

Minimal Safety Criterion Generator G_{safe} — Formal Specification

1. State Space

Define the system state space as a finite set:

$$X := \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}. \quad (1.1)$$

2. Criterion Language

2.1 Atomic Criteria

For any $i \in X$, define the atomic criterion function:

$$a_i(x) := \begin{cases} 1, & x = i, \\ 0, & x \neq i. \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

2.2 Criterion Language \mathcal{L}

The criterion language is defined as the closure of atomic criteria under Boolean operations:

$$\mathcal{L} := \text{Bool}(\{a_i \mid i \in X\}). \quad (2.2)$$

The allowed Boolean operators are \neg , \wedge , and \vee .

3. Criterion Set and Encoding

3.1 Criterion Set

Let the current criterion set adopted by the system be a finite set:

$$P := \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m\}, p_i \in \mathcal{L}. \quad (3.1)$$

3.2 Criterion Encoding Mapping

Define the encoding vector of a state under the criterion set P :

$$\phi_P(x) := (p_1(x), p_2(x), \dots, p_m(x)) \in \{0,1\}^m. \quad (3.2)$$

3.3 Criterion-Induced Equivalence Relation

Define the equivalence relation induced by the criterion set:

$$x \sim_P y \Leftrightarrow \phi_P(x) = \phi_P(y). \quad (3.3)$$

This induces a partition of the state space:

$$X / \sim_P. \quad (3.4)$$

4. Candidate Criterion Complexity

4.1 Syntactic Complexity

Define the syntactic complexity of a criterion as the number of nodes in its syntax tree:

$$\mathcal{C}(p) := \#(\text{syntax nodes of } p). \quad (4.1)$$

4.2 Complexity Upper Bound

Given a global complexity upper bound $b \in \mathbb{N}$, the allowed candidate criterion set is:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\leq b} := \{p \in \mathcal{L} \mid \mathcal{C}(p) \leq b\}. \quad (4.2)$$

5. Responsibility-Domain Constraints

5.1 Responsibility Mapping

Define a mapping from states to responsibility domains:

$$\rho: X \rightarrow \mathcal{R}, \quad (5.1)$$

where \mathcal{R} is a finite set of responsibility domains.

5.2 Atomic Dependency Set

Define the atomic dependency set of a criterion:

$$\text{Dep}(p) := \{i \in X \mid a_i \text{ appears in the syntax tree of } p\}. \quad (5.2)$$

5.3 Responsibility Set of a Criterion

Define the responsibility set of a criterion:

$$\text{Resp}(p) := \{\rho(i) \mid i \in \text{Dep}(p)\}. \quad (5.3)$$

5.4 Responsibility-Domain Upper Bound

Given a responsibility-domain bound $r \in \mathbb{N}$, require:

$$|\text{Resp}(p)| \leq r. \quad (5.4)$$

6. Non-Expansion (Refinement) Constraints

6.1 Binary Split Within an Equivalence Class

For any equivalence class $c \in X/\sim_p$, define:

$$c_0 := \{x \in c \mid p(x) = 0\}, c_1 := \{x \in c \mid p(x) = 1\}. \quad (6.1)$$

Singleton equivalence classes are treated as maximally unstable splits.

6.2 Intra-Class Bias Measure

Define the bias of a criterion on an equivalence class:

$$\beta(c, p) := \frac{|\lvert c_1 \rvert - |\lvert c_0 \rvert|}{|\lvert c \rvert|}. \quad (6.2)$$

6.3 Global Maximum Bias

Define the global maximum bias of a criterion:

$$B(P, p) := \max_{c \in X / \sim_P} \beta(c, p). \quad (6.3)$$

6.4 Bias Upper Bound

Given a bias threshold $\varepsilon \in [0, 1]$, require:

$$B(P, p) \leq \varepsilon. \quad (6.4)$$

7. Rollback Constraints

7.1 Criterion Increment Principle

The evolution of the criterion set is only allowed via single-element increments:

$$P' := P \cup \{p\}. \quad (7.1)$$

7.2 Rollback Operator

Define the rollback operator:

$$R(P', p) := P' \setminus \{p\}. \quad (7.2)$$

7.3 Rollback Consistency

Require:

$$R(P \cup \{p\}, p) = P. \quad (7.3)$$

8. Criterion Acceptance Condition

Define the criterion acceptance predicate:

$$\text{Accept}(P, p) := \mathbf{1}[p \in \mathcal{L}_{\leq b} \wedge |\text{Resp}(p)| \leq r \wedge B(P, p) \leq \varepsilon]. \quad (8.1)$$

9. Criterion Generation Operator

9.1 Definition

Define the minimal safety criterion generation operator:

$$G_{\text{safe}}(P) := \begin{cases} P \cup \{p^*\}, & p^* = \arg \min_{p \in \mathcal{L}_{\leq b}, \text{Accept}(P,p)=1} J(P,p), \\ P, & \text{if no acceptable } p \text{ exists.} \end{cases} \quad (9.1)$$

9.2 Scoring Function

Define the scoring function as a lexicographic objective:

$$J(P,p) := (\mathcal{C}(p), |\text{Resp}(p)|, B(P,p)). \quad (9.2)$$

10. Termination and Decidability

Since X , $\mathcal{L}_{\leq b}$, and \mathcal{R} are all finite sets,
all predicates, operators, and optimisation procedures defined above are decidable
and guaranteed to terminate.