

Program Analysis Verification And Testing

(CS 639)

ASSIGNMENT - 1

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Objective

Mutate the inputs in a way that it `maximizes` coverage within a small time budget.

Solution :

Implementation :

For achieving maximum coverage we have to implement three functions, one for comparing matrices , one for extending coverage matrices and other one for mutating input,.

- `def compareCoverage(curr_metric, total_metric)`
- `def mutate(input_data)` - `input_data` type is `InputObject()`
- `def updateTotalCoverage(curr_metric, total_metric)`

`def compareCoverage(curr_metric, total_metric:`

The function `compareCoverage` appear to be a method of a class (indicated by `self` parameter). This method is designed to compare two sets of matrices , `curr_matrix` and `total_matrix` and determine if the current set of matrices represents an improvement in coverage compared to the total set of matrices .It returns `True` if there is an improvement in coverage and `false` otherwise.

`def updateTotalCoverage(curr_metric, total_metric)`

The function `updateTotalCoverage` appears to be a method of a class (indicated by the `self` parameter). This method is designed to update the `total_metric` by merging it with the `curr_metric` and returning the updated `total_metric` as a list. It ensures that there are no duplicate entries in the `total_metric` list by converting it to a set and then back to a list.

def mutate(input_data):

The function `mutate` appears to be a method of a class (indicated by the `self` parameter). This method is designed to mutate the `input_data` by applying random mutations to its values while keeping track of code coverage information. It operates on a dictionary of variable names and their corresponding integer values in `input_data.data`. Here's a step-by-step explanation of what this function does:

It takes three arguments as input: `input_data`, `coverageInfo`, and `irList`. `input_data` is a dictionary of variables and their integer values, `coverageInfo` is of a certain type (presumably related to code coverage), and `irList` is a list of IR (Intermediate Representation) statements.

Inside the function, it creates a deep copy of the `input_data` dictionary, which is stored in the variable `mutated_data`. Using a deep copy ensures that the original `input_data` is not modified.

It then iterates through the keys (variable names) in the `mutated_data.data` dictionary.

For each variable, it generates a random number between 0 and 3 (inclusive) using `random.randint(0, 3)` to determine the type of mutation to apply.

Depending on the random number generated, it applies one of the following mutations:

If `random_number` is 0, it performs a bitwise XOR operation (^) with a randomly generated number (`num`) between -128 and 128.

If `random_number` is 1, it shifts the bits of the variable to the left by one position (`<< 1`) and then applies a bitwise XOR (^) with `num`.

If `random_number` is 2, it shifts the bits of the variable to the right by one position (`>> 1`) and then applies a bitwise XOR (^) with `num`.

If random_number is 3, it directly applies a bitwise XOR (^) with num.

Finally, it updates the input_data variable with the mutated_data and returns the mutated input_data.

Limitations:

1. Range of inputs :

Main limitation of this mutation function is that inputs are bounded in some range , input will not increase or decrease after some range.

2. No Control Over Specific Variables:

The function randomly selects variables to mutate. If you need to target specific variables or types of variables for mutation, additional logic would be required.

3. Randomness :

We can not predict the next input data because of the randomness of the program

4. It can not generate fractional input values.