

Genetic Improvement of Software: a Comprehensive Survey

Supplemental Material: Core Papers on Genetic Improvement

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TABLE I: Core papers on genetic improvement.

| No. | Ref. | Title | Year | Venue | Authors | Improvement Criterion | Search | Representation | Fitness | Modified Language | Type |
|-----|-------|---|------|--------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|---|---|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | [2] | A Genetic Programming Approach to Automated Software Repair | 2009 | GECCO | Forrest et al. | repair | GP | tree | test cases | C | Empirical study |
| 2 | [99] | A Novel Co-evolutionary Approach to Automatic Software Bug Fixing | 2008 | CEC | Arcuri and Yao | repair | GP | tree | test cases | Java | Empirical study |
| 3 | [3] | A Systematic Study of Automated Program Repair: Fixing 55 out of 105 Bugs for \$8 Each | 2012 | ICSE | Le Goues et al. | repair | GP | tree-based edits | test cases | C | Empirical study |
| 4 | [163] | Applying Genetic Improvement to MiniSAT | 2013 | SSBSE | Petke et al. | runtime | GP | line-level edits | test cases | C++ | Empirical study |
| 5 | [193] | Automated Design of Algorithms and Genetic Improvement: Contrast and Commonalities | 2015 | GI | Haraldsson and Woodward | - | - | - | - | - | Position paper |
| 6 | [156] | Automated Program Repair through the Evolution of Assembly Code | 2010 | ASE | Schulte et al. | repair | GP | sequence of assembly code | test cases | C; Haskell; Java | Empirical study |
| 7 | [157] | Automated Repair of Binary and Assembly Programs for Cooperating Embedded Devices | 2013 | ASPLOS | Schulte et al. | repair | GP | sequence of assembly code and ELF binary instructions | test cases | C; C++ | Empirical study |
| 8 | [1] | Automated Software Transplantation | 2015 | ISSTA | Barr et al. | new functionality | GP | variable mapping; list of statements | test cases | C | Empirical study |
| 9 | [133] | Automated Transplantation of Call Graph and Layout Features into Kate | 2015 | SSBSE | Marginean et al. | new functionality | GP | variable mapping; list of statements | test cases | C | Empirical study |
| 10 | [96] | Automatic Conversion of Programs from Serial to Parallel Using Genetic Programming - The Paragen System | 1995 | ParCo | Walsh and Ryan | parallelisation | GP | tree-based edits | test cases | Fortran | Empirical study |
| 11 | [142] | Automatic Parallelization of Arbitrary Programs | 1999 | EuroGP | Ryan and Ivan | parallelisation | GP | sequence of transformations | test cases with data dependency analysis | Fortran | Empirical study |
| 12 | [134] | Automatic Program Repair Using Genetic Programming | 2013 | TR | Le Goues | repair | GP | tree | test cases | C | PhD thesis |
| 13 | [127] | Automatic Software Generation and Improvement through Search Based Techniques | 2009 | TR | Arcuri | runtime; repair | GP | tree | test cases; minimisation wrt. original; multi-objective | Java | PhD thesis |
| 14 | [5] | Automatically Finding Patches Using Genetic Programming | 2009 | ICSE | Weimer et al. | repair | GP | tree | test cases | C | Empirical study |
| 15 | [7] | Babel Pidgin: SBSE Can Grow and Graft Entirely New Functionality into a Real World System | 2014 | SSBSE | Harman et al. | new functionality | GP | variable mapping; list of statements | test cases with human-provided constraints | C | Empirical study |
| 16 | [136] | Coevolutionary Automated Software Correction | 2010 | GECCO | Wilkerson and Tauritz | repair | GP | tree | test cases | C++ | Empirical study |
| 17 | [94] | Current challenges in automatic software repair | 2013 | SQJ | Le Goues et al. | - | - | - | - | - | Overview |
| 18 | [162] | Deep Parameter Optimisation | 2015 | GECCO | Fan et al. | runtime; memory consumption | GP | integer vector | test cases | C | Empirical study |
| 19 | [131] | Designing Better Fitness Functions for Automated Program Repair | 2010 | GECCO | Fast et al. | repair | GP | tree | test cases | C | Empirical study |
| 20 | [132] | Efficient Automated Program Repair through Fault-Recorded Testing Prioritization | 2013 | ICSM | Qi et al. | repair | random | tree-based edit | test cases | C | Empirical study |
| 21 | [185] | Embedded Dynamic Improvement | 2015 | GI | Burles et al. | - | - | - | - | - | Position paper |
| 22 | [184] | Embedding Adaptivity in Software Systems using the ECSEL framework | 2015 | GI | Yeboah-Antwi and Baudry | slimming | GP | bytecode blocks | test cases | Java | Empirical study |

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| 23 | [172] | Energy Optimisation via Genetic Improvement: A SBSE technique for a new era in Software Development | 2015 | GI | Bruce | - | - | - | - | - | Position paper |
| 24 | [100] | Evolutionary Improvement of Programs | 2011 | TEVC | White et al. | runtime | GP | tree | test cases; multi-objective | C | Empirical study |
| 25 | [154] | Evolutionary Repair of Faulty Software | 2011 | ASOC | Arcuri | repair | GP; HC; random | tree | test cases with tree minimisation wrt. the original | Java | Empirical study |
| 26 | [180] | Evolving a CUDA Kernel from an nVidia Template | 2010 | CEC | Langdon and Harman | parallelisation | GP | tree | test cases | C++; CUDA | Empirical study |
| 27 | [160] | Evolving Patches for Software Repair | 2011 | GECCO | Ackling et al. | repair | GP; random | tree edit sequence | test cases and minimisation wrt. the original | Python | Empirical study |
| 28 | [176] | Fitness as Task-relevant Information Accumulation | 2015 | GI | Johnson and Woodward | - | - | - | - | - | Position paper |
| 29 | [186] | Genetic Improvement for Adaptive Software Engineering | 2014 | SEAMS | Harman et al. | - | - | - | - | - | Keynote |
| 30 | [177] | Genetic Improvement for Software Product Lines: An Overview and a Roadmap | 2015 | GI | Lopez-Herrejon et al. | - | - | - | - | - | Position paper |
| 31 | [171] | Genetic Improvement of Energy Usage is only as Reliable as the Measurements are Accurate | 2015 | GI | Haraldsson and Woodward | - | - | - | - | - | Position paper |
| 32 | [166] | Genetic Improvement of Programs | 2014 | SYNASC | Langdon | - | - | - | - | - | Overview |
| 33 | [167] | Genetic Improvement of Software for Multiple Objectives | 2015 | SSBSE | Langdon | - | - | - | - | - | Overview |
| 34 | [179] | Genetic Improvement Using Higher Order Mutation | 2015 | GI | Jia et al. | - | - | - | - | - | Position paper |
| 35 | [128] | Genetic Programming for Low-Resource Systems | 2009 | TR | White | runtime; energy consumption | GP | tree | test cases; multi-objective | C | PhD thesis |
| 36 | [139] | Genetic Programming for Reverse Engineering | 2013 | WCRC | Harman et al. | - | - | - | - | - | Overview |
| 37 | [129] | Genetic Programming for Shader Simplification | 2011 | TOG | Sitthi-amorn et al. | runtime | GP | tree | test cases | HLSL; Cg | Empirical study |
| 38 | [164] | Genetically Improved CUDA C++ Software | 2014 | EuroGP | Langdon and Harman | runtime | GP | line-level edits | test cases | CUDA | Empirical study |
| 39 | [147] | GenProg: A Generic Method for Automatic Software Repair | 2012 | TSE | Le Goues et al. | repair | GP | tree-based edits | test cases | C | Empirical study |
| 40 | [175] | GI4GI: Improving Genetic Improvement Fitness Functions | 2015 | GI | Harman and Petke | - | - | - | - | - | Position paper |
| 41 | [130] | Grow and Graft a Better CUDA pknotsRG for RNA Pseudoknot Free Energy Calculation | 2015 | GI | Langdon and Harman | parallelisation | GP | line-level edits | test cases | CUDA | Empirical study |
| 42 | [141] | Grow and Serve: Growing Django Citation Services Using SBSE | 2015 | SSBSE | Jia et al. | new functionality | GP | variable mapping; list of statements | test cases with human-provided constraints | Python | Empirical study |
| 43 | [168] | Improving 3D Medical Image Registration CUDA Software with Genetic Programming | 2014 | GECCO | Langdon et al. | runtime | GP | line-level edits | test cases | CUDA | Empirical study |
| 44 | [169] | Improving CUDA DNA Analysis Software with Genetic Programming | 2015 | GECCO | Langdon et al. | runtime | GP | line-level edits | test cases | C | Empirical study |
| 45 | [182] | locoGP: Improving Performance by Genetic Programming Java Source Code | 2015 | GI | Brendan Cody-Kenny et al. | runtime | GP | tree | test cases | Java | Empirical study |

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| 47 | [155] | Multi-objective Improvement of Software Using Co-evolution and Smart Seeding | 2008 | SEAL | Arcuri et al. | runtime | GP | tree | test cases | Java | Empirical study |
| 48 | [158] | Neutral Networks of Real-World Programs and Their Application to Automated Software Evolution | 2014 | TR | Schulte | repair; energy consumption | GP | tree edits; assembly code; ELF instructions | test cases | C; C++ | PhD thesis |
| 49 | [135] | On Search Based Software Evolution | 2009 | SSBSE | Arcuri | - | - | - | - | - | Overview |
| 50 | [146] | On the Automation of Fixing Software Bugs | 2008 | ICSE | Arcuri | - | - | - | - | - | Overview |
| 51 | [181] | Optimizing Existing Software With Genetic Programming | 2015 | TEVC | Langdon and Harman | runtime | GP | line-level edits | test cases | C | Empirical study |
| 52 | [115] | Paragen: A Novel Technique for the Autoparallelisation of Sequential Programs Using GP | 1996 | GP | Walsh and Ryan | parallelisation | GP | tree-based edits | test cases | Fortran | Empirical study |
| 53 | [170] | Performance of Genetic Programming Optimised Bowtie2 on Genome Comparison and Analytic Testing (GCAT) Benchmarks | 2015 | BDM | Langdon | - | - | - | - | - | Empirical study |
| 54 | [173] | Post-Compiler Software Optimization for Reducing Energy | 2014 | ASPLOS | Schulte et al. | energy consumption | GP | sequence of assembly code instructions | test cases | C; C++ | Empirical study |
| 55 | [174] | Reducing Energy Consumption Using Genetic Improvement | 2015 | GECCO | Bruce et al. | energy consumption | GP | line-level edits | test cases | C++ | Empirical study |
| 56 | [178] | Removing the Kitchen Sink from Software | 2015 | GI | Landsborough et al. | slimming | GP | sequence of binary instructions | test cases | C | Empirical study |
| 57 | [145] | Repairing COTS Router Firmware without Access to Source Code or Test Suites: A Case Study in Evolutionary Software Repair | 2015 | GI | Schulte | repair | GP | sequence of ELF binary instructions | test cases | unknown | Empirical study |
| 58 | [148] | Representations and Operators for Improving Evolutionary Software Repair | 2012 | GECCO | Le Goues et al. | repair | GP | tree-based edits | test cases | C | Empirical study |
| 59 | [138] | Rethinking Genetic Improvement Programming | 2015 | GI | White and Singer | - | - | - | - | - | Position paper |
| 60 | [126] | Software is Not Fragile | 2015 | CS-DC | Langdon and Petke | runtime | GP | single line-level edit | test cases | C; C++; CUDA | Empirical study |
| 61 | [165] | The Emergence of Useful Bias in Self-focusing Genetic Programming for Software Optimisation | 2013 | SSBSE | Cody-Kenny and Barrett | runtime | GP | tree | test cases | Java | Empirical study |
| 62 | [143] | The Evolution of Provable Parallel Programs | 1997 | GP | Ryan and Walsh | parallelisation | GP | sequence of transformations | test cases with data dependency analysis | Fortran | Empirical study |
| 63 | [101] | The GISMOE Challenge: Constructing the Pareto Program Surface Using Genetic Programming to Find Better Programs | 2012 | ASE | Harman et al. | - | - | - | - | - | Keynote |
| 64 | [153] | The Strength of Random Search on Automated Program Repair | 2014 | ICSE | Qi et al. | repair | random | tree-based edit | test cases | C | Empirical study |
| 65 | [149] | Using Execution Paths to Evolve Software Patches | 2009 | SBST | Nguyen et al. | repair | GP | tree | test cases | C | Empirical study |
| 66 | [4] | Using Genetic Improvement and Code Transplants to Specialise a C++ Program to a Problem Class | 2014 | EuroGP | Petke et al. | runtime; specialisation | GP | line-level edits | test based | C++ | Empirical study |