Generating Test Cases for Invariant Properties from Proof Scores in the OTS/CafeOBJ Method*

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SUMMARY In the OTS/CafeOBJ method, software specifications are described in CafeOBJ executable formal specification language, and verification is done by giving scripts to the CafeOBJ system. The script is called a proof score. In this study, we propose a test case generator from an OTS/CafeOBJ specification together with a proof score. Our test case generator gives test cases by analyzing the proof score. The test cases are used to test whether an implementation satisfies the specification and the property verified by the proof score. Since a proof score involves important information for verifying a property, the generated test cases are also expected to be suitable to test the property.

Key words: formal specification, proof score, software testing, OTS, CafeOBJ

1. Introduction

Nowadays, since software plays an important role in our society, people require software quality assurance. To obtain reliable software, formal methods are useful at the requirement and design phases. On the other hand, software testing plays an important role at the implementation and debugging phases. The usefulness of software testing depends on the quality of test cases. How to design test cases which are exhaustive and efficient is important but not so easy task.

The OTS/CafeOBJ (Observational Transition Systems in CafeOBJ) method is a formal method. In this method, it is verified that a specification satisfies a given desired property by describing a proof score. There are many successful case studies of formal verification with proof scores [6], [8], [9], which are inputs of our test case generator. Our test case generator gives test cases by analyzing the proof score. Since a proof score involves important information for verifying a property, the generated test cases are expected to be suitable to test the property.

A proof score consists of proof passages. Each proof passage can be regarded as a test case in an abstract level of the target software. If we obtain a complete proof score for some property, the set of proof passages is guaranteed to be exhaustive and to be enough detailed for the verification to succeed. By generating test cases from a proof score, it is expected that (1) exhaustive test cases can be obtained systematically and semi-automatically, and (2) the quality of test cases can be increased. The test case generator we propose in this paper takes an OTS/CafeOBJ specification and its proof score, and generates (a) Java skeleton code and (b) test cases. The generated test cases are used for testing an implementation which is obtained by instantiating the generated Java skeleton code. To handle generated test cases effectively and efficiently, we use JUnit testing framework (http://www.junit.org/) for the Java programming language (**Fig. 1**).

In the rest of this paper, we first introduce the OTS/CafeOBJ method with an example of a specification of an automated teller machine of a bank and its proof score. In Sect. 3, we propose a test case generator from an OTS/CafeOBJ specification and its proof score. We show how to use generated test cases in Sect. 4. In Sect. 5, we give theorems on the completeness and the exhaustiveness of our test case generator. In Sect. 6, we give some improvement of our proposed generator, and conclude with some of the future work in Sect. 7.

2. Preliminaries

We assume the reader is familiar with the Java programming language. In this section, we introduce OTS/CafeOBJ specifications and proof scores [3], [8], [9], which are inputs of our test case generator.

2.1 Data Specification

A CafeOBJ specification consists of modules. The following is a CafeOBJ module whose name is USER.

```cafeobj
mod USER {
    [ User ]
    op _=_ : User User -> Bool { comm }
    var U : User
    eq (U = U) = true .
}
```

Module USER has a declaration of a sort User between the square brackets [ ], and a binary operator _=_ on User after the keyword op. In an operator declaration, the sequence of sorts at the left-hand side of –> (e.g. User User for _=_ ) is called the arity, and the sort at the right-hand side (e.g. Bool) is called the co-arity. Underlines (_) are positions of arguments, i.e., \( u = u' \) is a term of Bool for terms \( u, u' \) of \( \text{User} \).

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User. comm at the end of an operator declaration means that the operator is commutative. var is a keyword of variable declaration. U is a variable of User, which is used in the following equation declaration. Equations are declared with eq. The equation in USER denotes that Term $u = u$ is equivalent to true for any $u$ of User. A set of sorts and operators is called a signature, and equations is called axioms.

A CafeOBJ specification denotes an algebra which has carrier sets and functions which correspond to the sorts and the operators respectively and which satisfies the equations. USER denotes an algebra which has a carrier set (User) and a commutative and reflexive function (predicate) (=_=). CafeOBJ contains built-in modules for standard data types, like integers, strings, etc. For example, INT is a built-in module together with constants ..., -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, ..., and operators _+_, _-_ etc.

2.2 System Specification

An OTS is a state machine whose states are identified with its observations. A CafeOBJ specification which denotes an OTS is called an OTS/CafeOBJ specification. An OTS/CafeOBJ specification consists of data specifications, like USER and INT, and a system specification. We show ATM automated teller machine of a bank, an example of system specifications. First, the signature part of ATM is given as follows:

```
mod* ATM {
  pr(INT + USER)
  *[ Atm ]*
  op init : -> Atm
  bop balance : User Atm -> Int
  bop deposit : User Int Atm -> Atm
  bop withdraw : User Int Atm -> Atm
  op c-deposit : User Int Atm -> Bool
  op c-withdraw : User Int Atm -> Bool
}
```

Module ATM imports INT and USER in the protect mode (with the keyword pr(...)). Roughly speaking, a protectively imported module is used by the importing module with no change. A special sort, called a hidden sort, is declared enclosing *[] and *[]. Non hidden sorts are called visible. A hidden sort is used to denote the state space of a target system. An initial state init is declared as a constant, an operator whose arity is empty. Special operators, called behavioral operators, are declared after the keyword bop. A behavioral operator should have at most one hidden sort in its arity. When its co-arity is hidden, the behavioral operator is called a transition. When its co-arity is visible, it is called an observation. In ATM, balance is an observation, which observes the balance of a user. deposit is a transition, which deposits money into a user's account. The other transition withdraw withdraws money from a user's account. Operators c-deposit and c-withdraw are used to define pre-conditions of deposit and withdraw respectively. Next the axioms part of ATM is given as follows:

```
vars U U' : User
var I : Int
var A : Atm

eq c-deposit(U,I,A) = I >= 0 .

eq c-withdraw(U,I,A) = balance(U,A) >= I and I >= 0 .

eq balance(U,init) = 0 .

ceq balance(U, deposit(U',I, A)) =
  (if U = U' then I + balance(U,A)
   else balance(U,A) fi)
   if c-deposit(U',I,A) .

ceq deposit(U',I,A) = A
   if not (c-deposit(U',I,A)) .

ceq balance(U, withdraw(U',I,A)) =
  (if U = U' then balance(U,A) - I
   else balance(U,A) fi)
   if c-withdraw(U',I,A) .

ceq withdraw(U',I,A) = A
   if not(c-withdraw(U',I,A)) .

}
```
The first two equations define pre-conditions of deposit and withdraw. An amount of deposit should not be a negative integer. An amount of withdrawal should be at least zero and at most the balance of the user who is withdrawing. The third equation defines the initial balances of all users as zero. The keyword ceq is used for declaring a conditional equation. The conditional equation ceq e if c means that the equation e holds whenever the condition c holds. In this paper, both conditional and unconditional equations are simply called equations. The fourth equation defines the balance of each user after applying deposit to a state A which satisfies the pre-condition of deposit. Only the balance of the user who makes the deposit is increased. The fifth equation in ATM means an application of deposit has no effect when the pre-condition does not hold. The sixth and seventh equations define the behavior of withdraw in a similar way. Note that we adopt the syntactic definition of OTS/CafeOBJ specifications proposed in [7].

2.3 Verification with Proof Score

One of the important purposes of formal methods is to verify a specification satisfies requirements. The executable specification language CafeOBJ supports the reduction command which supports automatic equational reasoning. A proof passage is a set of declarations of constants, equations and reductions, which correspond to arbitrary elements, antecedents and a consequent respectively. The following is an example of proof passages:

open ATM .
opts u1 u2 : -> User .
opt a1 a2 : -> Atm .
eq (u1 = u2) = false .
eq a1 = deposit(u2,200,init) .
eq a2 = deposit(u1,100,a1) .
red balance(u2,a2) .
close

The first line is an instruction of opening Module ATM. While opening a module, we may declare operators, equations and reductions on the module. ops is a keyword for declaring multiple operators whose arities and co-arities are same. The first equation means that the users u1 and u2 are different. The second equation means that a1 is the result state of applying deposit with 200 by User u2 to the initial state. The third equation means that a2 is the state after deposit with 100 by u1 to a1. The reduction command is an instruction of reducing balance(u2, a2), the balance of u2 at a2. For the above proof passage, the CafeOBJ system returns 200. Thus, it guarantees the following sentence:

\[
\forall u_1, u_2 \in \text{User}, \forall a_1, a_2 \in \text{Atm}.
(\neg (u_1 = u_2)) \land (a_1 = \text{deposit}(u_2, 200, \text{init})) \land (a_2 = \text{deposit}(u_1, 100, a_1)) \Rightarrow \text{balance}(u_2, a_2) = 200
\]

For a given property, the set of all proof passages which guarantee the specification to satisfy the given property is called a proof score. In this paper we focus on a proof score for invariant properties. A predicate inv on the set of states is invariant if and only if inv holds for any state which can be obtained by applying transitions to the initial state, called a reachable state. The following is a preliminary part of a proof score for verifying that the predicate \( \forall u. \text{balance}(u, s) >= 0 \) is invariant for ATM.

mod INV {
    pr(ATM)
    op inv : User Atm -> Bool
    eq inv(U:User,A:Atm) = balance(U,A) >= 0 .
    ops s s' : -> Atm
    op istep : User -> Bool
    eq istep (U:User) =
        inv(U, s) implies inv(U, s') .
} 

Module INV specifies a predicate inv, which will be proved invariant, states s, s’, which are used as a current state and a successor state, and a predicate istep, which is used to prove that if a current state satisfies inv, so does a successor state. In the following, we prove that inv satisfies the initial state (Base Step), and istep holds when s’ = \( \tau(s) \) for any transition \( \tau \), i.e. \( \tau \) preserves inv (Induction Step). The following is a proof passage for the property that the initial state init satisfies inv (for any user u1):

open INV
    op u1 : -> User .
    red inv(u1, init) .
close

The reduction command returns true, whose trace is inv(u1,init) \Rightarrow balance(u1,init) >= 0 \Rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow true. The following is one of the proof passages for the property that deposit preserves inv:

open INV
    op u1 u2 : -> User .
    op i1 : -> Int .
    eq u2 = u1 .
    eq i1 >= 0 = false .
    eq s' = deposit(u2, i1, s) .
    red istep(u1) .
close

Arbitrary users u1 and u2, and an arbitrary integer i1 are declared such that u1 and u2 are a same user and i1 is negative. The last equation means that s’ is obtained by applying deposit(u2, i1, ) to s. The reduction command returns true, and it is guaranteed that deposit preserves inv under the above conditions: u1 = u2 and i1 >= 0 = false. To complete a proof score, proof passages should be prepared for all cases, for example, u1 and u2 are different, i1 is positive, and for all transitions. When CafeOBJ returns true for the all cases, it is guaranteed that any user’s balance should not be negative for all reachable state. We
have verified the property with a proof score consisting of eleven proof passages (with some lemma). See [8],[9] for more details of proof scores in OTS/CafeOBJ method. In this paper, for each proof passage, we assume all equations except for the last one eq s’ = deposit(u2, i1, s) do not have any transition operators which is a natural assumption, and most existing proof scores of the OTS/CafeOBJ method satisfy this as far as we know.

2.4 JUnit Testing Framework

JUnit automated unit testing framework has been developed by Kent Beck and Erich Gamma, and is one of the most popular supporting tools for Test Driven Development (TDD) for Java programs[1]. Once making a set of test cases, we can run all the test cases automatically and repeatedly. Classes for testing are inherited from junit.framework.TestCase provided by JUnit. Inside the test class inherited from TestCase, a test code for each item (method or case) is written in a method whose name begins with test, e.g. testInv_deposit_1.

3. Generating Java Codes

In this section, we propose a rule generating a skeleton code and test cases for an implementation of an OTS/CafeOBJ specification from the specification and a proof score. Table 1 is a correspondence between an input OTS/CafeOBJ specification with a proof score and the output Java codes. A sort declared in data specifications corresponds to a class, called a data class. A non-behavioral operator corresponds to a class method (a static method) of the special class Ops. A class generated from a system specification (a hidden sort) is called a system class. Observations, transitions and an initial state correspond to instance variables (attributes), instance methods and a constructor respectively. A class for testing is generated from a proof score. Each proof passage corresponds to an instance method for testing.

Hereafter, we give a definition of our test case generator. We use the notation “...” as an omission mark. Some codes which can be easily complemented are there. The notation □ stands for the empty, i.e., no codes are there. □ should be filled by an implementer after generating skeleton codes. We assume any input CafeOBJ code is finite, that is, the sizes of data and system specifications and proof scores are finite. Thus, the numbers of sorts, operators, equations, proof passages and so on are also finite.

3.1 Data Class

Each sort in data specifications are translated into an empty class with the same name

Definition 3.1: Let S be a visible sort. The generated data class S is defined as class S {
}

Example 3.2: We show the data classes generated from visible sorts Int and User:

class Int {}
class User {}

Especially for the CafeOBJ built-in module BOOL we let it correspond to the Java primitive data type boolean. A data class (or its object) is expected to be immutable, i.e., the state cannot be modified after the object is created, like java.lang.String class.

Class Ops is a class containing class methods generated from non-behavioral operators, which is regarded as a bridge between CafeOBJ operators and Java data classes.

Definition 3.3: Let fi : S1 1 S21 → Si (i = 1, 2,...) be the set of all non-behavioral operators declared in the OTS/CafeOBJ specification. The generated operator class Ops is defined as follows:

class Ops{
    static S f1(S11, S11, S12, S21, ...){□}
    static S f2(S21, S21, S22, S22, ...){□}
    ...
}

We assume that the input OTS/CafeOBJ specification includes operators (predicates) _:_ : S S → Bool for each visible sort S. Thus, Ops includes class methods boolean equal(S s1, S s2)††.

Example 3.4: We show the operator class generated from ATM††.

class Ops {
    static boolean equal(User u1, User u2){ }  
    static boolean equal(Int i1, Int i2){ }  
    static boolean ge(Int i1, Int i2){ }
}

Table 1 OTS/CafeOBJ and Java.

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††CafeOBJ can treat an order relation on sorts, however, for simplicity, we assume that there are no ordered sort.

†††Since the syntax of Java does not allow _:_ as a method name, we let equal be the name of the generated method. For other such cases, we also rename them similarly.

†††A built-in module may have a lot of operators. Some of them are not used in the input data and system specifications, e.g. not only _+_ _-_ _ and _>=_ but also _>_ _ divides _ and _<_ are included in the built-in INT. For built-in modules, we do not generate methods for such unused operators.
static Int zero(){ }  
static Int plus(Int i1, Int i2){ }  
static Int minus(Int i1, Int i2){ }  
static boolean c_deposit(User u, Int i,  
Atm a){}  
static boolean c_withdraw(User u, Int i,  
Atm a){}  
static Int if_then_else_fi(boolean b,  
Int o1, Int o2){}  

3.2 System Class

To define a generated system class, we give first an interface IState for the attribute of the system class. The interface IState consists of methods generated from observations.

**Definition 3.5:** Let \( bop \) be the set of all observations \( V_i \). An interface IState is defined as follows:

```java
interface IState{
    public V_i a1(V_i1, V_i2, V_i3, ...);  
    public V_i a2(V_i1, V_i2, V_i3, ...);  
    public V_i a3(V_i1, V_i2, V_i3, ...);  
    ...
}
```

Next, we give a system class. The system class consists of an attribute whose type is IState, a constructor and methods generated from observations and transitions. The methods generated from transitions are called transition methods.

**Definition 3.6:** Let \( \tau_i : H \to V_i \) be the set of all transitions. A system class \( H \) is defined as follows:

```java
public class H{
    private IState s;  
    public H(){}  
    public V_i a1(V_i1, V_i2, V_i3, ...){ return s.a1(V_i1); }  
    public V_i a2(V_i1, V_i2, V_i3, ...){ return s.a2(V_i1); }  
    public void \( \tau_1 \)(V_i1, V_i2, V_i3, V_i4, ...){}  
    public void \( \tau_2 \)(V_i1, V_i2, V_i3, V_i4, ...){}  
    ...
}
```

**Example 3.7:** We show the system class generated from ATM:

```java
interface IState {  
    Int balance(User u, Atm a);  
}
public class Atm {  
    private IState s;  
    public Atm(){}  
    public int balance(User u){
        return s.balance(u)
    }
    public void deposit(User u, Int i){ }  
    public void withdraw(User u, Int i){ }
}
```

3.3 Test Class

We give a translating rule from CafeOBJ terms to Java codes.

**Definition 3.8:** Let \( t \) be a term constructed from operators in an input OTS/CafeOBJ specification except transition operators. The translated Java code \( t' \) is recursively defined as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Op}_f(t') & \quad \text{if } t = f(T), \\
\text{S} \cdot \text{Op}_o(t') & \quad \text{if } t = o(T, s), \\
\text{OP} & \quad \text{o.w.}
\end{align*}
\]

Here, \( s \) in \( t' \) is the instance variable of the system class \( H \) used for testing by a test class HTest.

For example, Terms \( t_1 = i1 \geq 0 = true \) and \( t_2 = \text{balance}(u, s) > 0 \) are translated into Java codes \( t_1' = \text{ge}(i1, \text{zero}()) \) and \( t_2' = \text{ge}(	ext{balance}(u, s), \text{zero}()) \). Especially for constructors of \( \text{Bool} \), they are translated into the corresponding constructors on the Java boolean type, e.g., Term \( t_1 \) and \( t_2 \) are translated into Java code \( t_1' \) & \( t_2' \).

**Definition 3.9:** A test class HTest is defined as follows:

```java
import junit.framework.TestCase;  
public class HTest extends TestCase{  
    TestAxion
    TestInv
}
```

TestAxion consists of test methods `testAxion_init.o1` and `testAxion_init.o2` for all observations and transitions. For the equations \( \text{eq}_o(X_i, \text{init}) = \text{rinit}_i \) of the initial state, test methods `testAxion_init.o1`, which test new \( H() \) against the axiom, are defined as follows:

```java
public void testAxion_init.o1(){
    // begin setup  
    V_i1 X_i1 = \( \square \);  
    V_i2 X_i2 = \( \square \);  
    Atm s = new H();  
    // end setup  
    V_i1 right = \text{rinit}_i;  
    assertEquals("\text{Axion_init.o1.axiom}",  
        \text{Ops.equal}(s.o1(X_i1), right));
}
```

\( A \) is an abbreviation of a sequence \( A_1, ..., A_n \).
If we write `assertTrue(str, cond)` and `cond` is false, i.e., the assertion fails, then we receive an assertion failed error message together with `str`.

For `eq o_j(\tau_i(S, \overrightarrow{Y}), \overrightarrow{X}) = \rho_{ij}r_i)` if `c-\tau_i(S, \overrightarrow{Y})` of the transitions `\tau_i`, test methods `testAxiom, testInv, o_j`, which test the transition method `\tau_i` against the axiom, are defined as follows:

```java
public void testAxiom, o_j() {
    // begin setup
    V o_j X = \Box;
    V o_j X2 = \Box; ...
    V o_j Y1 = \Box;
    V o_j Y2 = \Box; ...
    Atm s = \Box
    // end setup
    boolean pre = crf';
    assertTrue("Axiom, o_j:setup", pre);
    V o_j right = \rho_{ij}r_i;
    s.\tau_i(\overrightarrow{Y});
    assertTrue("Axiom, o_j:axiom",
        Ops.equal(s.o_j(\overrightarrow{X}), right));
}
```

TestInv consists of test methods `testInv_init_i` and `testInv, \tau_i, \overrightarrow{X}, \overrightarrow{Y}, j` for all proof passages. Let `eq inv(\overrightarrow{X}, S : H) = \rho_{ij}r_i` be an equation defining the invariant property in INV. Let `eq limit(i, j) = \rho_{ij}r_i(j = 1, 2, ...)` be the set of all equations except the last `eq s' = \cdots` included in the `i`-th proof passage for the initial state. Test methods `testInv_init_i(i = 1, 2, ...), which test new `H()` against `inv` are defined as follows:

```java
public void testInv_init_i() {
    // begin setup
    \Box;
    V1 x1 = \Box;
    V2 x2 = \Box; ...
    Atm s = new H();
    // end setup
    boolean pre = equal(limit(i, \rho_{ij}r_i));
    equal(limit(i, \rho_{ij}r_i)); ...
    assertTrue("Init:setup", pre);
    boolean inv = \rho_{ij}r_i;
    assertTrue("Init:inv", inv);
}
```

Let `eq lr_{ijk} = \rho_{ijk}(k = 1, 2, ...) be the set of all equations except the last `eq s' = \cdots` included in the `j`-th proof passage for transitions `\tau_i`. Test methods `testInv, \tau_i, j(j = 1, 2, ...), which test \tau_i against inv, are defined as follows:

```java
public void testInv, \tau_i, j() {
    // begin setup
    V1 x1 = \Box;
    V2 x2 = \Box;
    Atm s = \Box
    // end setup
    boolean pre = equal(limit(i, \rho_{ij}r_i) &
        equal(limit(i, \rho_{ij}r_i)) & ...
    assertTrue("Init:setup", pre);
    boolean inv = \rho_{ij}r_i;
    assertTrue("Init:inv", inv);
}
```

Example 3.10: We show a part of the test class `AtmTest` generated from `ATM`.

```java
public class AtmTest extends TestCase {
    public void testAxiom_init_balance() {
        // begin setup
        User U =
        Atm s =
        // end setup
        Int right = Ops.zero();
        assertTrue("Axiom_init_balance:axiom",
            Ops.equal(s.balance(U),
                right));
    }
}
```

Example 3.10: We show a part of the test class `AtmTest` generated from `ATM`.

```java
public void testAxiom_deposit_balance() {
    // begin setup
    Int I =
    User U =
    User U2 =
    Atm s =
    // end setup
    boolean pre = Ops.ge(I, Ops.zero());
    assertTrue("Axiom_deposit_balance:setup",
        pre);
    Int right = Ops.if_then_else_fi(Ops.equal(U, U2),
        Ops.plus(I, s.balance(U)),
        s.balance(U));
    s.deposit(U2, I);
    assertTrue("Axiom_deposit_balance:axiom",
        Ops.equal(s.balance(U),
            right));
}
```

Example 3.10: We show a part of the test class `AtmTest` generated from `ATM`.

```java
public void testInv_init_1() {
    // begin setup
    User U1 =
    Atm s = new ATM();
    // end setup
    boolean pre = true;
```
assertTrue("Inv_init_1:setup", pre);
boolean inv = Ops.ge(s.balance(u1),
            Ops.zero());
assertTrue("Inv_init_1:inv", inv);
}
public void testInv_deposit_1(){
// begin setup
User u1 =
User u2 =
Int i1 =
Atm s =
// end setup
boolean pre = Ops.equal(u1,u2)
    & Ops.ge(i1, Ops.zero()) == false;
assertTrue("Inv_deposit_1:setup", pre);
s.deposit(u2, i1);
boolean inv = Ops.ge(s.balance(u1),
            Ops.zero());
assertTrue("Inv_deposit_1:inv", inv);
}

Note that boolean pre is true in testInv_init_1 since the corresponding proof passage has no antecedents (equations).

4. Implementation with Generated Test Cases

We show how to use generated test cases (AtmTest) to complete a Java skeleton code (Class Atm, etc).

4.1 Preparations

The first error we face when executing the generated test class is a syntax error between // begin setup and // end setup, called a preparation part, in a test method. Each test method tests whether Class Atm satisfies an assertion “P implies Q”. Filling a preparation is choosing an instance of P. For example, to initialize User U and Int I, data classes User and Int should be completed first. In this example, for both data classes we give classes whose attributes are private variables of the Java primitive data type int and methods getVal to refer the values. We do not give public methods which change their values, like setVal, in order for those classes to be immutable. The soundness of test methods depend on the property that all local variables initiated in the preparation part are not changed through the test execution. More precisely, the value of I at boolean pre = Ops.ge(I,Ops.zero()) in testAxiom_deposit_balance should be preserved at the later occurrence at s.deposit(U2, I).

4.2 Operation Class

The next error may be caused by methods in Class Ops, e.g. Ops.zero does not return Int value. In Class Ops, we need to define methods corresponding to the operators in the input specification. To avoid such error, for example, Ops.zero are given as follows:

static Int zero(){
    Int j = new Int(0);
    return j;
}

4.3 Observation Class

Next, Interface IState should be implemented. Object State implementing IState for Atm is given as follows:

public class State implements IState {
    private Hashtable h;
    public State(){
        h = new Hashtable();
    }
    public void setBalance(User u, Int i){
        h.put(u.getUid(),i);
    }
    public Int balance(User u) {
        if(h.get(u.getUid()) != null)
            return (Int) h.get(u.getUid());
        return Ops.zero();
    }
}

Our example implements IState by Java class Hashtable of a hash table. Class State keeps the balance for each user. We also define Constructor of Atm as public Atm() { s = new State();}.

4.4 Assertion Failed Error from JUnit

When we face a runtime error AssertionFailedError from junit.framework, it should be a preparation error, an axiom error, or an invariant error. It can be recognized by a message together with the error. The preparation error indicates that a test method has an error. The axiom error and the invariant error indicate that the implementation has an error.

4.4.1 Preparation Error

When the message ends with setup, the error is a preparation error which indicates that the preparation part does not satisfy the antecedent P of “P implies Q”. For example, if we initiate I = new Int(-1000) in testAxiom_deposit_balance, a preparation error is returned since it does not satisfies the precondition pre = Ops.ge(I,Ops.zero()).

4.4.2 Axiom Error

A message with axiom indicates that the implementation
does not satisfies the specification. For example, if the definition of deposit still empty, it does not satisfies the following equation:

\[
\text{ceq balance}(U, \text{deposit}(U', I, A)) = \\
(\text{if } U = U' \text{ then } I + \text{balance}(U, A) \\
\text{else balance}(U, A) \text{ fi}) \\
\text{if } \text{c-deposit}(U', I, A).
\]

which means that deposit(U, I) increases the balance of U. To avoid the error, we give the definition of Method deposit as follows:

```java
public void deposit(User u, Int i){
    Int j = s.balance(u);
    int k = (j.getVal() + i.getVal()); 
    ((State) s).setBalance(u, new Int(k));
}
```

4.4.3 Invariant Error

A message with inv indicates that the implementation does not satisfies the invariant property. The invariant property of our example is that balances are not negative. The above definition of deposit does not satisfies the invariant property since we can deposit a negative value. To avoid the invariant error, we improve the definition of deposit as follows:

```java
public void deposit(User u, Int i){
    if (i.getVal() >= 0){
        Int j = s.balance(u);
        int k = (j.getVal() + i.getVal()); 
        ((State) s).setBalance(u, new Int(k));
    }
}
```

When no error is returned in the end, we obtain an implementation which passes all test cases.

5. Properties

The following properties hold under the assumption that each data class is immutable.

**Theorem 5.1:** If some test method in HTest returns an error AssertionFailedError with the message Axiom_x:o:axiom, the implementation does not satisfy the specification. More precisely, if x is init, it does not satisfy the equation o(...init) = ... . If x is a transition τ, it does not satisfy the equation o(τ(...)) = ... . If the message is Inv_x:i:inv, the implementation does not satisfy the invariant property. More precisely, if x is init, the constructor definition public H(){...}, does not satisfy inv. If x is a transition τ, Method τ does not preserve inv.

**Proof.** A counter-example can be made from the preparation part of the indicated transition method. If the message is Inv_deposit_1:inv for example, the set of initiated variables in the preparation part of Method deposit is a counter-example, i.e., we have an state which does not satisfy inv by initiat- ing s and calling s.deposit(u2,i1). If the message is, for example, Axiom_deposit_balance:axiom, then the set of initiated variables in the preparation part does not satisfy ceq balance(U, deposit(U', I, A)) = ... if c-deposit(U', I, A). More precisely, it satisfies c-deposit(U', I, A), however it does not satisfy balance(U, deposit(U', I, A))= ... .

**Theorem 5.2:** If the implementation does not satisfy the specification, there is an instance of some test method such that it returns an error with the message which ends with axiom. If the implementation does not satisfy the invariant property, there is an instance of some test method such that it returns an error with the message which ends with inv.

**Proof.** The former is trivial since each equation in the axiom corresponds to a test method directly. The latter holds since we assume that the proof score is complete, that is, the set of proof passages should cover all cases.

6. Improvement

There is a problem that some preparation error cannot be removed by any initiation. For example, a proof passage which includes Equation eq balance(s,u) >= 0 = false generates a test method which includes pre = Ops.ge(s.balance(u), Ops.zero()) == false & ... ;. However this pre cannot be true since it includes the negation of the invariant property. The state satisfying the pre should be unreachable, that is, the state cannot be obtained by applying any sequence of transitions to the initial state. To solve the problem, it is needed for the user (the implementer) to check whether the preparation part of a test method is unreachable or not and if so, remove the test method from the test class. The problem of deciding whether a given preparation part is reachable is undecidable in general\(^7\). Thus, we propose a partial solution to check unreachable preparation parts.

\(^7\)The reachability problem for term rewriting systems is the problem of deciding, for a given TRS R and terms t and t', whether t can reduce to t' by applying the rules of R. It is well-known that the reachability problem is undecidable [12]. We can describe an OTS/CafeOBJ specification of a given term rewriting system where states and transitions correspond to terms and the rewrite relation respectively.
are reduced into false for those four proof passage. The final test class does not include the test methods for the four proof passages, and the other test methods can be instantiated without any preparation error. Note that the theorems in the previous section hold even if our test case generator has been improved as above.

7. Related Work

There are two kinds of formal verification techniques: theorem proving and model checking. The CafeOBJ processor can be regarded as an interactive theorem prover. For theorem provers, for example, Isabelle/HOL, PVS and so on, test generation is used for specification testing, that is, testing is used to check the desired property with randomly produced parameters before or during the formal verification of that property [2], [11]. Those approaches are helpful in practice to find bugs in a given specification or a property to be verified. As far as we know, our test case generator is the first tool to generate test cases for program testing from specifications together with interactive proofs.

The mainstream of studies on test generation for program testing is automated test generation with model checkers [13]. Model checkers are tools to verify that a system satisfies a given logical formula written in the propositional logic, the temporal logic or so on. One of the most important features of the model checkers is that it does not only prove a given property but also disprove the property with a counter example. The counter example is a sequence of reachable states beginning with an initial state and ending with a state where the input property is violated. In the literature [5], a method for generating test sequences with model checkers has been proposed. Let $P \Rightarrow Q$ be a property which already has been verified. Our goal is to obtain a meaningful test sequence, i.e. a sequence of transitions $\vec{\tau}$, from $P \Rightarrow Q$, that is, when applying $\vec{\tau}$ to the initial state, we obtain the state $s$ which satisfies $P$ and thus which should be tested to satisfy $Q$ since $P \Rightarrow Q$ has been verified. To obtain such a test sequence, we first translate $P$ to the negation of $P$, which is called a trap property [5], and then check whether $\neg P$ holds for any reachable state with a model checker. Then, the model checker returns a counter-example (if any), that is, a sequence of reachable states beginning with an initial state and ending with a state which satisfies $P$. In [5], the model checkers SMV and SPIN are used and compared. For reference, the literature [13] may be helpful as more detailed survey for automatic test generation with model checkers.

Relating with our study, the model checking approach may coexist with our test case generator. Our test case generator generates test cases whose preparation part, $P$, should be instantiated to run the tests. To instantiate the preparation part, model checkers approaches may be helpful. On the other hand, for the model checking approach, our test case generator gives suitable criterions $P$ to test an invariant property. There is another difference between our approach and the model checker approach on inputs which each technique can be applied to. Basically model checkers can be applied to only concrete finite state machines, while the OTS/CafeOBJ method can deal with more abstract specifications. For example, Module USER should be refined to a concrete finite data to do model checking.

8. Conclusion

Generated test cases are regarded as black-box testing [4], which tests whether the implementation satisfies the specification and the invariant property. Each test method for the invariant property is generated from each proof passage. The case analysis in the proof score has enough information to verify the invariant property, and we believe that it is also useful for the testing phase. Our test case generator can be improved by combining other software test methods and techniques. For each generated test method (skeleton code), we need to instantiate the preparation part. At that phase, we can apply existing useful methods and techniques used in the area of software testing: equivalence partitioning, the boundary value analysis, etc [4]. A study of those techniques for user-defined abstract data type, which is one of the most important features of algebraic specification languages, is one of the future work. We showed an example which has only one proof score for a given specification. A specification may have many proof scores if there are several desired properties, for example, liveness properties and so on. For such cases, our test case generator may generate too many test cases. A study of how to manage (merge or reduce) test cases of several proof scores is another one of the future work. We have implemented the proposed test case generator in XSLT (XSL transformations). The tool is a part of the family of supporting tools for the OTS/CafeOBJ formal method including, for example, Gateau [14] toolkit for generating and displaying proof scores.

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