

HaskellFL: A Tool for Detecting Logical Errors in Haskell

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Motivation

Functional Programming



Functional Programming

- Functional Programming is building software via:
 - Function composition: create new functions by composing others
 - Pure functions: every time it is called, it produces the same result
 - No shared state: no global values
 - Limited side effects: limited interaction with external world
 - Immutability: once a variable is created, its value cannot be changed

Logical Errors

- Logical errors: they do not cause the program to crash or simply not work at all, they cause it to return a wrong output

```
float average(float a, float b)
{
    return a + b / 2;    /* should be (a + b) / 2 */
}
```

Problem Definition

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- Challenges in understanding and taking advantage of the functional paradigm
- Much time spent at debugging

Why Haskell

add a b = a + b

- Purely functional language
- Pure functions: Haskell, calling add with the same a and b will always return the same value
- Impure functions: C++, moveX modifies pos state

```
class Pos {  
    private:  
        int x;  
        int y;  
  
    public:  
        Pos(int x, int y) {  
            this->x = x;  
            this->y = y;  
        }  
  
        void moveX(int inc) {  
            this->x = this->x + inc;  
        }  
};
```

```
Pos pos = Pos(0,0);  
pos.moveX(1); // 1 0  
pos.moveX(1); // 2 0  
pos.moveX(1); // 3 0
```


Why Haskell



- Used in functional programming introductory classes
- Several companies use Haskell in internal products or research



Compilers



Compilers



Advertising, Spam Filtering



Finance



Hardware



Goals

Goals

- Project and implement a tool, containing a Haskell interpreter for a subset of Haskell 2010 grammar
- Implement two fault localization techniques
- Build a Haskell test suite covering the chosen Haskell grammar's subset

Haskell Grammar Subset

HaskellFL Grammar Subset

- In: functions, case, if then else, guards, pattern matching, abstract data types, let and where, lambda function
- Out: do notation, list comprehension, type declaration



```
lista = [x*2 | x <- [1..10]]
```

```
greetAndSeeYou :: IO ()  
greetAndSeeYou = do name <- nameReturn  
                  putStrLn ("See you, " ++ name ++ "!!")
```

```
type PhoneBook = [(String,String)]
```

HaskellFL Grammar Subset

```
data TriangleType = Equilateral
                  | Isosceles
                  | Scalene
                  | Illegal
                  deriving (Eq, Show)
```

```
filter :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
filter _ [] = []
filter f (x:xs)
  | f x      = x : (filter f xs)
  | otherwise = filter f xs
```

```
quickSort :: (Ord a) => [a] -> [a]
quickSort [] = []
quickSort (x:xs) = quickSort smaller ++ [x] ++ quickSort larger
  where smaller = filter (\y -> y <= x) xs
        larger  = filter (\y -> y > x) xs
```



```
describeList :: [a] -> String
describeList xs = "The list is " ++ case xs of [] -> "empty."
                                              [x] -> "a singleton list."
                                              xs -> "a longer list."
```

```
nub :: (Eq a) => [a] -> [a]
nub [] = []
nub (x:xs) = x : nub (filter (\y -> y /= x) xs)
```

```
scanl :: (a -> b -> a) -> a -> [b] -> [a]
scanl f q (x:xs) = if xs == []
                  then [q]
                  else q : (scanl f (f q x) xs)
```

```
foldl f z [] = z
foldl f z (x:xs) = let z' = f z x
                   in foldl f z' xs
```

Fault Localization

Example 1 - Mid

```

1.module Main where
2.  mid x y z = if y < z
3.    then if x < y
4.      then y
5.      else if x < z
6.        then y -- BUG
7.        else z
8.    else if x > y
9.      then y
10.     else if x > z
11.       then x
12.       else z
    
```

```

mid 3 3 5 = 3 ✓
mid 1 2 3 = 2 ✓
mid 3 2 1 = 2 ✓
mid 5 5 5 = 5 ✓
mid 5 3 4 = 4 ✓
mid 2 1 3 = 1 ✗
    
```

Test cases/Lines	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	P/F
3 3 5		●	●		●	●							P
1 2 3		●	●	●									P
3 2 1		●						●	●				P
5 5 5		●						●		●		●	P
5 3 4		●	●		●		●						P
2 1 3		●	●		●	●							F

Methods

- **Tarantula:** entities that are primarily executed by failed test cases are more likely to be faulty than those primarily executed by passed test cases
- **Ochiai:** coefficient known from the biology domain, it is more sensitive to potential fault locations in failed runs than to activity in passed runs

$$Tarantula(s) = \frac{\frac{failed(s)}{totalfailed}}{\frac{failed(s)}{totalfailed} + \frac{passed(s)}{totalpassed}}$$

$$Ochiai(s) = \frac{failed(s)}{\sqrt{totalfailed(failed(s) + passed(s))}}$$

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5 5 5		●						●		●		●	P
5 3 4		●	●		●		●						P
2 1 3		●	●		●	●							F
Tarantula	0.00	0.50	0.63	0.00	0.71	0.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Ochiai	0.00	0.41	0.5	0.00	0.58	0.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

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```

$totalfailed = 1$

$totalpassed = 5$

$failed(6) = 1$

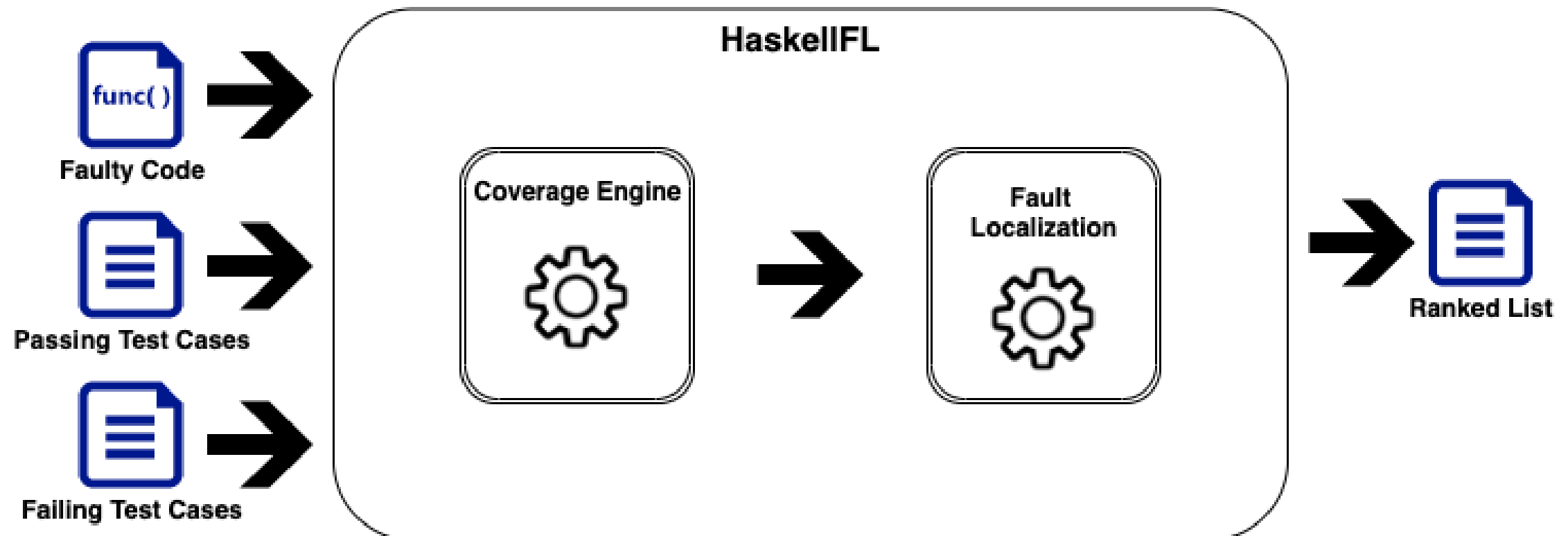
$passed(6) = 1$

$$Ochiai(6) = \frac{failed(6)}{\sqrt{totalfailed(failed(6) + passed(6))}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \approx 0.71$$

$$Tarantula(6) = \frac{\frac{failed(6)}{totalfailed}}{\frac{failed(6)}{totalfailed} + \frac{passed(6)}{totalpassed}} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{5}} = \frac{5}{6} \approx 0.83$$

HaskellFL

HaskellFL Architecture



HaskellFL Output

```
1.  module Main () where
2.
3.      dropWhileClone p [] = []
4.      dropWhileClone p (x:xs)
5.          | p x      = dropWhileClone p xs
6.          | otherwise = x:xs
7.
8.      isSpace s = if s == " " -- BUG
9.                  then True
10.                 else False
11.
```

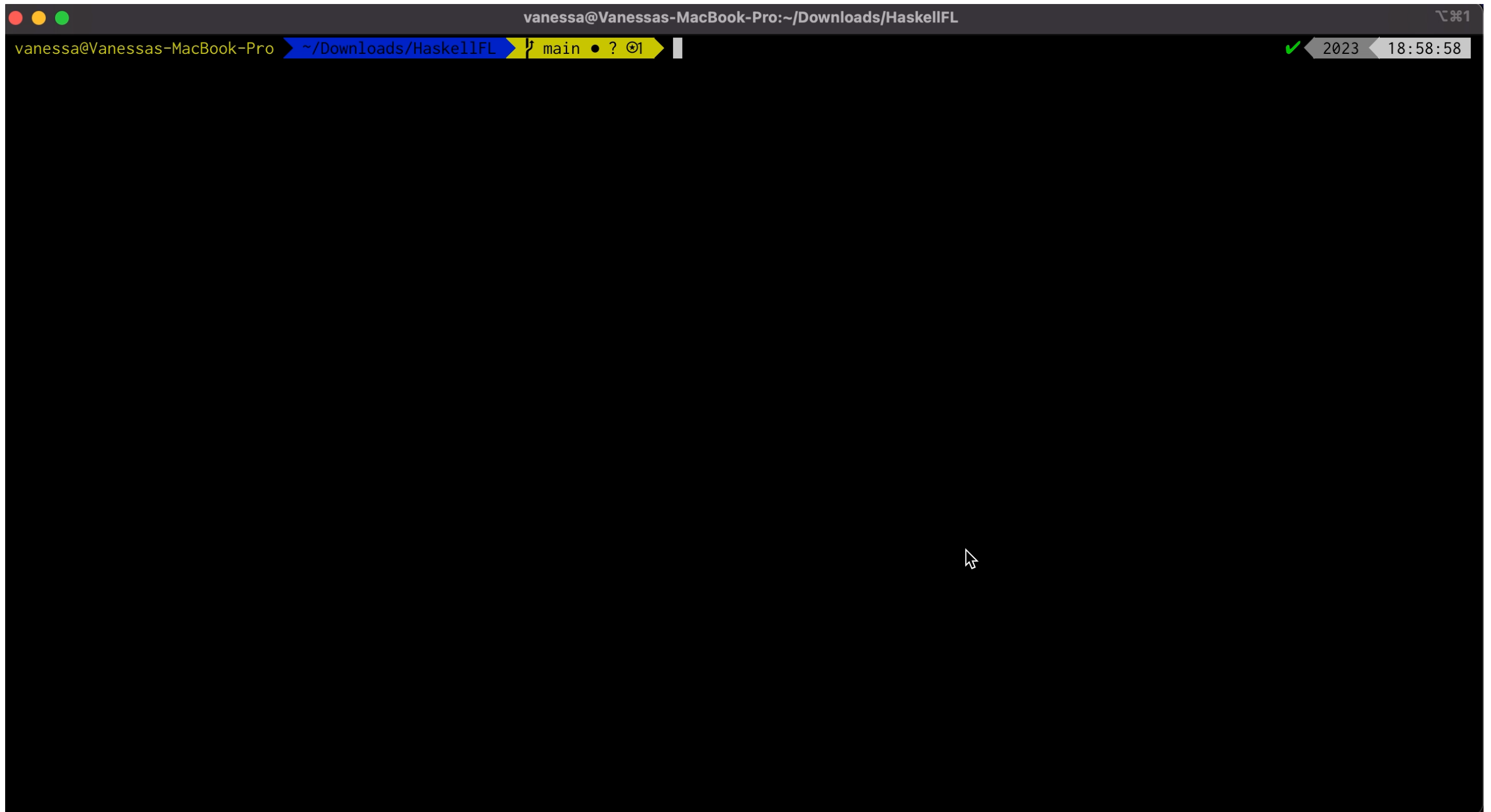
```
"## HaskellFL ##"
"Tarantula: "
Line = 9, Score = 1.0
Line = 5, Score = 1.0
Line = 8, Score = 0.556
Line = 10, Score = 0.5
Line = 6, Score = 0.5
Line = 3, Score = 0.5
```

```
"## HaskellFL ##"
"Ochiai: "
Line = 8, Score = 0.745
Line = 5, Score = 0.745
Line = 3, Score = 0.707
Line = 10, Score = 0.632
Line = 9, Score = 0.632
Line = 6, Score = 0.632
```

Ranked List

Demo

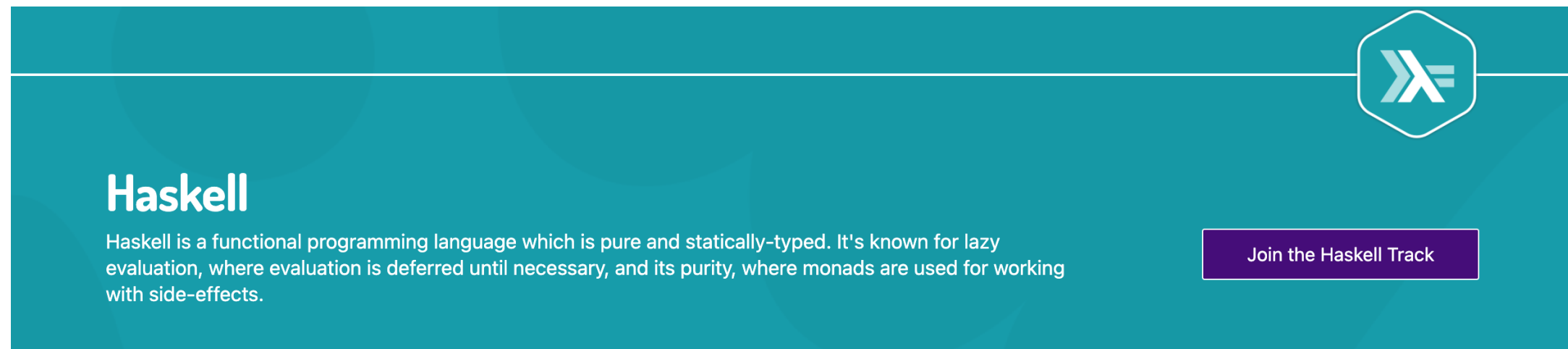
Demo



Test Suite

Test Suite

- 24 problems
- Submissions from students in the Functional Programming class at UFMG
- Two versions of mid function
- Submissions for Exercism's Haskell track available on GitHub






The banner features a teal background with the Haskell logo (a stylized lambda symbol) in the top right corner. The word "Haskell" is written in large white font on the left. Below it, a paragraph describes Haskell as a pure, statically-typed functional language. A purple button with white text "Join the Haskell Track" is on the right.

Haskell

Haskell is a functional programming language which is pure and statically-typed. It's known for lazy evaluation, where evaluation is deferred until necessary, and its purity, where monads are used for working with side-effects.

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	17 Mentors Our mentors are friendly, experienced Haskell developers who will help teach you new techniques and tricks.		13,101 Students Join thousands of students who have enjoyed learning and improving their skills by taking this track.		96 Exercises Hundreds of hours have gone into making these exercises fun, useful, and challenging to help you enjoy learning.
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Test Suite

Program	#Tests	Ranking	
		Tarantula	Ochiai
mid (Version 1)	6	5	2
mid (Version 2)	6	1	1
dropWhileClone	10	3	1
dropWhile	9	1	1
break (Version 1)	5	1	1
break (Version 2)	8	1	1
toTuples	10	1	1
remdupsReducer	7	1	1
joinr	12	1	1
separateTuplesByType	7	1	1
flip	5	1	1
unzip	3	1	1
maxSumLength	11	1	1
binary-search-tree	8	2	2
grade-school	7	1	1
luhn	6	2	2
raindrops	8	1	1
resistor-color-duo	7	1	1
robot-simulator	9	1	1
roman-numerals	8	1	1
simple-linked-list	6	1	1
space-age	7	1	1
sum-of-multiples	7	3	1
triangle	8	6	5

Results

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- Indicates the percentage of program elements that a developer would have to inspect until finding the bug

```
1. module Main () where
2.
3.     dropWhileClone p [] = []
4.     dropWhileClone p (x:xs)
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$$OchaiBest = \frac{1}{10} = 10\%$$

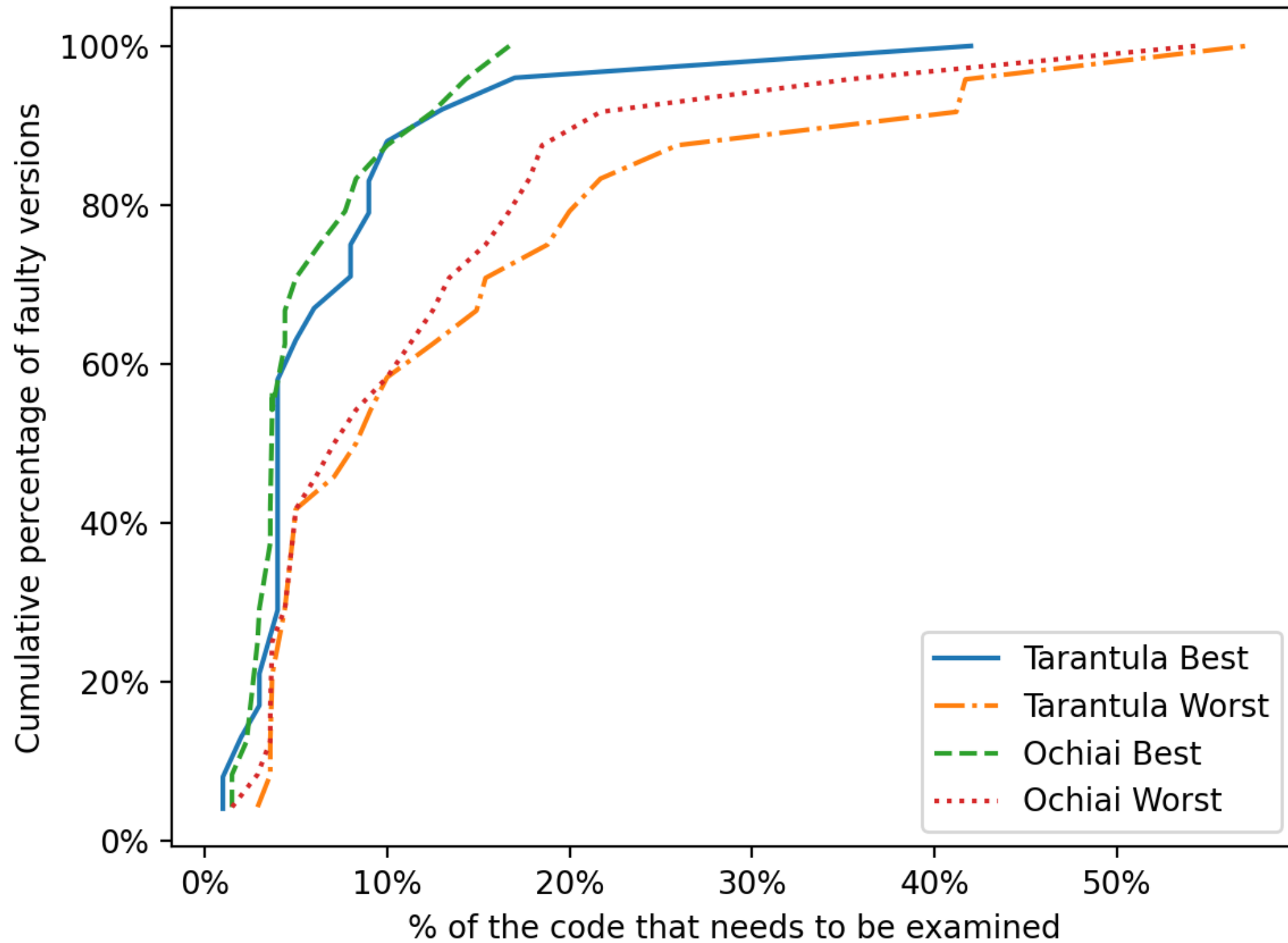
$$OchaiWorst = \frac{2}{10} = 20\%$$

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EXAM Score	Tarantula Best	Tarantula Worst	Ochiai Best	Ochiai Worst
(0-4.9)%	58.33%	33.33%	66.67%	33.33%
(5-9.9)%	25.00%	20.83%	16.67%	20.83%
(10-14.9)%	8.33%	12.50%	12.50%	16.67%
(15-19.9)%	4.17%	8.33%	4.17%	16.67%
(20-24.9)%	0.00%	8.33%	0.00%	4.17%
(25-29.9)%	0.00%	4.17%	0.00%	0.00%
(30-34.9)%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
(35-39.9)%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.17%
(40-44.9)%	4.17%	8.33%	0.00%	0.00%
(45-49.9)%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
(50-54.9)%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.17%
(55-59.9)%	0.00%	4.17%	0.00%	0.00%

Results



Conclusion

Contributions

- We created an interpreter for a Haskell grammar subset
- HaskellFL tool and our test suite are available as an open source project at <https://github.com/VanessaCristiny/HaskellFL>
- HaskellFL located the errors using Tarantula and Ochiai methods examining very few lines for the majority of our test suite
- Our results showed that Ochiai presented better results than Tarantula

Future Work

- Extend the grammar to include do notation and list comprehensions
- Implement mutation-based fault localization algorithms
- Actually repair the code

Q&A