

Automating Program Verification and Repair Using Invariant Analysis and Test-input Generation

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The Problem



SOFTWARE BUGS



Figure: *

World of
Warcraft bug



Figure: *

Therac-25
machines



Figure: *

Ariane-5 rocket
self-destructs



Figure: *

North America
blackout

The Cost



– Mozilla Developer

*“Everyday, almost **300** bugs appear [...] far too many for only the Mozilla programmers to handle.”*

Software bugs annually cost **0.6%** of the U.S GDP and **\$312** billion to the global economy

Average time to fix a security-critical error:
28 days



Program Analysis

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Automated program analysis techniques and tools can decrease debugging time by an average of **26%** and **\$41** billion annually

Program Synthesis



Generates a program that meets a given specification

Program Verification



Checks if a program satisfies a given specification

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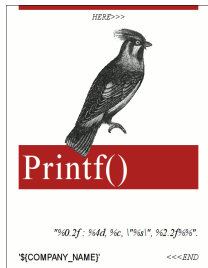
- Creates code under **specific templates** from partially completed programs
- Can be used for **automatic program repair**

Thesis and Outline

Thesis: “build efficient techniques to automatically generate invariants and programs by encoding these tasks as solutions to existing problem instances in the constraint and verification domains”

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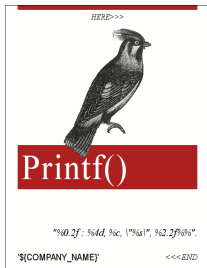
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    print "x %d, y %d, q %d, r %d" %(x,y,q,r)
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def intdiv(x, y):
    assert y != 0

    # .. compute result ..

    assert r >= 0
    assert x >= q

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UDACITY – Software Testing course

*“GCC: 9000 assertions,
LLVM: 13,000 assertions [..]
1 assertion per 110 loc”*

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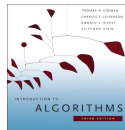
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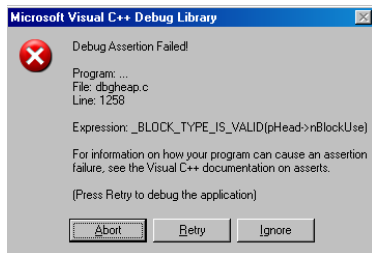


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int getDateOfMonth(int m) {  
    /*pre: 1 <= m <= 12*/  
    ..  
  
    /*post: 0 <= result <= 31*/  
}
```



“a loop invariant is a condition that is true on entry into a loop and is guaranteed to remain true on every iteration of the loop [..]”

Uses of Invariants



- Understand and verify programs
- Formal proofs
- Debug (locate errors)
- Documentations

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Dynamic Analysis

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- Cons: results depend on traces, might not hold for all runs

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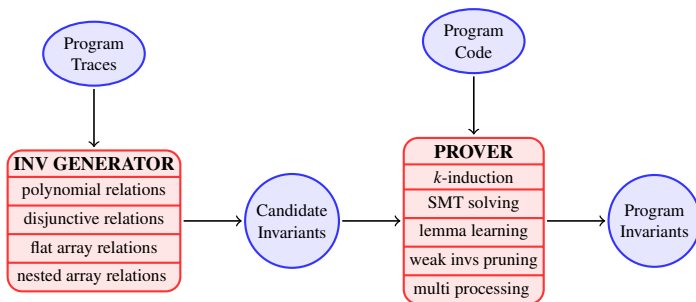
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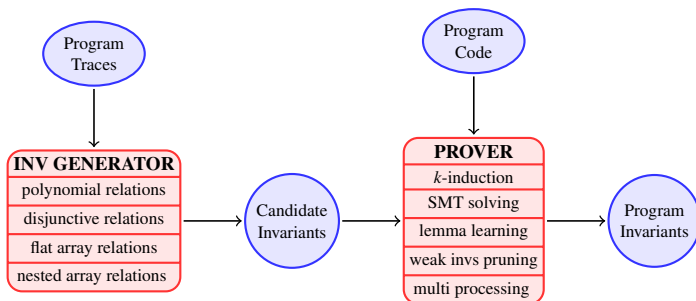
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Goal: developing **efficient** methods to capture **precise** and **provably correct** program invariants

- **Efficient:** reformulate and solve using techniques such as equation solving and polyhedral construction
- **Precise:** employ expressive templates and infer invariants *directly* from traces
- **Sound:** integrate theorem proving to formally verify results

Outline

Example: Cohen Integer Division

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    while r  $\geq$  y:  
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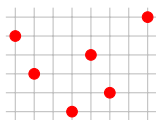


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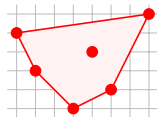


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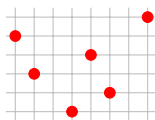


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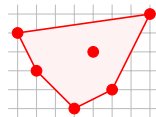


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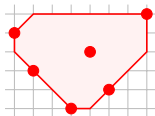


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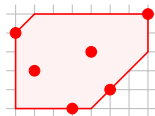


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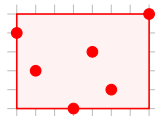


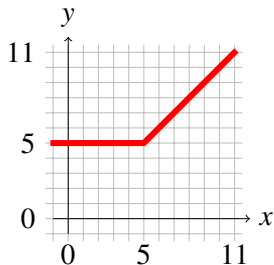
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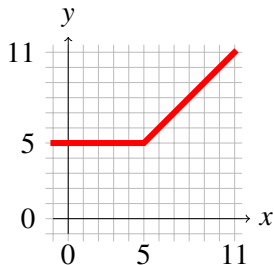
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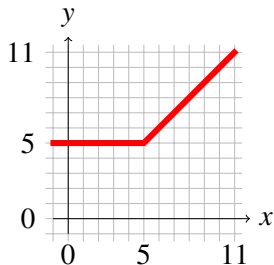


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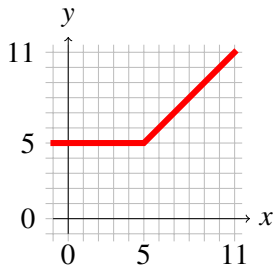
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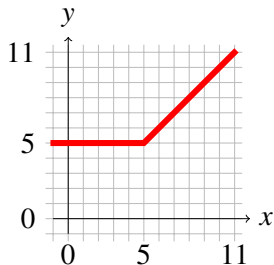
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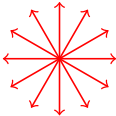
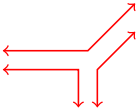
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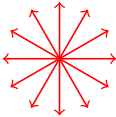
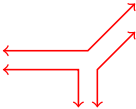
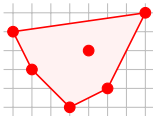
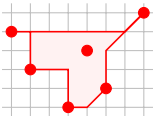
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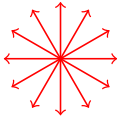
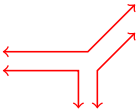
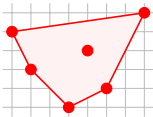
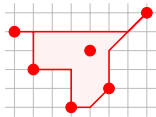
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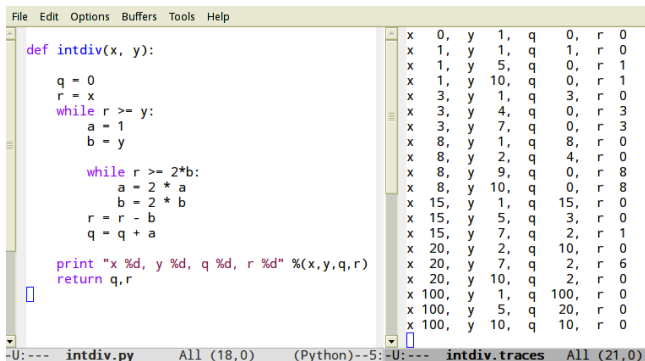
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- Builds a max-plus convex polyhedron and extract facets
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Spurious Invariants



The screenshot shows a Python IDE with a file named 'intdiv.py' and a console window displaying the execution trace of the 'intdiv' function. The function 'intdiv(x, y)' is defined with the following code:

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def intdiv(x, y):  
    q = 0  
    r = x  
    while r >= y:  
        a = 1  
        b = y  
        while r >= 2*b:  
            a = 2 * a  
            b = 2 * b  
        r = r - b  
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    print "x %d, y %d, q %d, r %d" %(x,y,q,r)  
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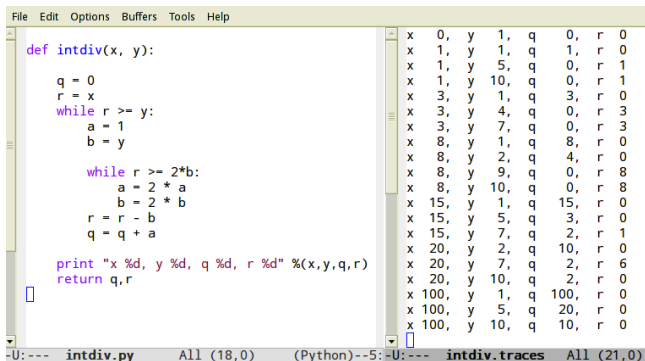
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1	5	0	1
1	10	0	1
3	1	3	0
3	4	0	3
3	7	0	3
8	1	8	0
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Valid results

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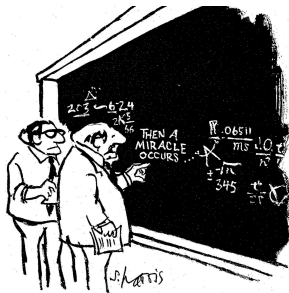
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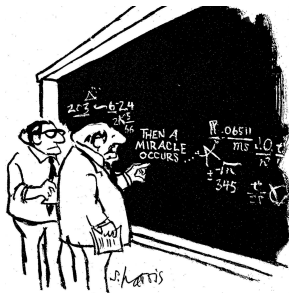
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DIG + KIP \equiv hybridization of dynamic and static analysis

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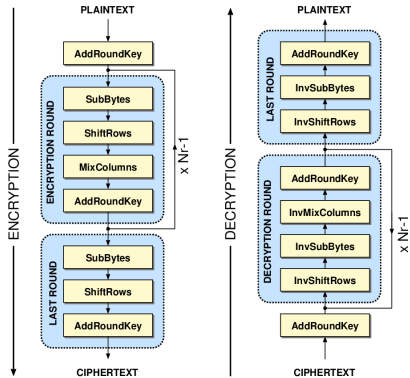
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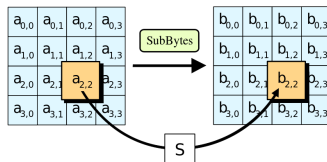
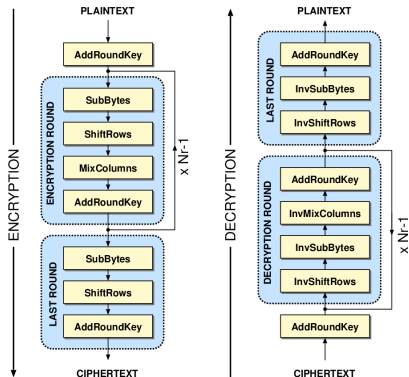
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- Invariants generated are sufficiently strong to explain program behavior
 - Proved correctness of 36/41 programs, 2 mins per program
 - No spurious results
- Current dynamic analysis cannot find any of these invariants

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- Same complexity for the **generalized version** with multi-dimensional and repeating arrays, e.g., $a[i][j] = 2b_1[b_2[2i + 3]][[b_3[i][b_2[j]]]]$

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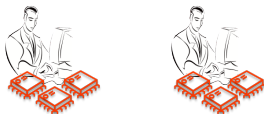


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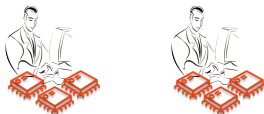


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- A practical form of synthesis that creates code under specific **templates**

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def pmain(c0, c1, c2):  
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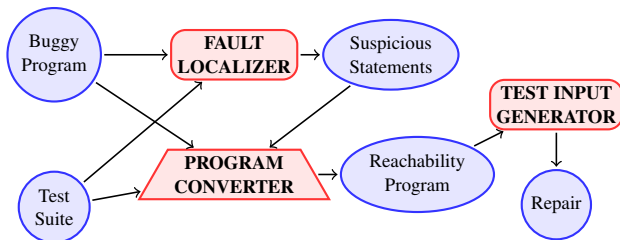
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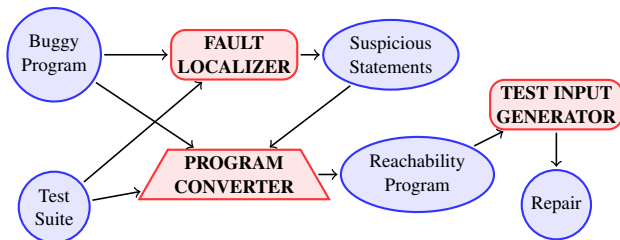
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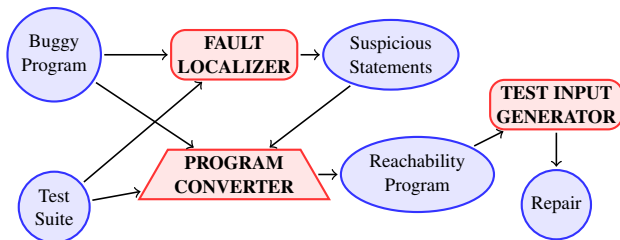


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- Implement algorithms based on polynomial time proof for finding other array properties (objective: 90% of the array invariants in AES).
- Extend techniques for generating array relations to analyze other data structures such as trees and lists

Program Synthesis/Repair

- Apply techniques in program synthesis to reachability, e.g., using repair tools to generate high quality test inputs
- Combine CETI and other repair techniques, e.g., random search, to handle a wider range of errors

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 - **DIG**: treat invariants as set of equations and constraints and solve them to identify nonlinear polynomial relations, disjunctive invariants, and array properties
 - **KIP**: an automatic theorem prover for verifying candidate invariants
- Program Synthesis/Repair
 - **Equivalence theorem**: a direct link between program reachability and template-based synthesis
 - **CETI**: apply equivalence theorem to reduce repair task to reachability problem, solvable using off-the-shelf test-input generators
- Source code, benchmarks, etc:

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BACK UP slides



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e.g., $b = ya$, $x = qy + r$, $r \geq 2ya$
- Has limited support for relations among arrays and disjunctive invariants

Sample Examples of Polynomials and Disjunctive Invariants

Polynomial Invariants

$$\text{cohencb} : z^2 = 12y + 6z - 12, yz - 18x - 12y + 2z = 6, 6n + 6 = z$$

$$\text{ps6} : y^6 + 3y^5 + \frac{5}{2}y^4 - \frac{1}{2}y^2 = 6x$$

$$\text{cohendv} : b = ya, x = qy + r, r \geq 2ya$$

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$$\text{dijkstra} : h^2p - 4hnq + 4hqr + 4npq - pq^2 = 4pqr \text{ (z3 froze)}$$

Max/Min-plus Invariants

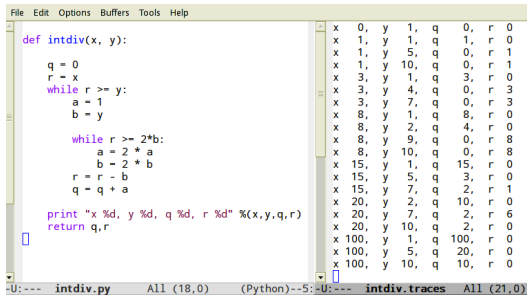
$$\text{ex1} : (x < 5 \wedge y = 5) \vee (5 \leq x \leq 11 \wedge x = y)$$

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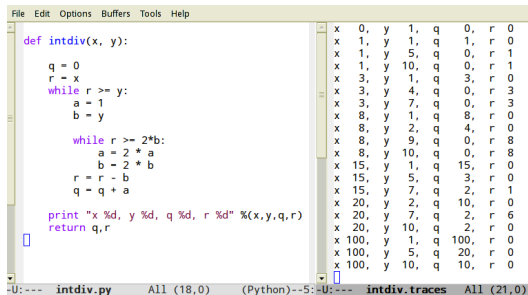
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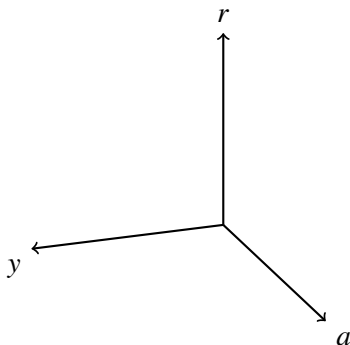
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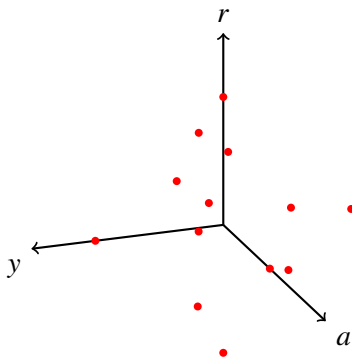
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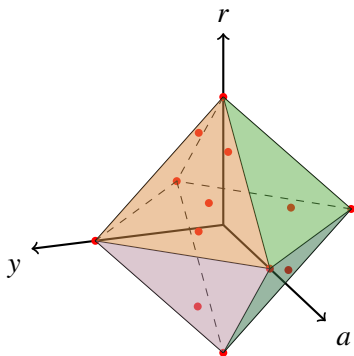
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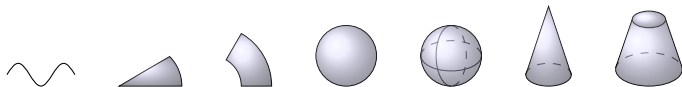
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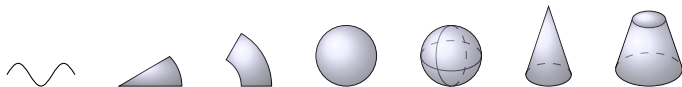
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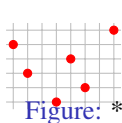


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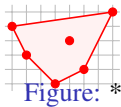
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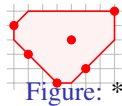
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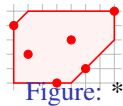
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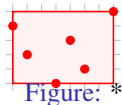
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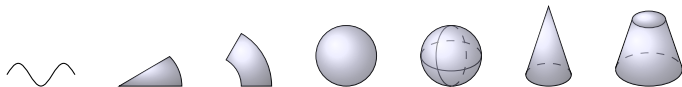
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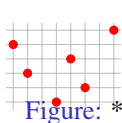
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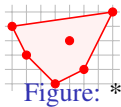
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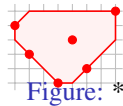
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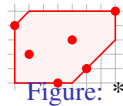
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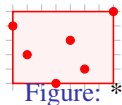
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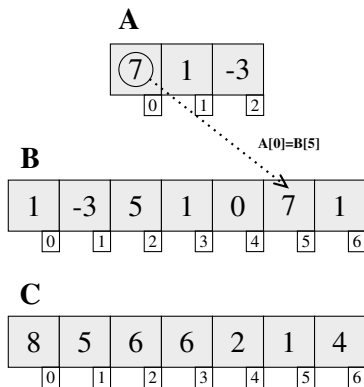
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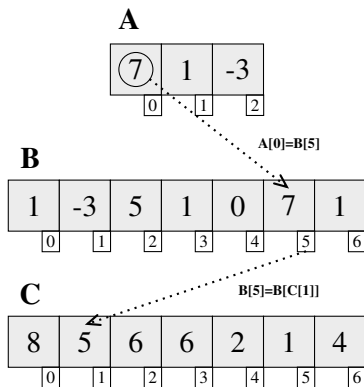
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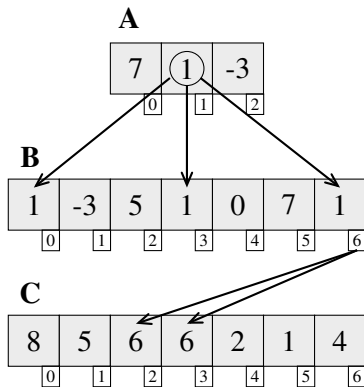
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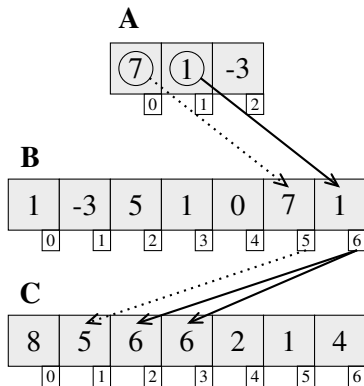
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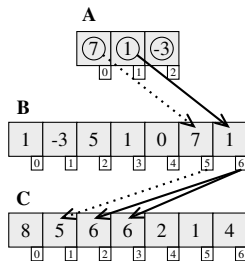
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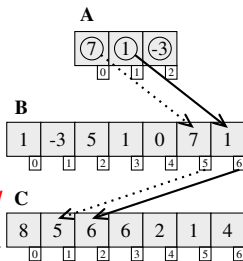
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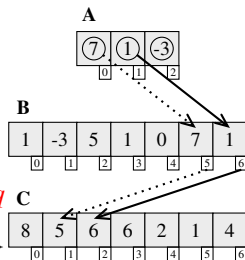
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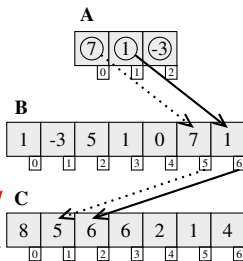
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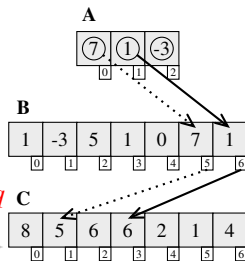
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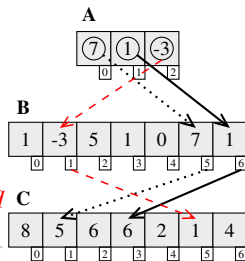
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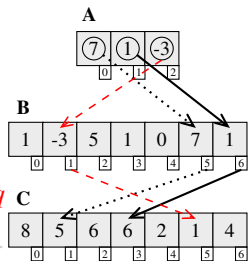
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- Verify (obtained candidate invariants guarantee to hold for $i = 0, 1$)

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dijkstra	2	5
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freire2	1	4
cohencb	1	5
egcd1	1	8
egcd2	2	10
egcd3	3	12
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lcm2	1	6
prodbin	1	5
prod4br	1	6
fermat1	3	5
fermat2	1	5
knuth	1	8
geo1	1	4
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geo3	1	5
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ps3	1	3
ps4	1	3
ps5	1	3
ps6	1	3
total	27	

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freire1	1	3	25	22.5	2
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cohencb	1	5	31	23.6	3
egcd1	1	8	108	43.1	2
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egcd3	3	12	475	67.0	2
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geo2	1	4	45	24.1	2
geo3	1	5	65	22.1	3
ps2	1	3	25	21.1	2
ps3	1	3	25	21.9	3
ps4	1	3	25	23.5	4
ps5	1	3	24	24.9	5
ps6	1	3	25	25.0	6
total 27			2392	825.9s	

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ps5	1	3	24	24.9	5	2	7.4
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total 27			2392	825.9s		118	266.3s

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intdiv	2	6	152	26.2	2	7	8.2	✓
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Results for Disjunctive Invariants

Program	Locs	Var	Gen	T _{Gen} (s)	Val	T _{Val} (s)	Strength
ex1	1	2	15	0.2	4	1.5	✓
strncpy	1	3	69	1.1	4	7.7	✓
oddeven3	1	6	286	3.7	8	16.0	✓
oddeven4	1	8	867	12.7	22	46.0	✓
oddeven5	1	10	2334	56.8	52	1319.4	✓
bubble3	1	6	249	4.1	8	4.9	✓
bubble4	1	8	832	11.7	22	47.6	✓
bubble5	1	10	2198	53.9	52	938.2	✓
partd3	4	5	479	10.5	10	50.8	✓
partd4	5	6	1217	23.3	15	181.1	✓
partd5	6	7	2943	53.3	21	418.1	✓
parti3	4	5	464	10.3	10	45.5	✓
parti4	5	6	1148	22.4	15	165.1	✓
parti5	6	7	2954	53.6	21	405.6	✓
total 14			16055	317.6s	264	3647.5s	14/14

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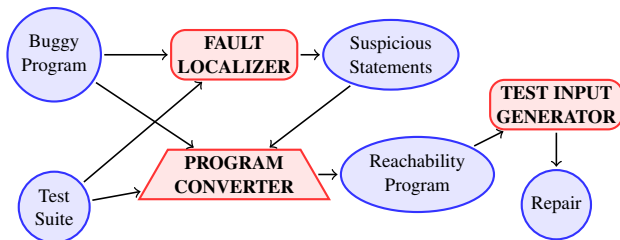
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shiftRows	shift
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addKey	add
mixCol	mult
invMixCol	mult
keySetEnc4	driver
keySetEnc6	driver
keySetEnc8	driver
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aesEncrypt	driver
aesDecrypt	driver

25 functions

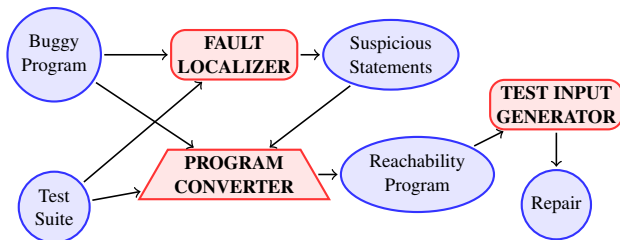
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xor3Word	xor	4 N_1	5, 3	2.0
subWord	subs	2 N_1	3, 1	1.3
rotWord	shift	1 F	2, 1	0.5
block2State	convert	1 F	2, 2	4.1
state2Block	convert	1 F	2, 2	4.2
subBytes	subs	2 N_1	3, 2	3.2
invSubByte	subs	2 N_1	3, 2	3.3
shiftRows	shift	1 F	2, 2	3.7
invShiftRow	shift	1 F	2, 2	3.6
addKey	add	2 N_1	4, 2	3.5
mixCol	mult	0	-	1.0
invMixCol	mult	0	-	1.0
keySetEnc4	driver	1 F	2, 2	76.4
keySetEnc6	driver	1 F	2, 2	78.8
keySetEnc8	driver	1 F	2, 2	79.3
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keySetDec	driver	0	-	73.0
keySched1	driver	0	-	77.9
keySched2	driver	1 F	2, 2	79.5
aesKeyEnc	driver	1 F, 1 eq	2, 1	76.2
aesKeyDec	driver	1 eq	2, 1	73.6
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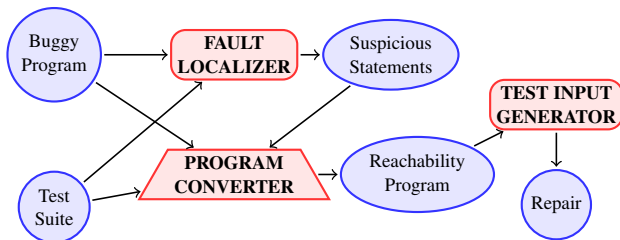


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- For efficiency: analyze $d + 1$ random indices from the d -dimensional array A

E.g., chooses indices $i = 0, 1$ from the 1-dim array A
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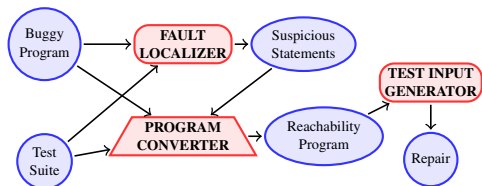
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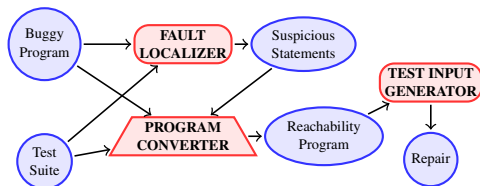
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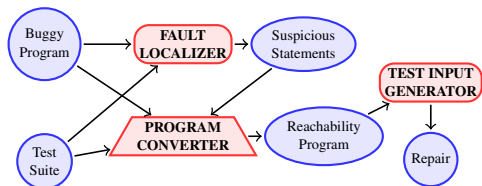
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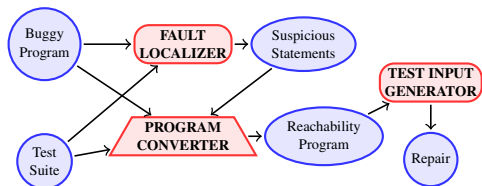
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