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Metamorphic Testing: A Simple Method for Testing Non-Testable Programs

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Abstract

A program is said to be non-testable if its output could not be verified. This keynote speech is aimed to provide a summary of the state-of-the-art for the technique of metamorphic testing which has been proposed to test the non-testable programs. We will cover the basic concepts, methodology and limitation of metamorphic testing. Also presented will include: the successful applications of metamorphic testing in non-testable systems, integration of metamorphic testing with some testing methods for testable programs, identification of metamorphic relations, prioritization of metamorphic relations, cost-effectiveness of metamorphic testing, etc. Potential research directions for metamorphic testing will also be discussed.

About the speaker

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