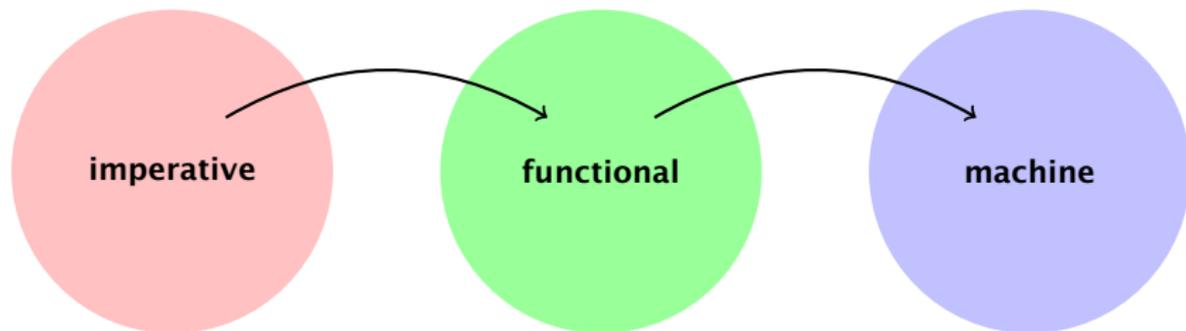


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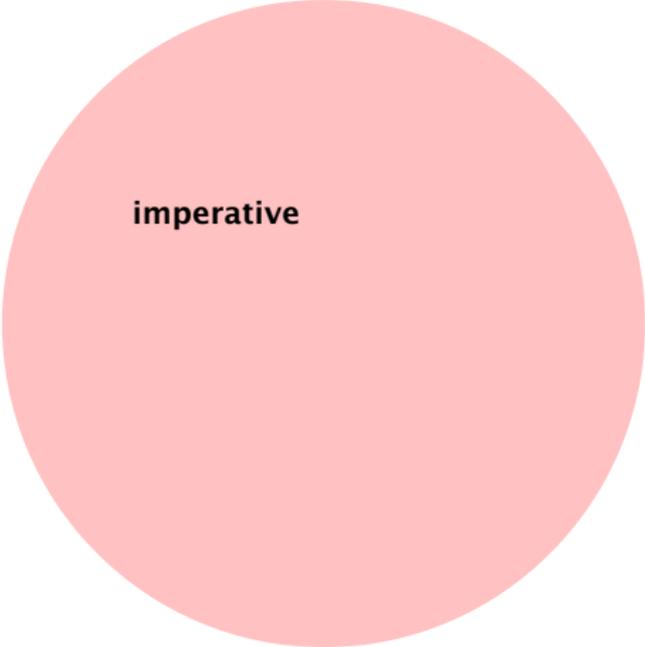
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Why a functional intermediate language

- 1 Modern IRs are evolving towards “functional style”
 - ▶ Static Single Assignment (SSA), Higher-order functions
 - ▶ VSDG [Johnson and Mycroft 2003], PEG [Tate et al. 2009], Firm-IR [Braun, Buchwald, and Zwinkau 2011]
- 2 Compositional program equivalence
 - ▶ Syntactic proofs instead of semantic proofs?
 - ▶ Induction instead of coinduction?
- 3 In this talk
 - ▶ Translation: Imperative $\bullet \rightarrow \bullet$ Functional
 - ▶ Relation to SSA-construction and register assignment
 - ▶ Inductive correctness proof of copy propagation

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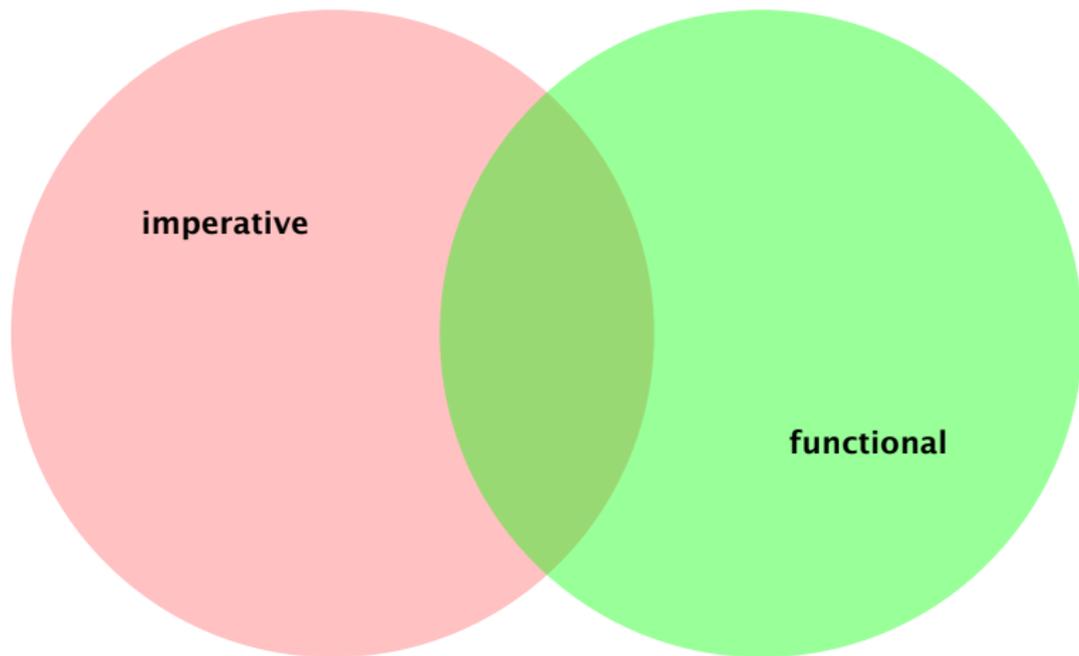
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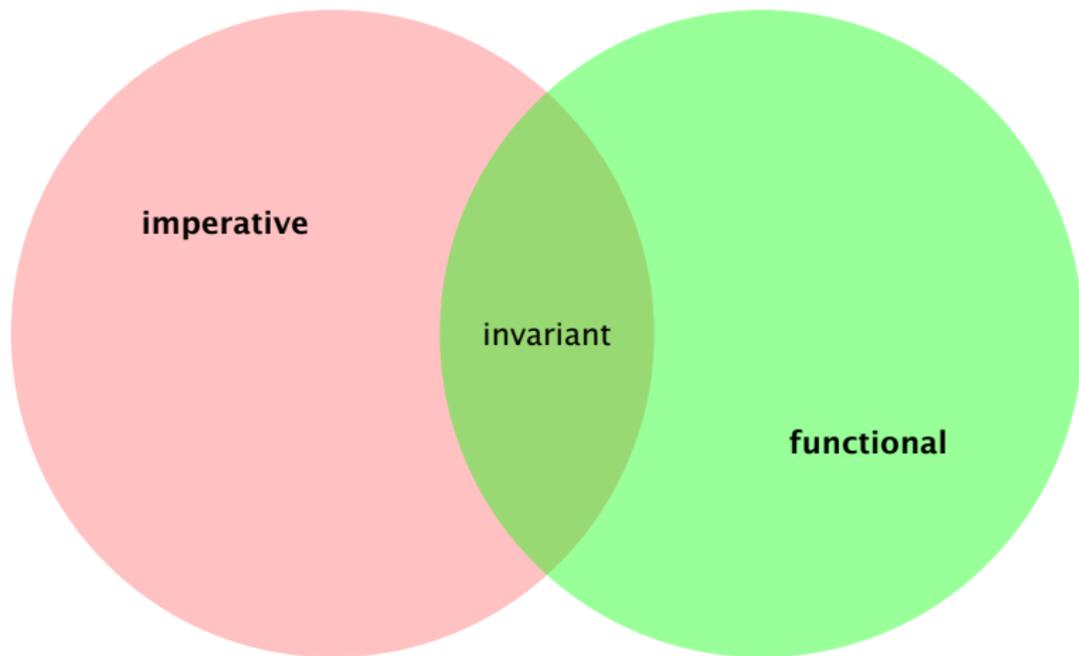
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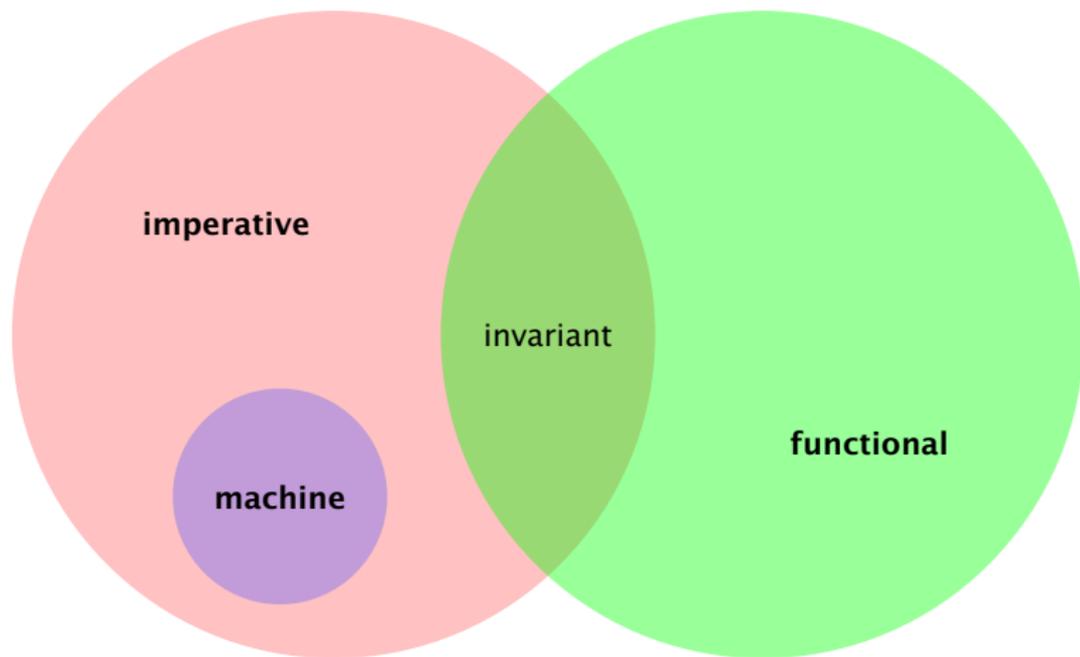
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- 2 Compiler Construction: R. Kelsey and Hudak (1989)

$s, t ::= \text{let } x = e \text{ in } s$	let (base-types)
$\text{if } x \text{ then } s \text{ else } t$	conditional
x	value
$\text{fun } f \bar{x} = s \text{ in } t$	recursive function
$f \bar{x}$	application

- First-order functional language with tail-call restriction
- Fragment of ANF language of Chakravarty, Keller, and Zadarnowski (2003)

Semantics of IL/I and IL/F

Common Part

$$\text{Op} \frac{V \vdash e \Downarrow v}{\begin{array}{l} L \mid V \mid \text{let } x = e \text{ in } s \\ \rightarrow L \mid V_V^x \mid s \end{array}}$$

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V' : Closure Environment

V : Primary Environment

IL/I without parameters is close to assembly

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- Observational Equivalence $\sigma \Downarrow \sigma'$ on (semantic) states σ, σ'
 - ▶ σ, σ' terminate with the same observation (error or value)
 - ▶ σ, σ' diverge
- Characterization via bisimulation

$$\text{Bisim-Step} \frac{\sigma_1 \xrightarrow{+} \sigma'_1 \quad \sigma_2 \xrightarrow{+} \sigma'_2 \quad \sigma'_1 \sim \sigma'_2}{\sigma_1 \sim \sigma_2}$$

$$\text{Bisim-Conv} \frac{v \in \mathcal{O} \quad \sigma_1 \Downarrow v \quad \sigma_2 \Downarrow v}{\sigma_1 \sim \sigma_2}$$

- Characterization is
 - ▶ sound $\sim \subseteq \Downarrow$
 - ▶ and complete $\Downarrow \subseteq \sim$

Program Equivalence

For programs from IL/I and IL/F

- Lift \sim to (open) programs: $\overset{\circ}{\sim}$

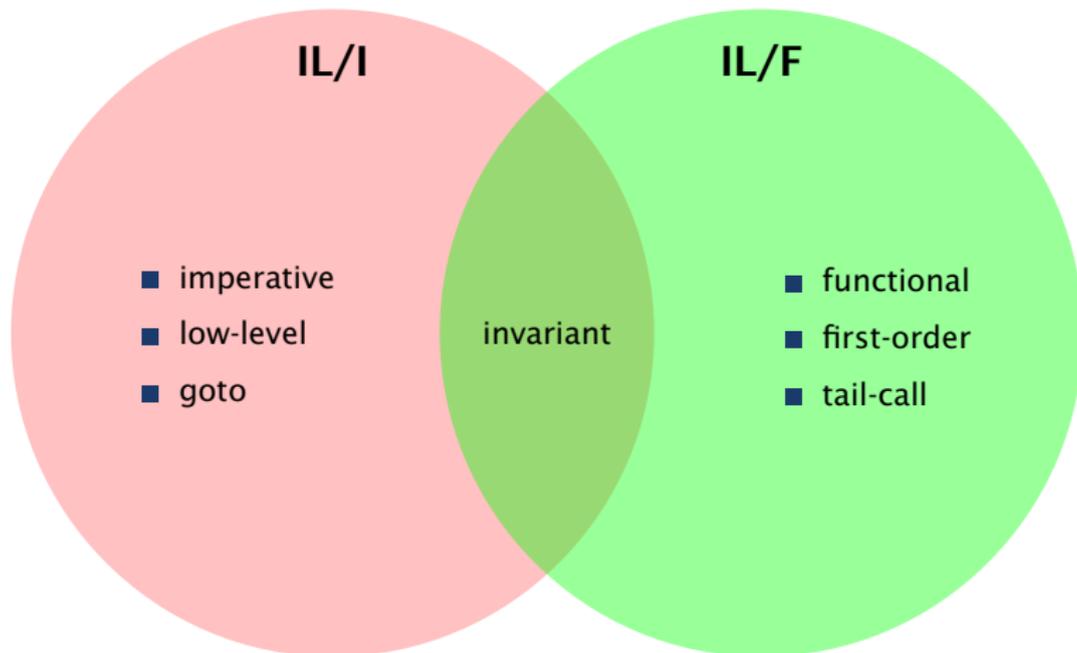
$$s \overset{\circ}{\sim} s' : \Leftrightarrow \forall LV, (L, V, s) \sim (L, V, s')$$

- For IL/F, $\overset{\circ}{\sim}$ coincides with contextual equivalence \simeq

$$\simeq = \overset{\circ}{\sim}$$

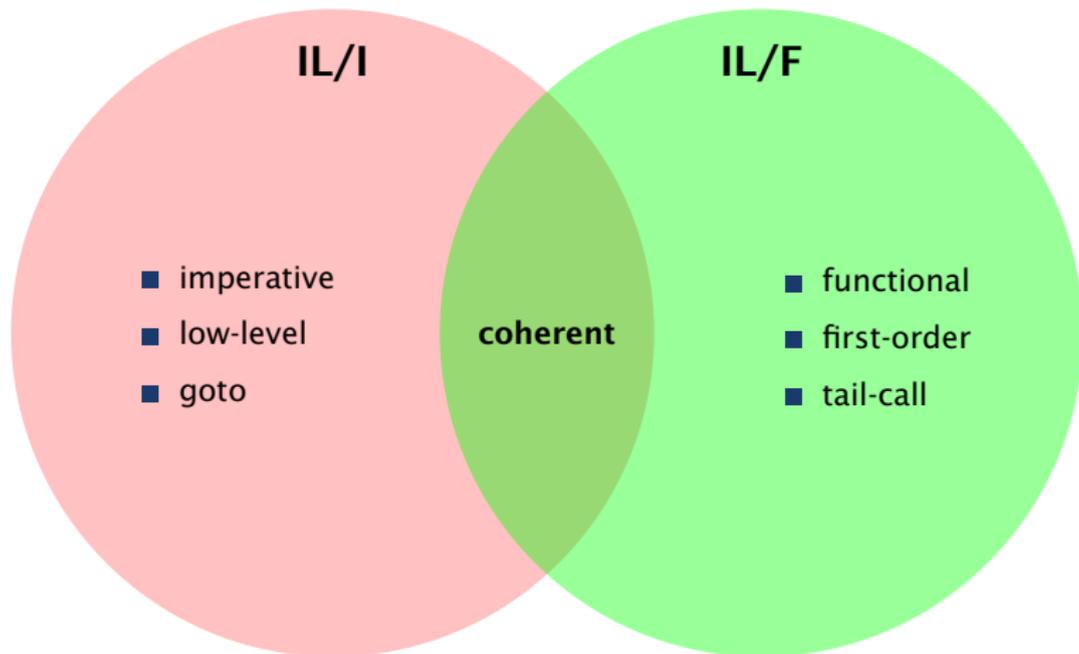
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$$\boxed{\Lambda \vdash \mathit{live} s : \Gamma}$$

Λ globals of functions
 Γ set of live variables
 s program

*Under assumptions Λ about the functions appearing in s ,
the behavior of s depends at most on the variables in the set Γ*

- inductively defined
- characterizes the post-fixpoints of liveness analysis

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$$\text{Live-App} \frac{\Gamma_f \subseteq \Gamma \quad \bar{y} \subseteq \Gamma}{\Lambda, f : \Gamma_f, \Lambda' \vdash \mathbf{live} f \bar{y} : \Gamma}$$

Γ_f is called the **globals** of f

Rules Live-If, Live-App, Live-Return omitted

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- Inductively defined judgement $\Lambda \mid \Gamma \vdash \mathit{coh} s$
- Function f is **available** as long as none of its globals Γ_f is rebound
- Coherence ensures only available functions can be applied

Coherence

Central Theorems

- 1 Define the set of coherent states $Coh := \bigcup_{\Gamma} Coh(\Gamma)$
 - ▶ A state (L, V, s) is in $Coh(\Gamma)$ if $\Delta \mid \Gamma \vdash \mathbf{coh} s$ and side-conditions about L hold for some Δ

Theorem (Coherence is stable under reduction)

Coh is \rightarrow -closed

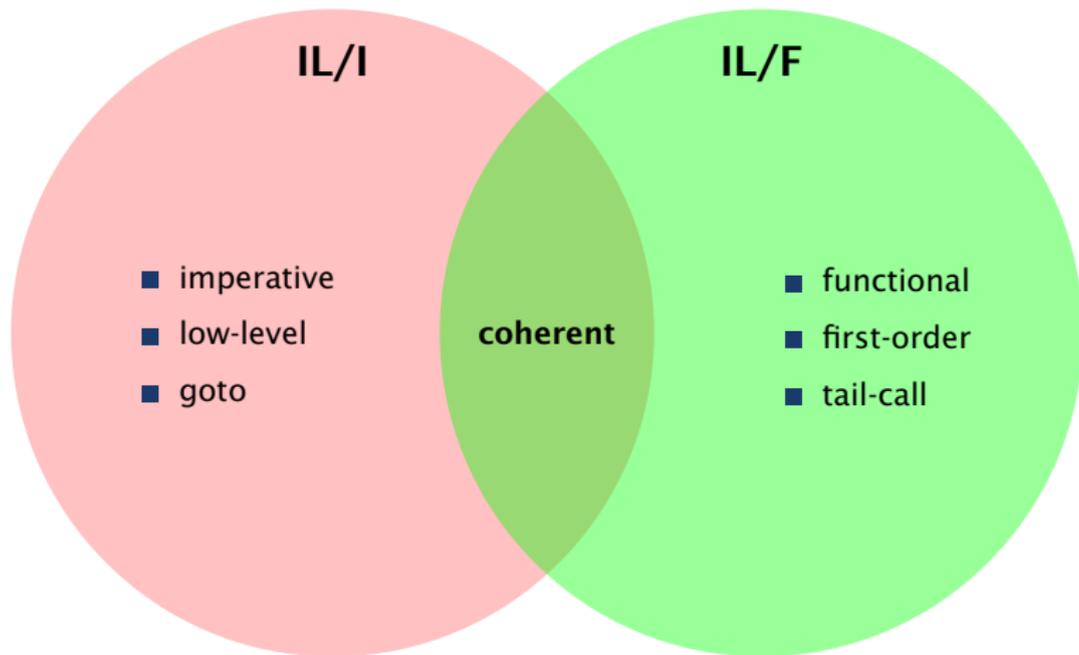
- 2 Define a bisimulation \approx_{coh}
 - ▶ Two states are in relation $(L, V, s) \approx_{coh} (strip L, V', s)$ if there is Γ such that $(L, V, s) \in Coh(\Gamma)$ and $V =_{\Gamma} V'$

Theorem (Coherent programs are invariant)

$\approx_{coh} \subseteq \sim$

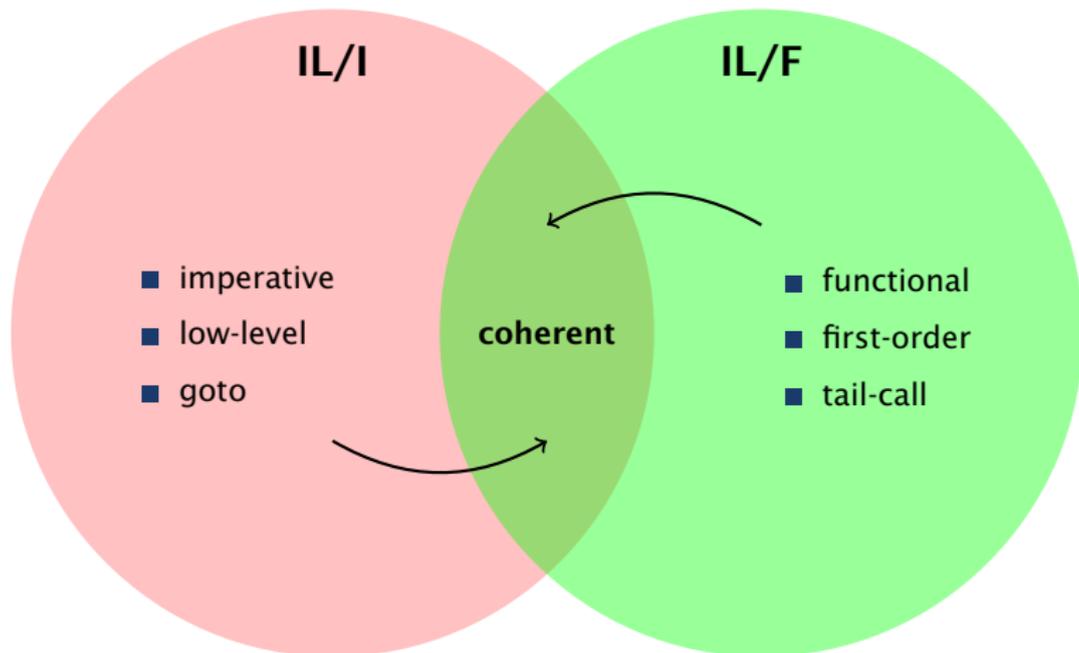
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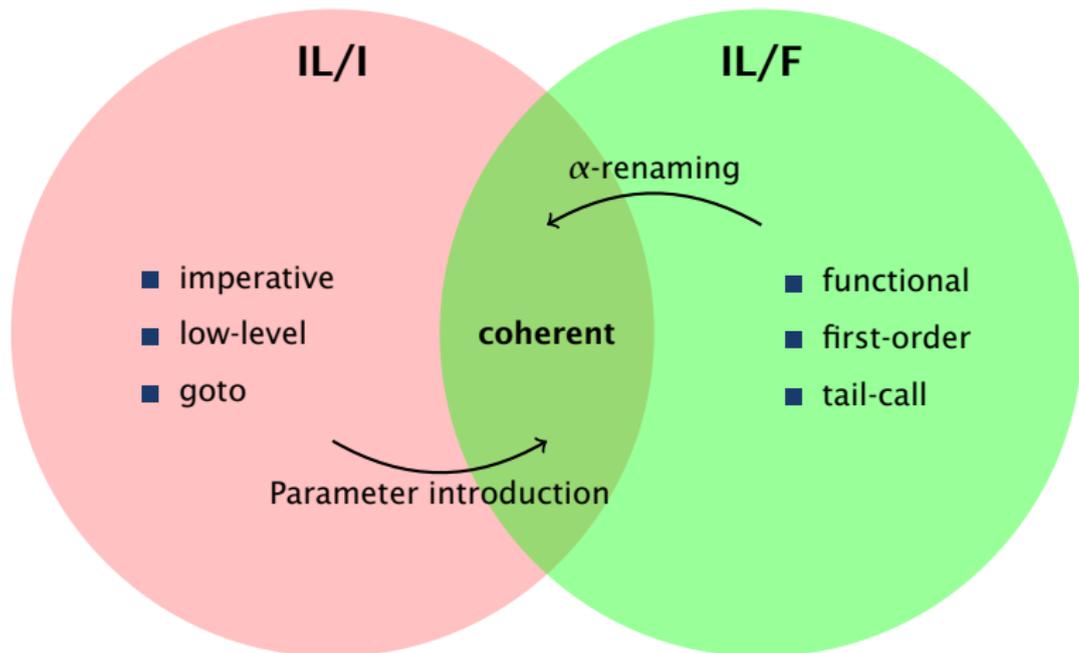
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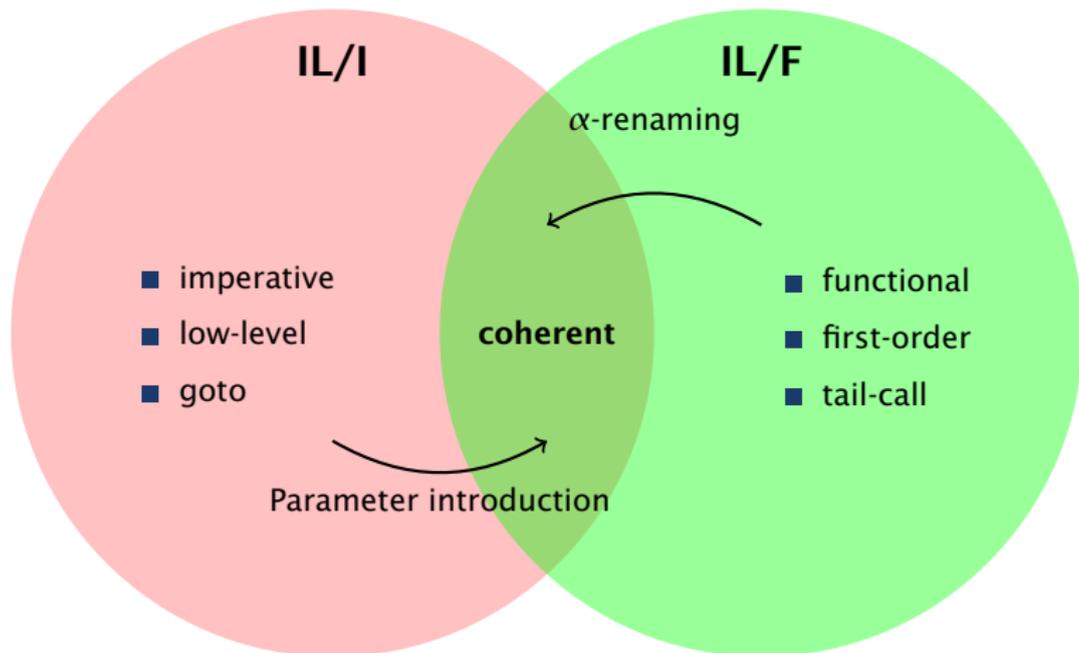
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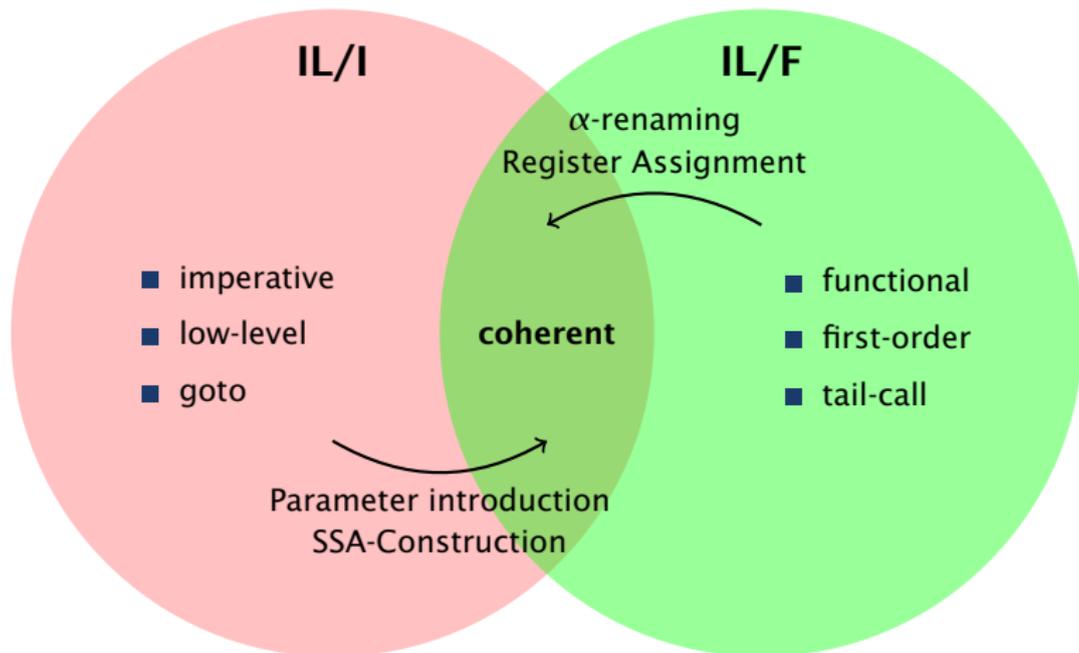
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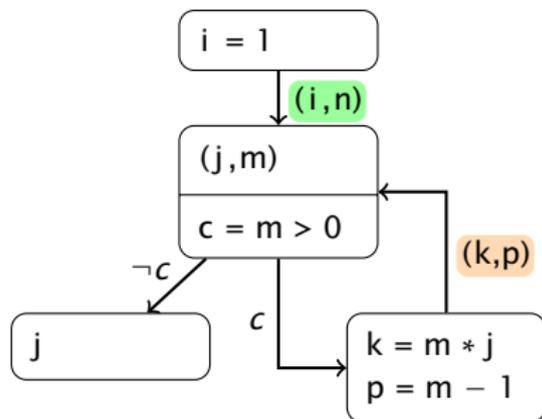
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Terms and Conditions

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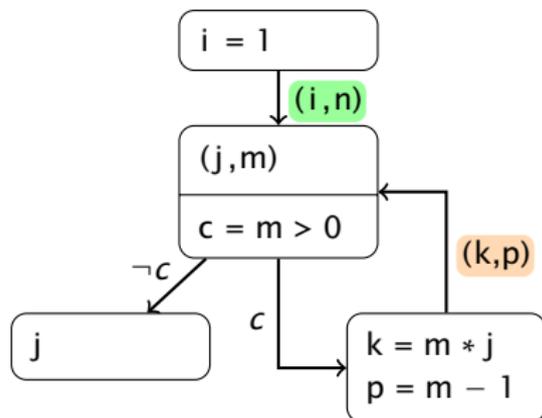
- Where is a variable x defined in an imperative program?
 - ▶ In every block that is dominated by the definition of x
 - ▶ SSA well-formedness condition involves dominance
- Referential transparency
 - ▶ Non- ϕ -assignment introduces equivalence
 - ▶ Holds only in dominated part of the program
- Fundamental semantics remains imperative
 - ▶ ϕ depends on control flow

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SSA is functional programming

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- Correspondence due to Appel (1998) and R. A. Kelsey (1995)
 - ▶ Function parameters correspond to ϕ -functions
 - ▶ Assignments become let-bindings
- Functional form has several advantages
 - ▶ SSA-condition is built in, no additional side conditions
 - ▶ Lexical scoping instead of dominance
 - ▶ Contextual equivalence instead of referential transparency

Static Single Assignment (SSA)

SSA Construction in the functional setting I

- The following two programs only differ in their nesting structure

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- Their coherent translations differ in the number of parameters

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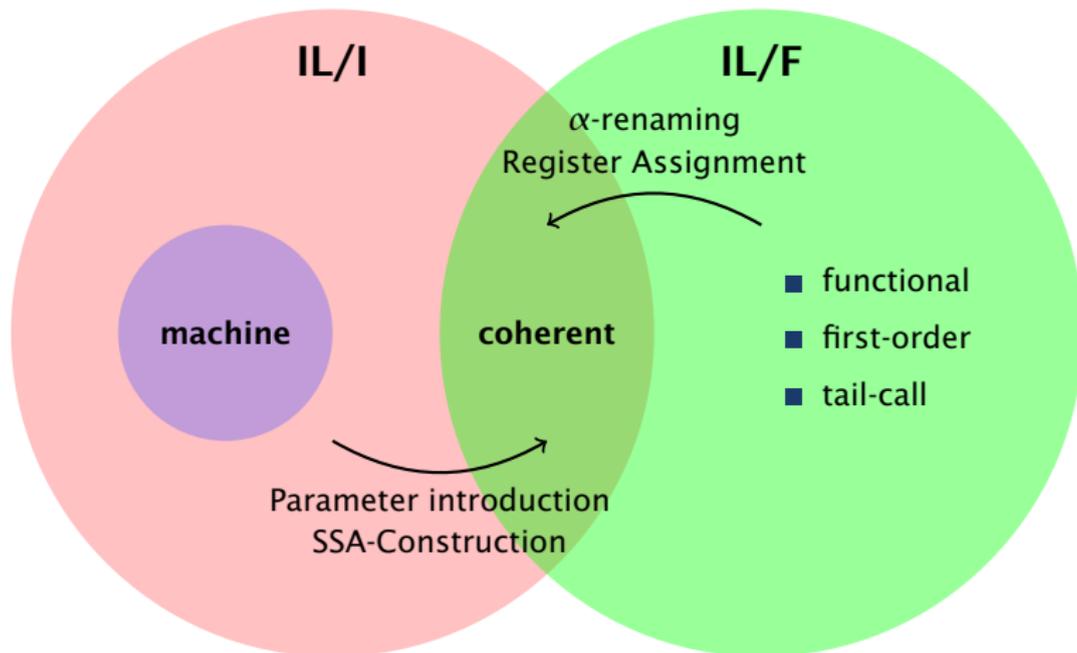
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SSA Construction in the functional setting II

- SSA construction decomposes into two separate phases
 - 1 re-nesting block structure
 - * requires dominance information
 - * dominance hard to verify (Zhao and Zdancewic 2012)
 - 2 computing additional parameters
 - * based on liveness information
 - * easy to verify
- If minimal number of parameters (ϕ -nodes) is not required, first step can be omitted
- If source program uses control structures, optimal nesting structure is easy to produce

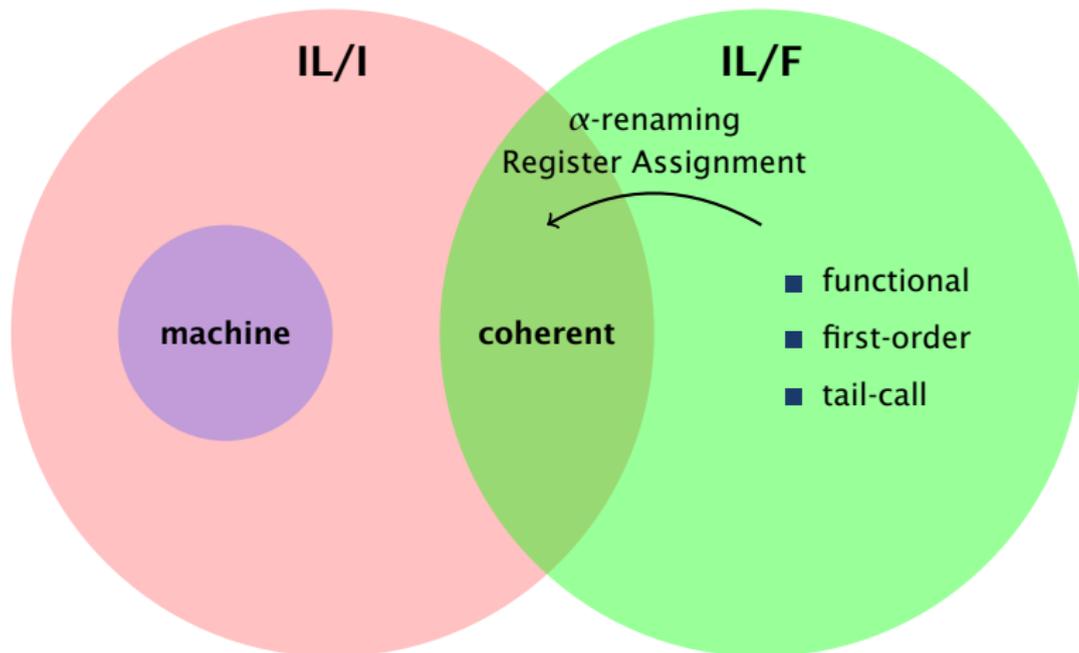
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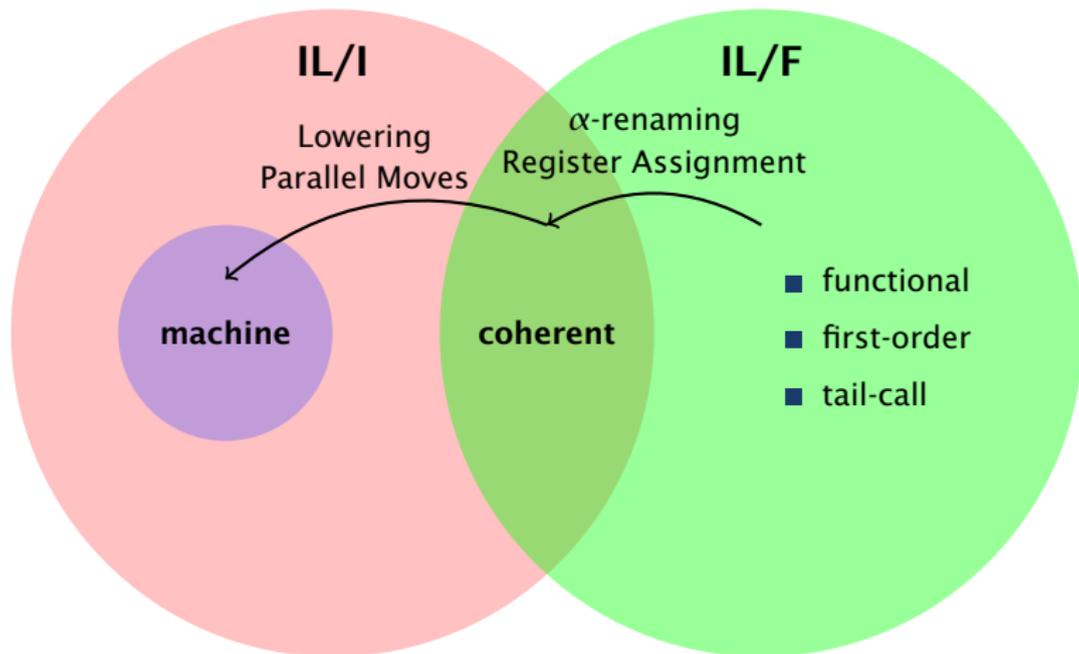
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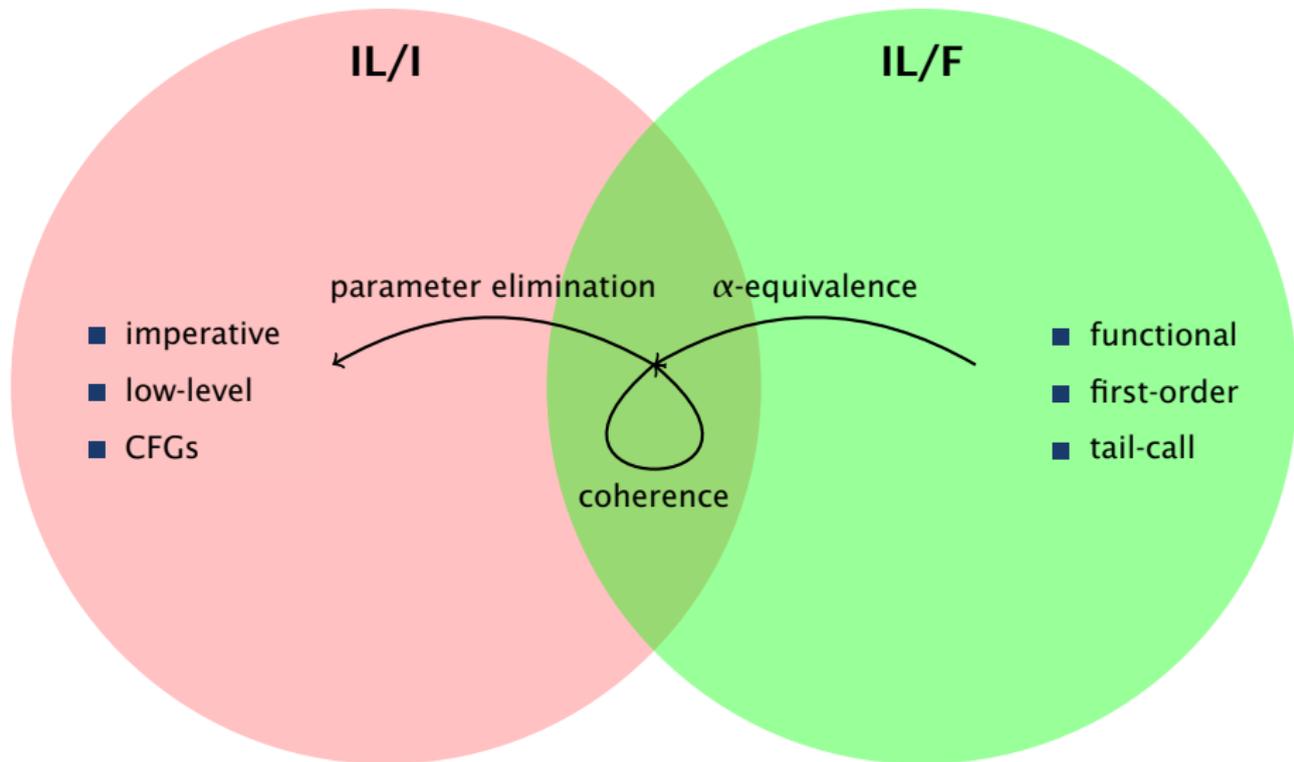
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Register Allocation: Correctness Argument



$$\text{cp } \theta \text{ (let } x = y \text{ in } s) = \text{cp } (\theta_y^x) s$$

- Should be simple to prove: It's a reduction under a context
- Induction can be used, because bisimulation is contextual
- Copy propagation *removes* statements (introducing stutter steps), but this does not matter in the inductive proof
- Contextuality makes trivial cases trivial
- No additional SSA-related side conditions required

Copy Propagation

Correctness Proof

$$\text{cp } \theta (let\ x = y\ in\ s) = \text{cp } (\theta_y^x) s$$

Lemma

$$\theta s \simeq \text{cp } \theta s$$

We have to show

$$\theta (let\ x = y\ in\ s) \simeq \text{cp } \theta (let\ x = y\ in\ s)$$

Switch to \sim , and exploit closedness under reduction:

$$L, E_{E(\theta_y)}^z, \theta_z^x s \sim L', E, \text{cp } (\theta_{\theta_y}^x) s$$

Since z fresh for s , this is equivalent to the inductive hypothesis:

$$L, E, \theta_{\theta_y}^x s \sim L', E, \text{cp } (\theta_{\theta_y}^x) s$$

■ Compositionality

- ▶ External events
- ▶ Non-determinism
- ▶ Higher-order

■ Transformations

- ▶ Compositional methods for verification of structure altering transformations
 - ★ elimination of dead parameters
 - ★ elimination of constant parameters

- 1 Coherence simplifies translation between imperative and functional programs
- 2 Allows to transfer correctness arguments from the imperative to the functional side
 - ▶ Contextual equivalence is useful
 - ▶ SSA is built in
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- 3 Thesis including admit-free formalization in Coq
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To use a functional intermediate language for the compilation of an imperative language two translations are of particular importance: Translating from the imperative source language (e.g. C) to the functional language, and translating from the functional intermediate language to an imperative target language (e.g. assembly).

This talk discusses the above translations in the context of the intermediate language IL. IL comes with an imperative and a functional interpretation. IL/I (imperative interpretation) is a register transfer language close to assembly. IL/F (functional interpretation) is a first-order functional language with a tail-call restriction. We devise the decidable notion of coherence to identify programs on which the semantics of IL/I and IL/F coincide. Translations between the interpretations are obtained from equivalence-preserving translations to the coherent fragment. The translation from IL/I to IL/F corresponds to SSA construction. The translation from IL/F to IL/I can be seen as register assignment.

The translations are formalized and proven correct using the proof assistant Coq. Extraction yields translation-validated implementations of SSA construction and register assignment from the above translations.