



# SAT/SMT solvers

## 11. Symbolic execution

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# Who could use

- Dynamic analysis
- Program correctness
- Test generations
- Taint analysis

# Concrete execution

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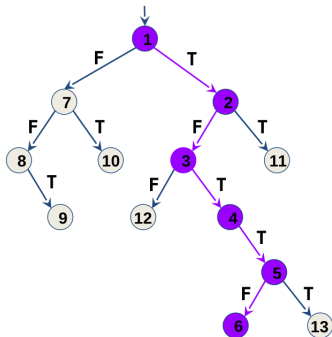
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# Execution pathes

- Program could be represented as binary tree - computed tree
- Every node corresponds to condition operator
- Every edge corresponds to execution of commands (each of them is not a condition operator)
- Each path from root to leaf corresponds to equivalence class





# Example

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```
1 void test(int x, int y) {
2     if (2*y == x) {
3         if (x <= y+10) {
4             printf("OK");
5         } else {
6             printf("not OK");
7             assert false;
8         }
9     } else {
10        print("OK");
11    }
12 }
```

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# Existed approach

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```
1 void test(int x) {  
2     if (x == 94389) {  
3         assert false;  
4     }  
5 }
```

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- Random testion
- The probability to detect error is very low

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$$t_0 < x?$$

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x > y - solution

# Symbolic execution

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```
1 void testme(int x) {  
2     if (pow(2,x) % c == 17) {  
3         printf("not OK");  
4         assert false;  
5     } else  
6         printf("OK");  
7 }
```

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Concolic execution (or dynamic symbolic execution):

- Start with random input data
- Track the concrete and symbolic variables

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$\begin{cases} F1 = \text{not}(x > y) \\ F2 = \text{not}(y < x) \end{cases}$   
 $SMT\_Solver(F1 \text{ and not } F2) \rightarrow UNSAT$   
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# Example

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```
1  int test(int x) {  
2      int [] A = { 5, 7, 9 };  
3      int i = 0;  
4      while (i < 3) {  
5          if (A[i] == x) {  
6              break;  
7          }  
8          i++;  
9      }  
10     return i;  
11 }
```

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# Exempl

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```
1 int foo(int v) {  
2     return secure_hash(v);  
3 }  
4  
5 void test(int x, int y) {  
6     if (x != y)  
7         if (foo(x) == foo(y))  
8             assert;  
9 }
```

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- Could never stop execution
- Sound
- Not complete

# Implementation

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1  $a = b + c$

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# Implementation

```
1 class concolic_int(int):
2     def __new__(cls, val, sym):
3         self =
4             super(concolic_int, cls).__new__(cls, val)
5         self.__val = val
6         self.__sym = sym
7         return self
8     def __add__(self, other):
9         if isinstance(other, concolic_int):
10             value = self.__val + other.__val
11             symbolic = self.__sym + "+" + other.__sym
12         else:
13             value = self.__val + other
14             symbolic = self.__sym + "+" + str(other)
15         return concolic_int(value, symbolic)
```

How could one change `int` on `concolic_int`?

# Implementation

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1  $a = b + c$

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# Implementation

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```
1 a = plus(b, c)
```

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# Implementation

```
1 function plus(x, y) {
2     if (x instanceof Concolic) {
3         if (y instanceof Concolic) {
4             return new Concolic(
5                 x._val + y._val,
6                 x._sym + "+" + y._sym
7             );
8         } else {
9             return new Concolic(
10                x._val + y,
11                x._sym + "+" + y.toString()
12            );
13        }
14    } else {
15        ....
16    }
17 }
```

How to encode the paths?

- KLEE: LLVM (C family of languages)
- PEX: .NET Framework
- CUTE: C
- jCUTE: Java
- Jalangi: Javascript
- Jalangi2 + ExpoSE: Javascript
- SAGE and S2E: binaries (x86, ARM, ...)

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yRVZPvHYHzw> - MIT lecture
- Symbolic Execution and Program Testing. James C. King
- SAGE: Whitebox Fuzzing for Security Testing. Patrice Godefroid, Michael Y. Levin, and David A. Molnar
- Jalangi: A Selective Record-Replay and Dynamic Analysis Framework for JavaScript. Koushik Sen, Swaroop Kalasapur, Tasneem Brutch, Simon Gibbs
- Sound Regular Expression Semantics for Dynamic Symbolic Execution of JavaScript. Blake Loring, Duncan Mitchell, Johannes Kinder

