



Smarter Testing with Artificial Intelligence

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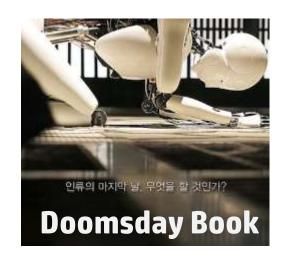
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Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Cinema





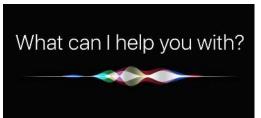






Artificial Intelligence (AI) Works!











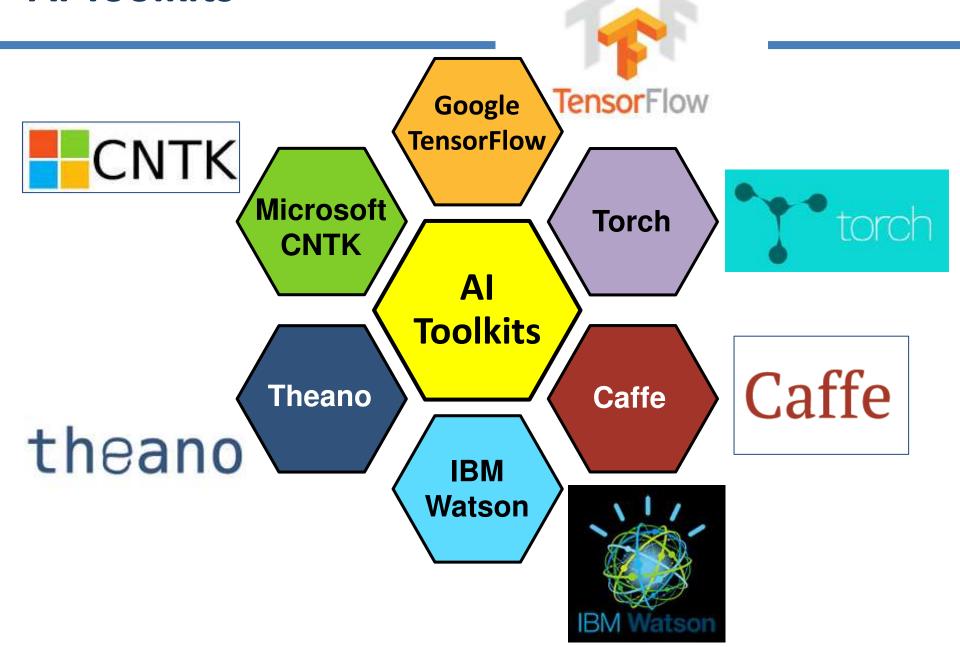


Artificial Intelligence Techniques

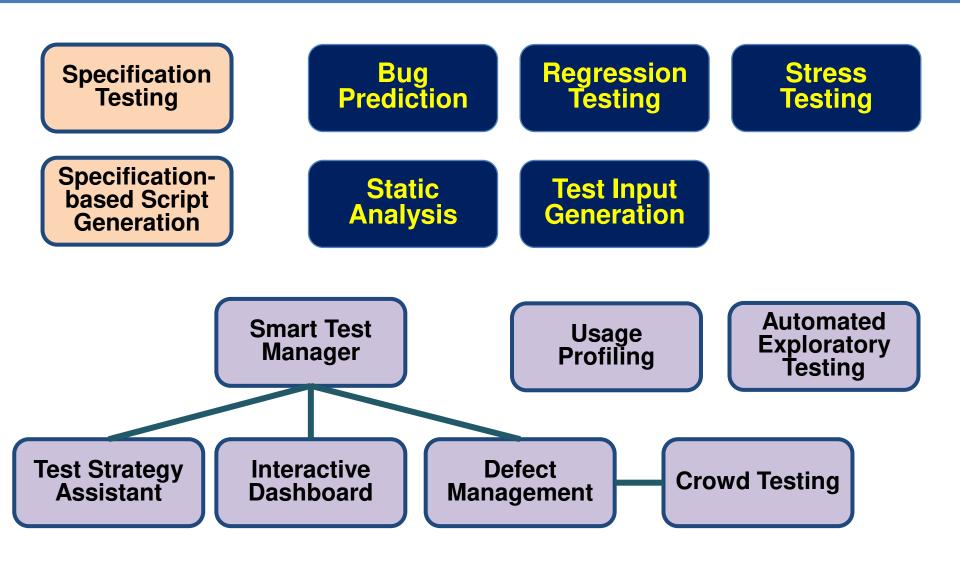
- Neural Networks
- Expert/Knowledge-based Systems
- Machine Learning
- Fuzzy and Probabilistic Logic
- Classification
- Search and Optimization

- Much of today's effective AI uses a variety of overlapping techniques
 - and exploits the availability of processing power & storage

AI Toolkits

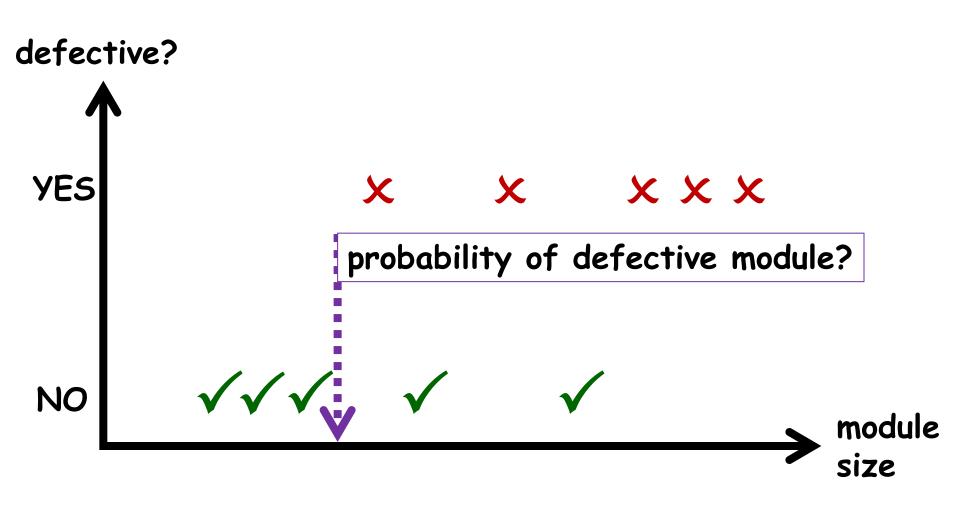


AI - Smart Testing Opportunities

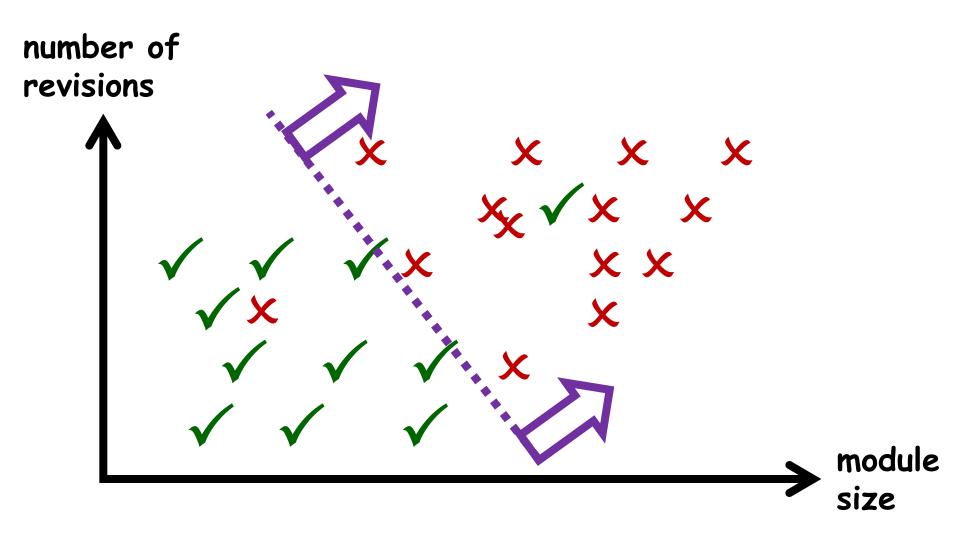


Bug Prediction

Bug Prediction – a Single Attribute



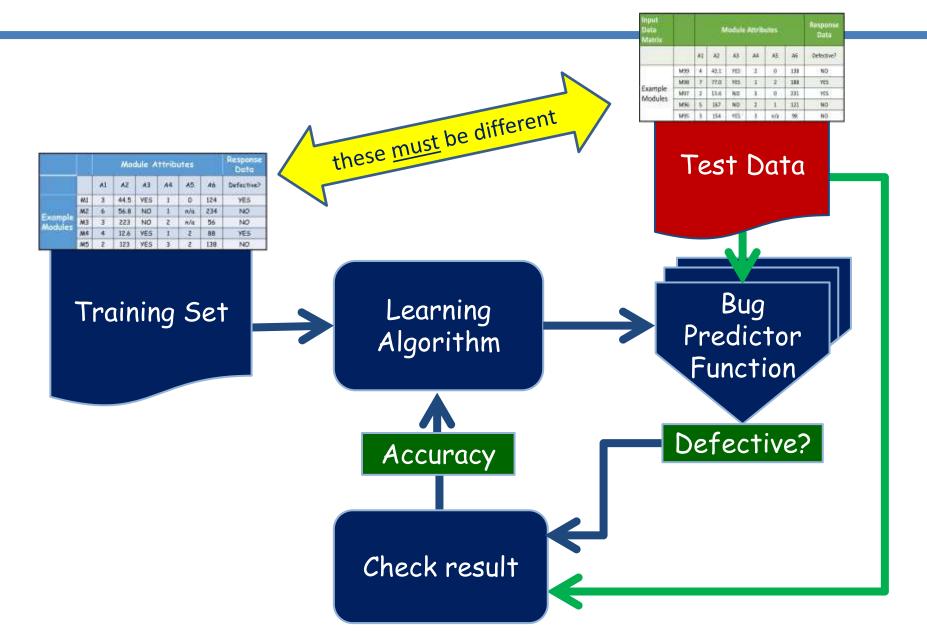
Bug Prediction – Two Attributes



Bug Prediction – Multiple Attributes

Input Data Matrix			Response Data					
		A1	A2	A 3	A4	A 5	A 6	Defective?
Example Modules	M1	3	44.5	YES	1	0	124	YES
	M2	6	56.8	NO	1	n/a	234	NO
	М3	3	223	NO	2	n/a	56	NO
	M4	4	12.6	YES	1	2	88	YES
	M5	2	123	YES	3	2	138	NO

Supervised Learning Process



Bug Prediction Metrics

Source code metrics

- Lines of code
- Number of comments
- Cyclomatic complexity
- Module dependencies

Process metrics

- Revisions made to module
- Times refactored
- Times fixed / when fixed
- Lines of code changed (code churn)
- Module age

People and organizational metrics

- Number of authors
- Developer experience

Bug Prediction Results

- "87% detection rate achieved average with 26% false alarms"
 - [Tosun, 2010]
- "73%-95% of faults can be predicted in just 10% of files" (across 7 projects)
 - [Kim, 2007]
- Best predictors are:
 - People and Organizational measures (84%)
 - Module change (80%)
 - Fixed recently (and connected modules)
 - Reused module are more error-prone than new modules
 - Module age

Static Analysis

Static Analysis Tool - Facebook - Infer

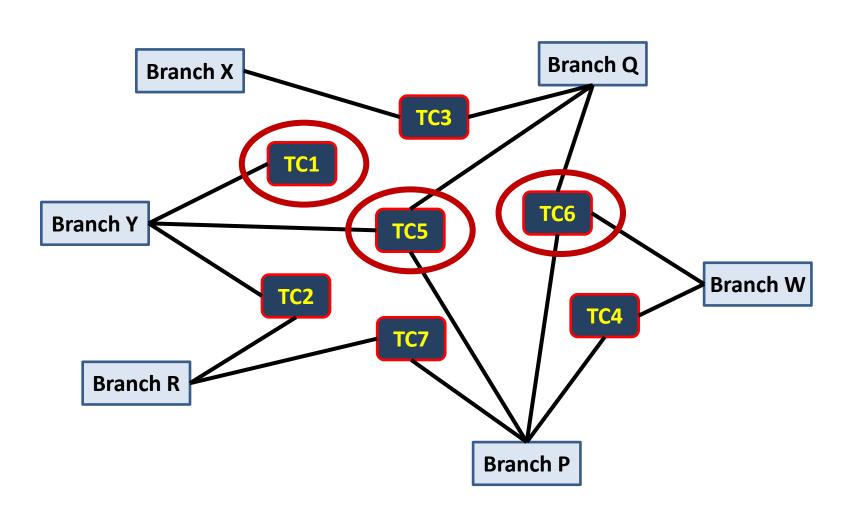


- Open source
- Analyses C, Objective-C and Java
 - on Android and iOS
- Fast can do millions of LOC in a few minutes
 - ideal for continuous integration
- Facebook claims that approximately 80% of raised issues are fixed (so are true faults)
- Also used by Instagram, Uber, Spotify, etc.

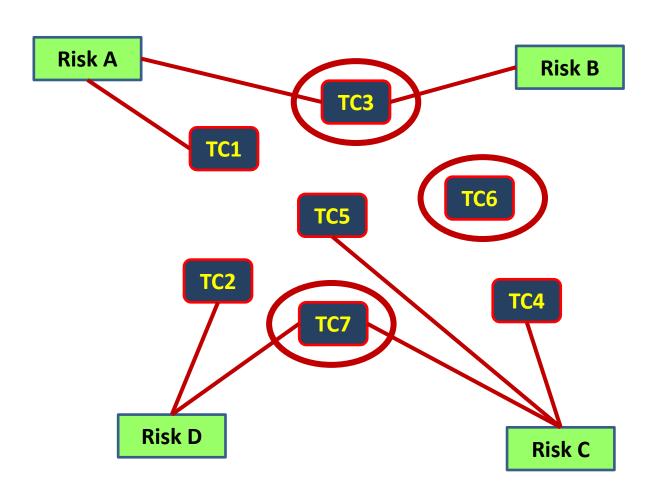


Regression Testing

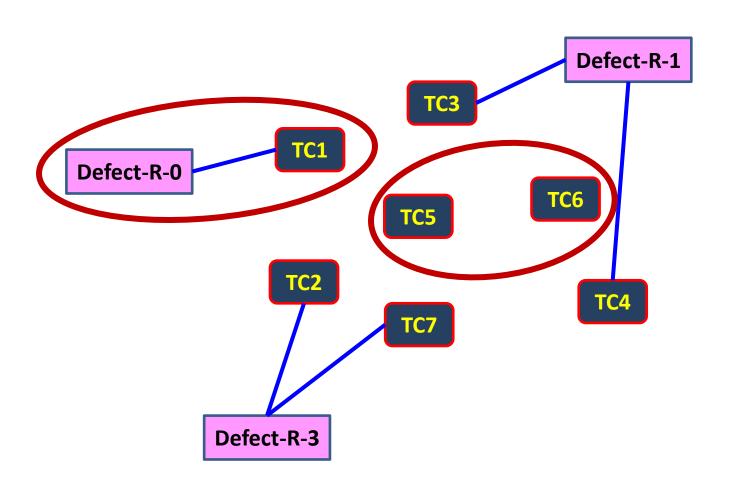
Regression Test Optimization



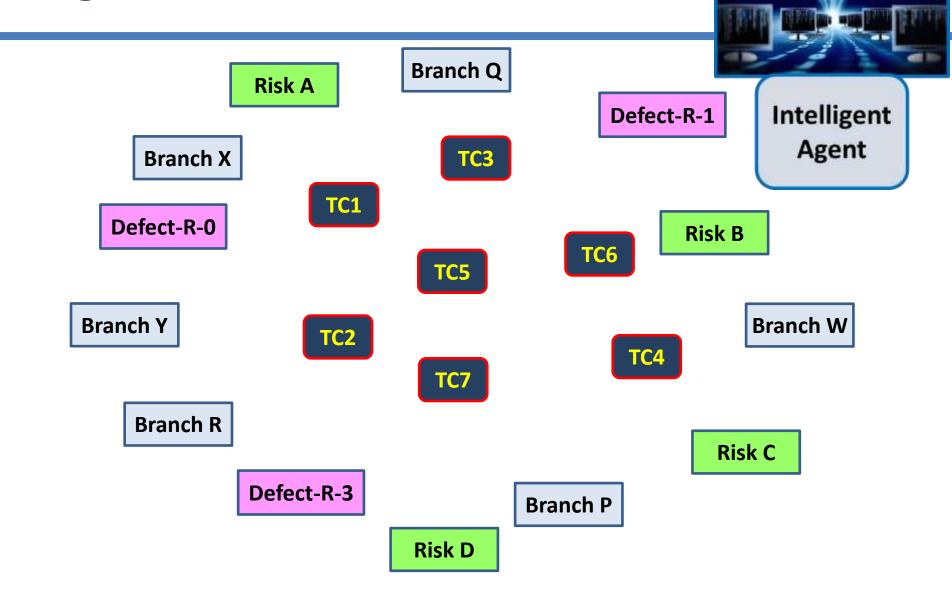
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Regression Test Selection



Regression Test Prioritization



Intelligent Agent



Regression Test Optimization Criteria

- Tests that found defects previously
- Tests that reduce execution time
- Reduce the number of tests needed
- Tests that achieve full coverage
- Test that exercise recently changed code
- Tests that address high risks
- etc.

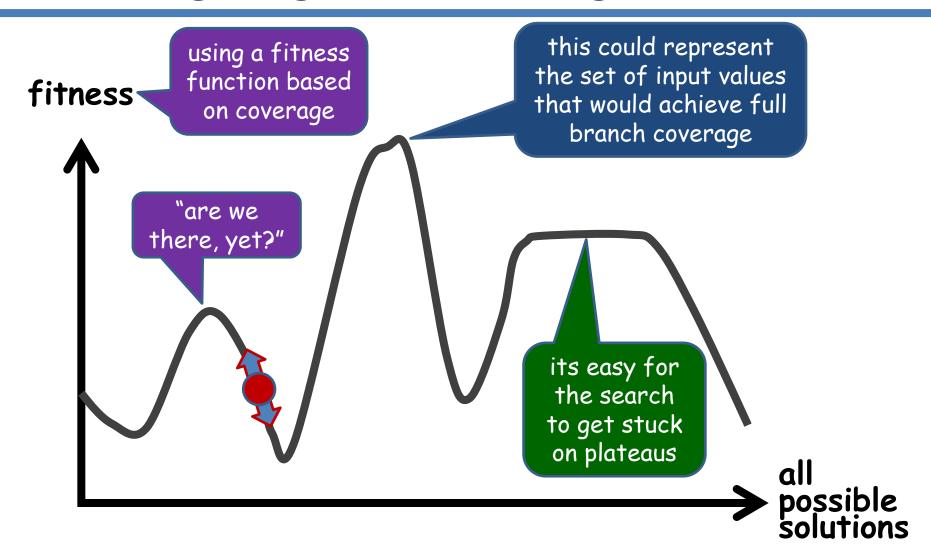
Regression Test Optimization Results

- The algorithm reduces the test suite data by approximately 50%
 - [Rai, 2014]
- The techniques are 40-50% more effective in uncovering the first failure of the changed program
 - [Jiang, 2009]
- Average reduction in test suite size of 94% while achieving requirements-based coverage
 - implemented in:
 - a continuous integration env't with 30 seconds run time
 - implemented at Cisco, Norway
 - [Gotlieb, 2016]

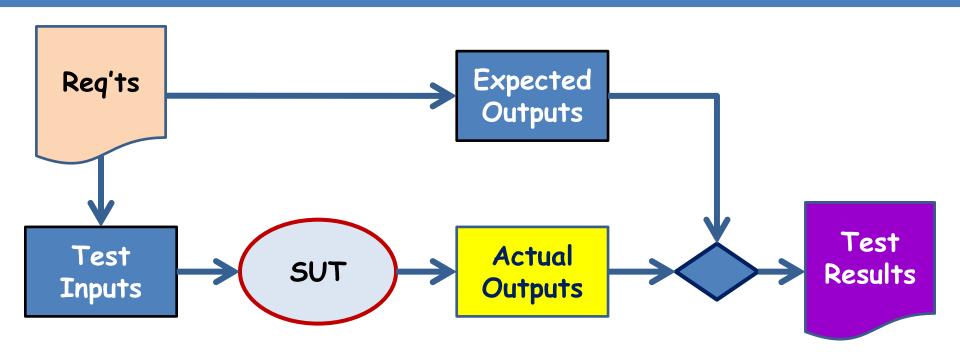
Automated Test Input Generation

Example

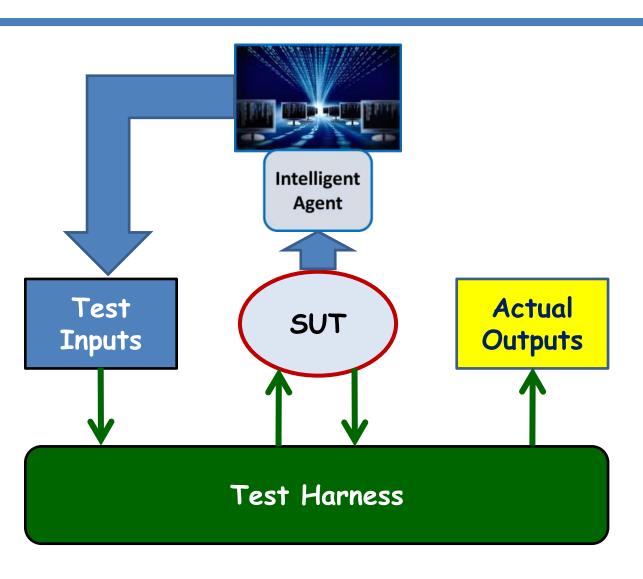
- Searching using a 'Hill Climb' Algorithm



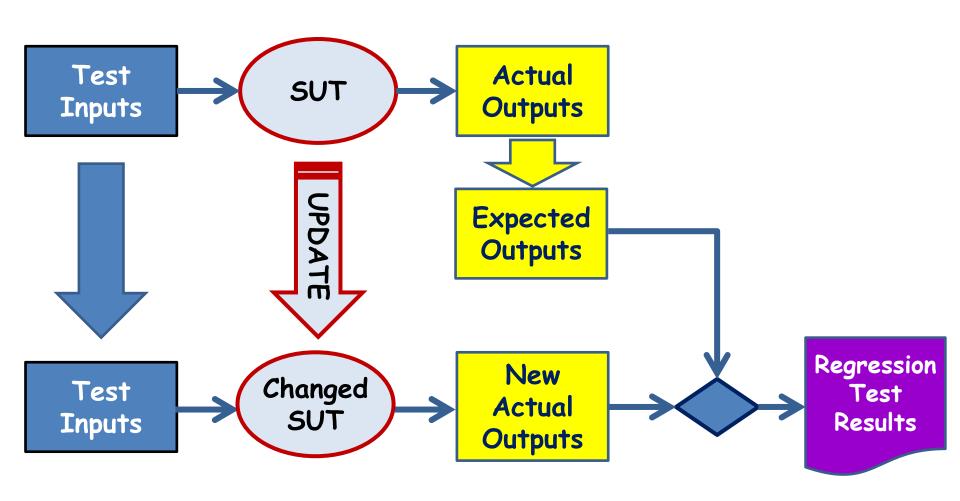
Manual Test Process



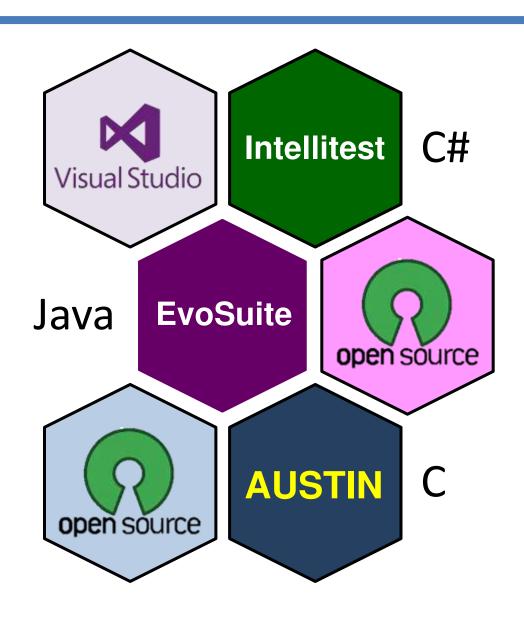
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Automated Regression Test Case Generation



Example Tools



Automated Test Input Generation - Summary

Empirical studies have shown:

- tool support can lead to improvements in code coverage of up to 300%
- that there is no measurable improvement in the number of bugs actually found by developer/testers – even though more branches are covered
- But, a set of automatically-generated regression tests providing full coverage is an excellent starting point when you change or refactor the code

Danger!!!

- testers rely on the tool \rightarrow little or no black box testing
- testers use the tool to meet safety-related test standards

Automated Stress Testing

Automated Stress Testing Tools

- Generate pseudo-random streams of user events such as clicks, touches, or gestures, as well as a number of system-level events
 - they pretend they are a 'stupid' tester
- Aim to cause an <u>ANR</u> ('Application Not Responding') or for the app to simply <u>crash</u>
 - so test result is <u>easy</u> to observe
- Require little tester input
 - except to check-out the reported failures

Example - Android Stress Testing Tools

Google Monkey

- built into the Android development platform free
- fuzz testing tool random inputs

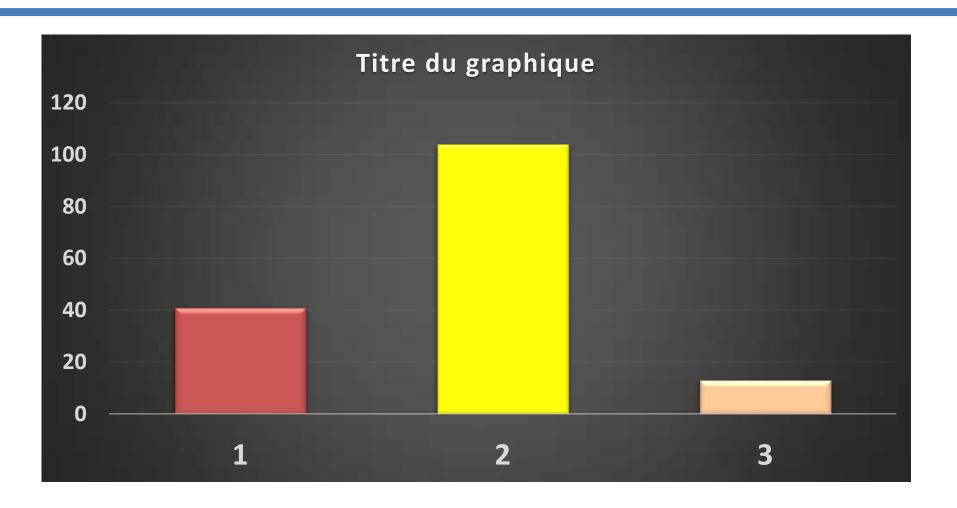
Sapienz

- open source
- search-based testing tool
- when applied to the top 1,000 Google Play apps, Sapienz <u>found</u>
 <u>558 unique</u>, <u>previously-unknown faults</u>

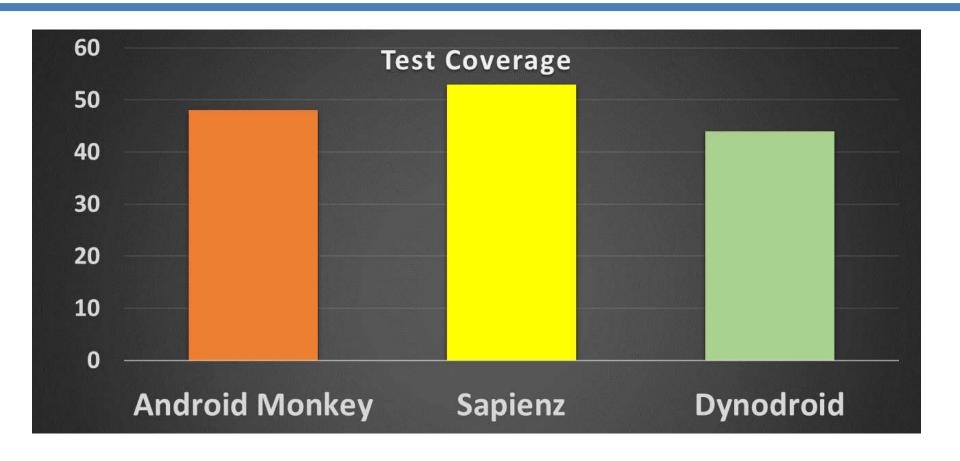
Dynodroid

- open source
- allows interleaving of human and tool
- when applied to the top 1,000 Google Play apps, Dynodroid found 6 unique, previously unknown faults

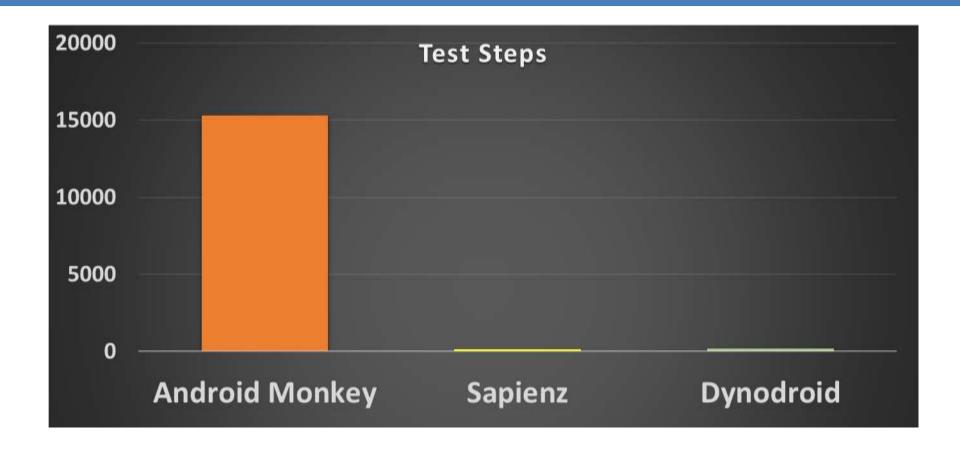
Defect Detection Effectiveness



Test Coverage



Fault Revealing Steps



Conclusions

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