

Program correctness

Testing (dynamic)

- test driven development
- cost of bugfix $\sim t^2$
- levels
 - unit
 - integration
 - system
 - acceptance
- approaches
 - white-box
 - black-box
 - grey-box
 - fuzzing
- dynamic analyzis
- static analyzis
- code review
- verification
 - model checking
 - mathematical methods
 - practical:
 - contract
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Static analysis

- pattern matching (context free)
- AST-based
- flow sensitive
- path sensitive (symbolic execution)
- concolic execution

- true positive
- false positive --> minimize this
- true negative
 - false negative
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Static safety

- type system
 - Strong type system \neq Static type system
 - e.g. Python has non-static strong type system
 - Concept: type system for templates

Dynamic safety

- Contract (C assert, Eiffel contract, C++20 delayed)
- Eiffel (Bertrand Meyer): "Design by Contract" (2000)
 - Eiffel: first order predicate logic
(including quantifiers: there_exists, for_all)
across my_list as l
 all l.item.some_property = some_value end
- precondition "require"
- postcondition "ensure"
- invariants "invariant"
- assertions "check"

e.g.

invariant

 valid_capacity: capacity > 0

 valid_item_count: item_count >= 0

 and item_count <= capacity

 definition_of_empty: (empty implies item_count = 0)

 and (item_count = 0 implies empty)

 definition_of_full: (full implies item_count = capacity)

 and (item_count = capacity implies full)

Redefinition - refining of contract

e.g. inheritance

Liskov Substitutional Principle

Der : Base;

Base b;

Derived d;

P1 is stronger than P2 iff $P1 \Rightarrow P2$

$\langle \text{Pre}', \text{Post}' \rangle$: Derived is a sub-specification of

$\langle \text{Pre}, \text{Post} \rangle$: Base

iff $\text{Pre} \Rightarrow \text{Pre}'$ and $\text{Post}' \Rightarrow \text{Post}$

$(x' \rightarrow y') <: (x \rightarrow y)$

$x' <: x \ \&\& \ y <: y'$

Covariant return type

contravariant input parameters
(by type theory, identical by practice)

see: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Covariance_and_contravariance_\(computer_science\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Covariance_and_contravariance_(computer_science))

Eiffel makes it wrong :

<https://www1.icsi.berkeley.edu/~sather/Documentation/EclecticTutorial/node15.html>

In C++:

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Base      { virtual X f(Y); }  
Derived : Base { virtual X' f(Y); }
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Other methods

- assert
- C++2b Contracts
- C++1x Concept - axioms -- removed from standard
"operator< is transitive, non-reflexive"
- Java -- perhaps using AspectJ (Gregor Kitzales)

Open issues: WCET (Worst Case Execution Time)

- HUME
- Rust (== Safer C++)
- Agda (Dependent type logic) used among others to prove compilers

Program provers

- Coq
- Idris