Abstract

We study the problem of detecting non - termination in multi - threaded programs due to unwanted race conditions. We claim that the cause of nontermination can be attributed to the presence of at least two loops in two different threads, where the valuations of the loop controlling parameters are inter-dependent, i.e., value of one parameter in one thread depends on the execution sequence in the other thread and vice versa. In this thesis, we propose a testing based technique to analyze finite execution sequences and infer the likelihood of non-termination scenarios. Our technique is a light weight, flexible testing based approach that can be paired with any testing technique. We claim that testing based methods are likely to be scalable to large programs as opposed to static analysis methods. We present an outline of our implementation and prove the feasibility of our approach by presenting case studies on tailored sample programs. We conclude by discussing the limitations of our approach and future avenues of research along this line of work.