Scalable SMT Sampling for Floating-Point Formulas via Coverage-Guided Fuzzing

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SMT formula

$\Phi(x_1, x_2)$



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 $\Phi(x_1, x_2)$ time budget -

Boolean predicate $\Phi(x_{1}, x_{2}) \equiv x_{1} + x_{2} = 10$

SMT Sampling Technique



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Bit-level combining heuristic



MAX-SMT Solver

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No crashing input found

SMT Formula \longrightarrow

SMT to C++ Transpiler

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- Our tool: <u>https://srg.doc.ic.ac.uk/projects/jfs/</u>