Pairwise Testing

- Necessary condition
 - For each pair of input parameters, every combination of valid values of these two parameters be covered
- Example
 - Parameter A has values A1 and A2
 - Parameter B has values B1 and B2
 - Parameter C has values C1 and C2
- Discussion

Some Test Cases

- {(A1, B1, C1), (A1, B2, C2), (A2, B1, C3), (A2, B2, C1), (A2, B1, C2), (A1, B2, C3)}
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Growth Terms

Horizontal

- Let T be a pairwise test set for parameters $p_1, p_2, ..., p_{n-1}$
- Horizontal growth of T for parameter P_i is to extend each test in T by adding the value of P_i .

Vertical

- After applying horizontal growth
- Let T be a test set for p₁, p₂, ..., p_i
- Let p be the set of tests not covered by T
- The vertical growth of T according to p is to construct new tests for pairs in p and add them to T

Horizontal Growth

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Algorithm IPO<sub>-</sub>H(T, p<sub>i</sub>)
/ T is a test set. But T is also treated as a list with elements in arbitrary order, assume that the domain of p<sub>i</sub> contains values v<sub>1</sub>, v<sub>2</sub>, ..., and v<sub>q</sub>;
π = { pairs between values of p<sub>i</sub> and values of p<sub>1</sub>, p<sub>2</sub>, ..., and p<sub>i-1</sub> };
if (|T| ≤ q)
{ for 1 ≤ j ≤ |T|, extend the jth test in T by adding value v<sub>j</sub> and remove from π pairs covered by the extended test;
} else
{ for 1 ≤ j ≤ q, extend the jth test in T by adding value v<sub>j</sub> and remove from π pairs covered by the extended test; for q < j ≤ |T|, extend the jth test in T by adding one value of p<sub>i</sub> such that the resulting test covers the most number of pairs in π, and remove from π pairs covered by the extended test;
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Vertical Growth

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Algorithm IPO_{-}V(\mathcal{T},\pi) let \mathcal{T}' be an empty set:

for each pair in \pi

{ assume that the pair contains value w of p_k, 1 \leq k < i, and value u of p_i;

if (\mathcal{T}' contains a test with "—" as the value of p_k and u as the value of p_i)

modify this test by replacing the "—" with w;

else

add a new test to \mathcal{T}' that has w as the value of p_k, u as the value of p_i,

and "—" as the value of every other parameter;

};

\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T} \cup \mathcal{T}';
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