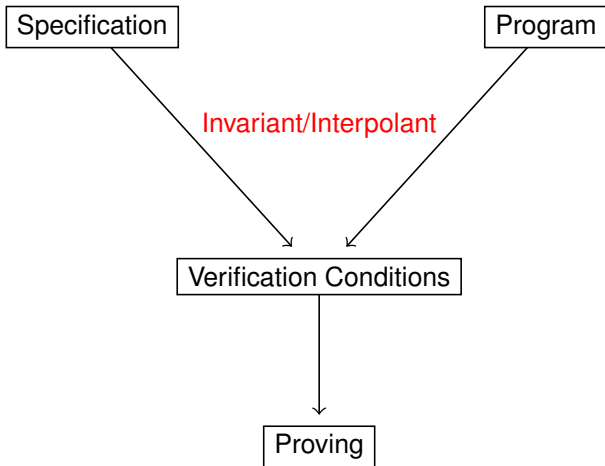


# New Features and Applications of Vampire

Symbol Elimination and Interpolation for Software Verification

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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):

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

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# Invariant Generation by Symbol Elimination

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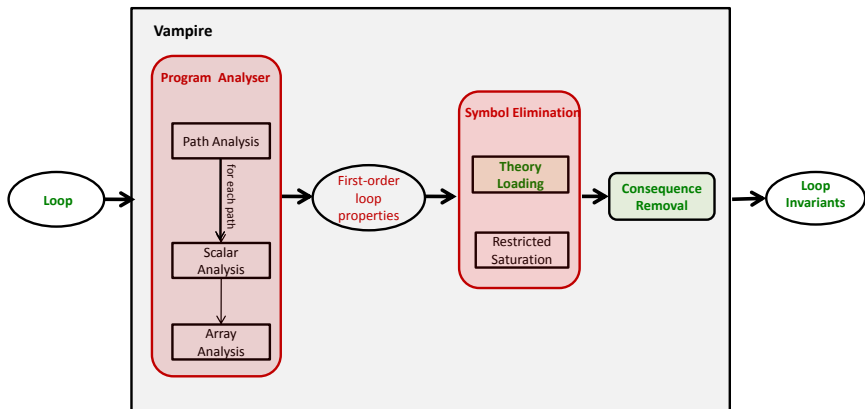
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2. **Theory loading** (new Vampire option);
3. **Elimination of “colored” symbols** (new Vampire option);
4. **Generation of “minimal” set of invariants** (new Vampire mode).



# 1. Sample Output for Program Analysis in Vampire

```
vampire --mode program_analysis partition.c
```

```
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;
  }
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}
-----
Analyzing variables...
-----
Variable: A: constant
Variable: C: (updated)
Variable: m: constant
Variable: b: (updated)
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Counter: b
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```

```
Collecting paths...
-----
Path:
false: A[a] >= 0
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c = c + 1;
a = a + 1;
Path:
true: A[a] >= 0
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Counter a: 1 min, 1 max, 1 gcd
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...
Collected first-order loop properties...
-----
37. iter(X0) <=> (0<= X0 & X0<n) [program analysis]
...
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```

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

## 2. Theory Loading in Vampire

We use incomplete but sound theory axiomatisation (Session 2).

### Example: Integers in Vampire

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



### 3. Elimination of Colored Symbols

#### vampire(option,show\_symbol\_elimination,on).

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

```
...  
tff(b.type,type,a:$int).  
tff(b.fcttype,type,a:$int>$int).  
tff(bb.type,type,bb:$int>$int).  
tff(bb.fct2type,type,bb:($int*$int)>$int).  
tff(iter.fcttype,type,iter:$int>$o).  
tff(upd2.type,type,updbb:($int*$int)>$o).  
tff(upd3.type,type,updbb:($int*$int*$int)>$o).  
...
```

```
vampire(symbol,function,n,0,left).  
vampire(symbol,function,a,1,left).  
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vampire(symbol,function,c,1,left).  
vampire(symbol,function,bb,2,left).  
vampire(symbol,function,cc,2,left).  
vampire(symbol,predicate,updB,2,left).  
vampire(symbol,predicate,updB,3,left).  
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```

```
vampire(symbol,function,a,0,skip).  
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vampire(symbol,function,c,0,skip).  
vampire(symbol,function,m,0,left).  
vampire(symbol,function,aa,1,skip).  
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vampire(symbol,function,cc0,2,skip).  
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```

Figure: Partial input for symbol elimination in Vampire.

```
./vampire_array_partition.tptp
```

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# Notation

- ▶ First-order predicate logic **with equality**.
- ▶  $\top$ : always true,  
 $\perp$ : always false.
- ▶  $\forall A$ : universal closure of  $A$ .
- ▶ **Symbols**:
  - ▶ predicate symbols;
  - ▶ function symbols;
  - ▶ constants.

Equality is part of the language  $\rightarrow$  **equality is not a symbol**.

- ▶  $\mathcal{L}_A$ : the **language of  $A$** : the set of all formulas built from the symbols occurring in  $A$ .

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**Reverse interpolant of  $A$  and  $B$ :** any formula  $I$  such that

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- ▶ **Inference system:** a set of inference rules.
- ▶ **Axiom:** an inference rule with 0 premises.
- ▶ **Derivation of  $A$ :** tree with the root  $A$  built from inferences.



# Interpolants and Local AB-Derivations

## AB-derivation

Let  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_A \cap \mathcal{L}_B$ .

A derivation  $\Pi$  is an **AB-derivation** if

(AB1) For every leaf  $C$  of  $\Pi$  one of following conditions holds:

1.  $A \rightarrow_T \forall C$  and  $C \in \mathcal{L}_A$  or
2.  $B \rightarrow_T \forall C$  and  $C \in \mathcal{L}_B$ .

(AB2) For every inference

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of  $\Pi$  we have  $\forall C_1, \dots, \forall C_n \rightarrow_T \forall C$ .

We will refer to property (AB2) as **soundness**.

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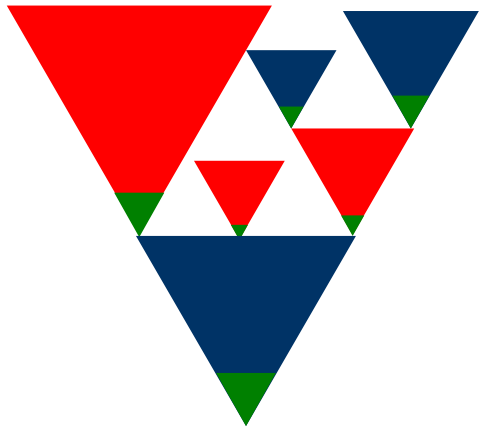
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This inference is **local** if the following two conditions hold:

- (L1) Either  $\{C_1, \dots, C_n, C\} \subseteq \mathcal{L}_A$  or  $\{C_1, \dots, C_n, C\} \subseteq \mathcal{L}_B$ .
- (L2) If all of the formulas  $C_1, \dots, C_n$  are colorless, then  $C$  is colorless, too.

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# Shape of local derivations for $A \rightarrow B$



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