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Incremental Model-based Testing of Delta-oriented Software Product Lines

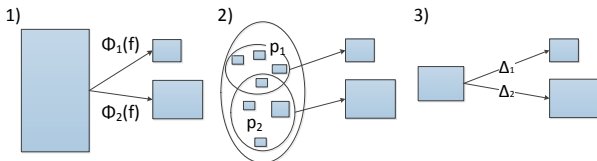
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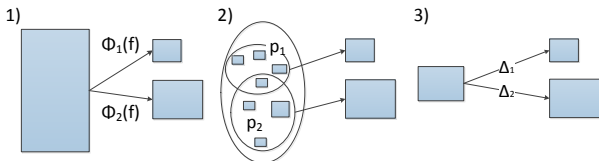
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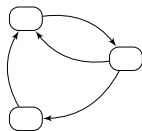


⇒ But how to reuse **test artifacts** for SPL quality assurance?

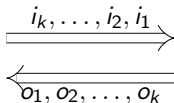
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 - Delta-oriented Test Regression

Model-based Testing

Test Model

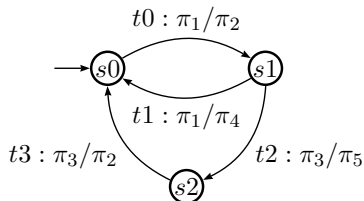


conforms?



- Black-box assumption for implementation-under-test (IUT)
- Automated derivation and application of test suites from a behavioral test model [UL07]

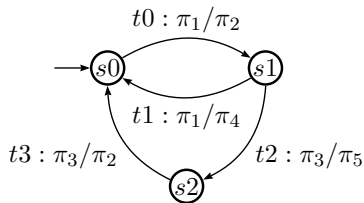
State Machine Test Model



State machines as test models

- S is a finite set of states
- $s_0 \in S$ is an initial state
- $L \subseteq \Pi_I \times \Pi_O$ is a set of transition labels
- $T \subseteq S \times L \times S$ is a transition relation

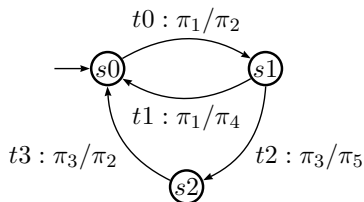
State Machine Test Case



State machine test artifacts:

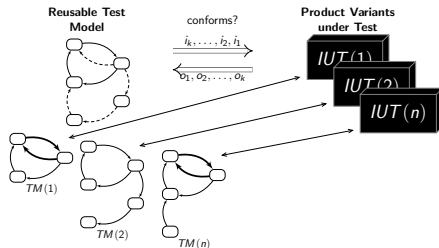
- Test case: $tc = (t_0, t_1, \dots, t_k) \in T^*$ is a sequence of k transitions
- Test run: $exec(tc, tm) = (l_0, l_1, \dots, l_k) \in L^*$
- Test result: iut **passes** $tc : \Leftrightarrow exec(tc, iut) \approx_{te} exec(tc, tm)$

State Machine Test Suite



- Infinite set of all valid test cases: $TC(tm) \subseteq T^*$
- Derive finite test suites: $ts \subseteq TC(tm)$
- Coverage criteria C : finite sets $tg = C(tm)$ of test goals such that $\forall g \in tg : \exists tc \in ts : covers(tc, g)$

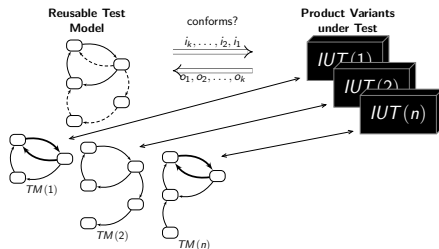
Model-Based Testing of Software Product Lines



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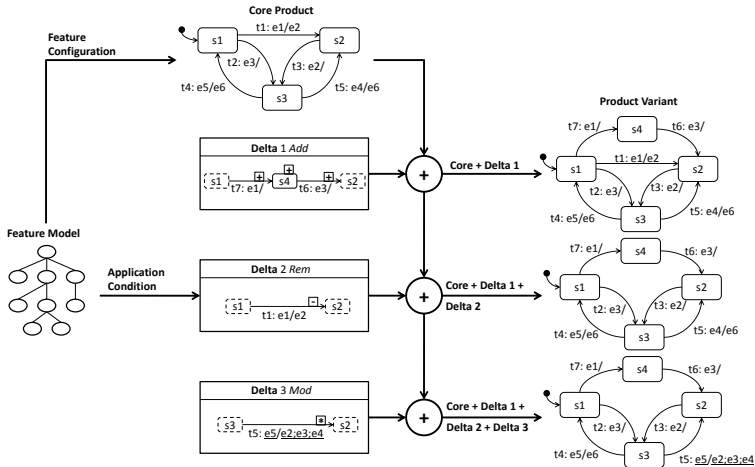


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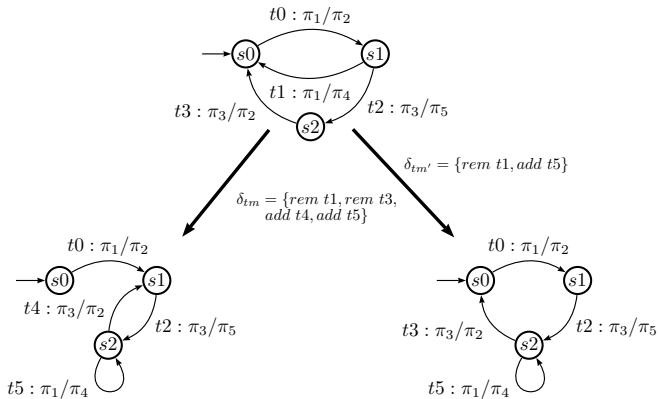
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⇒ **Incremental test artifact reuse between products-under-test**

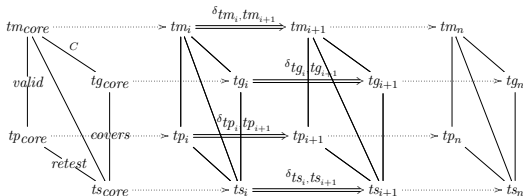
Delta-Oriented SPL Engineering [CHS11]



State Machine Delta – Example



Incremental SPL Testing



- Starting with test artifacts of the core product

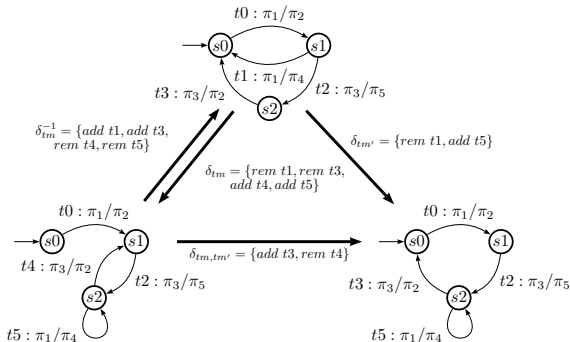
$$ta_{core} = (tm_{core}, tg_{core}, ts_{core}, tp_{core})$$

- Incremental evolution of product test artifacts

$$ta_p = (tm_p, tg_p, ts_p, tp_p) \xrightarrow{\delta_{ta, ta'}} ta_{p'} = (tm_{p'}, tg_{p'}, ts_{p'}, tp_{p'})$$

Test Model Regression Delta

State machine regression delta $\delta_{tm,tm'} \subseteq Op$ captures the difference between test model variant tm and tm' .



Regression Delta Construction

Proposition (State Machine Regression Delta Construction)

For two state machine deltas $\delta_{tm} \subseteq Op$ and $\delta_{tm'} \subseteq Op$, the regression delta is given as

$$\delta_{tm,tm'} = (\delta_{tm} \setminus \delta_{tm'})^{-1} \cup (\delta_{tm'} \setminus \delta_{tm})$$

- Invert delta operations exclusive to tm ,
- Keep delta operations shared with tm'
- Add delta operations exclusive to tm'

⇒ Basis for **test artifact evolution**

Test Goal Delta

Test goal regression delta $\delta_{tg,tg'}$

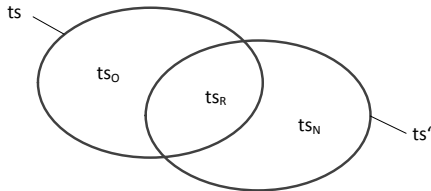
- for each $\{rem\ e\} \subseteq \delta_{tm,tm'} : e \in tg \Rightarrow \{rem\ e\} \subseteq \delta_{tg,tg'}$
- for each $\{add\ e\} \subseteq \delta_{tm,tm'} : e \in C(tm') \Rightarrow \{add\ e\} \subseteq \delta_{tg,tg'}$

\Rightarrow Limited to C0/C1-like coverage criteria

Test Suite Delta

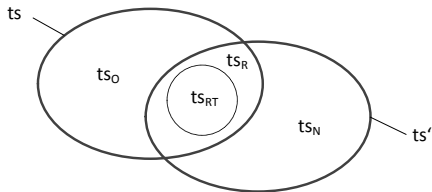
Test suite regression delta $\delta_{ts,ts'}$

- Obsolete test cases $ts_O = ts \setminus ts_R$
- Reusable test cases $ts_R = ts \cap ts'$
- New test cases $ts_N = ts' \setminus ts$



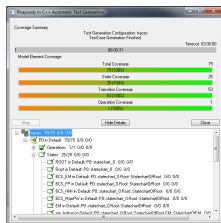
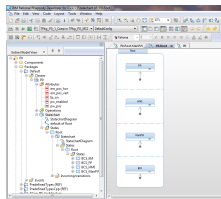
Test Plan Delta

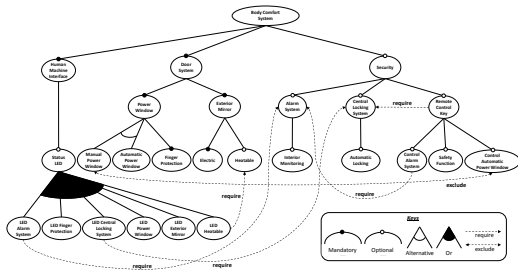
- Test plan: $tp_p = ts_{RT} \cup ts_N$
- Regression Test Selection for ts_{RT} : Retest-all, retest-random, test model slicing, ...



Implementation and Sample Tool Chain

- EMF-based ECLIPSE plug-in for modeling delta-oriented state machines
- Domain feature model for product configuration and derivation
- Test model import into IBM RATIONAL RHAPSODY
- Add-on ATG for automated test case generation and execution

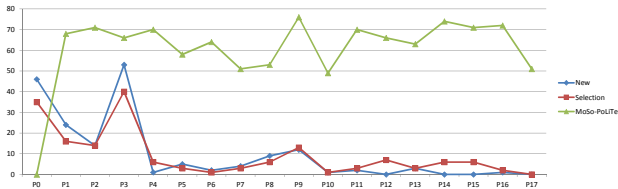




Automotive Case Study: Body Comfort System

- 26 features, 11616 product variants
- Delta test model with core model and 40 delta modules, 105 states and 107 transitions

Evaluation – Results



- Subset selection of 17 representative products-under-test for pairwise feature interaction coverage
- Product-by-product testing: 64 test cases generated and executed per product on average
- Incremental testing: 10 test cases generated per product, 9 selected for execution on average

Conclusions

- Efficient incremental model-based SPL testing approach based on regression delta analysis.
- Future Work:
 - Test goal evolution for path-oriented coverage criteria, e.g., MC/DC
 - Perform industrial case studies
 - Scalability: combination with delta-oriented architecture models

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