

How can we generate test cases?

1. Random testing
 - a. Call methods at random in each class
 - i. Simple for primitive types
 - b. Problems:
 - i. How many tests to generate
 - ii. How to cover all the statements?

How can we be smarter than Random Testing?

2. Seeding
 - a. Look for constants in the byte code
 - i. Integers, double, string
 - b. Create a pool of values from these constants
 - c. When sampling at random, with prob P rather sample from the pool
3. Search based algorithms
 - a. Genetic algorithm
 - b. 3 things that are important in search-based algorithms
 - i. Search space
 1. The set of all possible tests for a given problem
 - ii. Search operators
 1. How to modify the tests to explore the search space?
 - iii. Fitness function
 1. Evaluate how good the solution (test case/test Suite) is
 2. Does it cover new instructions?
 3. How close is the test to cover new instructions?
 - a. Need some heuristics
 - i. Branch coverage
 - ii. Hill climbing
 - iii. Genetic algorithms