

Random Testing in 321

Test Cases So Far

Each test relates a particular input to a particular output.

```
(test (bound-ids
  (with 'x (id 'y) (id 'x)))
  ' (x))
(test (binding-ids
  (with 'x (id 'y) (id 'x)))
  ' (x))
```

Property-based Testing

But we can only write so many tests by hand.

To find additional bugs, we can automate testing.

We start with what we *hope* is a fact about our program.

For example,

“If **bound-ids** says '**x**' is bound,
then **binding-ids** says '**x**' is binding.”

Property Violation

If we can find some WAE for which the property doesn't hold ...

```
(define a-WAE . . .)  
(bound-ids a-WAE) ; ⇒ ' (x)  
(binding-ids a-WAE) ; ⇒ ' ()
```

... we've found a bug.

Property Testing

We can test this property in the usual style.

```
; bound=>binding? : WAE -> boolean
; checks if bound ids are also binding
(define (bound=>binding? e) ...)

(test (bound=>binding? (id 'x))
      true)

(test (bound=>binding?
        (with 'x (num 0) (id 'x)))
      true)
```

Expected result is always **true**, so if we had lots of **WAEs**, then we'd have lots of tests.

Automated Property Testing

Write a program to generate test inputs!

Random WAEs

```
; random-WAE: -> WAE
(define (random-WAE)
  (case (random 5)
    [(0) (num (random-nat)) ]
    [(1) (id (random-symbol)) ]
    [(2) (add (random-WAE) (random-WAE)) ]
    [(3) (sub (random-WAE) (random-WAE)) ]
    [(4) (with (random-symbol)
               (random-WAE)
               (random-WAE)) ])))
```

Watch out – that code is buggy.... (read on for why)

Random WAEs

```
; random-nat: -> nat
(define (random-nat)
  (case (random 2)
    [ (0) 0]
    [ (1) (add1 (random-nat)) ]))

; random-symbol: -> symbol
(define (random-symbol)
  (random-elem ' (x y z a b c) ))

; random-elem: (listof X) -> X
(define (random-elem xs)
  (list-ref xs (random (length xs))))
```

Generation Strategy

To build a WAE,

- 1/5 of the time, build a number
- 1/5 of the time, build a symbol
- 3/5 of the time, first build *two more WAEs*

Expected Progress

On average, we “reduce” the problem from

Generate 1 WAE.

to

Generate 1.2 WAEs.

since $1.2 = (2/5)*0 + (3/5)*2$

Height Bound

Limit WAE size by bounding tree height.

```
; random-WAE/b: nat -> WAE
(define (random-WAE/b h)
  (case (random (if (zero? h) 2 5))
    [(0) (num (random-nat))]
    [(1) (id (random-symbol))]
    [(2) (add (random-WAE/b (sub1 h))
              (random-WAE/b (sub1 h))))]
    [(3) (sub (random-WAE/b (sub1 h))
              (random-WAE/b (sub1 h)))]
    [(4) (with (random-symbol)
              (random-WAE/b (sub1 h))
              (random-WAE/b (sub1 h))))]))
```

(Alternatively, tweak weights.)

Property Implementation

```
; bound=>binding: WAE -> boolean
(define (bound=>binding e)
  (sublist? (bound-ids e) (binding-ids e)))

; sublist?: (listof X) (listof X) -> boolean
; Expects xs and ys to be sorted and have no dups.
(define (sublist? xs ys)
  (cond [ (null? xs) #t]
        [ (null? ys) #f]
        [ (equal? (car xs) (car ys))
          (sublist? (cdr xs) (cdr ys)) ]
        [else (sublist? xs (cdr ys)) ]))
```

Running Tests

```
; test-bound=>binding: nat nat -> (or 'passed WAE)
(define (test-bound=>binding size attempts)
  (if (zero? attempts)
      'passed
      (let ([test-input (random-WAE/b size)])
        (if (bound=>binding test-input)
            (test-bound=>binding
             size
             (sub1 attempts))
            test-input))))
(test-bound=>binding 5 1000)
```

HW2 Test Results

We ran random tests on last year's HW2 submissions.

- Received 99 submissions
- Tested 6 properties
- Found a bug in 53 out of those 99 submissions

Interpreter Properties

- Interpreter does not crash
- Produces same result as another implementation (e.g., DrRacket)
- Type checker accurately predicts result (later)
- Program equivalences hold

With Elimination Example

For example, we should be able to replace a **with** with a new function.

```
{with {x {+ 7 2}}}  
  {+ x x} } → {defun {f x}  
  {+ x x} }  
{f {+ 7 2} }
```

With Elimination Rule, an Attempt

In general,

```
{ ...  
{with {an-id a-wae}  
another-wae} →  
... }
```

With Elimination Rule, an Attempt

In general,

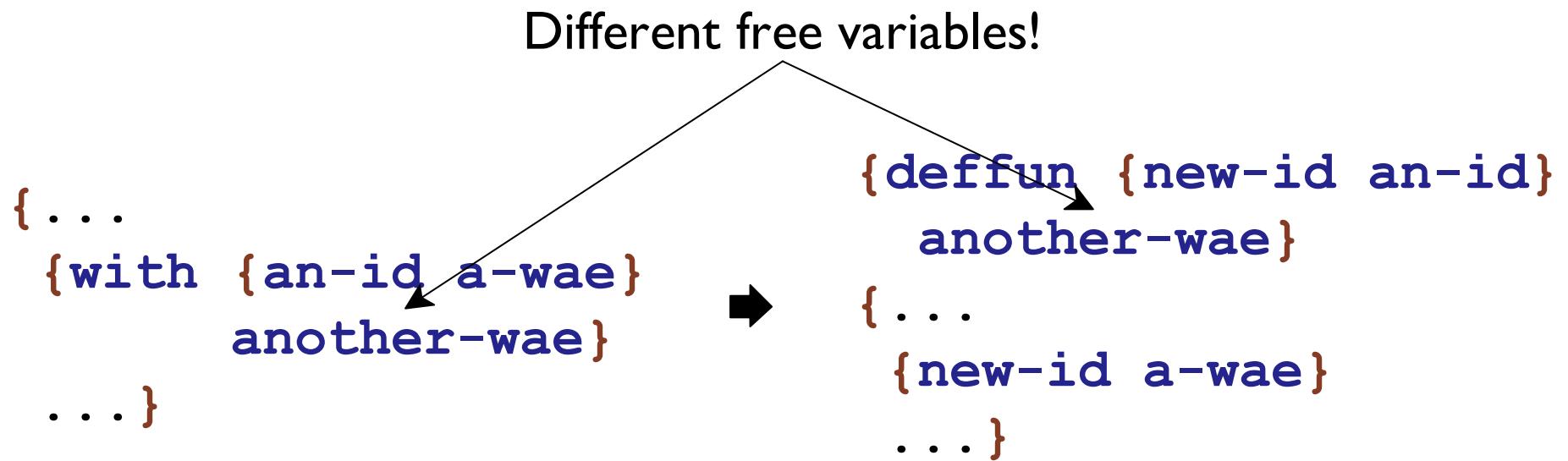
```
{ ...  
{with {an-id a-wae}  
another-wae}  
... }
```



```
{deffun {new-id an-id}  
another-wae}  
{ ...  
{new-id a-wae}  
... }
```

With Elimination Rule, an Attempt

In general,



Rule Example

```
{with {x {+ 2 7}}
  {with {y {+ x x}}
    {+ x y}}}
```

```
{defun {f y}
  {+ x y}}
{with {x {+ 2 7}}
  {f {+ x x}}}
```

Rule Example

```
{with {x {+ 2 7}}
  {with {y {+ x x}}
    {+ x y}}}
```

bound

free

```
{defun {f y}
  {+ x y}}
{with {x {+ 2 7}}
  {f {+ x x}}}}
```



With Elimination, Fixed

Pass free variables of `another-wae` as arguments.

```
{...  
{with {an-id a-wae}  
  another-wae}           →  
... }  
  
{deffun {new-id an-id  
          id1 ...}  
  another-wae}  
{...  
 {new-id a-wae  
   id1 ...}  
 ...}  
  
where  
  
(equal?  
 (free-ids another-wae)  
 (list id1 ...))
```

Rule Example

x becomes a parameter of **f**

```
{with {x {+ 2 7}}
  {with {y {+ x x}}
    {+ x y}}}
```



```
{defun {f y x}
  {+ x y}}
{with {x {+ 2 7}}
  {f {+ x x} x}}
```