Assignment 2: Concolic Testing

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1 Intro

Complete code snippets can be found in the Appendix section §6 of the respective section.

2 Discussion Point 1

2.1 Manual Execution

2.1.1 Legend

The meaning of the values in the table(s) below:
- / program did not enter this line
- || value is the same as the previous value

2.1.2 Iteration 1

Code	Concrete Store	Symbolic Store	Path Conditions
main ( ) {			
var x , y , z ;			
x = input ;	[x -> 0] (input = 0)	[x -> a]	
z = input ;	[x -> 0, z -> 0] (input = 0)	[x -> a, z -> b]	
y = &x ;	[x -> 0, z -> 0, y -> x]	[x -> a, z -> b, y -> x]	
if (x > 0) {	[x -> 0, z -> 0, y -> x]	[x -> a, z -> b, y -> x]	[!(a > 0)]
y = &z ;	/	/	||
} else {	||	||	||
*y = input ;	[x -> 0, z -> 0, y -> x] (input = 0)	[x -> a, z -> b, y -> x]	||
}	||	||	||
*y = *y + 7 ;	[x -> 7, z -> 0, y -> x] (7 + 0)	[x -> a, z -> b, y -> x]	||
if (2 > z) {	||	||	[!(a > 0) and !(2 > (b + 7))]
if (*y == 2647) {	/	/	/
error 1 ;	/	/	/
}	/	/	/
}	/	/	/
return *y ;	7	||	||
}	-	-	[!(a > 0) and !(2 > (b + 7))]

With the above result, negate the first condition $\neg(a > 0)$ from the PC: $\neg(a > 0) \wedge (b + 7)$. The input for the next iteration is as follows:
- $x = 1$
- $z = 0$

2.1.3 Iteration 2

Code	Concrete Store	Symbolic Store	Path Conditions
main ( ) {			
var x , y , z ;			
x = input ;	[x -> 1] (input = 1)	[x -> a]	
z = input ;	[x -> 1, z -> 0] (input = 0)	[x -> a, z -> b]	
y = &x ;	[x -> 1, z -> 0, y -> x]	[x -> a, z -> b, y -> x]	
if (x > 0) {	‖		[(a > 0)]
y = &z ;	[x -> 1, z -> 0, y -> z]	[x -> a, z -> b, y -> z]	
} else {	/		
*y = input ;	/		
}	/		
*y = *y + 7 ;	[x -> 1, z -> 7, y -> x] (7 + 0)	[x -> a, z -> b, y -> x]	‖
if (2 > z) {			[(a > 0) and !(2 > (b + 7))]
if (*y == 2647) {			
error 1 ;			
}			
}			
return *y ;	7		
}			

With the extended path condition now consisting of: $(a > 0) \land \neg(2 > (b + 7)))$. The previous input resulted in the first 2 clauses of the PC to be true. For the next iteration the following input values will be chosen:
- $x = 1$
- $z = -5$

Keeping the value of x the same, but changing the value of z, as to negate the second clause of the PC.

2.1.4 Iteration 3

Code	Concrete Store	Symbolic Store	Path Conditions
main ( ) {			
var x , y , z ;			
x = input ;	[x -> 1] (input = 1)	[x -> a]	
z = input ;	[x -> 1, z -> −5] (input = −5)	[x -> a, z -> b]	
y = &x ;	[x -> 1, z -> −5, y -> x]	[x -> a, z -> b, y -> x]	
if (x > 0) {	‖		[(a > 0)]
y = &z ;	[x -> 1, z -> −5, y -> z]	[x -> a, z -> b, y -> z]	
} else {	/		
*y = input ;	/		
}	/		
*y = *y + 7 ;	[x -> 1, z -> 2, y -> x] (7 + −5)	[x -> a, z -> b, y -> x]	‖
if (2 > z) {			[(a > 0) and !(2 > (b + 7))]
if (*y == 2647) {			
error 1 ;			
}			
}			
return *y ;	2		
}			

So the chosen input did not show any new branches, therefore revert back to the previous input with:
- $x = 0$
- $z = 0$

and
- $y = 2640$

2.1.5 Iteration 4

Code	Concrete Store	Symbolic Store	Path Conditions
main ( ) {			
var x , y , z ;			
x = input ;	[x -> 0] (input = 0)	[x -> a]	
z = input ;	[x -> 0, z -> 0] (input = 0)	[x -> a, z -> b]	
y = &x ;	[x -> 0, z -> 0, y -> x]	[x -> a, z -> b, y -> x]	
if (x > 0) {	[x -> 0, z -> 0, y -> x]	[x -> a, z -> b, y -> x]	[!(a > 0)]
y = &z ;	/	/	||
} else {	||	||	||
*y = input ;	[x -> 2640, z -> 0, y -> x] (input = 2640)	[x -> a, z -> b, y -> x]	||
}	||	||	||
*y = *y + 7 ;	[x -> 2647, z -> 0, y -> x] (7 + 2640)	[x -> a, z -> b, y -> x]	||
if (2 > z) {	||	||	[!(a > 0) and (2 > (b + 7))]
if (*y == 2647) {	/	/	[!(a > 0) and (2 > (b + 7)) and (a == 2647)]
error 1 ;	Error		
}			
}			
return *y ;			
}	-	-	

Found failure sequence for input: $x = 0, z = 0, y = 2640$.

   This concludes the concolic testing for this example, other input's can be found but they do not change the behaviour of the program or find a new failure sequence. For example; for y a negative value my traverse the false branch, but does not significantly change the program output.

2.2 Comparison

When looking at the output of the concolic testing using TIP, the input's are chosen randomly. While in contrast, using manual concolic execution, values can be chosen more targeted, in the sense arriving more easier to failure sequences.

But the cost of keeping track of all values throughout execution is difficult for larger programs.

In the end both execution should arrive at the 'same' values, with values depending on the program accepted range of input.

2.3 TIP Pointer Support

3 Discussion Point 2

4 Discussion Point 3

As described in the assignment, two priorities where implemented. Both strategies where implemented in the ConcolicEngine.scala file.

4.1 Bread-First Search Priority

The first priority based BFS strategy is implemented by the method: nextExplorationTargetBFS. The search starts from the the root of the execution tree. The complete method implementation for the BFS Strategy can be found in Listing 3.

The first step is creating a mutable.PriorityQueue, by default the queue retrieves the elements with the highest priority, the algorithm requires the element with the lowest priority (shortest distance from root), for this the ordering is reversed on queue creation.

After the empty queue is created, the children of the root are iterated and for each a tuple, is created containing the child node: (child, 1), with the initial distance set to 1.

The next step in the algorithm is to iterate the queue until it is empty. On entering the queue, the first element highest priority/shortest distance from root is removed.

Using the below match case statement from the existing nextExplorationTarget method, the true & false branches are checked for the status of amount of explored branches.

```
1   // Check if node has been explored
2   val nextTarget: Option[(Branch, Boolean)] = node match {
3     case b: Branch =>
4       (b.branches(true), b.branches(false)) match {
5         // True branch unexplored
6         case (_: SubTreePlaceholder, _) if b.count(true) == 0 =>
    Some((b, true))
7         // False branch unexplored
8         case (_, _: SubTreePlaceholder) if b.count(false) == 0 =>
    Some((b, false))
9         // None are unexplored
10        case (_, _) => None
11      }
12    case _ => None
13  }
```

Listing 1: BFS - Is Branch Explored

If the count of explored branches of either value is 0, the existing node is returned. In case both branches have already been explored, the None value is returned.

The final step in the algorithm, is the if case, which can be found in the listing below: Listing 2.

```
1   if (nextTarget.isDefined) {
2     // Return the found target node
3     log.debug("[DP3-BFS] - Found next target node, distance from
    root: " + distance)
4     return nextTarget
5   } else {
6     // Append the children of node that has been explored
7     log.debug("[DP3-BFS] - Target node has been explored,
    appending node children, and checking other nodes first")
8     // Ensure elements append first (lower distance) are visited first,
    bread first search
9     queue = queue ++ node.children.map(child => (child, distance +
    1))
10  }
```

Listing 2: BFS - Append Children

If there is a value defined the chosen node is used as the nextTarget. If no value is defined, all children of the node are added to the queue, with the distance increased by one: distance + 1.

4.2 Random Priority

The second search strategy is based on assigning a random priority to the node, the implementation method can be found in method: nextExplorationTargetRNDM and in listing: Listing 4.

The only changed required for this strategy is importing the scala.util.Random package. When populating the queue with the initial values of the root, use the rand.nextInt(Int.MaxValue) to assign a random value.

The method will proceed as before, the only remaining difference is the case when the node has already been explored. When appending the children of the node, instead of increment the distance value as before, a random value is assigned with the function described as before.

5   Discussion Point 4

This section will discuss the implementation of the different search strategies and the effect on the number of runs & resulting errors cases.

5.1 Overview

The results of the concolic testing can be summarized and are visible in Table 1.

Strategy	Runs	Failures
DFS	21	**ADD**
BFS	21	**ADD**
Random	21	**ADD**

Table 1: Concolic Testing - Search Strategies

Since the purpose of concolic testing, is the exploration of all branches, changing the strategy of which branches are explored first does not inherently change the result of the execution. All satisfiable & unsatisfiable branches will be explored eventually.

6 Appendix

6.1 Discussion Point 1

6.2 Discussion Point 2

6.3 Discussion Point 3

```scala
1   // DP3 - Priority - BFS
2   def nextExplorationTargetBFS(root: ExecutionTreeRoot): Option[(Branch, Boolean)] = {
3     log.info("[DP3-BFS] - Using Bread First Search, with priority queue & distance from root")
4
5     // Initiate the queue, with ordering based on the lowest value (shortest distance) to root node
6     var queue: mutable.PriorityQueue[(ExecutionTree, Int)] = mutable.PriorityQueue()(Ordering.by[(ExecutionTree, Int), Int](_._2).reverse)
7     // Populate the queue with the list of children from the root, and set the distance immediately to 1
8     queue = queue ++ root.children.map(child => (child, 1))
9
10    while (queue.nonEmpty) {
11      // Get the first element from the queue
12      val (node, distance) = queue.dequeue()
13
14      // Check if node has been explored
15      // - if been explored = add children to queue with distance + 1
16      // - else return that node as next exploration target
17      val nextTarget: Option[(Branch, Boolean)] = node match {
18        case b: Branch =>
19          (b.branches(true), b.branches(false)) match {
20            // True branch unexplored
21            case (_: SubTreePlaceholder, _) if b.count(true) == 0 => Some((b, true))
22            // False branch unexplored
23            case (_, _: SubTreePlaceholder) if b.count(false) == 0 => Some((b, false))
24            // None are unexplored
25            case (_, _) => None
26          }
27        case _ => None
28      }
29
30      if (nextTarget.isDefined) {
31        // Return the found target node
32        log.debug("[DP3-BFS] - Found next target node, distance from root: " + distance)
33        return nextTarget
34      } else {
35        // Append the children of node that has been explored
36        log.debug("[DP3-BFS] - Target node has been explored, appending node children, and checking other nodes first")
37        // Ensure elements append first (lower distance) are visited first, bread first search
38        queue = queue ++ node.children.map(child => (child, distance + 1))
39      }
40    }
41    None
42  }
```

Listing 3: Bread-First Search Strategy

```
1  // DP3 - Priority - Random
2  def nextExplorationTargetRNDM(root: ExecutionTreeRoot): Option[(Branch, Boolean)] = {
3    log.info("[DP3-RNDM] - Using Bread First Search, with random priority")
4    val rand = new scala.util.Random
5
6    // Initiate the queue, with ordering based on the lowest value (shortest distance) to root node
7    var queue: mutable.PriorityQueue[(ExecutionTree, Int)] = mutable.PriorityQueue()(Ordering.by[(ExecutionTree, Int), Int](_._2).reverse)
8    // Populate the queue with the list of children from the root
9    queue = queue ++ root.children.map(child => (child, rand.nextInt(Int.MaxValue)))
10
11   while (queue.nonEmpty) {
12     // Get the first element from the queue
13     val (node, priority) = queue.dequeue()
14
15     // Check if node has been explored
16     // - if been explored = add children to queue with distance + 1
17     // - else return that node as next exploration target
18     val nextTarget: Option[(Branch, Boolean)] = node match {
19       case b: Branch =>
20         (b.branches(true), b.branches(false)) match {
21           // True branch unexplored
22           case (_: SubTreePlaceholder, _) if b.count(true) == 0 => Some((b, true))
23           // False branch unexplored
24           case (_, _: SubTreePlaceholder) if b.count(false) == 0 => Some((b, false))
25           // None are unexplored
26           case (_, _) => None
27         }
28       case _ => None
29     }
30
31     if (nextTarget.isDefined) {
32       // Return the found target node
33       log.debug("[DP3-RNDM] - Found next target node, priority: " + priority)
34       return nextTarget
35     } else {
36       // Append the children of node that has been explored
37       log.debug("[DP3-RNDM] - Target node has been explored, appending node children, and checking other nodes first")
38       // Ensure elements append first (lower distance) are visited first, bread first search
39       queue = queue ++ node.children.map(child => (child, rand.nextInt(Int.MaxValue)))
40     }
41   }
42   None
43 }
```

Listing 4: Random Priority Strategy

6.4 Discussion Point 4

Bibliography