

Optimised Realistic Test Input Generation

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Optimised What is Realistic Test Input ? Generation

Realistic data:

Structural realism: Must conform to syntactic constraints.

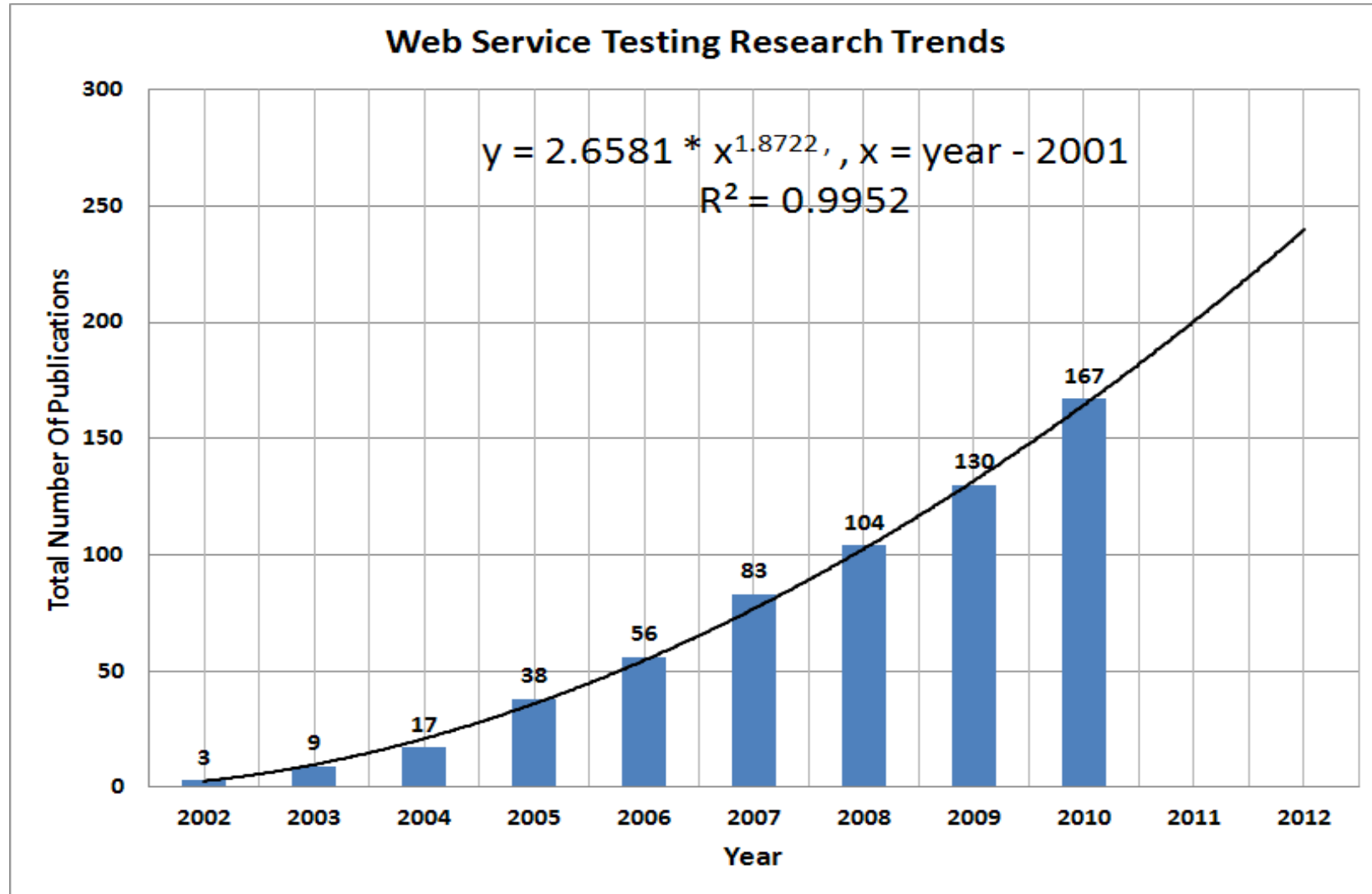
ISBN 10 digit x_1, \dots, x_{10} , such that:

$$x_{10} = 11 - (10x_1 + 9x_2 + \dots + 2x_9) \bmod 10$$

Syntactic realism: Must represent a real-world entity.

ISBN must represent a book.

WHY is realistic test data important?



- According to Microsoft (<http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/aa833244.aspx>)

```
private string _state; private int _zipCode; private string _address;
```

```
private static readonly List<String> _states =
```

```
    new List<string>() { "AK", "AL", "AK", "AZ", "AR", "CA", "CO", "CT", "DE", "FL",  
    "GA", "HI", "ID", "IL", "IN", "IA", "KS", "KY", "LA", "ME", "MD", "MA", "MI", "MN",  
    "MS", "MO", "MT", "NE", "NV", "NH", "NJ", "NM", "NY", "NC", "ND", "OH", "OK", "OR",  
    "PA", "RI", "SC", "SD", "TN", "TX", "UT", "VT", "VA", "WA", "WV", "WI", "WY" };
```

```
protected override void OnGenerateNextValues(){
```

```
    this._street = "2150 Newton Street";
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    this._city = "San Francisco";
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```
    this._state = _states[Random.Next(0, _states.Count)];
```

```
    this._zipCode = Int32.Parse(String.Format("{0}{1}{2}{3}{4}", GetRandomDigit(1),  
    GetRandomDigit(), GetRandomDigit(), GetRandomDigit(), GetRandomDigit()));
```

```
    this._address = String.Format("{0}, {1}, {2} {3}", _street, _city, _state, _zipCode);
```

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- **Mcminn et al.**

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Automated, provides only structural realism

- **Konroy et al.**

K. Conroy, M. Grechanik, M. Hellige, E. Liongosari, and Q. Xie, "Automatic test generation from GUI applications for testing web services," in ICSM 2007: Proceedings of the 23rd IEEE International Conference on Software Maintenance. Paris, France: IEEE Computer Society, October 2007, pp. 345–354.

Hard to automate, realistic

- **Alshahwan and Harman**

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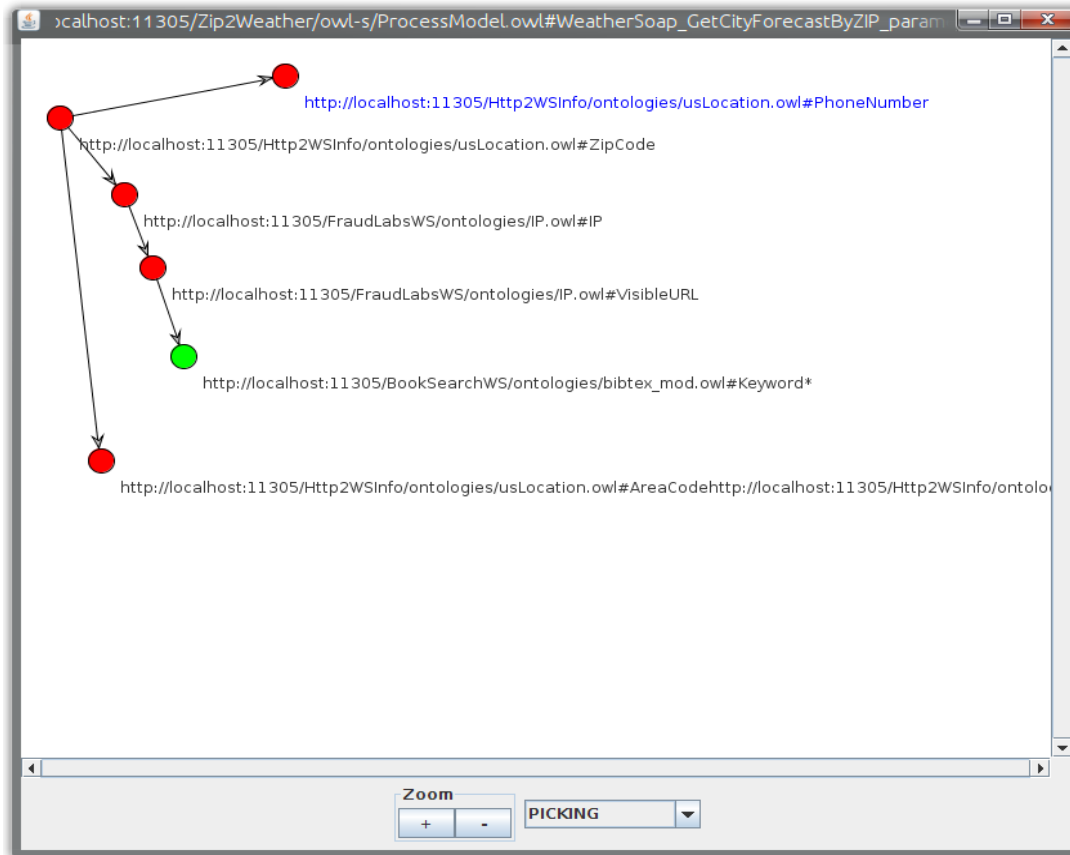
Automated, realistic but highly dependent on existing resources

A novel **automated** solution to realistic test data generation that exploits existing **web services** as sources of **realistic test data**.

Our approach is capable of:

- Generating realistic test data.
- Generating data based on tester-specified constraints.

ATAM realistic input generator



ZIP code generation case study

- 31 search engines
- 13 WS to IP
- 40 IP to Location

$31 \times 13 \times 40 = 16,120$
possible solutions

7-service sequence
with 15 alternatives
 $15^7 \approx 171 \times 10^6$

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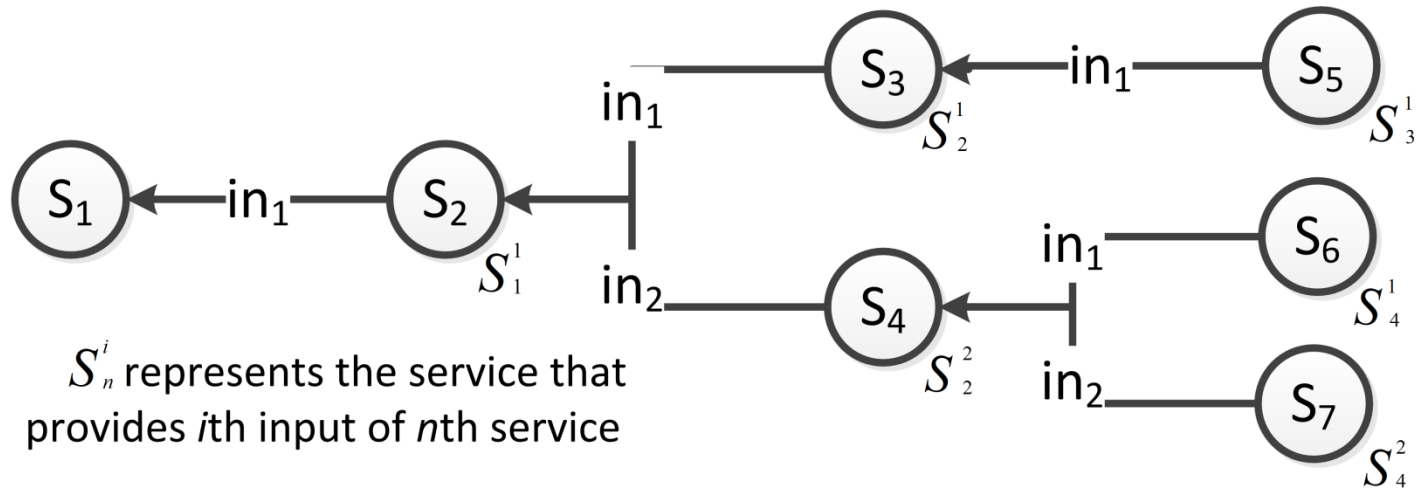
ATAM needs to:

1. Select and use services with high reliability.
2. Select and use services with low execution price.

Advantage of semantic SOA:

1. Ability to discover services automatically.
2. Ability to invoke services automatically.
3. QoS parameters which include: **reliability, execution price**, performance, availability and security*

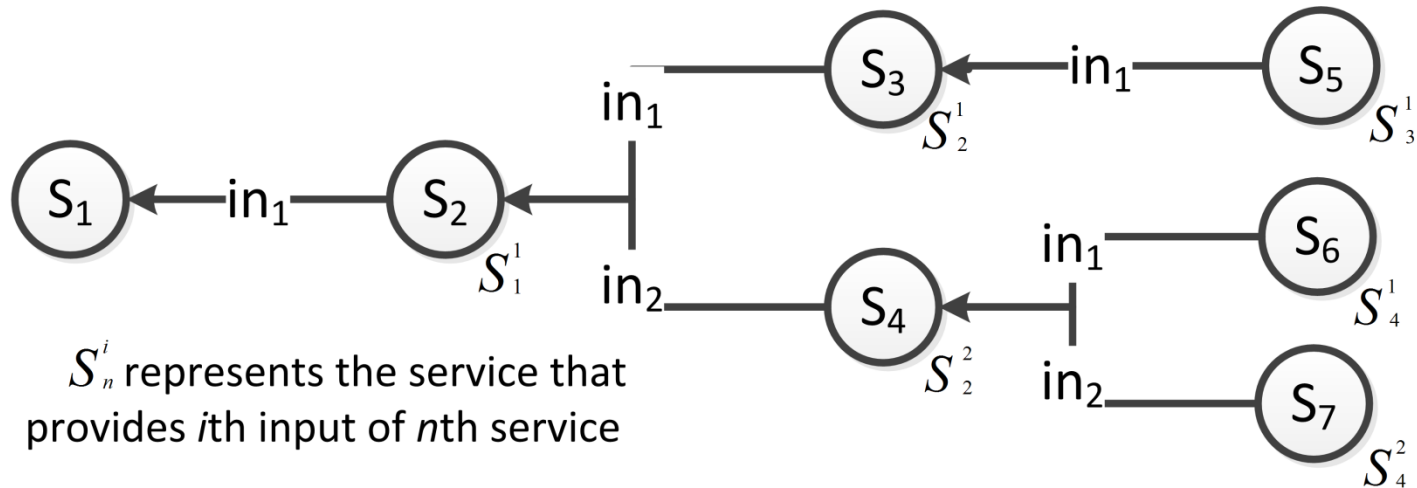
*Wan Ab. Rahman, W., Meziane, F.: Challenges to describe QoS requirements for web services quality prediction to support web services interoperability in electronic commerce. In: Proceedings of the 10th IBIMA Conference on Innovation and Knowledge Management in Business. vol. 4, pp. 50-58. International Business Information Management Association (IBIMA), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (June 2008)



Objective Functions:

1. Cost:

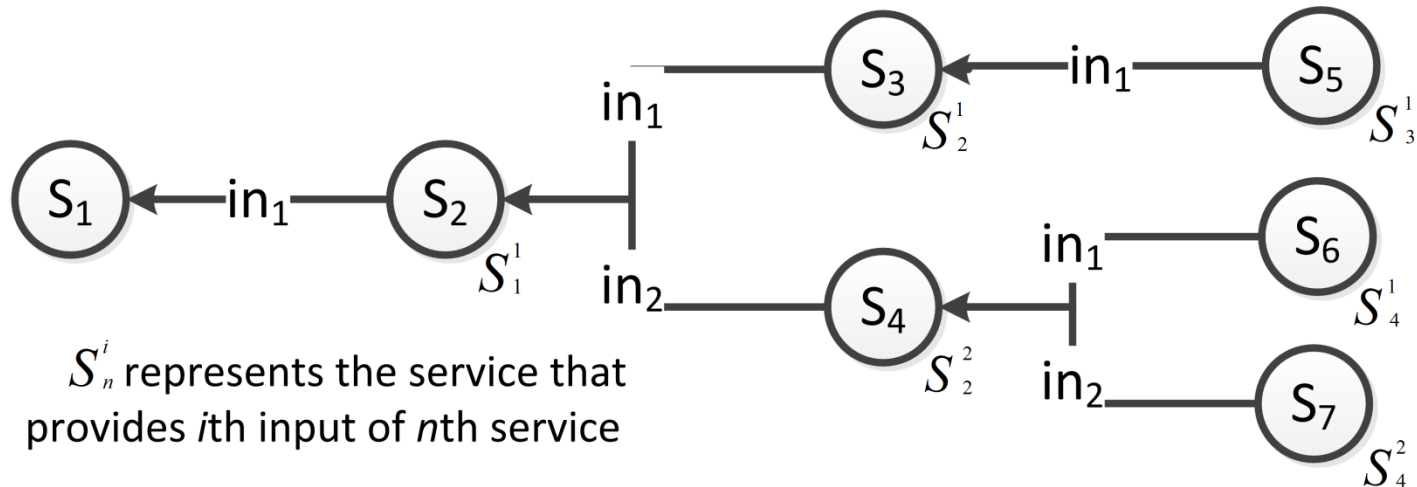
$$\text{Minimise } \sum_{i=1}^n P_{S_i}$$



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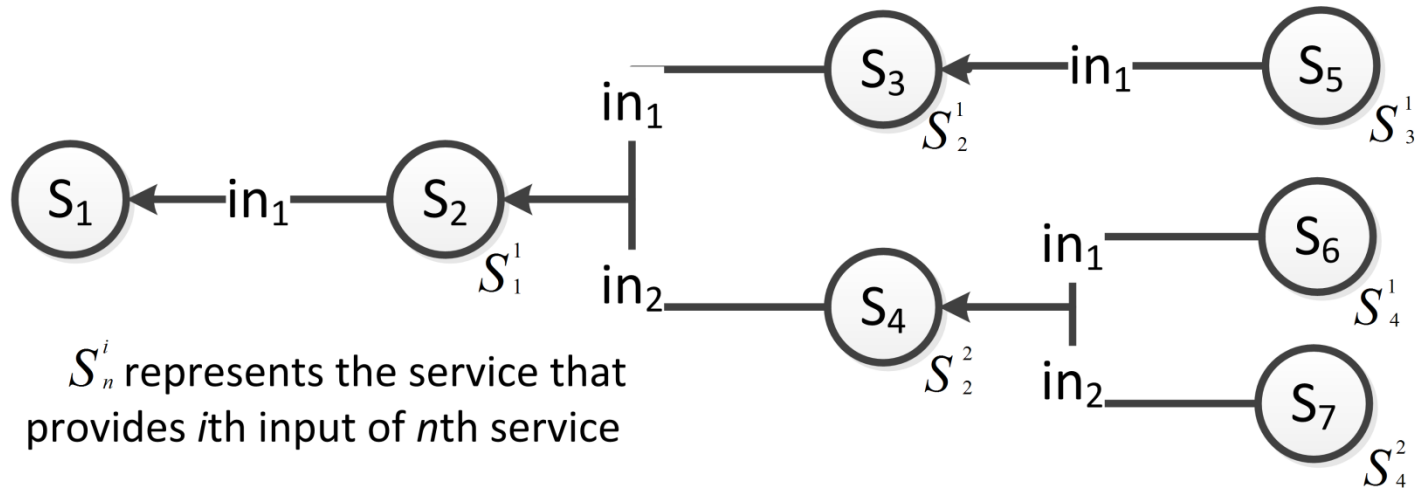
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$$ir(S_n) = \begin{cases} 1.0 & \text{if } S_n \text{ uses tester/generated input} \\ \text{Min}(cr(S_n^1), cr(S_n^2), \dots, cr(S_n^{in(S_n)})) & \text{if } S_n \text{ uses service output} \end{cases}$$

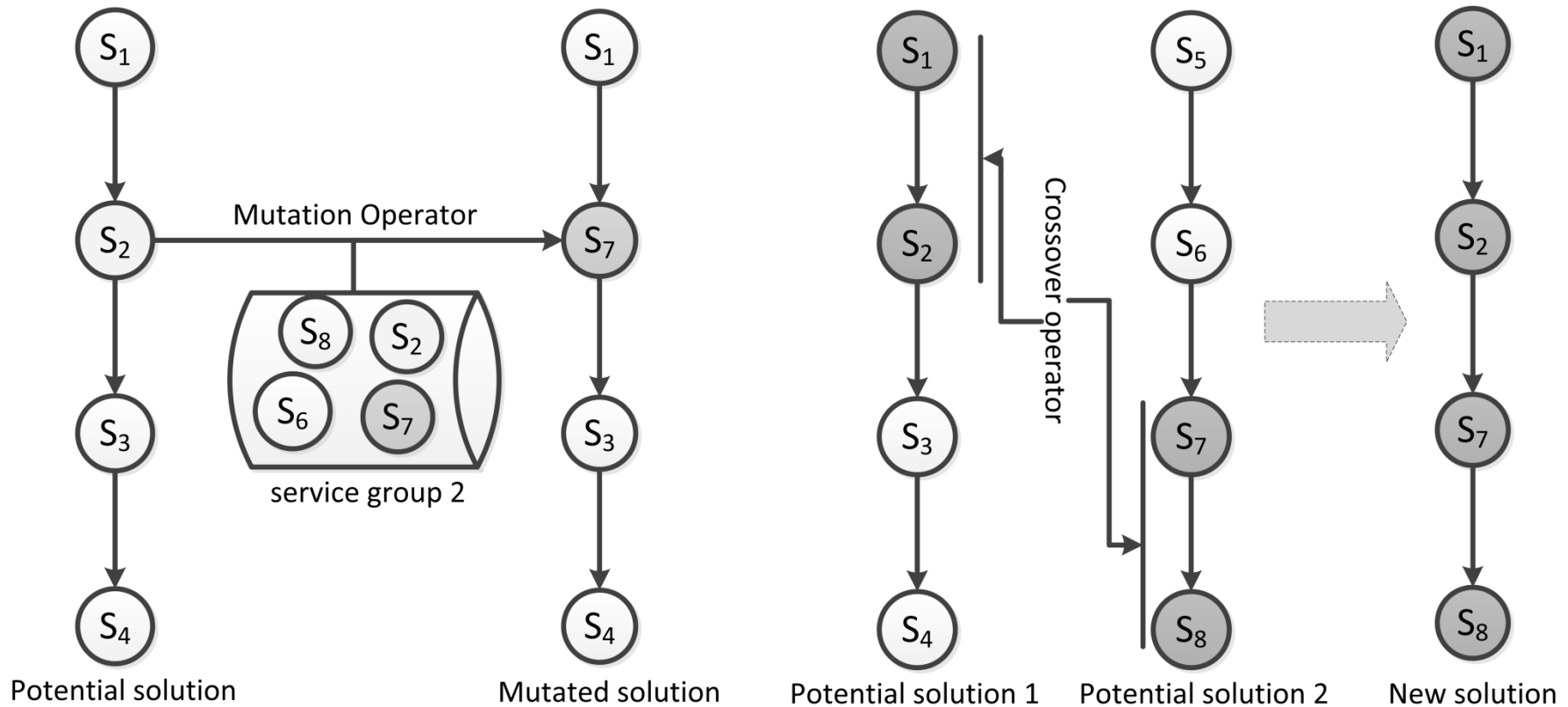


Objective Functions:

2. Reliability:

$$\text{Maximise } cr(S_1) = r_{S_1} \times ir(S_1)$$

Generic Operators:



Optimised Realistic Input Generation:

1. Selection of test data source.
2. Increased data and input generation reliability.
3. Reduced test data generation cost.