

Verifying Array Manipulating Programs by Tiling

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- Verifying array programs with complex access patterns is challenging
- State-of-the-art tools choke on many such examples
- Solution - *Inductive Compositional Reasoning*
 - ▶ *Infer* array access patterns in loops
 - ▶ *Tile* the set of indices using the inferred patterns
 - ▶ *Slice* the assertion using the tile for a single iteration of the loop
 - ▶ Compositionally *prove* universally quantified assertions on arrays

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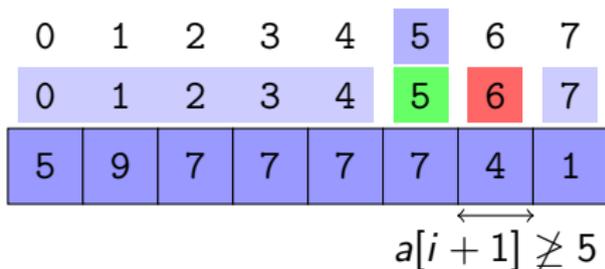
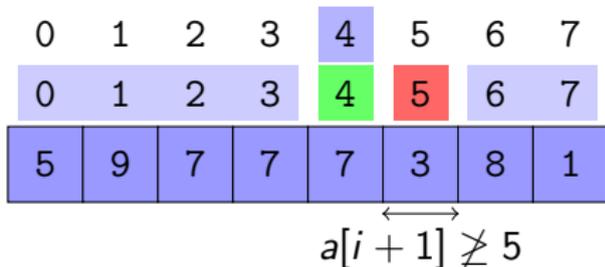
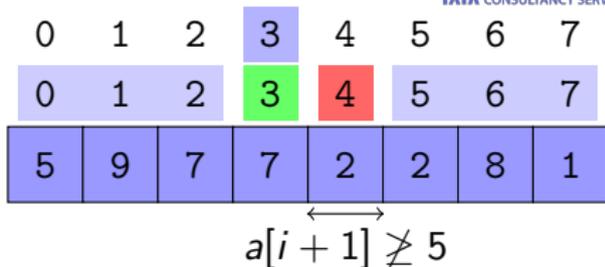
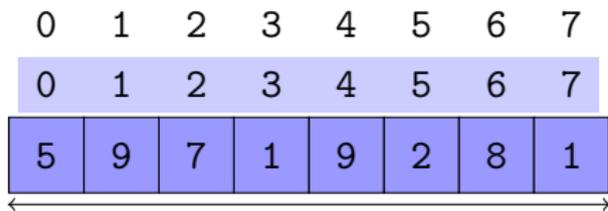
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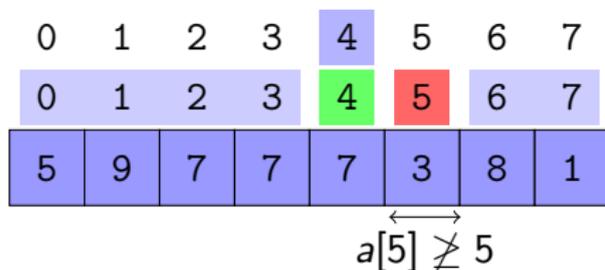
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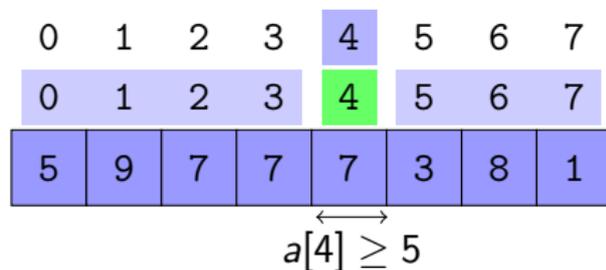
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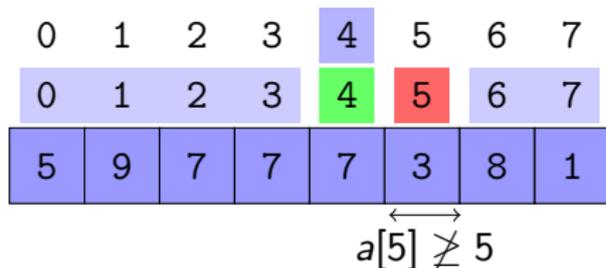


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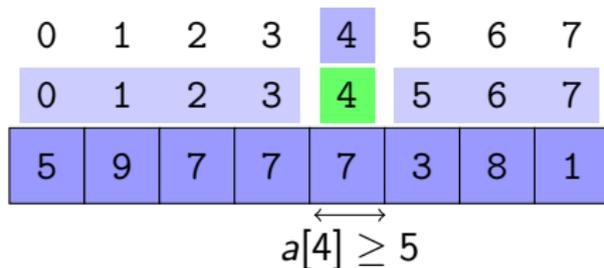


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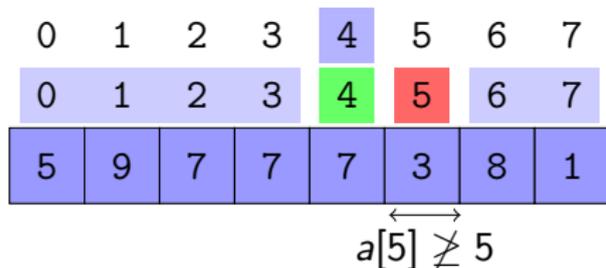
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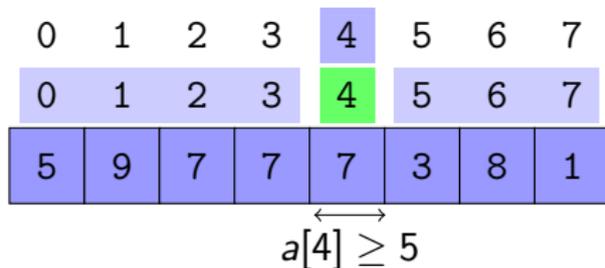
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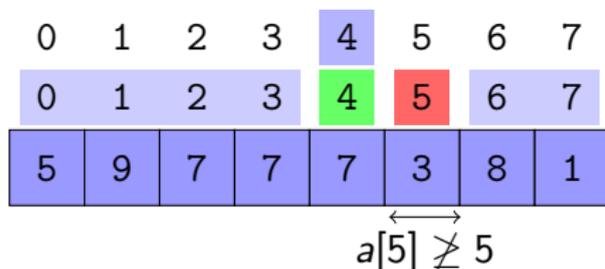


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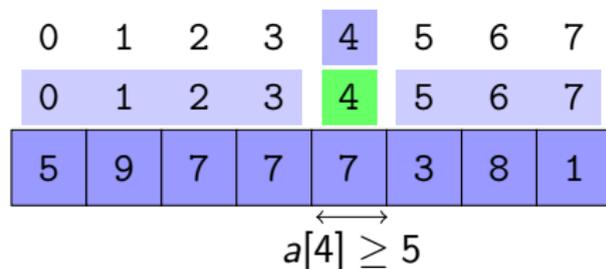
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Finding the *right* tile is a challenge!

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{
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    int volArray[N];

    if(N % 4 != 0) { return; }

    assume(N % 4 == 0);
    for(i = 1; i <= N/4; i++)
    {
        if(1 >= MIN)
            volArray[i*4-1] = 1;
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            volArray[i*4-1] = 0;
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```
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Tile(i, j) := $4 * i - 4 \leq j < 4 * i$

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    int tmp;
    int a[N];
    int b[N];
    int rev_copy[N];

    for(i = 0; i < N; i++)
    {
        rev_copy[N-i-1] = a[i];
    }
}
```

```
for(i = 0; i < N; i++)
{
    tmp = a[i];
    a[i] = b[i];
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Loop 1 - $\text{Tile}(i, j) := j == N - i - 1$

Loop 2 - $\text{Tile}(i, j) := j == i$

Skipped Indices

```
void skip(int N)
{
    int i;
    int a[N];

    if(N % 2 != 0)
    {
        return;
    }

    assume(N % 2 == 0);
    for(i = 1; i <= N/2; i++)
    {
        if( a[2*i-2] > 2*i-2 )
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            a[2*i-2] = 2*i-2;
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    return;
}
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- **Reverse** the contents of the array
 - ▶ $\text{Tile}(i, j) := j == N - i - 1$
- A **bunch** of indices updated in a loop
 - ▶ $\text{Tile}(i, j) := 2 * i - 2 \leq j < 2 * i$
 - ▶ $\text{Tile}(i, j) := 3 * i - 3 \leq j < 3 * i$
 - ▶ $\text{Tile}(i, j) := 4 * i - 4 \leq j < 4 * i$
- **Adjacent** indices to the counter
 - ▶ $\text{Tile}(i, j) := j == i - 1$
 - ▶ $\text{Tile}(i, j) := j == i + 1$
- Most **common** tile in array processing loops
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    if(*) { j=i; }
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Using array access patterns

- Introduce a loop counter (say i)
- Store values of update indices (say in j)
- Infer a relation between i and j
- Use arithmetic invariant generators for inference
- Inferred relation
 $\text{Tile}(i, j) := i \leq j \leq i + 1$
- Removing overlap
 $\text{Tile}(i, j) := j == i$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{PB} & ::= \text{St} \\
 \text{St} & ::= v := E \mid A[E] := E \mid \text{assume}(\text{BoolE}) \mid \\
 & \quad \text{if}(\text{BoolE}) \text{ then } \text{St} \text{ else } \text{St} \mid \\
 & \quad \text{for } (\ell := 0; \ell < E; \ell := \ell + 1) \{ \text{St} \} \mid \\
 & \quad \text{St} ; \text{St} \\
 E & ::= E \text{ op } E \mid A[E] \mid v \mid \ell \mid c \\
 \text{BoolE} & ::= E \text{ relop } E \mid \text{BoolE AND BoolE} \mid \\
 & \quad \text{NOT BoolE} \mid \text{BoolE OR BoolE}
 \end{aligned}$$

- No unstructured jumps
- Loop counter goes from 0 to some max value
- Assignment statements in body do not update loop counter

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 - ▶ $\text{Post} \triangleq \forall I (\Phi(I) \implies \Psi(\mathcal{A}, I))$
 - ▶ $\Phi(I)$ - quantifier-free formula in theory of arithmetic over integers
 - ▶ $\Psi(\mathcal{A}, I)$ - quantifier-free formula in combined theory of arrays and arithmetic over integers

If following conditions hold on the tile, we have proven the property

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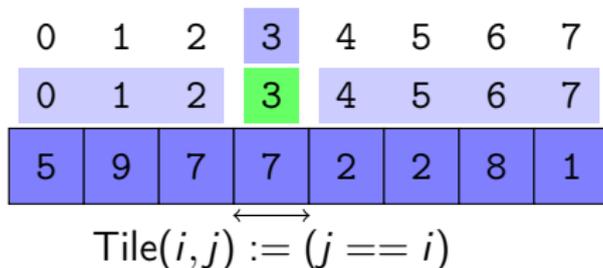
T3: Non-interference across tiles

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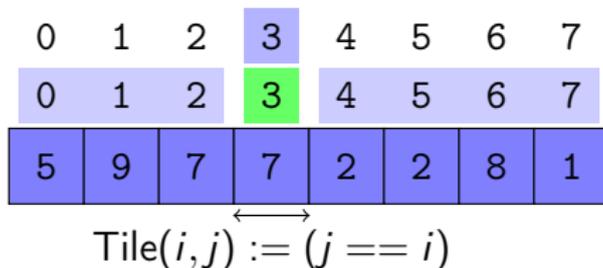
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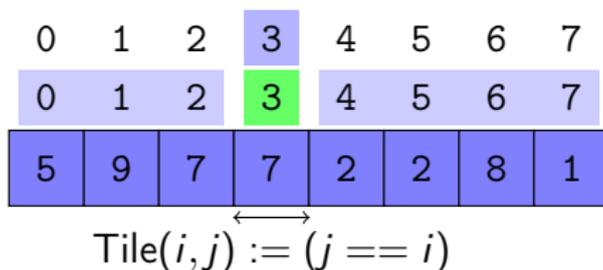
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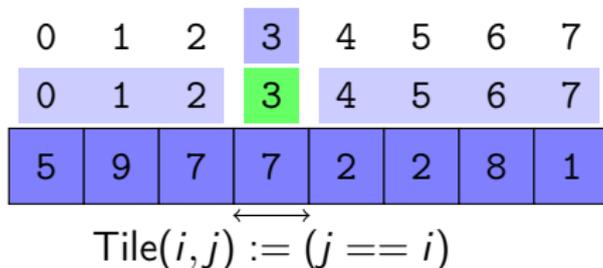
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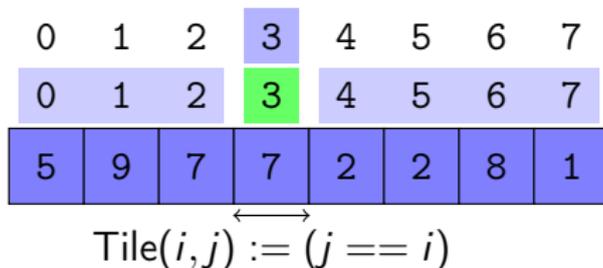
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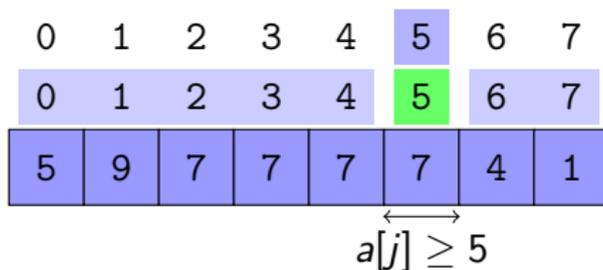
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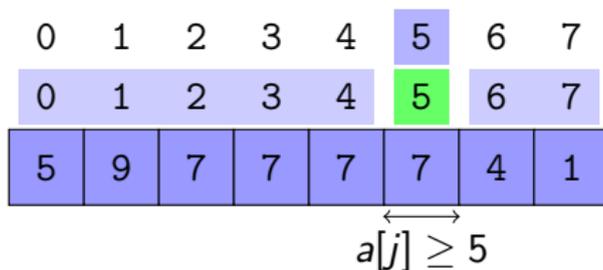
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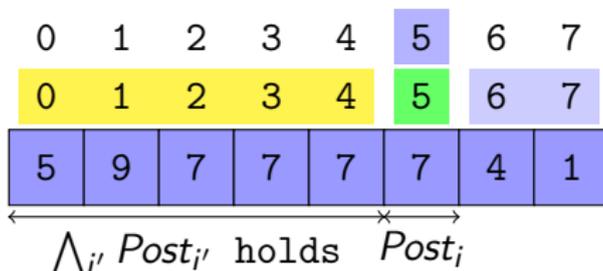
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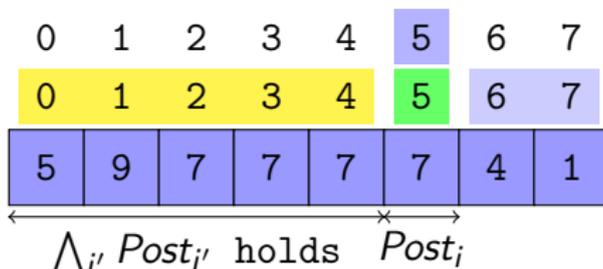
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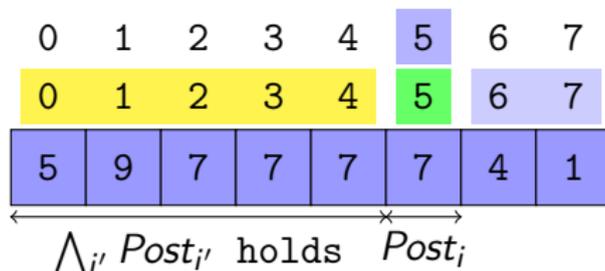
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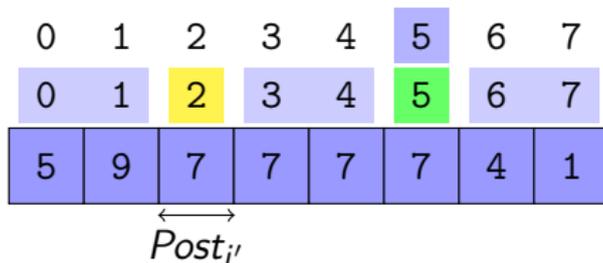
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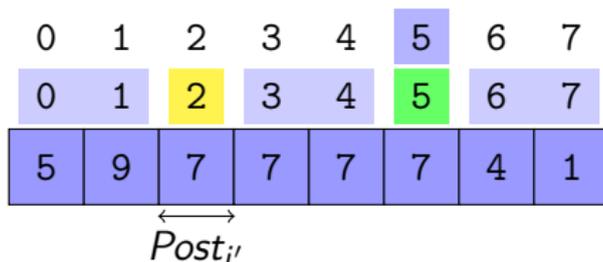
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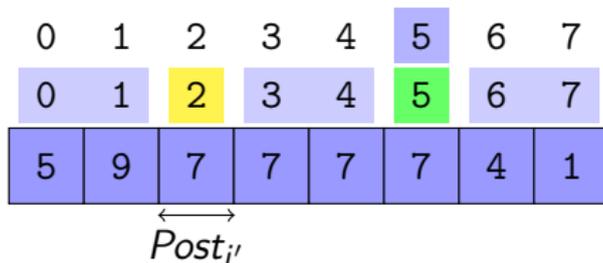


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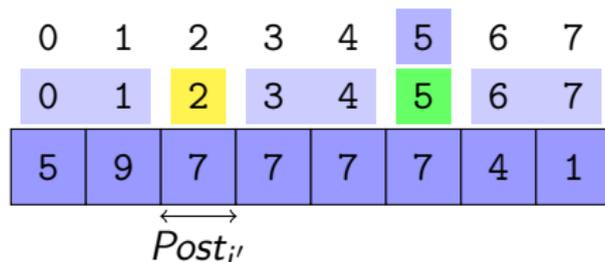
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Theorem

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Proof.

The proof proceeds by induction on values of LoopCounter (say i).

Given:

$$\text{Pre} \Rightarrow \text{Inv} \quad (1)$$

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Prove $\{\text{Pre}\} L_{\text{body}} \{\text{Post}_i\}$ holds, where $i = 0$

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Proof. Cont...

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At the end of the i^{th} iteration of the loop L the following Hoare triple holds:

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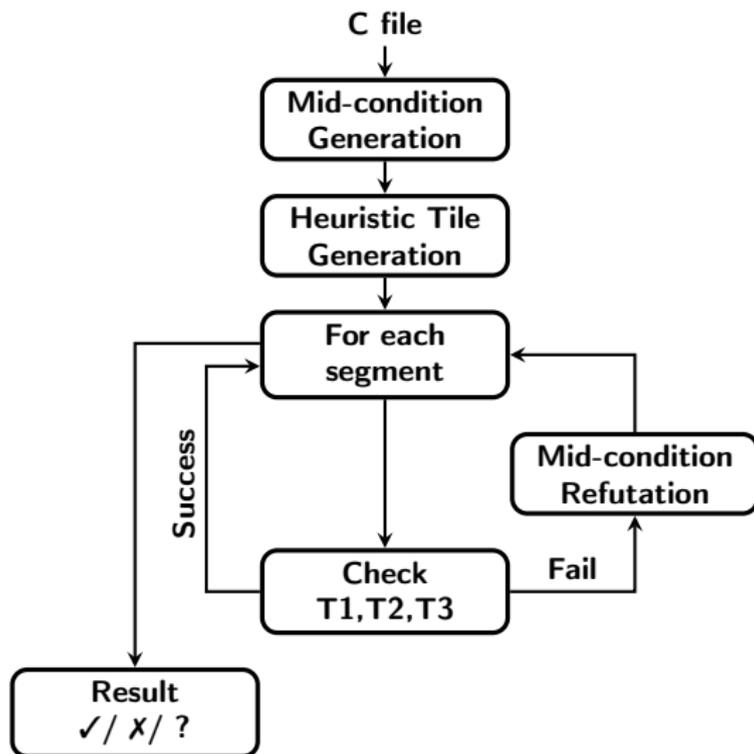


Figure : Tiler Tool Diagram

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    assume(N % 2 == 0);
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    {
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        reverse[N-i-1] = a[i];
    }

    for(i = 0; i < N; i++)
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        assert(a[i] = reverse[N-i-1]);
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    int i, a[N];

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    }

    for(i=0; i<N; i++)
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- Future directions
 - ▶ Automated synthesis of *tiles*
 - ▶ Combining the strengths of Booster, Vaphor and Tiler
 - ▶ Integration of other candidate invariant generators like Houdini

Thank you