

Automated Debugging

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Exercise 9 (10 Points)

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Submit your solutions as a Zip file on your status page in the [CMS](#).

We will provide you a structure to submit your solutions where each task has a dedicated file. You can add new files and scripts if you want, but you must not delete any provided ones. You can verify whether your submission is valid by calling `python3 verify.py`.

```
python3 verify.py
```

The output provides an overview if a required file, variable, or function is missing and if a function pattern was altered. If you do not follow this structure or change it, we cannot evaluate your submission. A non evaluable exercise will result in 0 points, so make sure to verify your work before submitting it. Note that the script does not reveal if your solutions are correct.

Exercise 9-1: A Good Test Suite is Half Done (4 Points)

Automated repair helps not only developers, but also novices to programming. Let's consider a programming assignment from a Python beginner's course called *sequential search*: implement a Python function `def search(x: int, seq: List[int]) -> int` that outputs how many numbers in a sorted number sequence `seq` are smaller than `x`.

The following are two buggy implementations submitted by the students (included in `exercise_1.py`):

```
In [1]: from typing import List

def search_buggy_1(x: int, seq: List[int]) -> int:
    for i in range(len(seq)):
        if x <= seq[i]:
            return i
        else:
            return len(seq)

def search_buggy_2(x: int, seq: List[int]) -> int:
    if x < seq[0]:
        return 0
    elif x > seq[-1]:
        return len(seq)
    for i, elem in enumerate(seq):
        if x <= elem:
            return i
```

To help them repair their buggy submissions using the `Repairer` introduced in the lecture, one must, first of all, specify a "good" test suite -- that's exact what you are going to do for this exercise. Your testcases must meet the following requirements:

1. They follow the expected semantics of `search`: we provide a reference implementation `search_correct` in `exercise_1.py` and you should make sure that `search_correct` passes all your testcases.
2. They are suitable for statistical debugging: the test suite should contain both passing and failing testcases for the two buggy functions, otherwise statistical debugging does not work on error localization.
3. They allow the `Repairer` to successfully repair the two buggy functions: the fixed program with fitness 1.0 (if found) will be tested against more hidden testcases (think of them as the testcases used in the course online

judge system). NOTE: to mitigate the effect of randomness, `Repairer` will attempt three times for finding a fix with fitness 1.0.

4. The total number of testcases do **not exceed** 10.

Put your testcases in the `TESTCASES` list in `exercise_1.py`. Each testcase is a tuple consisting of an input (which itself is a tuple of `x` and `seq`) and the corresponding expected output -- i.e., `Tuple[Tuple[int, List[int]], int]`. Run `python3 exercise_1.py` to check if the `TESTCASES` meet most of the above requirements, except testing the fixed program against the hidden (that's what *hidden* means!) testcases. All you need to do is to specify the `TESTCASES`; don't modify the other code in `exercise_1.py`.

Exercise 9-2: Conditions, Conditions (6 Points)

Many logical errors of software development comes from control conditions. In the lecture we've already learned the `ConditionMutator`. This is still insufficient for many complicated repairing tasks. In this exercise, we are going to build a more expressive mutator step-by-step.

a. Comparator Mutation (1 Point)

There are times when developers use a wrong comparison operator in a condition, like using `n > 0` (error-prone) instead of `n >= 0` (correct) to test the nonnegativity of `n`. Note that such errors cannot be fixed by simply inverting the condition: the inverse of `n > 0` is identical to `n <= 0`; but meanwhile, `n >= 0` and `n < 0` are also candidates that should be taken into account in mutating.

In this part, your task is to implement a function that computes the set of mutation candidates for a `ast.Compare` condition according to the following table (where `x` and `y` are meta-variables):

Condition	Candidates

<code>x <= y</code>	<code>x < y</code> , <code>x >= y</code>
<code>x < y</code>	<code>x <= y</code> , <code>x > y</code>
<code>x >= y</code>	<code>x > y</code> , <code>x <= y</code>
<code>x > y</code>	<code>x >= y</code> , <code>x < y</code>

For all other conditions, return empty set.

Note:

- Inverses are ignored because they can be produced by the `not` mutation in `ConditionMutator`.
- Assume there is **only one comparator** for each input `ast.Compare`; we don't consider nested comparators like `x < y < z` in the entire exercise.

```
In [6]: from typing import Set

def comparator_mutation_candidates(node: ast.Compare) -> Set[ast.Compare]:
    pass
```

Implement this function in `exercise_2.py`. Sample tests are provided (run them by `python3 exercise_2.py`).

b. Condition Generation (3 Points)

The `ConditionMutator` supports constructing a new condition via Boolean composition -- but the other operand must also directly come from the source, which makes it restrictive. A more general and expressive approach could be, the other operand is generated from Boolean compositions of any **atomic** conditions (i.e., does not contain any logical connectives `and`, `or`, `not`) extracted from the source. In this way, we are allowed to transform the condition `c == '<'` of `remove_html_markup` into `c == '<'` and `(not quote and tag)` where its right-hand side `not quote and tag` does not exist in the source, but built from the atomic conditions `quote` and `tag` extracted from the source.

To realize this idea, first you need to implement a function in `exercise_2.py` that collects all the atomic conditions -- limited to control conditions, i.e., the ones returned by `all_conditions` -- of the input AST.

```
In [9]: def collect_atomic_conditions(tree: ast.AST) -> List[ast.expr]:
        pass
```

Next, build a `ConditionGenerator` class in `exercise_2.py`:

```
In [10]: class ConditionGenerator:
        """Generate conditions built from the atomic conditions in an AST"""

        def __init__(self, tree: ast.AST) -> None:
            self.atomic_conditions = collect_atomic_conditions(tree)

        def sample(self) -> ast.expr:
            """Return a random condition."""
            pass
```

whose `sample` method yields a random condition belonging to the grammar below:

```
<start> ::= <cond>
<cond>  ::= <simple> and <simple> | <simple> or <simple> | <simple>
<simple> ::= <term> | not <term>
<term>  ::= <atomic> | comparator mutation candidates of an <atomic>
<atomic> ::= all atomic conditions
```

Note:

- A `<term>` could be either an atomic condition or a comparator mutation candidate of an atomic condition if it is `ast.Compare` and its operator is in `<=, <, >=, >`.
- For simplicity, the operands for `and` and `or` do not recursively contain `and` nor `or`, but only (at most one) `not`.
- Follow this strategy to enumerate a random condition:
 - when constructing a `<cond>`, use the three production alternatives (`and`, `or`, just a `<simple>`) with equal probability;
 - when constructing a `<simple>`, use the two production alternatives (with and without `not`) with equal probability;
 - when constructing a `<term>`, first choose an atomic condition (with uniform distribution) `c`; if `c` has any comparator mutation candidates, choose one of the candidates plus `c` itself with equal probability, or else we can only choose `c`

Using this strategy, we try to equalize the probabilities of all possible conditions, which makes it easier for the helper function `should_sample` (see `exercise_2.py`) to test if your `ConditionGenerator` can indeed produce a set of expected conditions.

Implement the `sample` method in `exercise_2.py` (you are free to add helper methods, but do not change the signature of `__init__` and `sample` in class `ConditionGenerator`). Sample tests are provided (run them by `python3 exercise_2.py`).

c. Finally, the Mutator (2 Points)

Now it's time to use the `ConditionGenerator` you implemented in (b) to build a more powerful mutator for condition:

```
In [13]: import copy
        from typing import Any, Callable
        from debuggingbook.Repairer import StatementMutator

        class ConditionMutator(StatementMutator):
            """Mutate conditions in an AST"""

            def __init__(self, *args: Any, **kwargs: Any) -> None:
                """Constructor. Arguments are as with `StatementMutator` constructor."""
                super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)

            def mutate(self, tree: ast.AST) -> ast.AST:
                self.condition_generator = ConditionGenerator(tree)
```

```

        return super().mutate(tree)

    def choose_op(self) -> Callable:
        return self.swap # always do swapping

    def choose_bool_op(self) -> str:
        return random.choice(['set', 'not', 'and', 'or'])

    def swap(self, node: ast.AST) -> ast.AST:
        """Replace `node` condition by a constructed condition"""
        if not hasattr(node, 'test'):
            return node # do not mutate nodes other than conditional statements

        node = cast(ast.If, node)
        new_node = copy.deepcopy(node)

        # TODO: YOUR CODE HERE

        return new_node

```

The actual mutation takes place in the `swap()` method. If the node to be replaced has a `test` attribute (i.e. a controlling predicate), then we pick a random condition `cond` generated by `condition_generator` (which is initialized in the `mutate` method) and randomly choose from:

- `set` : We change `test` to `cond` .
- `not` : We invert `test` .
- `and` : We replace `test` by `cond and test` .
- `or` : We replace `test` by `cond or test` .

Remarks:

- For the exercise only, we intentionally override `choose_op` method to always perform the `swap` operation and also prevent the `swap` on nodes other than conditional statements, which makes this `ConditionMutator` mutates control conditions merely.
- In other words, this new `ConditionMutator` behaves similarly to the one we've seen in the lecture, but instead of choosing `cond` from the source, now we generate it by a `ConditionGenerator` .

Implement the `swap` method in `exercise_2.py` (you are free to add helper methods, but do not change the signatures of all the other methods already defined in `ConditionMutator`). You will receive full marks for this part if the `Repairer` that uses your `ConditionMutator` can successfully (i.e., fitness = 1.0) fix two buggy programs `sort_by_second_descending` and `multiple_2_3_5` provided in `exercise_2.py` (run `python3 exercise_2.py` to check them).

The `sort_by_second_descending` function is error-prone because it sorts, by the second element, in an ascending but not descending order. To fix it, we should change the `lst[i][1] > lst[j][1]` condition into `lst[i][1] < lst[j][1]` .

```

In [14]: def sort_by_second_descending(lst: List[Tuple[str, int]]) -> List[Tuple[str, int]]:
        for i in range(0, len(lst) - 1):
            for j in range(i + 1, len(lst)):
                if lst[i][1] > lst[j][1]:
                    tmp = lst[i]
                    lst[i] = lst[j]
                    lst[j] = tmp

        return lst

```

The `multiple_2_3_5` function expects to test if `n` is a multiple of 2, 3, and 5. But this error-prone version only tests if `n` is a multiple of 5. To fix it, we should strengthen the condition `n % 5 == 0` into `(n % 2 == 0 and n % 3 == 0) and n % 5 == 0` , where the added condition `n % 2 == 0 and n % 3 == 0` needs to be synthesized from the atomic conditions `n % 2 == 0` and `n % 3 == 0` .

```

In [15]: def multiple_2_3_5(n: int) -> bool:
        if n % 2 == 0:
            pass

        if n % 3 == 0:
            pass

```

```
if n % 5 == 0:  
    return True  
else:  
    return False
```