Week 1

Software testing: process of executing program/system with intent of finding errors

Fault: incorrect portions of code (can be missing as well as incorrect)

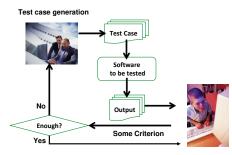
Failure: observable correct behaviour of program Error: cause of fault, something bad programmer did

(conceptual, typo, etc)

Bug: informal term for fault

Test case: set of test inputs, execution conditions, expected results developed for particular objective, such as to exercise particular program path of verify compliance with specific requirement

A Typical Software Testing Process



Testing: find inputs that cause failure of software, failure unknown, performed by testers

Debugging: process of finding & fixing fault given failure, failure is known, performed by devs

Black-Box/Functional Testing: identify functions

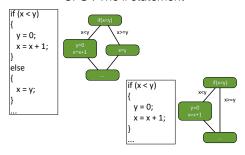
& design test cases to check whether functions are correctly performed by software (formal & informal specs) Equivalence partitioning: divide into partitions, select 1 test case from each partition, partitions must be disjointed (no input belongs to more than 1 partition) & all partitions must cover entire input domain

Equivalence partitioning examples: is Even then even & odd, password min 8 & max 12 characters then less than, valid, more than

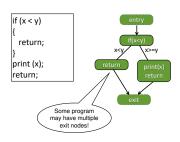
Boundary-Value analysis: partition input domain, identify boundaries, select test data (for range $[R_1, R_2]$ less than R_1 , equal to R_1 , between, equal to R_2 , greater than R_2 , for unordered sets select in & not in, for equality select equal & not equal, for sets, lists select empty not empty)

White box/structural testing: generate test cases based on program structure, abstract program to control flow graph (node is sequence of statements, edge is transfers of control)

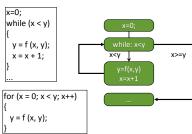
CFG: The if statement



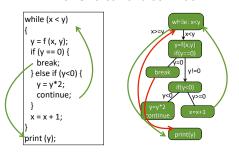
CFG: The dummy nodes

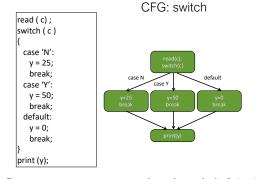


CFG: while and for loops



CFG: break and continue





Coverage types: statement, branch, path (infinite if loop exists), strictly subsumes all beforehand

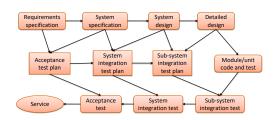
Week 2

Test oracle: expected output of software for given input, part of test case

Test driver: software framework that can load collection of test cases or test suite

Test suite: collection of test cases

The V-model of development



Unit/Module: test single module in isolated environment, use drivers & stubs for isolation

Integration: test parts of system by combining modules, integrated collection of modules tested as group or partial system

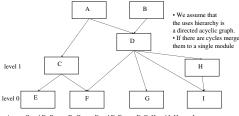
System: test system as a whole after integration phase Acceptance: test system as a whole to find out if it satisfies requirements specifications

Driver: program that calls interface procedures of module being tested & reports results, simulates module that calls module currently being tested, also provides access to global variables for module under

 \mathbf{Stub} : program that has same interface as module being used by module being tested but simpler, simulates module called by module being tested

Mock objects: create object that mimics behaviour needed for testing

Module Structure



- A uses C and D; B uses D; C uses E and F; D uses F, G, H and I; H uses I
 Modules A and B are at level 3; Module D is at level 2
 Modules C and H are at level 1; Modules E, F, G, I are at level 0
 level 0 components do not use any other components
 level i components use at least one component on level i-1 and no component at a level higher than i-1

Integration types:

Bottom-Up: only terminal modules tested in isolation, requires drivers but not stubs (since lower levels are Top-down: modules tested in isolation are modules at

highest level, requires stubs but not drivers Sandwich: begin both bottom-up & top-down, meet at

predetermined point in middle Big bang: every module unit tested, then integrate all

at once, no driver or stub needed but may be hard to isolate bugs System/Acceptance testing: can construct test case

based on requirements specifications, main purpose is to assure that system meets requirements, alpha testing performed within development organisation, beta testing performed by select group of friendly customers Week 3

Basis Path Testing: between branch & path coverage, fulfills branch testing & tests all independent paths that could be used to construct any arbitrary path through computer program

Independent path: includes some vertices/edges not covered in other path

Cyclomatic complexity: e - n + 2p, e is edges, n is nodes, p is number of connected components, or 1 + d, d is loops or decision points, upper bound on number of test cases to guarantee coverage of all statements Decision Coverage: executing true/false of decision

Condition Coverage: executing true/false of each condition

Condition/Decision Coverage: DC & CC, better than either

Multiple Condition Coverage: whether every possible combination of boolean sub-expressions occurs, test cases are truth table, 2^n test cases for n conditions

Modified C/DC: for each basic condition C, 2 test cases, values of all evaluated conditions except C are the same, compound decision as a whle evaluates to true for 1 & false for the other, subsumed by MCC &subsumes CC, DC, C/DC, stronger than statement &

MC/DC coverage: each entry & exit point invoked, each decision takes every possible outcome, each condition in a decision takes every possible outcome, each condition in decision is shown to independently affect outcome of decision, independence of condition is shown by proving that only one condition changes at a time

MC/DC: linear complexity

N+1 test cases for N basic conditions

		(((a	b	. &&	c)	d) && e
Test	a	b	c	d	e	outcome
Case						
(1)	true		true		true	true
(2)	false	true	true		true	true
(3)	true		false	true	true	true
(4)	true		true		false	false
(5)	true		false	false		false
(6)	false	false		false		false

Underlined values independently affect the output of the decision

Table 1. Types of Structural Coverage

Coverage Criteria	Statement Coverage	Decision Coverage	Condition Coverage	Condition/ Decision Coverage	MC/DC	Multiple Condition Coverage
Every point of entry and exit in the program has been invoked at least once						
Every statement in the program has been invoked at least once	**					
Every decision in the program has taken all possible outcomes at least once		•			•	•
Every condition in a decision in the program has taken all possible outcomes at least once			•	•	•	•
Every condition in a decision has been shown to independently affect that decision's outcome					•	•*
Every combination of condition outcomes within a decision has been invoked at least once						•

Week 4

Dataflow Coverage: considers how data gets accessed & modified in system & how it can get corrupted

access-related bugs: Common using fined/uninitializsed variable, deallocating/reinitialising variable before constructed/initialised/used, deleting collection object leaving members unaccessible Variable definition: defined whenever value modified

(LHS of assignment, input statement, call-by-reference) Variable use: used whenever value read (RHS of assignment, call-by-value, branch statement predicate)

p-use: use in predicate of branch statement

c-use: any other use

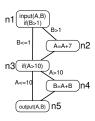
Use & redefine in single statement: both sides of assignment, call-by-reference

du-pair: with respect to variable v is a pair (d, u) such that d is a node defining v, u is a node/edge using v(if p-use u is outgoing edge of predicate), there is a def-clear path with respect to v from d to u **Definition clear**: with respect to variable v if no

variable re-definition of v on path

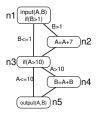
Identifying du-pairs - variable A

<u>du-pair</u>	path(s)
(1,2)	<1,2>
(1,4)	<1,3,4>
(1,5)	<1,3,4,5>
	<1,3,5>
(1,<3,4>)	<1,3,4>
(1,<3,5>)	<1,3,5>
(2,4)	<2,3,4>
(2,5)	<2,3,4,5>
	<2,3,5>
(2,<3,4>)	<2,3,4>
(2,<3,5>)	<2,3,5>



Identifying du-pairs - variable B

<u>du-pair</u>	path(s)
(1,4)	<1,2,3,4>
	<1,3,4>
(1,5)	<1,2,3,5>
	<1,3,5>
(1,<1,2>)	<1,2>
(1,<1,3>)	<1,3>
(4,5)	<4,5>



Dataflow test coverage criteria:

All-Defs: for every variable v, at least one def-clear path from every definition of v to at least one c-use or p-use of v must be covered

All-P/C-Uses: for every variable v, at least one defclear path from every definition of v to every p/c-use of v must be covered

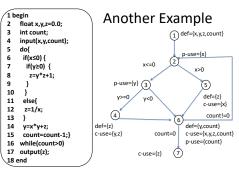
All-Uses: all du-pairs covered

Notations:

 $d_1(x)$: definition of variable x in node i

 $u_i(x)$: use of variable x in node $i \ dcu(d_i(x)) = dcu(x, i)$: set of c-uses with respect to $d_1(x)$

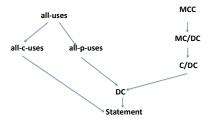
 $dpu(d_i(x)) = dpu(x, i)$: set of p-uses with respect to



All-C-Uses for above: $dcu(x,1) \ + \ dcu(y,1)$ dcu(y,6)dcu(z,1) + dcu(z,4) + dcu(z,5)

All-P-Uses for above: dpu(x,1) + dpu(y,1) +dpu(z,1) + dpu(z,4) + dpu(z,5)dpu(y,6) +dpu(count, 1) + dpu(count, 6) = 2 + 2 + 2 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 02+2=10 (note this includes using the initial count definition even though it will always be redefined (-1) before the comparison)

Relationships among some of the coverage criteria



Week 5

Program mutation: create artificial bugs by injecting changes to statements of programs, simulate subtle bugs in real programs

Mutation testing: software testing technique based on program mutation, can be used to evaluate test effectiveness & enhance test suite, can be stronger than control/data-flow coverage, extremely costly since need to run whole test suite against each mutant

Mutation testing steps: applies artificial changes based on mutation operators to generate mutants (each mutant with ony one artificial bug), run test suite against each mutant (if any test fails mutant killed, else survives), compute mutation score

Symbolic execution/evaluation: analyse program to determine what inputs cause each part of program to execute, execute programs with symbols (track symbolic state rather than concrete input, when execute one path actually simulate many test inputs (since considering all inputs that can exercise same path)) **Problems with symbolic execution**: Path explosion: 2^n paths for n branches, infinite paths

for unbounded loops, calculate constraints for all paths is infeasible for real software

Constraint too complex: especially for large programs, also it is NP-complete

Input sub-domain: set of inputs satisfying path con-

Searching input to execute path: equivalent to solving associated path condition

Example

```
y = read();
                         y=s, s is a symbolic variable for input
p = 1;
                       p = 1, y = s
while(y < 10){
                       p = 1, y = s
     y = y + 1;
if y >2
                         s<10, y = s + 1, p = 1
       p = p + 1;
                          2 < s + 1< 10, y = s + 1, p = 2
      else
      p = p + 2;
                         s + 1<=2, y = s + 1, p = 3
print (p);
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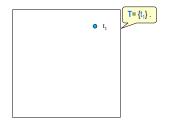
Week 6

Random testing: random number generator (monkeys) to generate test cases, also called fuzz testing, monkey testing, slelect tests from entire input domain (set of all possible inputs) randomly & independently, no guide towards failure-causing inputs

Adaptive Random Testing: achieve even spread of test cases

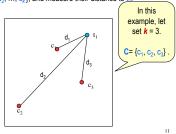
Fixed Size Candidate Set ART

Step 1. Randomly select the first input, namely t₁, and store it in a list (called T)



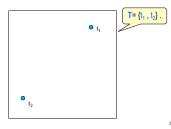
Fixed Size Candidate Set ART (cont.)

Step 2. Construct k random inputs to form a candidate set C = {c₁ c2, ..., ck}, and measure their distance to



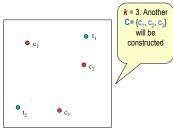
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Step 3. Select the candidate which is the farthest away from t_1 to be the next test case. We name it t₂ and store it in T.



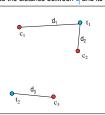
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Step 4. Re-construct another candidate set C with k random inputs.



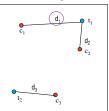
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Step 5. For each candidate c_i in C, do the following 1. find which test case in T is the nearest neighbour of c 2. calculate the distance between c_i and its nearest neighbour.



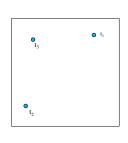
Fixed Size Candidate Set ART (cont.)

Step 6. Select the candidate with the longest distance to its nearest neighbour.



Fixed Size Candidate Set ART (cont.)

Step 7. Store the selected candidate in T



Distance in ART: can use Euclidean distance, if $p=(p_1,p_2,\ldots,P_n)$ & $q=(q_1,q_2,\ldots,q_n)$ are 2 points in n-dimensional space, d(p,q)=d(q,p)=d(q,p) $\sqrt{(q_1-p_1)^2+(q_2-p_2)^2+\cdots+(q_n-p_n)^2}$ $\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (q_i - p_i)^2}$

Algorithm 2:
initial_test_data := randomly generate a test data from the input domain;
selected_set := { initial_test_data };
counter := 1;
total_number_of_candidates := 10;
use initial_test_data to test the program;
if (program output is incorrect) then
reveal_failure := true;
else
Algorith **ART** Algorithm /2 reveal_failure := false end_if while (not reveal_failure) do (not reveal aluniue) candidate.set := {};
test.data := Select.The.Best.Test.Data(selected_set, candidate_set,
total.number.of.candidates);
use test.data to test the program;
if (program output is incorrect) then
reveal.failure := true;

 $selected_set := selected_set + \{ \ test_data \ \};$

counter := counter + 1;

end_if

Random white-box testing: generate random method invocations & random parameters

T. Y. Chen, H. Leung, and L. K. Mak. Adaptive random testing. In Proceeding of the 9th Asian Computing Science Conference, pages 320–329, 2004

Fuzz testing: random testing technique that involves providing invalid, unexpected or random data as inputs to program, commonly used to discover coding errors & unknown vulnerabilities in software, OS or networks by inputting massive amounts of random data (fuzz) to system in attempt to make it crash, cost-effective alternative to more systematic testing techniques

Fuzz Testing Example /1

- Standard HTTP GET request
 - GET /index.html HTTP/1.1

Anomalous requests:

GET //////index.html HTTP/1.1 GET %n%n%n%n%n%n.html HTTP/1.1 GET /AAAAAAAAAAAAA.html HTTP/1.1 GET /index.html HTTTTTTTTTTP/1.1 GET /index.html HTTP/1.1.1.1.1.1.1

Ways to generate inputs:

Mutation based/dumb fuzzing: little/no knowledge of input sctructure assumed, anomalies added to existing valid inputs, may be completely random of follow heuristics (remove NL, shift char forward), get inputs, optionally mutate them, feed it to program, record if it crached & input causing it Generation based smart fuzzing: test cases generated

from some description fo format (RFC, docs, etc), anomalies added to each possible spot in inputs, knowledge of protocol should give better results than random fuzzing

Fuzzing rules of thumb: protocol specific knowledge very helpful (generational tends to beat mutation, better specs make better fuzzers), more fuzzers better (each implementation varies different fuzzers find different bugs), the longer it runs the more bugs found, best results come from guiding process (notice where get stuck, use profiling), code coverage useful for guiding process

Fuzz testing +/-: intuituvely simple, but need to figure out how to check the output, corner faults might escape detection, debugging with randomly generated input is challenging

Search-based testing: deem test case generation as search problem, based on random testing & focus on input domains, use code coverage as guidance (try to generate test case that covers certain code element such as method, statement, branch)

Metaheuristic search:

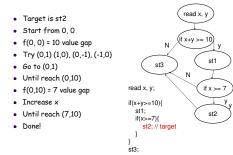
Hill climbing: start from random point, try all neighboring points, go to point with highest value until all neighboring points have value lower than current point,

easy to find local optimal Annealing simulation: adaptation of hill climbing, has probability to move after reached local peak, probability drops as time goes by

Genetic algorithm: simualte process of evolution, start with random points, select number of best points, combine & mutate points until no more improvements can be made

Transform testing to search: list of random test cases as start point, each test case is point in input domain, use various metaheuristic search algorithms to find test cases, measure how well we have solved the problem (use simeple fitness function, how fat is already covered elements from target code elements, try to make it 0)

An example with hill climbing



Week 7

Combinatorial Testing: instead of all possible combinations generate subset to satisfy some well-defined combination strategies, not every variable contributes to every fault, often fault caused by interactions among few variables, can dramatically reduce number of combinations to be covered but remains very effective in terms of fault detection

t-way Interaction: fault triggered by certain conbination of t input values, simple fault is t = 1, pairwise is t=2

Best size for t: 70% failures detected by t = 2, max for fault triggering was t=6 for certain interactions (medical devices & NASA distributed database t=4, medical 98% t = 2, web server & browser actually 6)

Each Choice Coverage

□ Target at 1-way interaction: each variable value must be covered in at least one test case

□ Also called: All-values Testing.

 $\ensuremath{\square}$ Consider the previous example, a test set that satisfies each choice coverage is the following:

 $\{(A, 1, x), (B, 2, y), (A, 3, x)\}$

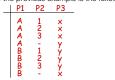
Three variables: P1 = (A, B), P2 = (1, 2, 3), and P3 = (x, y),

Pairwise Coverage

□ Target at 2-way Interaction: Given any two variables, every combination of values of these two variables are covered in at least

□ Also called 2-way coverage, pairwise testing.

□ A pairwise test set of the previous example is the following:

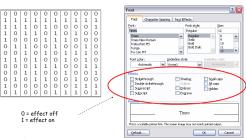


P1 = (A, B), P2 = (1, 2, 3), and P3 = (x, y),

3-way Coverage

□ Target at 3-way interaction: Given any three variables, every combination of values of these (A. 2. x). three variables are covered in at least one test (A, 2, y), case. (A, 3, x), (A, 3, y), (B, 1, x), A 3-way coverage test set (B, 1, y), (B, 2, x), (B, 2, y), (B, 3, x), (B, 3, y)

P1 = (A, B), P2 = (1, 2, 3), and P3 = (x, y),



13 tests for all 3-way combinations

210 = 1,024 tests for all combinations

Problem formulation for combinatorial testing: for fixed t, v & k costruct smallest t-way covering array t-way covering array: for every t parameters all value combinations must appear at least once in covering array, k is number of variables, v is number of possible variables each variable can take, generating minimum is NP-complete

Mathematical approach: can yield smallest possible covering arrays (orthogonal array) Computational approach: can be applied to any

types of covering arrays, but consume more time (ran-

dom, greedy, search based approaches)

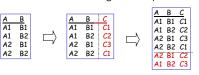
In-Parameter-Order: test generation strategy for combinatorial testing, first generate pairwise set for first 2 parameters, then for first three, so on, pairwise set for first n parameters built by extending test set for first n-1 parameters

Horizontal growth: extend each existing test case by adding one value of new parameter Vertical growth: adds new tests if necessary

The IPO Algorithm: Pairwise Coverage Example

- · Consider a system with the following parameters and values:
- parameter A has values A1 and A2
- parameter B has values B1 and B2, and
- parameter C has values C1, C2, and C3

The IPO Algorithm: Pairwise Coverage Example



Horizontal Growth

Vertical Growth

Non-functional testing:

Performance: how system performs in terms of responsiveness & stability under particular workload, evaluates system performance under normal & heavy usage, considers scalability & load (test ability to handle real-world volumes typically by generating many user access simulations)

Stress: test reliability under unexpected or rare workloads, consists of subjecting the system to varying & \max loads to evaluate resulting performance, can be automated

Security: concerned mainly with security-related aspects of software, primary concern when communicating & conducting business especially sensitive & business critical transactions over Internet, regardless whether app requires user to enter password for access still must check for internet threats

Usability: concerned mainly with the use of the software, assess user friendliness & suitability by gathering info about how users interact with site, study what user actually does

Stress testing tool report: number of requests, transactions, KBps, round trip time (from user making request to receiving result), number of concurrent connection, performance degradation, types of visitors to site & number, CPU & memory use of app server
Top 2 Web App Security Risks:

Injection: SQL, OS,LDAP, occur whe untrusted data sent to interpreter as part of command/query Cross Site Scripting: occur whenever app takes untrusted data & send to web browser without proper

validation & escaping

radication Protectiom: validate input (careful with special characters, whitelist, validate length, type, syntax), avoid use of interpreter (use stored procedures), otherwise use safe APIs (strongly typed parameterised queries, such as PreparedStatement), use Object Relational Manager

XSS Protection: appropriate encoding of all output

data (HTML/XML depending on output mechanism, encode all characters other than very limited subset, specify character encoding)

Usability Testing Steps: identify website purpose, identify intended users, define tests & conduct usability

testing, analyze acquired info

Usability Examples



Compatibility Testing: ensures product functionality & reliability on supported browsers & platforms that exist on customer computer