EvoSuite: Automatic test suite generation for object-oriented software

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Life cycle of software development



Different level of testing

- Unit test
- Integration test
- End-to-end test
- Performance test
- Security test
- ect. etc.



What is automation test?

- Automation testing is a Software testing technique to test and compare the actual outcome with the expected outcome.
- This can be achieved by writing **test** scripts or using any **automation testing** tool.
- Test automation is used to automate repetitive tasks and other testing tasks which are difficult to perform manually

Test and Development video link

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zhxcrcF1w10&list=PLzL47ht5lgCFIlk3cqyJ0cr_9I6QmM6wb&index=9&t=0s



Motivations

- Faster Feedback.
- Accelerated Results.
- Reduced Business Expenses.
- Testing Efficiency Improvement
- Higher Overall Test Coverage.
- Reusability of Automated Tests.
- Earlier Detection of Defects.
- Thoroughness in Testing.
- Faster Time-to-Market



EvoSuite

- EvoSuite is a tool that automatically generates test cases with assertions for classes written in Java code.
- EvoSuite applies a novel hybrid approach that generates and optimizes whole test suites towards satisfying a coverage criterion.
- EvoSuite suggests possible oracles by adding small and effective sets of assertions that concisely summarize the current behavior

EvoSuite



Problem definition

- Set of classes under test(CUTs)
- Automatically generate test cases for CUT
- Maximize coverage(statement, mutation, etc.)
- Generate assertions: capture behavior
- Small test suites(engineers will look at them)



Methodology

- Random Testing
- Seeding
- Optimisation problem
- Heuristics
- Hill climbing
- Genetic algorithms



Fitness function

- Evaluate how good a test is.
- Does it cover new instructions
- How close is the test to cover new instructions(optimization problem)



HC Example

*if(x*2 == 42)*

return true

return false

- Starting with random x = 15
- d("x*2 == 42", 15) = |15*2 42| = 12
- Neighbourhood +- 1: 14 and 16
- d(14) = 14, d(16) = 10 -> moving to x = 16
- Repeat for x = 16, i.e +- 1 d(15) = 12, d(17) = 8 -> moving to x = 17
- Repeat till the solution x = 21



GA Example

- Keep a population of solutions(eg 50)
- Calculate fitness of each solution in population
- Mate solutions based on fitness

Eg. Create offspring by recombining some parts of parents representation

• Kill off the worst solution

E.g. keep same population size

• Evolve several generations until find optimal solution

Tests depend on environment

- 1. Detect if the CUTs interacts with the environment
- 2. Simulate environment inputs



Evaluation

• > 30,000 classes

Open source: avg 71%



Code example

public class Foo {
 public static double divide(int x, int y){
 if(y==0) throw new IllegalArgumentException();
 return x / y;
 }

Code example

```
public static void main(String[] args)
throws Exception{
Random rand = new Random();
for(int i=0; i<10; i++){
    int x = rand.nextInt(), y = rand.nextInt();
    double res = Foo.divide(x,y);
    System.out.println(
        "@Test public void test"+i+"(){");
    System.out.println(
        " assertEquals("+res
        +", Foo.divide("+x+", "+y+");}");
</pre>
```



Example of automatic code generation

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drPJmvZZ0gs&list=PLzL47ht5IgCFIIk3cqyJ0cr_9I6QmM6wb&index=8&t=343s



Conclusion

- It is possible to efficiently generate tests automatically
- Cannot totally replace human manual testing



Questions

- 1. What is the life cycle of software development
- 2. Please list three different level of testing
- 3. List three motivations of automation testing

