

Test-based Solution Filtering for Program Synthesis



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Type-based Program Synthesis gives bad results!

$xs: [a] \rightarrow (a, a)$

Query

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2. (\$) (last []) xs
3. last (zip [] xs)
4. head (zip [] xs)
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6. head (zip xs [])
7. (,) (head (xs++xs)) (head xs)
- ...
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**Get rid of these
uninteresting results to
save our desired one!**

How to get rid of these uninteresting results?

Manually classify and recognize the patterns

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Invalid results can be..

- Always crash e.g. `head []`, `last []`, `fromJust Nothing`
- Always diverge e.g. `last (repeat x)`, `length (repeat x)`

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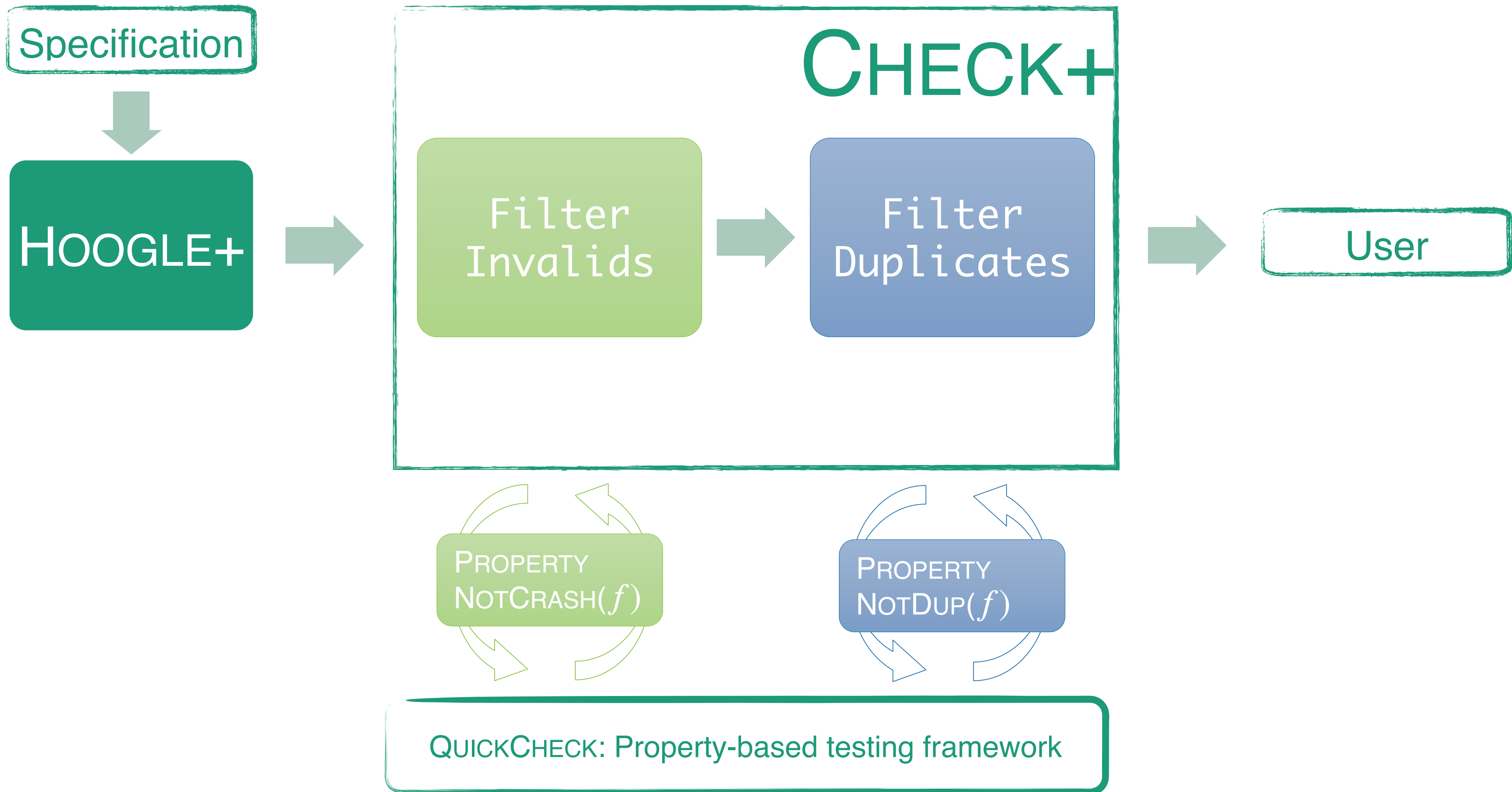
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- `[]` vs. `(zip xs [])`
- `(head xs)` vs. `(head (xs++xs))`

Overview of Check+



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Prop. 1 passed \Rightarrow Invalid & Reject!

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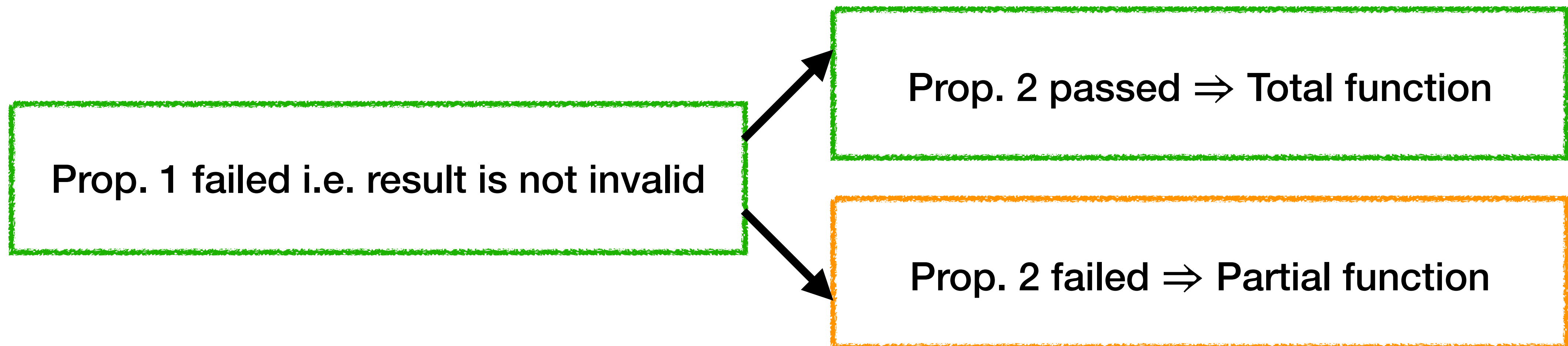
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Build Prop. 1: $f \neq f', f' \in \mathcal{S}$ where \mathcal{S} is the set of all previous synthesized results.

Challenges

- Infinite Data Structures

Consider `\x -> (repeat x, head [])`

Does it ever fail?

```
>> print (f x)
([x, x, x, x, x, x, x, x,
x, x, x, x, x, x, x, ...
```

Challenges

- Higher-order Function

Consider $\lambda f \rightarrow f (\text{head } [])$ with $f = \{ _ \rightarrow \emptyset \}$

Does it ever fail?

```
>> g _ = \emptyset
>> f g
\emptyset
```

Updates to Check+

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- Function-arguments are enumerated based on size
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Recall – Property: Invalid Result

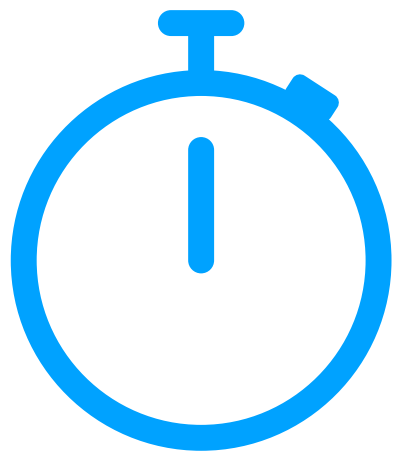
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- Input generation with Enumeration

```
Test.QuickCheck> generate (resize 3 arbitrary) :: IO [String]
```

```
["\222119v", "s?5", ""]
```

```
Test.QuickCheck> generate (resize 3 arbitrary) :: IO [Int]
```

```
[0, -2]
```


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Example 1

$xs: [a] \rightarrow (a, a)$

Query

1. $(,)$ (head xs) (head xs)

$[0, 1] \rightarrow (0, 0)$
 $[1, 0] \rightarrow (1, 1)$
 $[] \rightarrow \text{error}$

2. $(,)$ (last xs) (last xs)

$[0, 1] \rightarrow (1, 1)$
 $[1, 0] \rightarrow (0, 0)$
 $[] \rightarrow \text{error}$

3. $(,)$ (head xs) (last xs)

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Discarded results

- 1) last (zip [] xs)
- 2) head (zip [] xs)
- 3) last (zip xs [])
- 4) head (zip xs [])

Example 2

$f: (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow g: (a \rightarrow c) \rightarrow x: a \rightarrow (b, c)$

Query

1. $(,)$ $(f\ x)$ $(g\ x)$

$\{_ \rightarrow 0\}$ $\{_ \rightarrow 0\}$ $0 \rightarrow (0, 0)^*$

Discarded results

1. $(,)$ $(f\ (\text{fromJust Nothing}))\ (g\ x)$
2. $(,)$ $(g\ (\text{head } []))\ (f\ x)$
3. $(,)$ $(g\ (\text{last } []))\ (f\ x)$

*Note: in CLI given as $\backslash x \rightarrow \text{case } x \text{ of } 0 \rightarrow 0; 1 \rightarrow 0; -1 \rightarrow 0; 2 \rightarrow 0; \dots \backslash x \rightarrow \text{case } x \text{ of } 0 \rightarrow 0; 1 \rightarrow 0; -1 \rightarrow 0; 2 \rightarrow 0; \dots 0 \implies (0, 0)$

Example 3

```
f: (a -> Either b c) -> xs: [a] -> ([b], [c])
```

Query

```
1. partitionEithers (map f xs)
```

```
{_->Left 0} [] -> ([], [])
```

```
2. partitionEithers (repeat (f (head xs)))
```

```
{_->Right 0} [] -> ([], [0, 0, ...])
```

Discarded results

```
1. partitionEithers (repeat (f (last xs)))  
2. curry (last []) xs f
```