

Experiments with Invariant Generation Using a Saturation Theorem Prover

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Loop	Symbol Elimination within 1s					Symbol Elimination within 10s				
	# SEI	# Min SEI	% Redundancy	\forall -Inv	$\forall\exists$ -Inv	# SEI	# Min SEI	% Redund	\forall -Inv	$\forall\exists$ -Inv
Initialisation	15	5	67%	yes	no	40	5	88%	yes	no
Copy	24	5	79%	yes	no	25	5	80%	yes	no
Find	151	13	91%	yes	no	474	21	96%	yes	no
Vararg	1	1	0%	yes	no	1	1	0%	yes	no
Partition	166	38	77%	yes	yes	849	59	93%	yes	yes
Partition.Init	168	24	86%	yes	yes	692	127	82%	yes	yes

Table: Vampire with 1 and 10 seconds of time limit on challenging benchmarks.

Loop Shape	# of Loops	Average # of SEI	Average # of Non-Redundant SEI	% of SEI Redundancy	\forall -Inv	$\forall\exists$ -Inv
Simple	33	168	18	89.3%	yes	no
Multi-path	5	340	46	86.4%	yes	yes

Table: Vampire on industrial benchmarks of Dassault Aviation.

Array Copy

Program

```
 $c := 0; d := 0;$   
while ( $c < N$ ) do  
     $C[c] := D[d];$   
     $c := c + 1;$   
     $d := d + 1$   
end do
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Invariants

$$c = d$$

$$c \leq N \quad \vee \quad N \leq 0$$

$$(\forall k) (0 \leq k < c \rightarrow C[k] = D[k])$$

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Program and Specification

Pre: $N > 0 \wedge$

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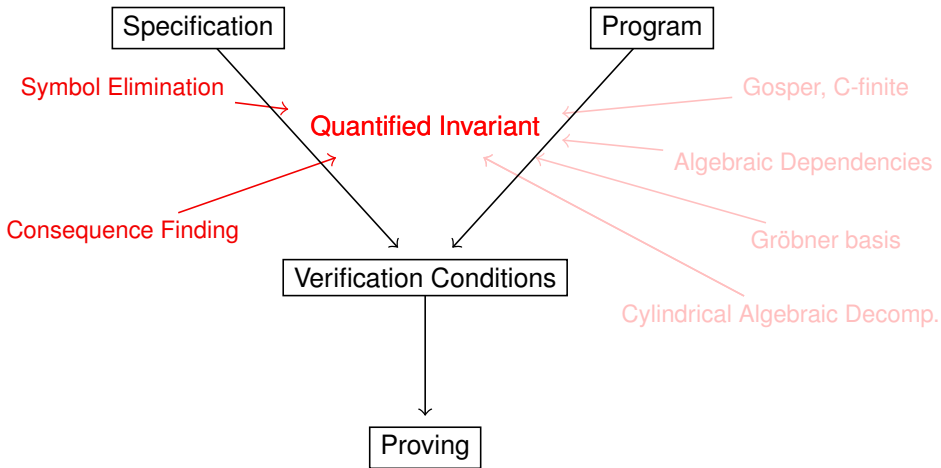
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B:

*	*	*	*	*	*	*
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- ▶ Each of $C[0], \dots, C[c - 1]$ is negative and equal to one of $A[0], \dots, A[a - 1]$.

Invariants with \forall

- ▶ For every $p \geq b$, the value of $B[p]$ is equal to its initial value.
- ▶ For every $p \geq c$, the value of $C[p]$ is equal to its initial value.

Example: Array Partition - Vampire Experiments

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1. B doesn't change at positions after final value of b (1s):

$$\forall p (p \geq b \rightarrow B[p] = B_0[p])$$

2. Each $B[0], \dots, B[b-1]$ is a positive value in $\{A[0], \dots, A[a-1]\}$ (1s):

$$\forall p (b > p \wedge p \geq 0 \rightarrow B[p] \geq 0 \wedge \exists k (a > k \wedge k \geq 0 \wedge A[k] = B[p]))$$

Outline

Symbol Elimination and Invariant Generation

Experiments with Invariant Generation in Vampire

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 $iter$, $upd_v(i, p)$, $upd_v(i, p, x)$

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- $upd_V(i, p)$: at iteration i , V is updated at position p ;
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- Increasing/decreasing (strictly):

$$(\forall i \in iter)(v^{(i+1)} \geq v^{(i)})$$

- Dense:

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- ▶ Update predicates of arrays
 - Stability
no array update at $p \rightarrow$ (final) value of $V[p]$ is unchanged
 - Last update
 $V[p]$ updated at iteration i and no further \rightarrow final value $V[p]$

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Invariant Generation - The Method

```

while (a < k) do
  if A[a] ≥ 0
    then B[b] := A[a]; b := b + 1;
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    a := a + 1;
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Saturation
Theorem Proving $\rightarrow I_1, I_2, I_3, I_4, I_5, \dots$

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Example: Array Partition - Vampire Experiments

```
 $a := 0; b := 0; c := 0;$   
while  $(a \leq k)$  do  
  if  $A[a] \geq 0$   
    then  $B[b] := A[a]; b := b + 1;$   
    else  $C[c] := A[a]; c := c + 1;$   
   $a := a + 1;$   
end do
```

1. B doesn't change at positions after final value of b (1s):

$$\forall p (p \geq b \rightarrow B[p] = B_0[p])$$

2. Each $B[0], \dots, B[b-1]$ is a positive value in $\{A[0], \dots, A[a-1]\}$ (1s):

$$\forall p (b > p \wedge p \geq 0 \rightarrow B[p] \geq 0 \wedge \exists k (a > k \wedge k \geq 0 \wedge A[k] = B[p]))$$

Loop

Symbolic Comp.
Static Analysis

Poly Invariants

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```

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Array Update Predicates

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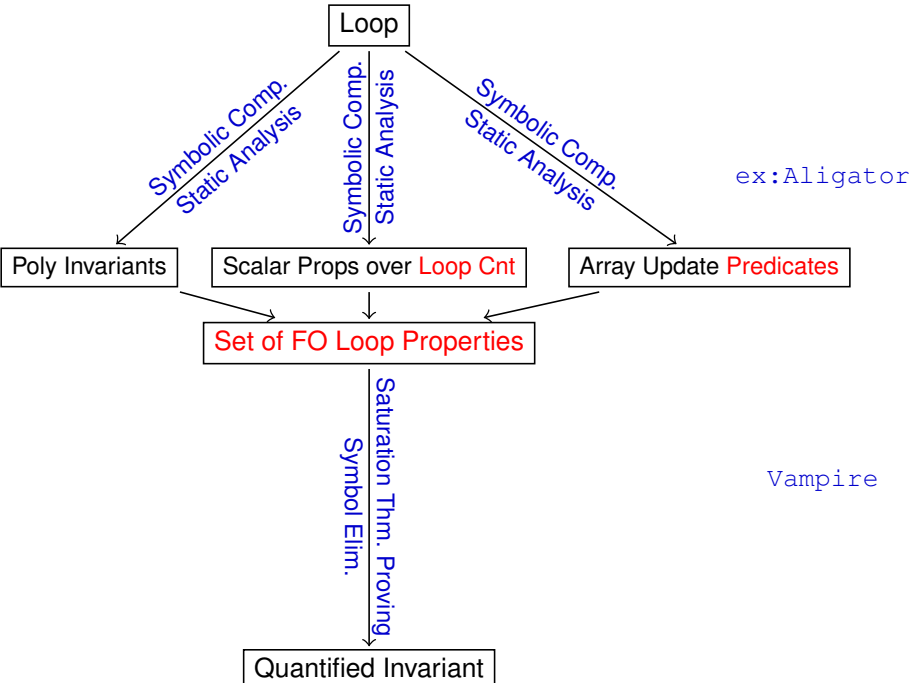
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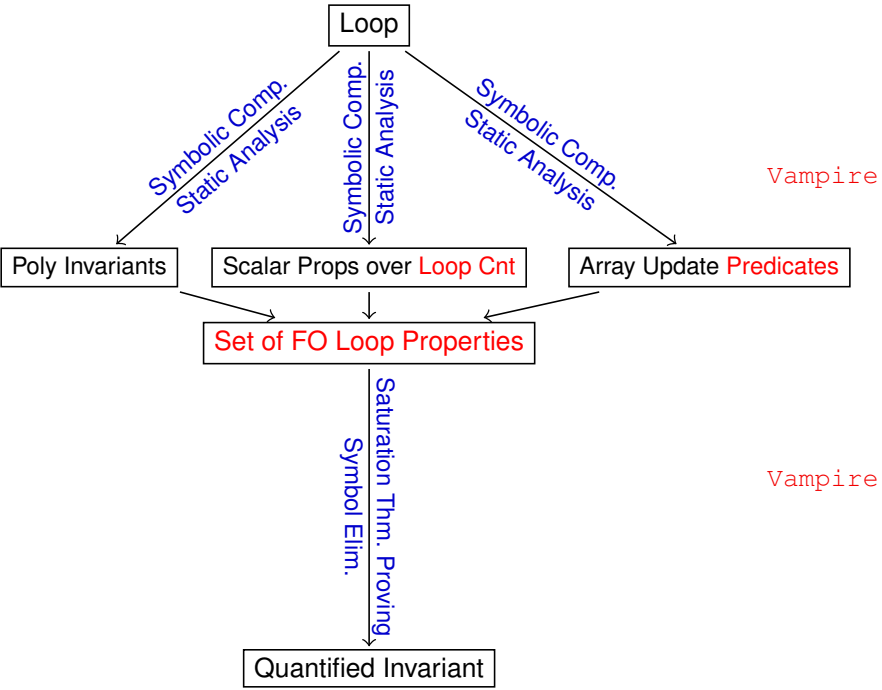
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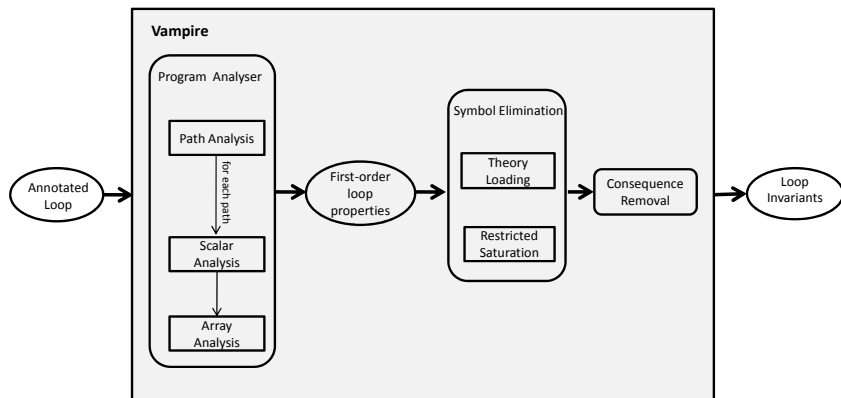
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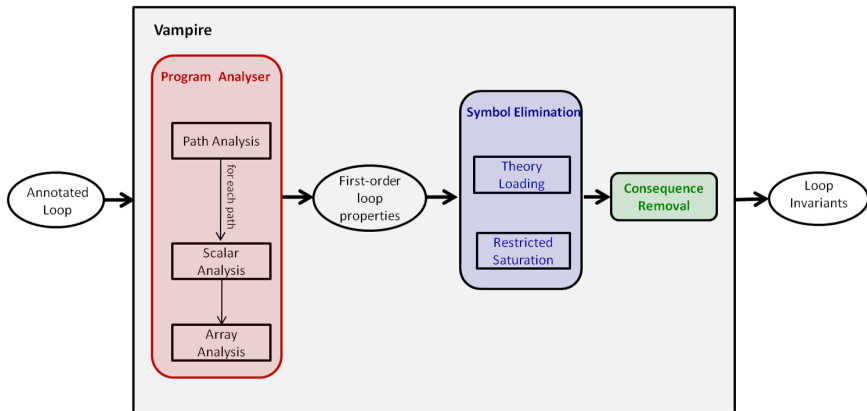


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1. **Program analysis** (new Vampire mode);
2. **Theory loading** (new Vampire option);
3. **Elimination of “colored” symbols** (new Vampire option);
4. **Generation of “minimal” set of invariants** (new Vampire mode).



1. Sample Output for Program Analysis in Vampire

```
vampire --mode program_analysis
```

```
Loops found: 1  
Analyzing loop...
```

```
-----  
while (a < m)  
{  
  if (A[a] >= 0)  
  {  
    B[b] = A[a]; b = b + 1;  
  }  
  else  
  {  
    C[c] = A[a]; c = c + 1;  
  }  
  a = a + 1;  
}
```

```
-----  
Variable: B: (updated)  
Variable: a: (updated)  
Variable: b: (updated)  
Variable: m: constant  
Variable: A: constant  
Variable: C: (updated)  
Variable: c: (updated)  
Counter: a  
Counter: b  
Counter: c
```

```
Path:  
false: A[a] >= 0  
C[c] = A[a];  
c = c + 1;  
a = a + 1;  
Path:  
true: A[a] >= 0  
B[b] = A[a];  
b = b + 1;  
a = a + 1;  
Counter a: 1 min, 1 max, 1 gcd  
Counter b: 0 min, 1 max, 1 gcd  
Counter c: 0 min, 1 max, 1 gcd  
7. ![X1,X0,X3]:(X1>X0 & c(X1)>X3 & X3>c(X0)) =>  
  ?[X2]:(c(X2)=X3 & X2>X0 & X1>X2) [program analysis]  
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1. ![X0]:a(X0)=a0+X0 (0:6) [program analysis]
```

Figure: Partial output of Vampire's program analyser on the Partition program.

2. Theory Loading in Vampire

We use incomplete but sound theory axiomatisation.

Example: Integers in Vampire

- ▶ 0, 1, 2, etc;
- ▶ Integer predicates/functions:
 - ▶ addition;
 - ▶ subtraction;
 - ▶ multiplication;
 - ▶ successor;
 - ▶ division;
 - ▶ inequality relations;
- ▶ Automated theory loading:

```
vampire(interpreted_symbol, geq, integer_greater_equal)
```

2. Theory Loading in Vampire

```
vampire(option, theory_axioms, on).
```

```
vampire --theory_axioms on
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3. Elimination of Colored Symbols

vampire(option,show_symbol_elimination,on).

```
vampire(option,time.limit,1).
```

```
vampire(option, theory.axioms,on).  
vampire(interpreted.symbol,geq, integer.greater_equal).  
vampire(interpreted.symbol,greater, integer.greater).  
vampire(interpreted.symbol,plus, integer.plus).  
vampire(interpreted.symbol,s, successor).  
vampire(interpreted.symbol,minus, integer.minus).
```

```
vampire(symbol,function,n,0, left).  
vampire(symbol,function,a,1, left).  
vampire(symbol,function,b,1, left).  
vampire(symbol,function,c,1, left).  
vampire(symbol,function,bb,2, left).  
vampire(symbol,function,cc,2, left).  
vampire(symbol,predicate,updB,2, left).  
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```
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```

4. Generation of Minimal Set of Invariants

Set of invariants: S

Minimal set S' of invariants with $S' \subset S$:

Remove $C \in S$ iff $S \setminus \{C\} \Rightarrow C$

Compute $S' \subset S$

Run Vampire on S within, e.g., 20s time limit

Experiments:

- ▶ consequence elimination ran in conjunction with 4 combination of strategies
- ▶ eliminated $\sim 80\%$ invariants

4. Generation of Minimal Set of Invariants

```
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Experiments: Invariant Generation in Vampire

- ▶ Challenging academic benchmarks
- ▶ Industrial Benchmarks

Loop	# SEI	# Min SEI	Inv of interest	Generated invariants implying Inv
<pre>Copy a = 0; while (a < m) do B[a] = A[a]; a = a + 1 end do</pre>	24	5	$\forall x : 0 \leq x < a \rightarrow B[x] = A[x]$	<pre>inv8: forall x0, x1 : A[x0] = B[x1] v x0 != x1 v -a > x0 v -x0 >= 0</pre>
<pre>Find a = 0; spot = m while (a < m) do if (spot = m && A[a] != 0) then spot = a end if; B[a] = (A[a] != 0); a = a + 1 end do</pre>	151	13	$spot = m \vee A[spot] \neq 0$	<pre>inv3: a >= spot inv39: spot = sk1 v a = spot inv25: 0 >= sk1 v a = spot inv5: forall x1 : -a > x1 v -x1 >= 0 v a = spot v A(spot) != 0</pre>
<pre>Partition a = 0; b = 0; c = 0; while (a < m) do if (A[a] >= 0) then B[b] = A[a]; b = b + 1 else C[c] = A[a]; c = c + 1 end if; a = a + 1 end do</pre>	166	38	$\forall x : 0 \leq x < b \rightarrow B[x] \geq 0 \wedge$ $\exists y : B[x] = A[y]$	<pre>inv1: forall x0 : A(sk2(x0)) >= 0 v -b > x0 v -x0 >= 0 inv81: forall x0 : -b > x0 v -x0 >= 0 v A(sk2(x0)) = B(x0)</pre>
<pre>Partition_Init a = 0; c = 0; while (a < m) do if (A[a] == B[a]) then C[c] = a; c = c + 1 end if; a = a + 1 end do</pre>	168	24	$\forall x : 0 \leq x < c \rightarrow A[C[x]] = B[C[x]]$	<pre>inv0: forall x0 : A(sk1(x0)) = B(sk1(x0)) v -c > x0 v -x0 >= 0 inv30: forall x0, x1, x2 : sk1(x0) != x1 v x0 != x2 v -c > x0 v -x0 >= 0 v C(x2) = x1</pre>

Loop	Symbol Elimination within 1s					Symbol Elimination within 10s				
	# SEI	# Min SEI	% Redundancy	\forall -Inv	$\forall\exists$ -Inv	# SEI	# Min SEI	% Redund	\forall -Inv	$\forall\exists$ -Inv
Initialisation	15	5	67%	yes	no	40	5	88%	yes	no
Copy	24	5	79%	yes	no	25	5	80%	yes	no
Find	151	13	91%	yes	no	474	21	96%	yes	no
Vararg	1	1	0%	yes	no	1	1	0%	yes	no
Partition	166	38	77%	yes	yes	849	59	93%	yes	yes
Partition.Init	168	24	86%	yes	yes	692	127	82%	yes	yes

Table: Vampire with 1 and 10 seconds of time limit on challenging benchmarks.

Loop Shape	# of Loops	Average # of SEI	Average # of Non-Redundant SEI	% of SEI Redundancy	\forall -Inv	$\forall\exists$ -Inv
Simple	33	168	18	89.3%	yes	no
Multi-path	5	340	46	86.4%	yes	yes

Table: Vampire on industrial benchmarks of Dassault Aviation.

Summary: Invariant Generation and Symbol Elimination

Given a loop:

1. Express loop properties in a language containing **extra symbols** (loop counter, predicates expressing array updates, etc.);
2. Every **logical consequence** of these properties is a valid loop property, but **not an invariant**;
3. Run a theorem prover for **eliminating extra symbols**;
4. Every **derived formula** in the language of the loop is a **loop invariant**;
5. **Invariants** are **consequences of symbol-eliminating inferences (SEI)**.

SEI: **premise contains extra symbols**, **conclusion is in the loop language**.

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