Hyperheuristic Observation Based Slicing of Guava

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- Limitations:
 - scalability of static analysis
 - lack of supports on multi-lingual systems.

- Purely dynamic & Language Independent
- Makes a series of deletions of code lines, which
 - I) leaves the code (still) compilable, and
 - 2) preserves the trajectory of the slicing criterion.
- Approximate the program dependence via observations of test executions.

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- Able to slice programs on which
 - static slicers are guaranteed to err, [3] ORBS and the Limits of Static Slicing, SCAM15
 - have highly unconventional semantics. [9] Observational slicing based on visual semantics, JSS17

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 - Takes around 7200 s to delete 220 lines. \Rightarrow 0.03 del/s \Rightarrow 32.7 s/del

('escape' package on Guava

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Efficiency















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Dependence Approximation

Spatial Neighborhood

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⇒ Line Similarity based ORBS (LS-ORBS)

[7] Using source code lexical similarity to improve efficiency of observation based slicing



53.3% less compilations, 34.3% less executions, 39.3% less time

per 1 deleted lines.







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Hyperheuristic Observation Based Slicing (HOPPER) (On selecting deletion operators)



• Initialize selection probability of deletion operators with uniform distribution



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• Apply selected deletion operator on source code.

$$newP(DK) = \begin{cases} \omega_{comp} \cdot P(DK) & \text{when compile fails} \\ \omega_{exec} \cdot P(DK) & \text{when compile succeeds, trajectory changes} \\ (1 + \log_{10} l) \cdot P(DK) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Probability update formula 'UPDATE'

 ω : penalty value ($\omega \in [0,1]$), l: # of deleted lines



• Update the probability.



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Success to delete



Compilation error / Trajectory Change • Update the probability.



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HOBBES - Configuration

- Studied Deletion Operators
 - Window-Deletion of size I, 2, 3, 4.
 - VSM-, LDA-Deletion of threshold 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9.
- Subject: Guava library
 - 2 slice criteria for each of subpackage 'escape' and 'net'.
- Machine
 - Intel Core i7-6700K running Ubuntu 14.04.5 LTS.

		Iter1			Iter2			Iter3			Iter4			Iter5		
Subject	Strategy	С	Е	D/T	\mathbf{C}	Е	D/T	С	Ε	D/T	С	Ε	D/T	С	Ε	D/T
escape1	HOBBES	502	66	0.20	926	104	0.13	1321	135	0.11	1699	165	0.09	2060	192	0.09
	W-ORBS	1711	183	0.10	3137	267	0.06	4523	342	0.04	5840	415	0.03	NA	NA	NA
escape2	HOBBES	1332	214	0.21	2424	309	0.15	3430	388	0.12	4384	455	0.11	5289	516	0.09
	W-ORBS	4179	655	0.13	7383	922	0.08	10436	1159	0.06	13460	1390	0.05	14116	1558	0.05
net1	HOBBES	513	70	0.17	955	114	0.11	1374	154	0.09	1771	189	0.08	2154	224	0.07
	W-ORBS	1759	189	0.09	3251	280	0.06	4707	364	0.04	6141	448	0.03	7174	517	0.03
net2	HOBBES	1341	222	0.20	2444	324	0.14	3460	402	0.11	4425	473	0.10	5346	536	0.09
	W-ORBS	4332	667	0.11	7781	963	0.07	11077	1237	0.05	14337	1504	0.04	14993	1672	0.04







- HOBBES can delete about 71% of the number of lines that ORBS deletes.
- However, HOBBES only takes about **30%** of the time spent by ORBS.





Future Work

- Investigate non-iterative application of deletions.
- Apply more sophisticated lexical analysis.
 - For example, token normalization

["open_file"] → ["open", "file"]





How the selection probability of deletion operators changed?



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