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Feedback-directed Random Test Generation in TSTL

Introduction

In this document, I would like to explain how my *tester2.py* works and how efficiency it was to find bug for *sut.py* created by *avl.py* and *avl.tstl* under *cs569sp16/SUTs* on github repository. Same with *tester1.py*, I implemented *tester2.py* based on *GenerateSequences* in Figure 3 in the paper, *Feedback-directed random test generation* [1].

GenerateSequences(*classes, contracts, filters, timeLimit*)

```
1  errorSeqs ← {} // Their execution violates a contract.
2  nonErrorSeqs ← {} // Their execution violates no contract.
3  while timeLimit not reached do
4    // Create new sequence.
5    m( $T_1 \dots T_k$ ) ← randomPublicMethod(classes)
6    ⟨seqs, vals⟩ ← randomSeqsAndVals(nonErrorSeqs,  $T_1 \dots T_k$ )
7    newSeq ← extend(m, seqs, vals)
8    // Discard duplicates.
9    if newSeq ∈ nonErrorSeqs ∪ errorSeqs then
10     continue
11  end if
12  // Execute new sequence and check contracts.
13  ⟨ $\vec{o}$ , violated⟩ ← execute(newSeq, contracts)
14  // Classify new sequence and outputs.
15  if violated = true then
16    errorSeqs ← errorSeqs ∪ {newSeq}
17  else
18    nonErrorSeqs ← nonErrorSeqs ∪ {newSeq}
19    setExtensibleFlags(newSeq, filters,  $\vec{o}$ ) // Apply filters.
20  end if
21 end while
22 return ⟨nonErrorSeqs, errorSeqs⟩
```

Figure 3. Feedback-directed generation algorithm for sequences.

How my *tester2.py* works

The following snippet codes are the main part in my *tester2.py*.

```
01 while time.time() - start < timeout:
02     seq = rgen.choice(nseqs)[:]
03     sut.replay(seq)
04     if rgen.randint(0, 9) == 0:
05         n = rgen.randint(2, 100)
06         ok, propok, classTable, timeover =
            genAndExeSeq(n, seq, eseqs, nseqs)
07     else:
08         ok, propok, classTable, timeover =
            genAndExeSeq(1, seq, eseqs, nseqs)
09     if filters(seq, ok, propok, classTable):
10         nseqs.append(seq)
```

NOTE:

seq: list of actions
nseqs: list of non-error seqs
eseqs: list of error seqs

The above codes work as:

1. Repeat STEP 2 to STEP 4 until timeout (line 01).
2. Randomly pick seq from nseqs and replay it (line 02 - 03).
3. Generate and execute sequence by (line 04 - 08):
 - a. Repeat STEP 2-b and STEP 2-c 1 time in 90% of probability.
Repeat STEP 2-b and STEP 2-c n times in 10% of probability where n is between 2 and 100 in equally likely.
 - b. Pick up an enable action randomly and execute it.
 - c. If it is executed without error, append it into seq.
Otherwise, append it into seq, and then, append seq into eseqs.
4. Check seq in STEP 2 is whether we should add into nseqs or not by (line 09 - 10):
 - a. Length of seq is whether less and equal than depth or not.
 - b. The maximum number of actionclass of actions that we append to seq in STEP 2 is whether less and equal than width or not.
 - c. Whether actions that we append to seq in STEP 2 are executed without error or not.

How efficiency it was to find bug

I evaluated how efficiency my *tester2.py* by following conditions:

- System under test:
Created *sut.py* by using *avl.py* and *avl.tstl* in *cs569sp16/SUTs* on class repository.
In *avl.py*, there is bug such that it crashes when we insert 1, 2, 3, and 4 into AVL.
- Command line:
python tester2.py 300 1 100 10 1 1 1
- How many times to run the above command line:
100 times

So, I ran my *tester2.py* with 300 seconds 100 times to see how efficiency it was to find the bug of inserting 1, 2, 3 and 4 into AVL.

Here is the statistic results:

- 81 times found the bug
- 264 seconds to find the bug in average with 26 standard division
231 seconds to find the bug in best case
299 seconds to find the bug in worst case
- 190 branch and 141 statement coverage if it found the bug
187 branch and 140 statement coverage otherwise
- Length of seq that detected the bug was 91

According to the statistic results, *tester2.py* can detect the bug of inserting 1, 2, 3, and 4 in high probability in 300 seconds with high coverage cover.

Reference:

[1] C. Pacheco, S.K. Lahiri, M. D. Ernst, and T. Ball. *Feedback-directed random test generation*. In *Proceedings of the 29th International Conference on Software Engineering*, ICSE'07, pages 75-84, 2007.